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At the very beginning of our beloved College, I had the first word. Now, thru' the kindness of Dr. Cheverton, I am to have the last <sup>formal</sup> <sup>spoken</sup> word on the Campus, at least for the duration.

These last few words will be <sup>words of</sup> <sup>you</sup> congratulation <sup>and</sup> <sup>you</sup> admonitory.

This latter may be not really needed, for I believe all of you who are today graduated and who form this circle, have appreciated <sup>the</sup> your privilege of passing the years here in the halls of this institution and not only disciplining and training your minds, but building and stabilizing character and forming friendships which I know will be lasting, <sup>therefore I congratulate</sup> <sup>what you</sup>

It is interesting to note how rich and happy are the days students pass together on a College Campus and the fond memories they cherish of this experience as the years go by.

I remember years ago when my son Stanley was graduated at Yale, former students, those graduated even fifty years before, gathered there and formed a parade on the Campus. Some of these who left the halls of Yale 40 and 50 yrs. before, were exuberant, even hilarious, as they hobbled along with companions of those long-gone-by days.

I distinctly recall how happy was Prof. Sumner of Pomona, <sup>College</sup> who graduated 50 yrs. before and was then a white-haired,

bent-shouldered, elderly gentleman, whom I had regarded with  
*when a Trustee of Board of*  
 admiration for his dignity. He was <sup>however</sup> so supremely happy to be  
 once more with his old classmates and exhibited this joy so  
 hilariously that, had I not known what a fine Christian gentle-  
 man he was, I would have said that he had imbibed a little too  
 freely.

So, may I urge you, all of you, to ever remember Chapman  
 College and your classmates, and often come together in meetings  
 of some class organization or general Alumni "get together".

Let me urge you to ever keep in touch with the College  
 and former students, that you may in years to come, be as  
 happy at reunions as was dear, old Dr. Sumner.  
*As you become prosperous, do not wash  
 for financial abundance, but begin early to remember your town*  
 Students of Chapman are scattered about the world, and  
 wherever you find one, you will find him highly respected in  
 the community in which he lives. Many of these former students  
 are now filling important positions and serving with distinction.

Some are business men, - others are following some of the  
 professions. Some are <sup>teachers, social workers, editors, training their</sup> also distinguished in service and many are  
 preaching the Gospel.

How we have enjoyed the singing of the Kings' Men, of the  
 Cardinal Quartette and the Symphonic Choir, <sup>that</sup> and thrilled at  
 the skill of our former football players and for years, cheered  
 the <sup>our</sup> winning basketball teams. *so often winners*

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freely.  
 Aloma Mater, <sup>even</sup> with gifts. You know  
 how the college is supported - Not by  
 tuitions of students. Queen education  
 here has been largely at the expense of  
 others. A joining this group will  
 give you added interest in the  
 college and you will have the  
 a supreme joy of helping others

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 How we have enjoyed the singing of the King's men, at the  
 Cardinal quartette and the Symphonic Choir, and thrilled at  
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 the winning basketball teams.

Chapman has an engineer fortifying one of the Islands of the Pacific, and it was a student of Chapman who fired the first shot when our country entered this all-World war. May it be one of our boys who will also fire the last shot and do it before needless sacrifice of life and property is made.

You will, I know, remember your teachers with gratitude. They love their calling and have regarded it a distinct privilege to teach fine, ambitious young people, such as we have had at Chapman from the beginning, and such as you who now form this circle.

A world torn, and distracted and a civilization being destroyed, needs you. It needs those above all others who have the kind of training that you have received here.

Go, serve well, keep faith with yourselves, with the College, with your country and with the Christ.

Do not forget or neglect your spiritual nature, and serve in behalf of the Church and humanity, in His name.