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Gentlemen Graduates :—In commencing, I will give you a few original lines of poetry—at least they were original some time ago. (Laughter.)

“ The lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.”

The author of these lines, great himself in the possession of a truly noble nature, as well as of the heaven-born gift of poetry, has left us many footprints of his own engraven, not in the sands of time, but cut deeply in the trunk of the thriving young tree of American literature. A tree which is destined to spread its branches and expand its foliage not only over the length and breadth of this broad continent, but east and west across the wide oceans and around the circle of the civilized world. A tree which in time must bring forth the best of fruit, because it has been grafted from the very best stock of the greatest nations of Europe, just as these are the literary scions of ancient Greece and Rome. But we may go a step further in the same direction and, I think, safely predict a brilliant future for art and science in this Western world. By and by the physical and mental