

moving him from a place so full of usefulness, especially to the young men of the state whom he loved so well; but we can console ourselves with the belief that he was needed for a loftier and greater sphere, and today, with Albert Sidney Johnson and Hood and Tom Green he is martialing the hosts of heaven to the praise of the Almighty God who gave him to us for a brief period, but needed him finally for his own great glory.

Fellow Cadets: We feel the deepest regret in parting with you. Our intercourse with you has been of the most pleasant nature. We have been thrown much together during your days here and not the slightest ill feeling has arisen to mar our intimate relations. Associations and ties formed at college are almost as binding and inseparable as those of brotherhood, and although we may never see each other again we trust that the friendship existing among us is so deep that no extent of time or separation will ever cause it to be forgotten. Remember:

“A generous friendship no cold medium knows,
Burns with one love, with one resentment glows.”

And in behalf of my class I tender you a loving farewell. You will have to pursue the same paths that we have been over in order to graduate; you will have to overcome the same obstacles that confronted us, but by diligent application and a determination to succeed you will be able to surmount all difficulties and gain the end for which you are now striving. “Learn from others faults to correct your own.” You have seen our various mistakes; you have observed our faults; by all means take advantage of them and govern your own accordingly; but above all, do your duty and your future is assured.

Classmates: Much as it grieves me to say it, the hour of our separation is at hand. For four years we have labored side by side in the same cause and with the same end in view. Today that end is attained and our youthful career is finished. Tomorrow we assume the duties and responsibilities of manhood and take our places in the ranks of life. No