

With peculiar pleasure does the mind dwell on the moment when the long wished-for goal had been reached. We remember how our hearts pulsated with joy, that we had traveled the journey, and were about to receive our well-earned crown of reward. A feeling of sadness steals over us, even now, at the thought that then and there we bade adieu to loved companions, with whom we had fondly journeyed; to those who had explored with us many a hidden labyrinth of knowledge, or discovered with us many a gem of priceless value. For the first time, we realized the worth of our faithful leaders. How often had we thought them exacting, leading us into by-paths, when there was a more direct road; but then we thanked them for their kind firmness, in requiring us to travel steadily onward. "Blessings brighten as they take their flight." About to sever our connection with it, we realized the worth of our Alma Mater. A cord of love had been twining itself about our hearts, and now it must be severed.

The stern realities of another and longer journey now loomed before us. And has not our course of preparation fitted us to combat successfully with the hourly difficulties which arise in traveling through life? With enlarged sources and increased capacities of enjoyment, are we still keeping step together, as in by-gone days? As men and women our paths diverged, as we commenced the journey which will terminate only with life.

Let us glance, for a moment, upon the paths pursued by our school friends. Some are on the high road to eminence as lawyers, merchants, doctors or officers in the army; while others, as preachers and teachers, have been and are treading, patiently, the road to good deeds, scattering on every side the deeds of truth and goodness. One of our number has crossed the mighty deep to devote her life to the heathen of China. May God bless her in her noble work. All, we trust, either at home or abroad, have been traveling the path of duty. Some of our number have visited the altar of Hymen. We would wish all such great joy in their new relation. May the great Leader mark out, in love, their