

Class of 1924 Receives Good Advice From C. E. Neill Of Royal Bank of Canada

University of New Brunswick in Value to Education Compared Favorably with Larger Universities of Canada—Reminiscences of Youth—Character, Courage, Ambition and Personal Effort Urged Upon Attention of Graduates

Charles E. Neill, LL. D. formerly of Fredericton but now of Montreal, General Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, who was selected to deliver the address to the graduating class of the University of New Brunswick at the closing exercises this afternoon, in the course of his address referred to his boyhood days in Fredericton and his respect for the Provincial University which he believed, furnished the groundwork of education better than many large universities. The class of 1924, Mr. Neill gave some excellent advice which coming as it does from one of the foremost men in the business life of the Dominion should carry particular weight.

The address of Mr. Neill was as follows:—

Recollections.

The Senate of this University have today conferred upon me an honor so unexpected that I can scarcely realize it is mine, and so undeserved that I can find no adequate words to express my thanks and appreciation. You, Mr. Chancellor, have honored me further in asking me to address the graduating class. It would have been difficult for you indeed to have asked anyone less qualified than I. It would have been equally difficult to have asked anyone to whom your request would have given greater pleasure, for although I never had the privilege of being a student at this grand old university, its green campus and grey walls have been familiar to me from earliest boyhood, and I stand second to none in affectionate admiration and respect for its splendid traditions. But in spite of my pleasure, I am under a very great disadvantage this afternoon and if you will pardon a personal reference, I will tell you why. Thirty-five years ago, almost to a day, I presented myself at the branch of the bank with which I am still connected, to assume the duties of Junior Clerk. The Manager, Mr. Murray, whom many of our older friends here will remember, instructed me in the most kindly way as to my conduct and duties. As I was leaving his office, he said, "There is one thing more, my boy. Always remember that the affairs of every one who does business with this bank must be kept absolutely secret. Therefore, learn not to talk." I took his instructions so much to heart that I not only learned not to talk, but I have never learned to talk. That is why I am under such a great disadvantage today and why I must ask your indulgence for the very inadequate manner in which I express the few thoughts and suggestions I should like to offer this Class of 1924.

Groundwork Unsurpassed.

To the members of the Class I would say you have spent four of the best years of your life here for the purpose of fitting yourselves for the great struggle of life, and now the uppermost thought in the mind of each one of you is—or should be—how to turn to best account the results of the education and training received during your stay here, how to attain success in your chosen career. And here let me say that you have received at the University of New Brunswick a sound and liberal education. I say this advisedly, because I have some knowledge of such matters and I know that the educational groundwork provided here can not be surpassed at any of the great Canadian universities.

The Essentials.

Now as to your success it is not for me to refer to the ethical aspects of the question, nor to dwell on the difference between achievement of material success and the acquirement of that moral worth without which no life can be truly successful. These questions are for the teacher and philosopher, and it would be presumption on my part to touch upon them. I can only offer a few suggestions along practical lines as to the qualifications and characteristics which occur to me as fundamental if a man or woman is to be successful in the ordinary material sense of the word. A short time ago five men were asked by the Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal to say in a few words what they considered essential for the achievement of a successful career. I happened to be one of the five, and I can best give you my views by quoting my reply.

"Character and courage are essential to real success. Have a 'well considered ambition and try to attain it by the unswerving pursuit of the goal set, with the 'fundamental precepts—honesty, 'cheerfulness and unflinching industry. "Seek to improve yourself in every way and remember that nothing 'worth while can be achieved without strong personal effort."

Analysis.

To analyse, character and courage—these two go together. To command respect in any walk of life, (and without respect there can be no success) a man or woman must have sound principles and the courage to live up to them; also the courage to face disappointment cheerfully, with the determination to turn to good account every seeming failure, for failure is a blessing if it saves us from sinking into self-

complacency. High ideals are engendered by character and brought to realization through courage.

Ambition.

Have a well considered ambition. Whatever the line of endeavor may be—perhaps for learning, perhaps for great position, perhaps for wealth perhaps political—the driving force of ambition must be there to provide the necessary continued and concentrated effort.

Personal Effort.

Lastly, and all-important: nothing worth while can be achieved without strong personal effort. I am sure you all will have character and courage; I hope you all have great ambition; and having these, the important and practical point I should like to emphasize today is the necessity for personal effort, if you wish to succeed. This is a personal world and if you are to achieve your well considered ambition you must depend upon yourself and on no one else. Many have the desire to succeed but are not willing to make the effort required. They are not prepared to forego the pleasures of today for the rewards of tomorrow. This, above all, is the thought I should like you to take away with you today, that nothing worth while can be achieved without strong personal effort—by strong, I mean the best that is in you. Emerson has put this thought into two short lines—

"When duty whispers low—thou must

"The youth replies I can."

Congratulations.

And now I come to the pleasantest part of what I have to say, which is to congratulate the Class of 1924 on its brilliant record in the university and to wish its members every possible success. I have not had the honor of knowing intimately the members of the class, but those who do know them intimately say, and I can quite believe it, that no better class than that of 1924 has ever passed through this university. No doubt the four years you have spent here you have had many trials, and at times discouragements, nevertheless these are the years you will recall with the greatest delight. The years in which character is moulded. The friendships you have formed here will in all probability prove the most lasting and best friendships of your life, and no matter what the future may have in store for you, you will always look back with pride and satisfaction on the time spent here. In the words of Sir Arthur Currie, the eminent Principal of McGill, "Let your work be such as will bring credit upon the name of your University, and let the parts you play be such as to make her proud of your career." The records of the distinguished graduates who have gone before you should be a great inspiration. When you recall men like Sir George Parkin, Bliss Carmen, Charles G. D. Roberts, Walter Murray, the President of the University of Saskatchewan and if I may venture

GRANDMA BOBS HER HAIR AND GOES TO SCHOOL

Atlanta, May 14—After having reared six children, with six grand-children, Mrs. Carrie B. Allen, of Atlanta, has again taken up her books and returned to school. She expects to complete a general business course next month, which, she says, will equip her for entering the business world and insure her independence. She wears her hair bobbed and is only 48 years old. Mrs. Allen does not permit her studies to interfere with her household duties.

"I expect to go to work as soon as I complete my course," she said, adding she is considering a proposal to become a partner in a real estate and insurance business.

"I didn't bob my hair to try to look younger. I find it convenient and a great time saver."

She also is active in affairs of the League of Women Voters and the Parent-Teachers Association of the Fulton County High School.

MA FETES BURGLAR AS A CALLER

Brooklyn, N. C., May 14—"Editha's Burglar" turned up here in the apartment of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Klein in the person of George Zager, a well-groomed, gentle-voiced young man, who occupied a suite in the same building.

Editha Klein, 9-year-old daughter of the Kleins, discovered him when she returned from an automobile ride with her parents.

"Sh-h-h," whispered the burglar when Editha met him.

"I'll not 'Sh-h-h'," replied Editha.

"What are you doing here?"

"Burgling, but don't tell on me," answered George.

But, then Editha's parents entered the room and after a brief conversation George was invited to stay for tea. Before he departed, Mrs. Klein gave him a dollar. Later she discovered he also had taken \$1.20 and theatre tickets from her purse. She notified police and in the morning when he called to return what he had stolen he was arrested.

The consensus of opinion at this time is that some of our flapper specimens are being shingled on the wrong end.

"All's right with the world, once sang a poet which just goes to show how little a poet can be depended upon.

"Bobbed bandit pleads guilty" runs a headline. A whole lot of women would have to plead guilty to part of that.

to name two who are present today, the eminent Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, Sir Douglas Hazen, whose judicial and political career is outstanding, and your Chancellor, Dr. Jones who has done so much in the interests of education in this province—when you recall such careers as these, you should have a feeling that no ambition is too great and no goal beyond your achievement.

And now I wish you good fortune and Godspeed as you venture forth to carve out your future in this great and glorious world.

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VALEDICTORY OF A. E. L. BOOTH AT ENCAENIAL EXERCISES OF UNIVERSITY OF N. B. TODAY

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in law are graduated here this afternoon. We take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to our fellow students from St. John, even though, at almost the same moment, we must say adieu.

Need of Residence.

We are aware that there is opportunity for further improvement, and we are equally certain that the progress recently made is but a beginning. Time will not permit us to submit schemes for improvement even if it was desired. We are content to leave such matters in hands far more capable than ours, and those having the interests of the college at heart will be willing to assist her advancement. To one point only permit me to call attention. Only those who are and have been in close contact with the University realize how great is the need for a residence. It would foster a college spirit which suffers in its absence; it would be in the best interests of the social life of the student body; and the student body is the university. Without a residence U. N. B. is found wanting, but nevertheless she is our Alma Mater and "with all her faults we love her still." The residence will come in time as will other advantages, but we shall remember her as she is at present. As we know her today, that, to us, she will ever be.

Words of Farewell.

Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen of the Faculty, though thanks are totally inadequate we desire to express our appreciation of your efforts in our behalf. You have taken a personal interest in our welfare and by patient instruction and sound advice you have inspired us to greater efforts and higher attainments.

To the citizens of Fredericton we extend our gratitude for assistance rendered student enterprises, for many courtesies and kindnesses shown us and for pardon granted when we have offended. And if, in the early hours of tomorrow morning, your slumbers are disturbed by the voice of the cannon, forgive us yet once again; for it will be but the echo of our parting words of this afternoon.

To our fellow students few words are necessary, for we understand each other. Try to distribute more evenly the offices of the Students' Union, give all activities your heartiest support and carry on to the Glory of U. N. B.

Classmates, a word will suffice. Though parting is difficult we know the joy that is always found in a finished task.

"And you must not now be grieving

For the life that you are leaving; You are ready for the life which lies beyond.

Live that life whatever befall you That, when God Himself shall call you,

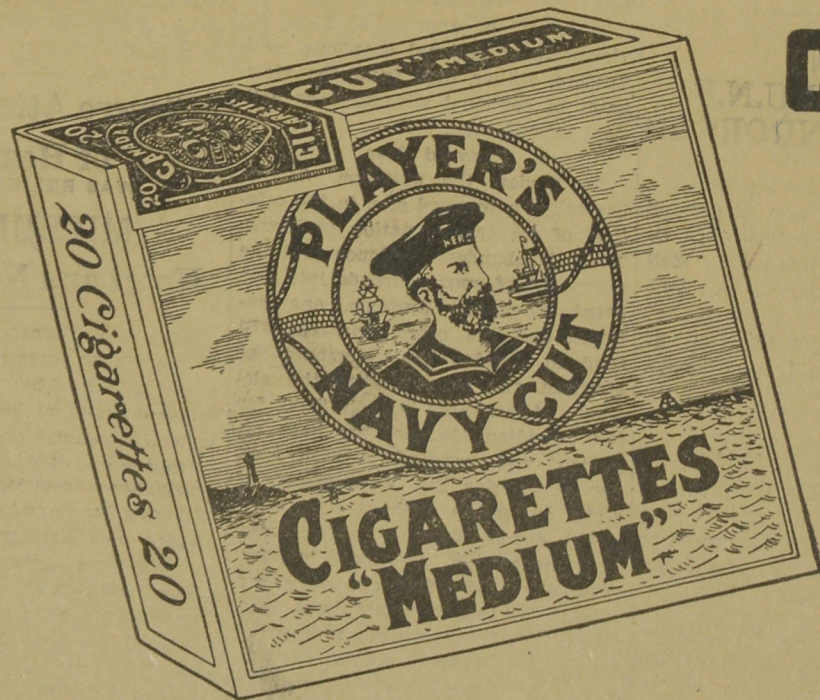
You will fearlessly be able to respond."

And now, Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen of the Faculty, Citizens of Fredericton, Fellow-Students—Friends one and all, we take our leave of you, and to "our dear old Alma Mater" say—Farewell!

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