To my mind the greatest honor paid to me was the honor of being granted the opportunity to address you on this most important occasion. It is an honor which I gratefully acknowledge, deeply appreciate, and heartily thank! And just why this honor is granted I have not yet fully understood, except it be that you are what we were and we are what you will be.

After the learned speakers delivered their discursive pieces, what is left for me today? And yet there are the thoughts which come to me, and which I will try to express to you.

In these very complex and changeful times, when the machine age and economic conditions have caused an upheaval in the very roots of the things, a something has been born. Called Science, it is our Every Effort Must now be bent towards the understanding of the New Society, the best way to use it.

In these last years when the tempest...
Living has been so quickened, we dreaded even the mention of slowing down. But since the arrest of a few years ago we are trying to adjust our lives to a slower tempo, approaching the time when we can actually enjoy the stopping of activity, when a pause will be a treat. In the East, moments of silence are more significant than moments of sound, for it is these moments of silence that the wisdom is able to himself. The great poet, philosopher, Li Po, - explained this theory by using the image of a vase: "A vase is useful, not because of the thickness of its sides, but because of the emptiness which they enclose. The Emptiness of the vase - which is life - becomes more useful when we forget the material surroundings which make it. And we enhance the value by the beauty of what we feel it.

In normal times, many of you would have gone out into the once-plowed fields, but today all fields are unoccupied, and you may find yourselves without occupation. How will you feel these many empty hours?
3. Unless you have within yourselves the potential for happiness and service, what will become of you?

Most colleges today are recognizing the trend towards a less vocational objective, a greater correlation of knowledge, a recognition of the principle of self-education and a stimulus from broad intellectual interests.

The other side—what purpose does college education is not so much to fit you for a position, as it is to develop your faculties. For it is more important to teach you how to think, than what to think. Now comes college, don't any ardently think for any particular subject, and that desire. You must acquire it.

And so today you are going out to begin your education, so that within yourselves you may have sources of joy, and intellectual interests, which can fill the leisure. You have had thrust upon you. But you must know what you desire, for knowing that is more important than getting the desire. Thoreau said: (When he went to Walden Pond)

"I went because I wanted to live deliberately, to find the essentials facts of life, see if I could not learn what it has to teach, + not, ..."
4) when I came to die, discon, that I had not lived.

And my other thought is this:

that to-day when all established orders are either toppling or already fallen—when Kings are no longer popular, when our Captalistic system is on its track for life, when our marriage laws are being threatened, and the Peace of the World is in the balance—it is to the young for members of your Service, to those that we will turn for leadership and help: And if you are to keep true and rely on, and if you are to keep true and rely on, what must you set as the rule of the road. What must set as the rule of the road?

First, last, and all at all qualifications: Is, 4. Your technical knowledge. What equipment. Your professional knowledge. What impress can you make without noble character? What is character? It is that combination of qualities which enables us to meet Adversity and to meet successfully the problems of our day. And in the years change, to these qualities change, and to-day you need, unselfishness, moral courage, and the force of an ideal. Some one said to me the other...
day, Americans are always protesting against something, the implicit criterion being that if they don't protest for something, then the next step must be, the fight for the right. So what is my second thought for you.

Build your character as strong, and fine and valiant, that it will be impossible to tolerate anything but what is honest, true and noble. And fight for the Right. Fight for it until all these qualities of mind, and heart and spirit, that will make men call you Great.

And now, so true of the Alumnae Association to which I hope soon to add all your names, I bring to you, dear ladies, our congratulations, and our best that makes for a full and happy future.

June 14, 1938
To my mind the greatest honor paid to the Pres. of the ass. is the privilege granted her to address you on this most important occasion. It is an honor which I gratefully acknowledge, deeply appreciate, and heartily dread! And just why this privilege is granted I have not yet fully understood, except it be - that you are what we were - and we are what you will be.

After the learned speeches delivered by these distinguished men, what is there left for me to say! And yet there are two distinct thoughts which come to me, and which I will try to express to you.

In these very complex and changing times, when the machine age + economic conditions have caused an upheaval in the very roots of our living, a something has been born. Exiled leisure, + our every effort must now be bent towards the understanding of this new quality, + the best way to use it.

In these last years when the tempo of living has been so quickened, we dreaded even the mention of slowing down. But since the crash of a few years ago we are trying to adjust our lives to a slower tempo, + maybe approaching the tune when we can actually enjoy the stopping of activities, + when a pause will be a treat. In the East, moments of silence are more significant than moments of sound, for it is in these moments of silence that the listener is revealed to himself. The great poet-philosopher Lao-Tsze - explained this theory by using the simile of a vase: - "A vase is useful not because of the thickness of its sides but because of the empty space they enclose." The emptiness of the vase - which is life - becomes more useful when we forget the natural surroundings which make it. And we enhance the nature by the beauty with which we fill it.

In normal times, many of you would have gone out into the world + found positions, but to-day all fields are overcrowded, + you may find yourselves without occupation. How will you fill those many empty-hours?

Unless you have within yourselves the potentialities for happiness and service, what will become of you.
Most colleges to-day are recognizing the trends must be towards a less vocational objective, a greater correlation of knowledge, a ??????? of the principle of self-education, + a stimulation of more vivid intellectual interest. In other words - the purpose of a college education is not so much to fit you for a position, as it is to develop your faculties. For it is more important to teach you how to think, than what to think. Few come to college with any ardent interest for any particular subject, and that desire you must acquire here.

And so to-day you are going out to begin your education, so that within yourselves you may have sources of joy, + intellectual interests, which can free the leisure you have had thrust upon you. But you must know what you desire, for knowing that, is more important than getting the desire. Thoreau said (when he went to Walden Pond) "I went because I wished to live deliberately, to front the essential facts of life, see if I could not learn what it has to teach, + not,

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That to-day where all established orders are either toppling or have already fallen - when kings are no longer popular, when our Capitalistic system is in its trial for life, when our marriage laws are being threatened, and the peace of the world is in the balance, it is to the younger members of your social order that we will turn for inspiration and relief. And if you are to help cure the ills of the world what must your qualifications be? First, last, and at all times, character. For with all your fine mental equipment, your technical knowledge, what impress can you make without a noble character. What is character? It is that combination of qualities within us which enables us to meet successfully the problems of our day. And as the years change, so these qualities change, and to-day you need, unselfishness, moral courage, + the face of an ideal. Some one said to me the other

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And now, as Pres. of the Alumnae Ass. - to which I have soon to add all your names, I bring to you our love, our congratulations, + our very best wishes for a full + happy future.