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ADDRESS OF CAPT. H. H. SARGENT TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1904.

Having been requested by the Seniors to say a few words to them on the eve of their graduation from this College, I take pleasure in so doing.

The power at this College that makes for good discipline rests largely with the Seniors; and though I am well aware that the military department at this College will still admit of much improvement; yet, on the whole, considering all conditions and circumstances, I feel that we have had a very successful year; and I wish to say now that a great deal of this success is due to your hearty co-operation. In my efforts to do good work I have been greatly encouraged by your support, loyalty and good will.

I thank you; and yet I would impress upon you, and upon the lower classes following in your footsteps, that this is your College, and that you are the ones most vitally interested in good discipline and a high standard of excellence. Look at the worthy alumni and ask them how deeply they feel on the subject. They love their old College; many of them are with us today. They have come back here to renew the old associations, to tread once more the old halls, to view again the old

campus. They take note of the drill and discipline; they compare the present with the past, and are pleased if there be no backward step. They belong to the days of Mallory and Morse and Bartlett—to the days when a high state of discipline and the excellence of the military department were known far and wide. And every fiber of their being thrills when they see good progress made in the military department—every fibre thrills when they see that you are making a strenuous effort to equal or surpass the records of their day.

I do not wish to overload the class of 1904 with advice, which is always easy to give, but often difficult to follow. Indeed, the place to obtain advice is not from one person, but from several. If you wish to be advised upon business matters, go to a successful business man; if upon money matters, to the banker; if upon legal matters, to a good lawyer; if upon the negro question, go to some brainy men of the south, who have lived with the negroes and know them. In other words, if you want advice upon any subject, seek it from the successful man who has made a study of that subject.

I will touch briefly on only two points: first, that in winning success in life character is almost everything. Honesty, steadiness, reliability are what the great corporations, the great business houses, the great employers of men, are looking for. You all have brains enough to succeed, and you will succeed if you go out into the world with the determination of making a reputation for honesty, steadiness and reliability. If you learn to do small things well, and become thoroughly trustworthy in the different positions in which you are placed, it will only be a short time till your efforts will meet with a reasonable, if not a great, success. In this connection it may be noted that, having the brains, character can be acquired; and that, as a rule, character, with an average amount of brains makes for success more powerfully than brains with an average amount of character. When both are combined we obtain our great men—our Washingtons and Lincolns and Grants and Lees and Stonewall Jacksons.

One other point. Your education has just begun; you have laid a foundation, that is all. You know little; for that matter none of us knows much. One man perhaps a little more than another; but in the infinite universe, with mind and matter and force everywhere about us, of which we our very selves are but a part, the wisest man is profoundly ignorant of himself and his surroundings. Whence do we come? whither do we go? no man knoweth. With all the recorded wisdom of the ages; with the accumulated knowledge of the centuries before us, we are yet governed by unknown laws, yet surrounded by undiscovered phenomena. We are sailing the ocean of the unknowable; and today the chief proof of a man's real greatness lies in the perception of his own smallness—in the fact that he knows that he knows not.

Man is largely the product of his environment. The schools that he attends, the books that he reads,

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the men and women that he meets, are influences which are constantly affecting and changing his individuality and character. Even the personalities of his associates are partly absorbed by him, while his own personality is more or less reflected in them. He is like a sieve, daily acquiring and daily losing knowledge. If, therefore, even with the good start you have made, you forget faster than you learn, your knowledge in a short time will be represented by zero; perhaps even by a minus quantity, for there are those who once knew something, whose knowledge now, or what passes for their knowledge, is so full of error and ignorance that they may be said to have become a minus quantity—to have, so to speak, passed through zero.

Though all of you feel glad that your college days are about ended, I would remind you that as time passes, these days will become brighter and brighter. You will soon forget the hardships, the reports, the demerits, and perhaps even the "mess hall war talks" of your commandant, as they have been aptly characterized by one of your number; but you will not forget the pleasant associations, the friendships and the successes. The memories of the old halls, the old dormitories, the old campus, and of the officers, professors and instructors of your old College will

like vines cling to and wind themselves about you in the days to come.

And now, as you go forth from this institution, I wish each of you great success; and I hope and believe that you will make useful citizens, live upright and worthy lives, and thus be an honor to your college, your state, your country and your God.

NOTICE.

A prize of \$5.00 will be awarded to the student who composes the best college yell and song—\$2.50 for the best yell, and \$2.50 for the best song. The yells and songs are to be original or some original combination of yells already in use.

The yells and songs submitted will be turned over to a committee composed of Profs. Lomax and Potts, Coach Platt, Manager Church, and W. A. Price, who will judge which is the best.

Students who wish to enter this contest will turn in their yells or songs, signed with a non de plume, to Mr. Wilson at 41 Foster Hall not later than Wednesday night, October 12th, 1904.

These yells and songs, with others, will be published in a small pamphlet and sold at a moderate price. This offer is made by Cadet Wilson and it is hoped that many students will enter the contest.

The A. and M. College ought to have some characteristic and forceful songs and yells, and they naturally ought to come from the student body. Everybody try.