

force of his understanding, and concentrates all his thoughts and actions to the good of his country, he feels delight in the thoughts of the benefits he is trying to confer on his native land. If his schemes are successful his pleasure is proportionable to the good he has done. If they fail he still may possess his soul in comfort and support his courage with the thought that what he has done was done from pure motives. "When the heart is right there is true patriotism."

In past days patriotism was one of the distinguishing characteristics of the members of the Grecian and Roman empires. Indeed this love of country was carried by them to such an extent that it was almost impossible to be in the fashion without being a patriot. Those lacking this desire for the public good were put down as deficient in honor and manliness. "That the love of country was the first and most essential quality in an honest mind" was often made the subject of orations. With these nations zeal for the public welfare was the test of merit, but at the present time patriotism is not the most prominent trait in the characters of our countrymen. In this respect, we must confess, the ancients excel us.

With many, however, this love of their country is very strong. They esteem the land of their birth the fairest, brightest land under the blue dome of the heavens. If the land of their nativity be rocks and deserts, these for them, possess more allurements than the fairest face of nature. It is well known that the inhabitants of wild and mountainous countries possess truer and firmer patriotic feelings than do the inhabitants of more populous and prosperous districts. In crowded cities the mass of the people are apt to become indifferent to the welfare of the state, and to care only for their individual well-being. To such as these, who have allowed their instinctive feelings to become languid it is necessary to appeal to their reason and sense of duty, which should lead them to the cultivation of a national spirit as one of the chief branches of morality. Permanent national greatness is based upon morality. A nation cannot afford to ignore the moral code, for if it does penalty will inevitably follow. The moral law was not written for individuals alone, but we as a nation, also

must observe its rules and walk by its guidance if we wish to be permanently great and our people a happy people.

Patriotism has been the inspiration of many fine poems in our language. Thomas Moore, in many a lovely verse, lamented the sorrows and denounced the oppression of his country. In Scott and Burns Scotland vents her patriotic fervor. Many a glowing manly line from their pens has stirred to the deepest depths the national feelings of their countrymen. Surely we should encourage a spirit throughout our land which is productive of such stirring sentiments as the following from the pen of Scott :

'Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land !
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned
From wandering on a foreign strand ?
If such there be go mark him well ;
For him no minstrel raptures swell :
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,—
Despite those titles, power and pelf,
The wretch concentred all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung."

LOUIE C. DECEW.

Baledictory.

Dr. Burns Members of the Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Students,—

Another year has rolled on and in harmony with the time-honored custom, we the members of class 93 come to bid farewell. Your college is once again ready to send out a small band of her daughters. We feel we would be unworthy of our Alma Mater did we not give some expression of the appreciation we feel for what has been done in our behalf.

The word commencement has always had for me the appearance of a misnomer. When first I became acquainted with the technicalities of college life it was always a puzzle to me why this the departure of a class should be called commencement. It was an enigma to me then. I cannot say