

the confidence of every right-minded and patriotic citizen.

And do you know, my hearers, that this is the education which is lasting, which clings to a man, and leavens his life, because it touches the roots of character.

We are proud of our institution here, because it teaches the dignity of labor, the independence of toil, the manliness and freedom of action and thought that rest, a blessing in themselves, upon the individual or nation which makes them the source of its wealth and progress. We exalt the alumnus of such institutions, because he is as proud of a piece of well-finished intellectual or manual workmanship as of the bewitching smiles of a drawing room. General Ross was the exponent of such a training. He cared not a fig for the learning which does not arouse manhood and intertwine with character, that sturdy character which responds to every emergency with the whole force of the man, body mind and soul.

Ah! you friends of his think you have heard him speak, and on public occasions his voice did ring out with eloquent thought. But you never heard the whole man speak, untrammelled by his natural modesty, forgetful of surroundings conscious alone of the fact that the youth of Texas were before him and that every word he uttered was being treasured up against a day of need; you never heard him speak as you corps of cadets and I their chaplain have, here at the early morning hour of chapel service. With some incident from his own boy life, or some treasured memory of his active public service as a text, you young men remember how he would teach, encourage, probe, advise, with all the earnestness of a father, all the sympathy of a friend; it is your loss if his counsels have not gone home and made you truer men to yourselves, your parents and your God.

I should be telling but half the truth did I permit the inference that General Ross' educating influence was limited to