

your bosoms, which fostered by your dilligent care, are now yielding fruits so precious and abundant.

That I should cherish a deep and unwearied interest, not only in your advancement in learning and science, but in all that concerned your happiness, and could affect your future prospects in life was certainly to be expected, for I was strongly impressed from the first with my responsibility as your Teacher and I felt that to be really useful, I must become your friend. It has ever been my conviction, that our scholars should be considered for the time our children, and that as parents we should study their characters and pay respect to their peculiar dispositions if we really wish to improve them, for if we feel not something of the tender relation of parents towards them we cannot expect to be successful in their Education.

It was on this principle, that I endeavoured to proceed—strict justice tempered with parental kindness—and the present joyful meeting evinces its triumph: it treats the sentiments and feelings of scholars with proper consideration, and while it gives the heart and affections full freedom to shew themselves in filial gratitude on the one side, and fatherly affection on the other, it proves that unsparing labor accompanied with continual anxiety for the learner's progress never fails to insure success; to beget esteem, and to produce a friendship between master and scholar, which time can never dissolve.

To behold so many gentlemen educated in the same place assembling after so long a period of separation to honor their teacher is an event of rare occurence; but it will be clothed with a public as well as a private interest, should it encourage faithful teachers, and cheer them in their arduous employment by multiplying meetings similar to this, and introducing a more affectionate intercourse through life, between them and their pupils.