

On leaving this institution for the last time, as many of us now do, it is with deep regret that we to a large extent sever the many agreeable associations and connections here formed. During our course we have taken warm interest in our Alma Mater, and we believe that our interest and loyalty will only be increased by separation. Queen's was tolerably well known to the most of us by reputation before entering her walls as students. We were led to form high expectations, to have strong faith. Having now personally tested her, perhaps as well as she has tested us, you will allow us to say that, having fought a good fight, having finished our course, we can with equal truth declare that we have kept the faith. Whilst regarding with pride her present condition, her increased prosperity and glory will ever be our desire and aim.

Allow us, Mr. Chancellor, to take this opportunity of expressing the satisfaction we have felt on your selection to the important position you occupy. Your re-election, be assured, has been more gratifying to none than to the students of the University. Queen's in this case has no doubt wisely followed the advice of the poet:

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

To you, Mr. Vice-Chancellor and Principal, we say a grateful farewell. Though not privileged to come under your direct tuition in the class-room, we nevertheless have in many ways been brought to see your personal worth and eminent fitness for the position you hold. We trust your tact, energy and ability may long be employed in the interests of this now progressive institution. To you, our Vice-Principal, the veteran Professor and "student's friend," we also wish to express our warmest feelings of respect and esteem. We are glad to see that your old age is as serene and cheerful as your youth has been brilliant and your manhood useful.

To you, our Professors and Lecturers, we owe deep gratitude for your untiring efforts in our behalf, as well as for the courteous treatment we have received at your hands. With much patience you have guided our often unwilling steps through the infinite windings of the labyrinths of the various branches of study. In so doing, whilst we have gathered much useful knowledge, made more portable by being systematized and lopped of many encumbrances, yet it was evident to the most unobservant of us that your main object was not cram but culture; not instruction but education; not so much to impart knowledge as to enable us to acquire it. You have therefore done little more than to bring us to the vestibules of some of the most precious temples of knowledge, and furnish us with the keys by which we may open their portals and explore their various apartments. Our work as students has been in more than one respect learning to know what we don't know. The height we have scaled only serves to reveal more clearly the infinite heights still towering above us. Our future success will largely de-

pend upon ourselves, and upon the use made of the instruments here placed in our hands.

It is not our intention to unduly laud the citizens of Kingston, because such may perhaps be customary on these occasions. Sydney Smith says that "among the minor duties of life he hardly knows any more important than that of not praising where praise is not due." This, we believe, is very true, but it is also no doubt equally true, that among the minor duties of life is that of praising where praise is due. We who have come up here this afternoon to make as it were our last obeisance to our Alma Mater should not overlook the power from which she sprang and the power by which her vigour and usefulness are so well sustained. We believe that Queen's is in no small degree indebted to the liberality, sympathy and countenance of the people of Kingston for her present state of efficiency. So we who have come here for our own improvement are not slow to express our gratitude, not only for this countenance and support but also for the kind and courteous treatment which we as individual students have received in your midst. Next to the intrinsic merit of the instruction and training received in this University, the noticeable circumstance that a student who once enters it seldom leaves to complete his studies elsewhere, is no doubt largely due to the kind hospitality and courtesy of the citizens. Queen's may well be satisfied to remain in a place offering so many attractions and advantages to the student, and Kingston on the other hand may well be congratulated that Queen's is now one of its fixed and permanent institutions. We would remind you, however, that she is only fixed in situation and general aim, but peculiarly susceptible to variation in further extension and increased efficiency.

To our fellow-students we have only a word to say in this formal manner. Whilst perhaps enjoying those of you who are for some time longer to remain in these halls to make them echo your merriment and song, nevertheless knowing that a student like, every other mortal, has his own difficulties to surmount, you have our sincere sympathy and well wishes. Be assured that we will watch with interest your college careers and always rejoice at your successes. For your consideration, if you will allow us, we would humbly submit the words of the wise man, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before Kings." This, we believe, reveals the secret of success in any undertaking. Students in Arts, Divinity and Medicine we bid you farewell and wish you all success in life. We have been here accorded high and valuable privileges and advantages. We live in a time of great activity and enterprise, truly in an age when "many run to and fro and knowledge is increased." We live in a land of bright prospects and grand possibilities, a land "upon whose shore on either side an ocean rests," and which contains within it the necessary elements and conditions of future greatness and prosperity. It is therefore incumbent on us all, and more especially upon those of us who are now graduating from this institution, to act