

couragement is the guerdon of every man's success,—surely this assembly of dignity and learning and grace must have some great significancy. A band of young men have journeyed in company to the Mecca of science and have worshiped at the shrine of the liberal arts, and as a reward are dubbed knights in the name of learning.

What can we look forward to that could be more beautiful or emblematic of our highest hopes for the future than this, our festival season, commencement, the laying of the corner stone as it were, to our life structure, a building which shall be characterized by a combination of lightness, strength and practical utility, modeled and designed by that great architect of modern times, the education of the artisan.

When I was called upon to deliver this farewell address, though greatly appreciating the honor, I felt as I now feel, my utter inability to give adequate expression to the sentiments inspired by this occasion, so full of buoyant expectancy to you who are yet to follow us in scholastic duties, so full of the gladness of victory and of the sadness of farewell to us who are to discontinue the duties of cadetship and who are now to set out upon our lifelong adventures with the realities of citizenship.

Surely we are doubly blessed in this wide land of ours, where industrial pursuits are so much encouraged and so amply provided for by public benevolence.

Here we learn to respect the means which give pulse to the nation's life, I refer to husbandry and the mechanic arts. Here we learn to act as peace-making diplomats between labor and capitol, as exponents of the principle that in her fields and shops a nation lays a foundation of solidity, and opens the inexhaustible source from which she must draw her wealth.

You, some of you, who have already passed over the winding paths, along which we have been plodding for a course of years, have attested your appreciation of the success of industrial education by coming here today to bid us a wel-