

Valedictory Addresses.

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Farewell Address.

Gentlemen of the Board of Visitors.

The want 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 authority of the Institution to which we have belonged - those to whose hands its keeping has been intrusted 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~~ to flatter you with promises of our future deportment. For if the spirit be wanting, words will be of little avail. But I trust that it will never be your sad fortune to view with emotions, other than those of pride and



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which has just been printed, shows the connection  
which we have for more than four years, had  
with you, and through the relation has not been  
very intimate, as you are the highest authority  
of the institution to which we have referred.  
There is no doubt about the keeping the same relation  
to the state, that relation is by no means  
one of little importance. The more we respect  
you for the dignity and authority of your  
in which you have presided over the institution  
cannot but feel a deep interest in the progress  
of these who go forth as the representatives of  
the institution. It would be useless for me  
to dwell upon the merits of our former  
efforts. You will find in the spirit of our  
will be of little avail. Still I trust that  
if we will never be your constant friends  
with you, then there is no doubt about



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 our end which we have long anticipated with anxiety. But the ~~occas-~~ reality comes not without its attending pain. When we reflect that we are now paying our last



participation the preceding class of 1872.  
In closing our connection with you, we  
would express to you the thanks for the  
care which you have bestowed upon the  
petition, and at the same time, we would  
thank you for the interest you have manifested  
in our behalf, and for the attention  
we have received at your hands. In the  
closing of your future prosperity and success,  
we bid you farewell!

Respectfully,  
The undersigned  
we have all written, and testified with joy,  
has arrived. It is but natural that you should  
wish with the nation of pleasure, an accommodation  
to the important step in your career. It is  
it is strange that we should believe the day  
to which we attain to be such a task we have  
long anticipated in the country. And the more  
we really care not without the attending pains.  
When we reflect that we are now paying the debt



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 painful 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 roll-call, nor exchange the cordial salutation in our daily intercourse, I trust we shall ever live in each other's hearts; and that, when memory, 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 tender regard.

Independent of our personal considerations 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-



to the fact that we have, for as long, been ever  
our only companions, - that we shall be together  
in of your number, we cannot expect any further  
but certainly which will be better. And we shall  
begin to break the last link of the chain which  
has bound us together. But things are done  
we begin to be separated by the same thing, the more  
than the separation, since at the same time, we are  
also, in exchange, the entire relation in our  
daily intercourse, I trust we shall ever  
live in each other's hearts, and that, when we  
say, we have parted ways, shall have no doubt  
to the bright scenes of the sunny day, we shall  
our sympathies each other with feelings of the  
the most.

But the fact of our former connection  
tends for you, we shall ever feel an interest  
in your behalf, for the sake of our common  
those that, when passing through the world, we  
your children. We shall ever be ready to  
degree of the protection, which shall be the best  
as the interests, are indeed the same.



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—

( "To thine ownself be true,

*omitted* It must follow as the night the day—

Thou canst not then be false to any man.) 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 ennoblingly applied to you—"the Chivalry of the State".

*omitted* 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.)<sup>\*</sup> I therefore, in behalf of my class, bid you an affectionate Farewell!

<sup>\*</sup> See next page



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"With the earnest hope that such may be your au-  
thority," &c. inserted in its place  
But you will consider the importance of your  
position, and be anxious to be perfectly  
instructed and have your own. I could therefore  
for the sake of your own peace of mind, have the  
time to himself.  
I think myself the true.  
It cannot be done on the night the day.  
Other things must then be left alone (very much)  
I am sure with the satisfaction and the fact that  
you have so long enjoyed. Give your attention  
with the highest, and over that the first of the  
at the very least. (Other things you were your own-  
from with the first, then may you be in the  
proper sense, the same which has been  
I applied to you - the thinking of the best.  
But the best which has been assigned me has  
not yet been accomplished. What kind and the  
which "being a right," but there is the common  
world, things but which are the day. I therefore  
in behalf of my class, but you are affectionate  
Barrowell.



Ladies and Gentlemen of Charleston.

It would be doing an injury to the feelings of gratitude and esteem which we bear toward 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



My dear Mr. Garrison  
I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
proceedings of the meeting of the friends of the  
cause which we have been the last  
year a meeting held. It would indeed be  
difficult to give an adequate account of the  
affairs of the meeting, but I think you for the  
attention which we have been receiving  
from the friends of the cause in  
Massachusetts - there we met to acknowledge our  
debt to you who have continued to  
be our spirit and the heart of the  
cause, there this hospital, the  
work of the cause, and the  
with the friends of the cause.  
We were the first of you, but we were not  
at your very house, and we were not  
not the friends of you who were  
that we are learning from the  
the in action, but we are not  
the friends that you will be regarded  
friends of the cause and we. The



you have cast over our stay in your midst  
 cannot be forgotten; and when in the turmoil  
 of life, our minds shall be pressed down under  
 the weight of its stern realities, the memory of  
 you will come, like <sup>the</sup> 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.

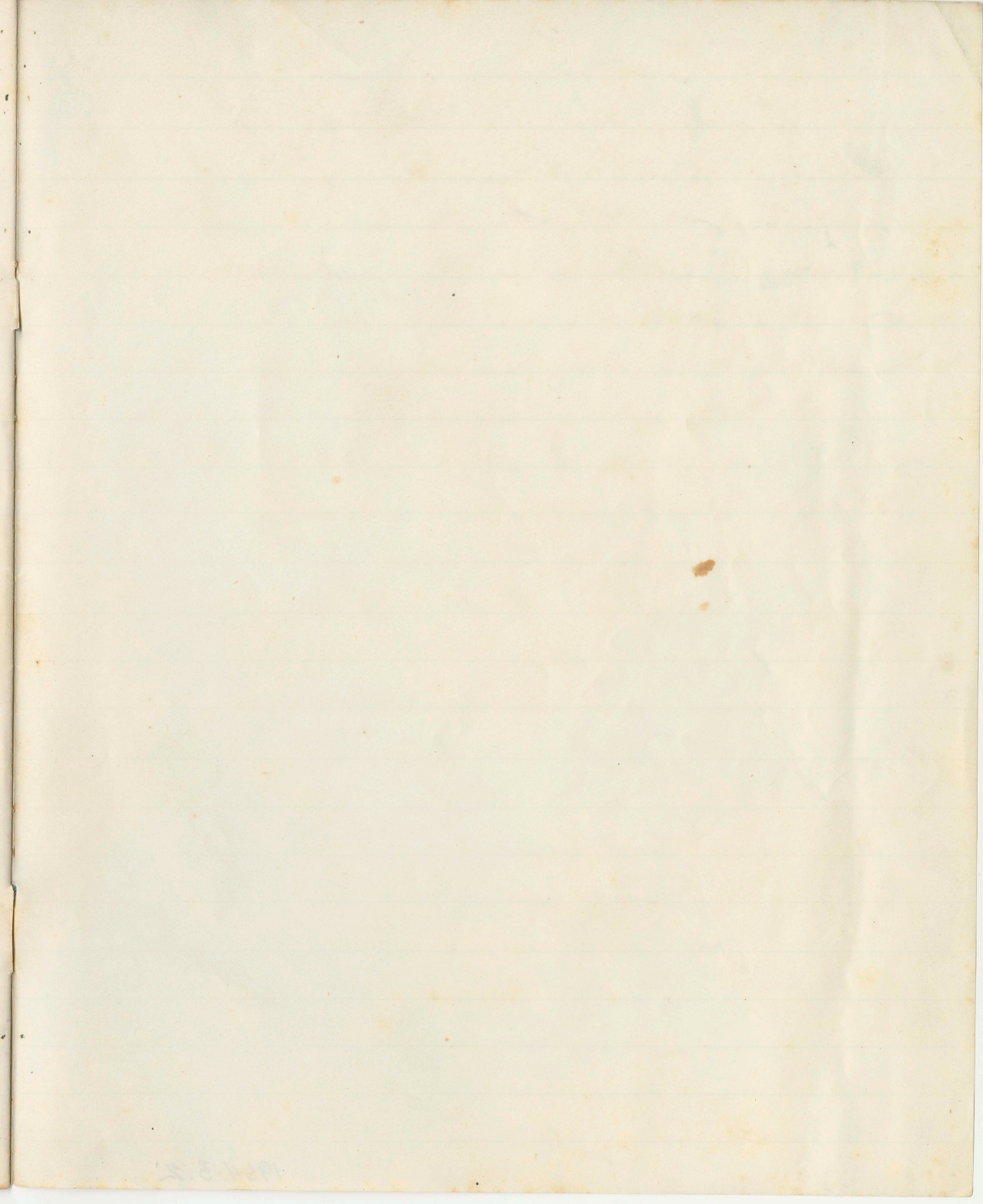
The Address to the People of Charleston, was  
 entirely forgotten at the Commencement, amid  
 the excitement occasioned by slighting the Faculty,  
 as it has not been customary, <sup>however</sup> I trust elsewhere,  
 that it was not observed by the audience.

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