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CURRENT COMMENT.

About a year ago a Toronto lawyer, Mr. Walter Barwick, was killed in a wreck on an English railway, and his wife brought suit for \$50,000 damages. The case has just been settled by the railway company out of court paying the full amount claimed.

Liberals of Quebec are preparing welcome for Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his return from Europe in the middle of July. The intense enthusiasm and the will probably eclipse any of the kind ever seen in Canada. Sir Wilfrid left Paris today for London and with Mr. Fielding and M. Brodeur will attend the Dominion dinner there on Monday.

The Orange Sentinel joins Dr. M. P., in spreading the word that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Fielding were at to arrange for the latter's visit to the premiership. It is not matter that Mr. Fielding has not been near Rome, the school is repeated all the same to inflame the brethren against the Liberal party. Such tactics are scarcely less reprehensible than the personal scandal campaign which the Tories are conducting.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, and Hon. G. P. Graham, leader of the Liberal opposition in the Ontario legislature, who are making a political tour of Ontario, are being received with great enthusiasm wherever they appear. The Minister of Justice is developing into a very vigorous campaigner. He is a hard hitter as Mr. Foster well knows, and arouses his audiences to a great pitch of enthusiasm. Hon. Jacques Bureau, solicitor general, has also spoken at some of the meetings, and the trio make a very strong political combination on the stump.

VALEDICTORY.

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Our most important exercises take place. Its barren, white walls and blindless windows, present now the appearance of a deserted lumber room. It would indeed be a very great help if we had a few pictures to adorn its barren walls or a few blinds to keep away the blinding sun and which doubtless would add to the appearance of the place. With these and a few other suggestions which former valedictorians have made both teachers and scholars would feel that their school could stand first in appearance as well as in knowledge among the various high schools of the Province.

It seems fitting on our departure to say a word or two of those zealous, untiring workers, who have labored and striven with unceasing energy to elevate our minds and souls and to endow us with the magnificent gift of knowledge, and in after years will we try our best to show them that their good work has borne fruit and that they have succeeded, at least in the majority of cases?

From our entrance, to this the day of our departure, we have nothing to say of them but praise, nothing but honor and respect for them.

Unpolished and unfinished we came to them and they, we sincerely hope have helped to feed our brains with the food of knowledge.

A GLORIOUS IGNORANCE.

What could we have done but for the untiring zeal of our English teacher, and who could just teach Swinton's history or make us have a full appreciation of Virgil as well as he who has worthily done it?

And we are quite sure that good Mr. Good has helped us in every possible way to fight the good fight of Chemistry. We regret very much to say that during a large part of this last term our worthy principal was taken from us by a long and tedious illness. And although no other could exactly fill his place it was very worthily filled by Mr. McGill who sacrificed much for us and took upon himself the duties of teaching the mathematics in a very creditable manner.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we once more see our principal sitting in his accustomed seat and our greatest and most sincere wish is that he may hold it for many, many years to come.

Special praise must be given to Miss Thorne for her success in making the F. H. S. library what it is. It was chiefly through her agitations that we were given the helpful grant from the trustees and those who have read the books, which she has selected cannot help having the feeling that she has indeed spent that money to the best advantage.

Then there is a word to be said to those classes who are succeeding and following close upon our footsteps. You will one day stand as we now are standing, you will one day be cast upon the world as we now are cast. And especially to those who next year will leave their Alma Mater we will turn our attention. She has indeed been a kind mother to one and all of you. What return are you going to make to her after you leave her fond care? What thanks are you going to bestow upon her?

Remember and consider those who have left her halls, bear in mind those names which have been registered on her books. There we would find names which have made themselves distinguished over the whole world and who would add a lustre to any school and who would bring forth pride from any student's heart.

As they have done, you too can do as they have succeeded you too can succeed. Who can tell but that in some hidden talent, ready to burst forth in all its splendor and enrich the world with its beauty or eloquence? Who knows but that the poetic soul may be even now lying dormant in some one, but that some one might even yet grace the walls of some far-famed picture gallery with their wonderful productions of paint and brush? Nor are poets or painters so far away, fellow students, as some may imagine, neither are they creatures of antiquity.

No, no "God's prophets of the beautiful" are here in this Canada, in this very New Brunswick, yea and even in this little Celestial city of ours. Do you realize that it is you who will some day become the citizens of our city, that in you lies her advancement or her decline, her rise or her decay? It is for you, boys and girls, to enrich it with your talent or disgrace it with your ignorance, which shall it be? I leave that question with you, which shall it be? Shall my own beloved Canadian home be any the better for my having lived?

It all rests with you. Commence well and you will end well. Commence here in this very building at your studies. Be faithful to you work here in this school, let honesty earnestness and truth be your standard here and you may rest assured that being true and honorable now, you will ever be so, yea, even to the end of time.

And now class mates, the time has come, when we must say farewell, when we must bid adieu to these dear old walls, this grand old building, every nook of which we have grown to know so well. It is hard to say good bye to this dear old Alma Mater in which the brightest, sweetest hopes of our lives have been realized, where our youthful fancies have been fostered and where our untrained, uncultured brains and minds have been moulded and fashioned by skillful hands. We are now cast upon the world, the dark, cold world to live out a far different life than that old careless, uneventful one which we have enjoyed. We are assembled here together to-day for the last time. It may be that never again we shall all be together. Each one will wind his steps toward different ways. One by one we will separate, old companionship will soon give place to the new. New faces will blot out slowly but surely the old, until bye and bye there will remain but a dim vision of the dear old high school days.

We are ready to leave forever, forever! Can you realize it fellow students? Can you realize that this is the very last day, we, as a class, shall ever be within this dear old school from which have come men and women of which we should be proud?

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