

This it is to which I refer in expressing the hope that, above and beyond all the more tangible results of your years spent under the regime of this University, you may have absorbed some of this independence of thought, this Will to live your own life, and to help those about you to live their own lives, free from any unnecessary restraints, always striving for a better day.

It is no accident, no special gift of Fate, that Maryland ever has been free from real conflict of thought on any fundamental question. Three hundred or more years ago the settlers invited all the world to their domain. In every phase of our civil and political life, there has been that leavening influence of the first settlers' Will—that Good Will that should be forever blazoned on our Great Seal for all the world to see—and emulate. Why is it, that with all the disturbing factors that have come into the industrial life of our country, to array Capital against Labor, and class against class, Maryland has been singularly free from upheavals? Again, I say, it is the influence of the Maryland spirit of tolerance; a spirit that demands, and obtains, for the worker the right to work, or not to work, as he may see fit, but that places upon him the obligation, in whatever he may do, to respect the rights of both Capital and of those workers who may not see eye to eye with him.

That such a spirit of sane, independent thinking can be one of the most potent forces for good in your whole life, is particularly true in this day and age, when old standards of life and thought have suffered rude upsets, and the whole world knows not what to expect from the future. Particularly for the graduate, the young man or woman who is standing on the threshold of life, is this changed situation acute. Conditions have so altered, the future is so uncertain, that it is but natural that many young people are at a loss as to which way to turn, and, in their uncertainty, sometimes are ready to accept and follow principles that later they find to be at variance with the fundamentals of life.

Some twenty-two years ago, when graduates stood in your position, waiting amid a war-torn country for the diploma that was to send them forth on the great adventure of life, they thought then that they faced a troublesome, uncertain future. And, in truth, it was a dubious future. Our Country was in the throes of the World War, young men on all sides were going off to one branch or another of the service, many never to return. On graduation platforms many of the young men assembled to receive their sheepskins were clad in the uniform of one branch or another of their Country's service.

You will find many persons in the country, as you seek work, or even as you may be busily engaged in the industry or profession you prefer, who are not loyal to the principles of this great land of ours, and who will try to win you over to their subversive beliefs. They will make a special effort to gain your good will, because they are wise enough to realize that only by securing the help of those who are well equipped mentally, will they ever make real headway with their disloyal program.

With the broad policy upon which Maryland always has acted firmly entrenched in your mind, you will be able more quickly to detect and to reject these alien doctrines. Never forget that Maryland first gave to the world the principle of universal toleration, and what a boon it proved to be! Never forget that Maryland, as one of the original thirteen States, fought to the limit of her resources to preserve for her citizens, and for all the citizens of