

ed in this school; and if we have but heeded that teaching and advice, we have unconsciously been absorbing those things which go to form character; finding and developing those powers which will be called forth to meet the situations in life which will confront us when there is no one but ourselves upon whom to rely.

Then, indeed, will we more fully realize the importance and worth of that equipment which has been given us here in this splendid institution, when we find how well it enables us to take and to successfully hold, a place in our chosen profession. For, in this institution, we have had greater advantages than have pupils of the public schools, in that we have had given to us the vocational training which is now looked upon as being so very necessary to fit young men and women to take their places in the world of today.

And the world needs us now; for the hopes of the world of today lies in its boys and girls who are to be its great men and women of the future. It is to us, the thousands of young men and women who are passing out of the schools and colleges this month, that the world is looking to find the future men and women who shall attain to such high distinction in the trades, professions, and literature, as have the men and women of the past generations and who did so much to spread abroad America's fame in all parts of this great world; and who have made it possible for her to hold a place of distinction along with the oldest nations of the earth.

And of these men we are justly proud; especially so when we think of the hardships and difficulties through which so many of them had to struggle in order to reach that place which they now hold.

In our past year's school work we have become acquainted, through good books, with some of the men who have been the creators of our nation's fame, and a very lasting impression has been made upon our minds by one great fact—that a number of them have had to overcome such physical infirmities as might well have been made an excuse for inactivity and lack of ambition on the part of any man.

There was Dr. Kane, who carried America's fame into the Arctic Sea, as he went forth upon that mission of mercy in his search for the lost party of explorers. His lack of physical strength, his days of illness, are in marked contrast to the indomitable will which carried him through all those months of hardship and suffering.

Or we may think of the famous historian Prescott, who, though deprived almost entirely of his eyesight by an accident in his youth, was, nevertheless, able with the assistance of others, to memorize, arrange and dictate so great an amount of historical lore as has enriched the literature of the whole world.

Then, too, where can we find a greater example of this than in our