

arduous ones of citizenship. What we shall accomplish, will remain to be seen, but we have an education and every reason to hope for a bright future.

Education is that foundation, upon which the life structure must be built in order to withstand the onslaughts of a business world. This institution is advancing with a steady tread, to the foremost ranks of similar organizations of our country. Its graduates are now filling important places in the arena of life. Could the curtains which hide the future from our view be drawn aside, one would see floating upon the balmy southern breeze an ensign of our nation; among its collection of glittering stars, one more brilliant than all the rest, an emblem of Texas the empire state. Among the leaders of this great common wealth, the worthy sons of this institution would stand foremost.

We as a class have labored long and hard for the honor we are about to receive. And during our stay here there are some things which have become so dear to us as to live for ever in our memories. This occasion is one to call forth joy and yet we cannot refrain from a feeling of sadness, at the thought that we must break all social ties which four years of college life could not fail to bring.

Gentlemen of the board, you to whom this institution looks for care and guidance, although we have not had an intimate acquaintance with you, we realize the supreme wisdom of your policy in governing and the motives which actuate you when you assume control of our institution, and express as a parting hope, that no graduate, shall ever tarnish the fair name of this college which you are trying to upbuild.

Honored president, it is to you we have gone in our darkest hours of trouble; when we might have given up in discouragement had it not been for your encouraging advice. We have not forgotten that only a few months ago you were offered, and refused a position probably more pleasant. It is not the nature of a Texas boy to forget an action of this kind, and though you may never have a monument of marble