

Valedictory Addresses.

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for the degree of the ultimately
in which you have presided
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Final Valdictory Addresses. class of 1859.

In closing our connection with you, our
Gentlemen of the Board of Visitors. The part
ing care which you have extended. The work
which has just transpired, closes the connection
which we have for more than four years, held
with you. And though the relation has not been
very immediate, as you are the highest author-
ity of the Institution to which we have belonged-
those to whose hands its keeping has been intrus-
ted by the State, that relation is by no means
one of little importance. We must ever respect
you for the dignified and gentlemanly manner
in which you have presided over us. And you
cannot but feel a deep interest in the welfare
of those who go forth as the representatives of
this Institution. It would be needless for me
to flatter you with promises of our future
department. For if the spirit be wanting, words
will be of little avail. But I trust that
it will never be your sad fortune to wear
with emotions, other than those of pride and

gratification the graduating class of 1859.

In closing our connection with you, we would accord to you due praise for the fostering care which you have extended over our Institution, and at the same time, we would thank you for the interest you have manifested in our behalf, and for whatever benefit we have derived at your hands. With many wishes for your future prosperity and success, we bid you Farewell!

Gentlemen of the Corps of Cadets.

An event which we have all doubtless, contemplated with joy, has arrived. It is but natural that you should view with emotions of pleasure, an occasion which marks an important step in your course. Nor is it strange, that we should welcome the day on which we attain to an end which we have long anticipated with anxiety. But the occasion reality comes not without its attending pain. When we reflect that we are now paying our last

duty to those who have, for so long, been our brethren
 and companions, — that we shall no longer
 be of your number, we cannot suppress the pain-
 ful emotions which fill our bosoms. ~~And~~ I would
 fain to break the last link of the chain which
 has bound us together. But though we shall
 no longer be designated by the same title, no more
 hear the familiar voice at the accustomed call,
 nor exchange the cordial salutation in our
 daily intercourse, I trust we shall ever
 live in each other's hearts; and that, when men-
 ored, on her angelic wings, shall bear us back
 to the bright scenes of the sunny past, we shall
 ever contemplate each other with feelings of ten-
 der regard.

Independent of our personal considera-
 tions for you, we shall ever feel an interest
 in your behalf, for the sake of our Common
 Alma Mater, whose keeping now rests mainly on
 your shoulders. You who wear constantly the
 badge of the Institution, who stand forth daily
 as her exponents, are indeed her true representa-

times. By you her character will be judged, by you her destiny may be sealed. And I hope Gent. you will consider the importance of your position, and be awake to its responsibility. Your interest and hers are one. I could therefore offer to each of you, no surer guide than to be true to himself —

("So thinne counself be true,

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It must follow as the night the day —

How canst not thou be false to any maid? Preserve with watchful care, the fair name which you have so long enjoyed. Fix your standard still higher, and set not till your foot be planted at its very side. (Then may you wear your uniform with pride, then may you merit, in its proper sense, the name which has been enviously applied to you — "the Gehinnom of the State".

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But the task which has been assigned me, has not yet been accomplished. That lovely word does indeed "bring a sigh", but time in its onward march, tugs not while we delay.)* I therefore, in behalf of my class, bid you an affectionate Farewell!

* See next page

with the earnest hope that such may be your au-
dition; &c. instead in its place
But, your will consider the importance of
question, and be aware of the responsibility,
interest and honor you are in. I give the paper
for a sake of your own sake. I give them to
you I think of
I do think myself the true
It cannot follow on the right the way
Other cases are there but they are not
I believe with the teachers case the same manner
you have no long enjoyed. On your stand
the higher and yet not that the first
at the very best. Other things you are
from the party, then may you be
higher view, the same which has been
applied to me - the things of the state
but the fact is that the same things are
but you are not a complete. What kind of
which being a right, but then in the
more, things but while in the
in which you are, but you are
I believe!

Ladies and Gentlemen of Character.

It would be doing an injury to the feelings of gratitude and esteem which we bear towards you, were we to allow this occasion to pass without addressing you a parting word. It would indeed be indicative of base ingratitude, were we not, on this appropriate to thank you for the kindness and attention which we have ever received at your hands, — were we not to acknowledge our indebtedness to you whose smiles have continually cheered up our spirits amid the hardships of a military course, whose kind hospitality has quickened our leisure moments, and tinged with gold the otherwise gloomy picture. Strangers we were to most of you, yet we were welcomed at your very houses, and admitted to the pleasant associations of your own fireplaces. And now in leaving you, we have nothing to offer in return, but sincere thanks, and the assurance that you will ever be regarded with feelings of gratitude and love. The halo which

you have cast over our stay in your midst
 cannot be forgotten; and when in the tumult
 of life, our minds shall be pressed down under
 the weight of its stern realities, the memory of
 you will come, like ^{the} sweet melody of distant sounds
 to cheer and gladden the desponding soul. Thank-
 ing you for the parting tribute which you have
 this day paid us by your presence and attention,
 we bid you a heartfelt Farewell!

A. B.

The Address to the People of Charleston, was
 entirely forgotten at the Commencement, and
 the excitement occasioned by slighting the Faculty,
 as it has not been customary, ^{however} I trust ~~therefore~~,
 that it was not observed by the audience.

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