

and precious stones, your image is so engraved upon the hearts of the students of this college as to live forever.

It would seem strange, in this moment of our joy should we fail to place credit where it is due. We realize gentlemen of the faculty and other instructors, that what we are today you have been instrumental in making us. Though at times your tasks may have seemed arduous, now at the end we can truly say we thank you.

Whether we enter life's arena after leaving this college or continue our studies elsewhere, whatever we accomplish shall be laid as trophies at your feet. You have taught us how to think, to delve into the deepest problems of nature and formulate results, you have transformed us within a few months from thoughtless school boys into thinking men. We feel that we have a strong armour of education, and with the weapon of thought can cope with the most learned men of the age. Words are inadequate to express our thanks to you. We can only bow in mute testimony of your perseverance, fidelity, and worth. May your ways be those of peace and your paths be those of pleasantness is the parting wish of the class of '97.

Fellow cadets, you too enjoy this commencement happiness, but without a tinge of regret, you only leave today to return to-morrow and renew your studies. We feel a deep regret in parting with you. Throughout the entire past session there has existed that feeling which should exist between all classes of this college. Not a single cloud has appeared to mar the peace and harmony between us. Today we must separate and in so doing we hand down to you in a measure the welfare of this institution; take it as a precious heritage and let your every effort be to see that no dishonor shall fall upon her present record. We have passed over the road which all of you must pass in order to finish and know almost every impediment you will have to overcome. You may often meet with failure and defeat, but remember:

“Defeat may be victory in disguise,
The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide.”