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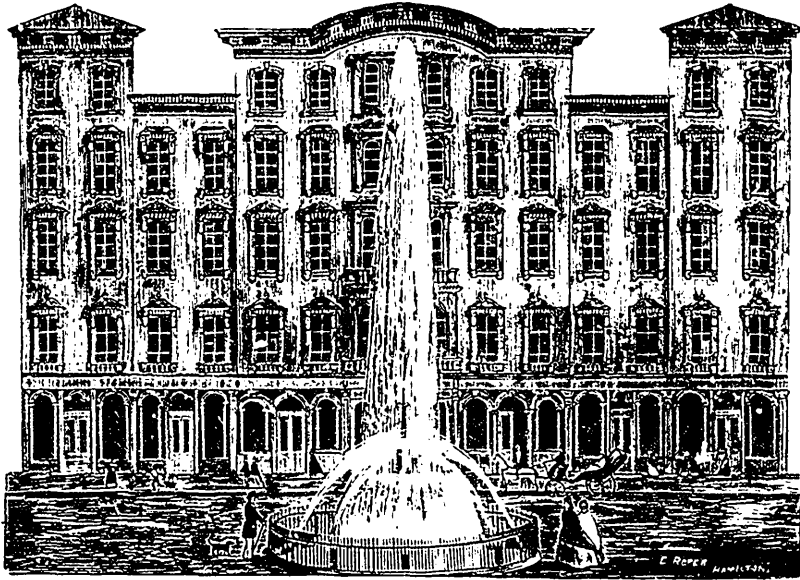
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Salutatory Class '93.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Students:

The exercises of this evening bring to a close the work of a year that has been a happy combination of pleasure and profit. To six of us it brings to a close our course of training in this College, and

in accordance with the request of Class '93 I come to greet you. To all our friends and acquaintances we extend a most cordial welcome on this the eve of our graduation.

In ancient Greece, when orations were delivered by the men of Athens, many of their surroundings tended to inspire their patriotism. Above them was the clear blue sky of their native land; in the distance was the sea; near at hand were the Acropolis and many signs of Athenian glory.

To night we too receive inspiration from our surroundings but it is of a more human character. Near us are seated Dr. Burns and the Members of the Faculty to whom we are deeply indebted for the liberal education we have received. On either hand are members of the Board of Directors, who have ever evinced a deep interest in our welfare, and to whom we are sincerely grateful. Throughout the audience we notice the faces of those, who in former years have passed from our Halls of Learning. They have not forgotten their Alma Mater, as is manifested by their presence here to-night. Our friends and relatives are anxiously watching us, awaiting our best endeavors. Our fellow-citizens look with pleasure on the results of our Commencement. You are our inspiration, and you we salute most cordially welcoming you to this pleasant occasion.

Graduation, the goal on which are fixed the eyes of the student during all the years of work that precede, is reached, at last, and what was once the end of the journey is now the point from which we look back on the pleasant well trodden paths of our college career, and forward to the unknown walks of our future life.

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The once strange past is now familiar. To-night we are to leave it for the untried future. Our school days now are over, and we leave our college Halls forever, to go forth into the world to commence the battle of life, but not unarmed or unaided. We have striven to carry with us the weapons of warfare, knowledge, intelligence, dispassionate judgement, trained reasoning powers, and a little common sense. Equipped thus, surely we may hope for success. You will not wonder that there is to us more than a tinge of sadness in the exercises of this evening, for to-night we are to part with those whose unselfish devotion to our interests has laid at our feet the gathered fruits of years of patient painstaking research. To our kind instructors we owe more than we can ever repay, or adequately express in words. But be assured our hearts are full of gratitude to you. We will ever strive to make practical use of your valuable lessons, in the school of life.

As a class we realize more fully than ever what our school life has been to us. We have shared each others joys and sorrows and the result has been an abiding friendship among us. As seniors we have become acquainted with the deep mysterious truths that form the basis of our common humanity. We have come to know something of the possible development of our nature, and we realize that duties and responsibilities greater than we have ever met await us beyond the walls of our Alma Mater.

Our last year at college has been a pleasant one. Few sorrows, indeed, have mingled with the joys that accrued to us as senior students. We desire only to carry away with us the remembrance of the happy hours, spent within the walls of our beloved college.

"The name of our College has always been dear,
To her children where ever they be,
But by none 'twill be cherished with fonder
esteem
Then the Class of the year '93."

We desire for class '94 a pleasant successful year. May you all, when twelve months have rolled by, stand where we stand to-night, and we, though perhaps far distant will extend to you our sincere congratulations.

How strange is life! To-day forms the stepping stone of to-morrow. Time is ever on the onward march, and ere the greeting shall scarcely have been spoken, the farewell shall have passed our lips. It is said that the swan sings but one song and in the singing dies, so we as a class greet you but once and pass away forever.

"Like as a plank of driftwood
Tossed on the watery main,
Another plank encounters
Meets, touches, parts, again.
Thus 'tis with us forever,
On lifes' unresisting sea.
We meet, and greet, and sever
Drifting eternally.

LOUIE C. DECEW.

Prize Essay—'93.

The Duty of Fostering a National Spirit.

Nations are the result of disunion among mankind. The oceans, rivers and mountains on the surface of our globe tend to divide the human species into distinct communities, possessing distinguishing characteristics, and having separate if not rival interests. In the earlier stages of civilization the enmity which existed between neighboring tribes, also greatly promoted their alienation. The human race being thus divided, it is only natural that those inhabiting the same country, speaking the same language, and distinguished by a common appellation should form a bond of union to uphold and protect their civil and religious institutions. Patriotism is one of the original and active principles in our nature, and if guided aright and exercised

from pure motives it tends greatly to promote the happiness of mankind. It is man's nature to prefer happiness to misery, joy to sorrow, therefore the cultivation of any spirit tending to better the condition of a nation as a whole, is a source of universal good to the individuals composing that nation.

From the view of the general benefits thus secured to the human family it is our duty to encourage feelings of patriotism. As a means to this end it is necessary to cultivate a taste for historical and geographical reading. By contrasting our laws, manners, and customs with those of other countries we are led to a more thorough appreciation of our own national advantages. As it is when absent from home that we truly value the comforts and pleasures of home, so when away on a mental journey we discern more clearly our exact position as compared with other lands. Not only are we enabled by this class of study to see wherein we are greater than our neighbors, but also wherein we must imitate them if we wish to add to our national glory. "Rome was not built in a day" is a maxim very applicable to the attainment of national greatness: for it is by means of experiment, perseverance and persistent effort that national difficulties are surmounted and national heights attained.

By fanning the flame of patriotism so that it may burn brightly in the breasts of our countrymen, we are the better enabled to repel invading hosts: for then at the sound of the battle cry our fellow-citizens will rise as one man to obey the urgent summons. Martial music is a great incentive to action in the time of war. It arouses our inherent patriotic feelings and makes us long to do battle for our country in order to defend her rights and liberties. An example of the power of music is noticed in the wonderful effect produced by the "Marseillaise" in France. In fact during times of civil strife, it raised the feelings of the people

to so high a pitch that the singing of it had to be prohibited. But in the nineteenth century, it is not so much from the standpoint of impending wars that a love of country should be engendered in the hearts of our people; for as civilization increases, war and blood shed, the signs of barbarous ages, decrease; and national difficulties and differences are now settled by arbitration, through the instrumentality of the patriotic spirits of our country. In the troublesome times of past centuries, however, when the fear of dangers of this description caused our ancestors to be of one mind and heart in matters regarding the state, a strong love of country was then a great incentive to decisive action.

In order to rouse the national feelings lying apparently dormant in the breasts of our countrymen, the diffusion of literature having as its theme patriotism, is a powerful agent in the accomplishment of our purpose. The daily press containing as it does, articles relating to the affairs of the state, by continually presenting these matters before the eyes of the public, creates and sustains in the minds of its readers, an interest in the welfare of the nation. But the exclusive reading of papers presenting always the same views regarding the movements of the ship of state, and advocating always the same measures for the furtherance of national prosperity, is harmful in the extreme. For by this course of reading we are apt to become narrow and bigoted in our opinions, and a party, rather than a truly patriotic spirit is thus engendered in our breasts.

Patriotism should not be confounded with national partiality and prejudice. These lead the people of each country to prefer themselves, their customs, manners and opinions to those of every other land. This should not be, for these are not true patriotic feelings, but a species of folly and vanity. True patriotism evokes in the breast of the patriot a sense of pleasure and joy. When a man bends all the

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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

I fully understand it now. It is true it is the commencement in a new course of life, but oh! is it not the ending of the brightest, happiest days we will ever spend on earth?

When first we entered the ancestral halls of our Alma Mater with what eagerness we scanned the future, but how vague it appeared. Often did Fancy rock our wayward brains and carry us into the future to the time when we would be seniors and claim our rights as such. As we witnessed the departure of our predecessors how much we longed for the time when we would stand in their places bidding farewell. How happy we thought they should be freed from those ever-perplexing studies with one vast holiday before them. To-night we are permitted to stand, and now we realize what false ideas we then entertained. To-night we meet as class-mates, to-morrow we bid farewell, henceforth to be but friends.

You who have never stood where we now stand cannot realize what we feel. You do not know what it is to part with a class of sweet girl friends, with those who have been your constant companions for years and have proven themselves true friends. How can our feelings be other than those of mingled joy and sorrow? Joy to think we have accomplished something and are better prepared to go forth on life's battles, but extreme sorrow to think the ties of friendship which have bound us so closely to one another are so soon to be snapped asunder by the remorseless hand of time. Sorrow to think we have to part with those who have been ever ready to encourage our efforts, and whose advice to us has been invaluable. We rejoice to think we have been allowed the privilege of being so closely associated with those whose influence has moulded our lives and are to-night graduates of a college to which we will ever be proud to claim relationship. We feel we can show ourselves worthy of our Alma Mater only in so far as we endeavor to entwine in our practical life the excellent principles learned within her walls and prove true to mankind by being true to ourselves and to our God. To-night we stand upon the brink of a mighty ocean, in which the paths are as many and devious as those of the natural ocean. A

stormy sea may await us, but we feel certain our little craft with Truth as her pilot will at last safely anchor us in the haven we desire. We cannot bid farewell to our Alma Mater as we do to you our friends. It is true we will no longer have the privilege to frequent her halls as students, but will not her interests be as our own? Will we not be ever ready to rejoice with her in prosperity and weep with her should calamity come? To-night we rejoice in the prosperity which has hitherto attended her but we feel that she is still capable of greater achievements with our worthy principal at her head.

To you, our fellow-students who are to return to complete the course, we entrust the honor of our Alma Mater for we know you too will take pride in defending her. Live college life at its best. Learn to appreciate and improve the opportunities you are here given and at last you will be accounted worthy of reward. We thank you for the lessons you have taught us, they too have been powerful aids in the improvement of our characters. We wish you every success and we will watch with interest your college life. And so school-mates, though absent, we ask a place in your memories.

Classmate, that long-looked-for day has at last arrived, we have reached the acme of our desires; but let us remember as we go forth our lives will be what we ourselves make them. To-night those cords which have so closely bound us to one another are to be cruelly snapped in twain.

"We have met in halls of learning,
We have chatted by the way,
Now in parting comes a yearning,
Longing wish that each might stay.
Why must we so early sever
Ties so strongly binding each?
Why not live forever,
Thus within each other's reach?"
Slowly sadly the answer comes from afar,
Each has her work allotted follow that.
Guiding Star."

In parting we wish to express our hearty thanks to the Board of Directors, to whom we are indebted for the excellencies that have characterized our system of education. We thank you for the efforts you have put forth in our behalf, and for the many courtesies that have been extended us. We would especially thank the President of the Board and Mrs. Sanford for the

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kindness they have shown in bidding us welcome to their home; indeed we are grateful to the citizens of Hamilton in general for the cordial welcome we have received at your hands, for the sunshine you have thrown into our lives. It has brightened and cheered our hours of leisure and it will ever remain as a sweet memento of our college days.

To our esteemed Faculty we owe a great deal. We are sincerely grateful for the untiring efforts you have ever put forth in our behalf. You have led us with a kind and sympathetic hand through the various branches of literature, art and science. Your constant aim has been our good, and your greatest pleasure has been our progress. We feel that we now stand upon the threshold of a life where your kindly interest will be missed, where we will be judged by a more exacting standard and estimated by a more rigid rule. To you we bid a fond farewell. To Mrs. Burns we are indebted for the maternal interest she has taken in our college life. In her we have found a friend ever ready to sympathize and advise. As we leave her kind protection we hope many pleasant years may be added to her life of usefulness.

And now we turn to our beloved Principal and again repeat the word farewell. Dr. Burns class 93 feels it is impossible to adequately express in words the debt of gratitude we owe to you. Your life and teaching has been an inspiration to us, inciting us to a higher and nobler life. We come to you feeling our self-importance and our immense superiority over other mortals. You have held a mirror up to us and have shown us how microscopically small our attainments really were. You have pointed out to us the true path of wisdom and have endeavored to guide our feet therein. Your wide culture and comprehensive mind has made plain for us the perplexing problems we have met with, and your sharp Irish wit intermingled as a sweet savor, makes me to night proud to claim relationship to the Emerald Isle. We feel that we can only prove ourselves worthy of your constant endeavors in our behalf by leading a life of purity and reflection; in some measure those principles which you have impressed upon us. And now we bid you each and all farewell. The curtain falls and class 94 are seniors.

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