most nearly related to the well-being of the human family, will if those thoughts be intelligibly uttered, wield vast influence over men, and produce grand results. To be a powerful thinker demands that which no education can impart—a native range of capacity far above the average level of mental endowment. To this height it may not be in your power to soar, yet there can be no department of carthly duty into which Providence may conduct you where you will not be privileged to carry a skilful vigour, a precision and directness of aim, a readiness and affluonce of mental resource which will give you vast advantage over those otherwise year equals, lait destilute of the power, intellectual culture imparts. Nor can the superiority to which education raises you above the untutored mass of mankind fail to invest you with a large degree of influence, the just exercise of which must confer much benefit upon such as may be subjected therete, and much allowable gratification to yourselves.

But though mental cultivation is its own "exceeding great reward," and as a source of exalted pleasure is highly to be prized, yet ought it never to be forgotton that education in all its forms and digrees is only a means to an end beyond itself. Its proper aim is to qualify its subject for the effective discharge of all his duties-to his Orestor-to his fellows and to himself; developing and disciplining the mental and moral facultice: aiding him to cherish right feeling, to think justly, to trason soundly, to choose wisely, to act with promptitude, and with perseverance to pursue a properly selected course. With the higher moral aims of education, as they directly bear upon an immertal existence, I shall not specially deal-though you will do well to remember that they infinitely transcend in importance all others-to the possible achievements of the mental powers strengthened by careful training. I shall briefly refer

Young Ladies and Gentlemen, many eyes will be directed toward you in your future course, watching for the fulfilment of the promise of your early youth. Aged parents slowly moving towards the shadows of the death-velley, who noted with such delight the first dawning of the unfolding intellect - who sculb - your gameres chauntoo wast sayings not the cost of broken slumbors and dreary days of anxious toil and care, when your health or happiness demanded the sacrifice-aged parents living their life over again in yours will strain their failing vision to obsorve your progress. Brothers and Sisters, themselves the heads of families will find room in their hearts for sympathy with your pursuits, and letsure to recal the memories of former days when in pardonable partiality they regarded their book-loving playmate a prodigy of know-lodge, "wondering that one small head could hold so much"—they will exult in your success justifying their predictions on your behalf. The founders of these institutions will never lose their interest in you; and in your future well-being will reap high compensation for the munificence which presented to their country these noble Halls. The diligent faculty who with praiseworthy enthusiasm presided over your studies and judiciously guided them to honourable results, will expect you to do honour to your Alma Mater by bearing your part in the great struggle of the world with courageous carnestness and enlightened skill. You will sympathize with each other, and upon the wide arona of active life renew the generous rivalry which inspirited your efforts when together you attovo within yonder classic walls. Your country, panting to gain a more exalted position, conscious of possessing resources of national greatness vast but undeveloped, with a grand, though undefined outline of a splandid future looming up in the distance dimly before her kindling eye, demands from you, her educated children, the ablest services

by which it may be possible for you to advance her interests.

You may repudiate these claims. You may disappoint those just expectations. You may dream your life away in listless, ignoble sloth. You may bury the talents you ought to improve. Deaf to-the call of patriotism; and dead to the stirring impulses which are urging our race more swiftly than over before along the pathway of high intellectual development, you may grovel and wallow in the mire of low worldliness on the roadside of progressive communities, melancholy mementoes of aimices and insensible sluggardom. Or with a fierce activity, fatal to your own peace, and pernicious to your country, you may wield the weapons sharpened and polished by educational discipline in defence of injustice and wrong, or in perpetration of villany and fraud, possible only to a cultivated understanding, permitting lawless passion to aubsidize intellectual power, thus perverting to incalculable evil faculties intended for the achievement of inconceivable good. Your future course may actualize these possibilities, but at the peril of all you hold precious both here and hereafter. Far different, however, are the hopes foully entertained of you-far different we trust will prove to be the ultimate reault.

Your walks through life will be widely divergent; but in whatsoever direction your personal choice, or an overriling Providence may determino your energies, you will not, it is hoped, be content with undistin- of the Living God, I bid you God Speed!

guished mediocrity. You, fair young country-women, will be exempted from participation in the turbulent buetle and strife of the outer worldyour ministrations will perform their gentle and hallowing functions in the nanctuary of home. Over all the domestic relations it will be your privileged lot to shed the softening and purifying influences of those loving and blessing sympathics which God has implanted in your hearts, which education has refined, and which religion will sanctify. Some of you, young gentlemen, will devote your attention to the cultivation of the soil—a noble occupation, full of noble opportunities for the study of natural science and the application of its interesting principles. Some of you will seek fortune in mercantile purauits which perform so prominent a part in the general advancement of mankind; in which while you subserve your own interests, you will extend the industrial relations of your country. A part of your number will seek to multiply the scanty manufactures of the land, to enrich it with the products of native skill, instead of lavishing them upon the soil of an alien flag. Others will seek honourable distinction in forensic contests, in which philosophic generalization and keen-edged logic may fit some of you to be enrobed in the spotless ermine of the high minded judge. Another class from your ranks will look for emolument and delight in the practice of the healing art, in which the most exalted revelations of science, and the purest emot one of the philanthropist may combine for the alleviation of human suffering. And yet another class, summoned by the will of God, and the voice of his Church to minister at the alters of Religion, will consecrate to the lofticat concerns of mankind all their endowments of mind and of heart. The supporters of these Institutions are moderate in their requests when they ask you to take a place in the front rank of the energetic men who will make their native land favourably known among all civilized nations. They would remind you that while the heaven-created gift of genius may not be within your possession, the almost miraculous achievements of well-directed, persovering diligence are quite within your reach. Every thing attainable by industry, skill and perceptages, they expect from your and perseverance, they expect from ve-

It may be, nevertheless, that the glorious gift of genius slumbers in some anconscious soul before me-a gift that fully unfolded might give to the Church a Chalmers, a Watson or a Hall-to our Legislative Chambers, a Webster, or a Pecl-to the Muses, a transatlantic Lyre of not inferior compass and melody to those which deathless bards have strung in our fatherland-to the bright constellations of History, stars of unwaning lustre-to the Sciences, names not unworthy to be emblatoned on the illustrious roll of fame. "Stir up the gift of God within you." Be all that your Creator hath given capacity to be. Prove that colonial skies shed no baneful influences upon the Anglo-Saxon mind. To possess an affluent heritage from a mighty race in the splendid English language, rich in the sublimest contributions from every cultifated tongue, richer in magnificent productions of the vigorous Saxon Mellect. Waste not the patrimony of your fathers! Educated then sometimes lament that smill the engrossing concerns of common life they cannot retain their intimacy with the branches of Academic study-they regret it as an impossibility. In such a connection, blot that word from your vocabulary-it is the ples of unmanly sloth, or the evidence of misarranged time and desultory effort. What stability can that structure besupposed to possess whose foundation is permitted to crumble away t What progress in Literature or Science can he make who permits their elementary principles to fada from his memory? If a gives faint promise of future excellence who permits past acquirements to be forgotton. Some of the busicat of men, who have taken great historic parts in the events of their time, such as Fox and Pitt and Burke and Canning and Wesley and Webster, never lost their relish for the studies of their youth, or forgot the way to those perennial aprings, at which in earlier days, they quenched their mental thirst. Let such noble examples inspire you with generous ardour to emulate their deeds.

Whatever the future may have in store for you-whatever eminence you may attain in the pilgrimage of life, you will never forget this tranquil village. Those Academic Halls—your ingenuous minds will never cease to recognise the benefits conferred upon you during your residence here-your grateful hearts will never repudiate the claims which these Institutions have upon your carnest and liberal support. Nor will you in after times refuse to acknowledge the ties which connect you one with the other-you will cheer each other onward amid common struggles-you will rejoice in each other's successes; and oft while life is spared to you will, I doubt not, turn aside from its heat and dusty ways to refresh your spirits in literary fellowship at recurring anniversaries of these auspicious days. Young Ladies, Young Gentlemen, ardently desiring for you n careerof in neurable usefulness and elevated happiness, remembering that with other youth scattered throughout other educa-tional establishments, you are the hope of your country and of the Church