

to drink from the same fountain of knowledge from which their fathers' lips have quaffed in past days, and which, far from diminishing, flows now as pure a stream and stronger than in the days long past; those not so blessed by fortune as to have sons or daughters may yet speak a word in season to some friend who has a dear boy or girl ready to go away to a school for the higher education; may tell him of the happy time of our boyhood or girlhood at this school, and of the foundations of character here laid; and my friends, however, moderate our successes in life may have been, if we are living examples of upbuilt *character*, we shall thus be strongly upholding the hands of our Alma Mater.

Again, the time may come to some who have no boys or girls of their own to educate, when a great joy may be both given and received by aiding some struggling youth to secure what next to health has been called by one "Life's first great gift." When that day comes—while I believe the choice of a place to study should be largely with him who studies there—yet, when that day comes, remember your Alma Mater and the dear days gone.

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I remarked last year while here on the occasion of the reunion of my class, twenty-five years after graduation, that the key-note of the whole commencement celebration was "Progress."

The key-note has not changed. The music still rings true, and as the years go by let us hope that the only change may be that the song may be sweeter and the chorus louder.

My class had only seven graduates, and in those days seven was more than an average class. I rejoice very heartily that in the past quarter of a century we have advanced from seven to seven times seven.

Well may the chorus of Progress be sweeter and louder, when the Choristers are so multiplied!

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When I look back thirty years and remember the equipment of the Agricultural College as it was in 1872, when I first entered its doors, and contrast its conditions then with its condition *now*, I am literally *amazed* at the advance shown.

The only college building then was the main building, and with-