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PRINCIPAL



TO THE CLASS OF 1953

On the twenty-fourth day of October, 1831, just one hundred and twenty-two years ago, the first Woodward School was opened and dedicated. This year on June 15, 1953, your class, the last class to be graduated from a Woodward School on the original site deeded by William Woodward, will be graduated. This is an honor which each of you must not take lightly. Yours is the responsibility to carry on the proud traditions and the illustrious records that Woodward graduates have made over these past one hundred and twenty-two years. If you are to meet this responsibility there are a number of things, it would be well, to keep in mind.

The spirit of Woodward is the spirit of study and work, of service and song, of unselfishness and sacrifice, of devotion and duty, of appreciation and gratitude, of sympathy and kindheartedness, of acquaintance and friendship, of high ideals and lofty ambitions, of loyalty to home and nation, of ultimate faith and calm repose. If each of you lives up to this challenge which has been given to every graduate of Woodward High School since the early days of the school's beginning, you will succeed beyond your fondest hopes and expectations.

Yea his spirit ever lives
In the hearts to whom he gives
Dearer gifts than fame and gold
Rich with blessings yet untold —
Prouder birthright none can hold —
Woodward, Woodward!

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