

Speech - Graduates - 1938

Our hope - solid foundation for further education - graduation represents result of patient effort, steady application, without which your powers can not develop, without which you are not prepared for more exacting test in the college.

R. C. Talways stood for ideals of manly character - of honesty & sincerity - notes - exemplified in all but in ~~great~~ majority of graduates.

It is a fact that men gain position, wealth, power by deceit or trickery. Students may gain promotion, diplomas, degrees which not fully earned by self-reliant, honest work.

Advantages secured by tricks or fraud leave fatal ^{behind} flaws, weaknesses which sooner or later have serious results.

Sincerity, honest work ~~build~~ brings a strength of character.

Sincerity - two Latin words - without "sine" - "cera" - without

wax. Words put into builder
contracts. Marble - chipped
broken edge filled in with white
wax - skillful - Eye of man
could not detect, but laid bare
by finger of time - Soft wax
could not resist winds & frost &
ugly scars appeared. Became
customary to stipulate - statue
should be "sine cera" without
wax.

Careless workmanship in
studies - as in all - leaves soft
spots in the product, which
may be covered up - someday
revealed.

Your college life - your
life after college - one of "hard
knocks". Will you stand up
to them? Or will you find
that you are full of "soft spots" -
and men of wax - who
weaken & break under in face
of difficulties?

Thus if great deal demanded
don't complain - meet the
test & you'll be men.

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