

is impossible for me to voice the feelings of my heart, or to tell you of the deep love and devotion that this band of Texas youths bear towards you. You, to whom we have gone in time of trouble, and whom we have ever found a kind, sympathizing friend! Bright indeed is your future, as you stand at the helm of this institution and guide the ship of knowledge which is to supply the demands of the generations yet unborn.

Respected Faculty: You have not only been our guides and tutors, who have trained us in matters intellectual, explicating the difficulties which we could not, unassisted, master; but, far above and beyond that, you have been yourselves ideals, toward which we, aspiring, have grown into a greater personal comeliress and mental vigor. You are indeed worthy of our esteem, while you command our respect mingled with love. May the reflex of your noble aims and excellent examples return a thousand-fold upon yourselves.

And now, my dear fellow cadets, the time has come for me in behalf of my classmates to bid you farewell—a last farewell. We separate to-day, and some of us may never meet again; but the friendships we have formed here should last forever. When you return next year, you will have many trials and temptations; but set your standard high and press bravely on to the coveted goal. Remember that there is no "royal road" to the receiving of a diploma from this College. But your path is beset with numerous pit falls into which many a wayfaring boy falls to rise no more. Profit by the mistakes the classes before you have made and may you all some day be graduates of