

Today twenty-three of our number, as a result of four years of patient servitude and untiring devotion at the shrine of that most exacting mistress—Education, have at last finished our course, been knighted in the name of learning, and with the dawn of another day will have laid aside the duties of cadetship and taken our place in the world as men among men, bidding farewell to the scenes and occasions which we have enjoyed and participated in during our sojourn here.

Education awakens in us higher ideals and enables us to enjoy and obtain out of life the highest and noblest pleasure. By its aid we associate with the greatest philosophers, poets and scientists and are benefitted by their lofty thoughts and thus become a better and a healthier nation.

As a class we are now on the threshold of a new existence. Tomorrow we begin a new life. We would not be useless and idle dreamers; we wish to join the ranks of the world's workers. Eagerly we salute the varying fortunes to come; the duties that will appear; the trials that are to test our strength. We know there will be many obstacles in our pathway but Nature has liberally endowed us with health, youth and energy, and with the education we have received we feel able to cope with any and look forward to a bright future.

It is with pride, that we, who are soon to become alumni, note the rapid and steady advancement of this, our alma mater. From a small college she has grown until now she occupies an enviable position among the foremost institutions of her kind, standing magnificent in her grandeur and reflecting with splendor her twenty-two years of existence.

Nor has she cause to be ashamed of her graduates; they have advanced with an equal stride. We find them occupying prominent positions in every walk of life. We see them in the commercial world, in the professions; we hear their voices ring out in the legislative halls. The State government recognizes the efficiency of our military department to such an extent that