

Farewell Address

Students

(Government College Lahore.

To

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LAHORE.

SIR,

It is with feelings of sincere gratitude and regret that we assemble here to-night to bid you farewell. While we fully realise that there lies before you in your new department a career of the highest usefulness and of the gravest importance, we cannot help feeling the sad, the personal loss which each and all of us will have to undergo. Your genuine sympathy with the future welfare of students has been so constantly shown during the last three years that the news of the severance of your connection with the College will be regretfully heard even by past members of it.

By your kind and courteous treatment of students you have always kept before our eyes a worthy ideal, and it is our duty, as well as our pleasure, to express the pride which we feel in your gentleness, noble-mindedness and learning.

In the class, whether teaching Philosophy or Literature, you have ever taken upon yourself to remove the doubts of the weakest as well as the cleverest; and the thorough spirit of your teaching finds a grateful recognition in the depth of our hearts. Not only did we find in you a teacher whose many-sided abilities it would be difficult to praise too highly, but one who by his diligence and pains inspired us with love for our work. While in your class, we were constantly delighted with the thrill of emotion which your elucidation of obscure points excited. In you we realised the true ideal of a gifted teacher—wise, learned, loving,—anxious for the progress of all our faculties.

Outside the class we have always had the benefit of your wholesome advice, and whether the matter related to our health, our studies or our future prospects, we could safely trust our dearest concerns to your generous and enlightened mind. If we were wrong, you were always ready to guide us to the true path without chiding; and if we were right, you never failed to encourage us by word and by deed.

In short, a teacher and a friend! The first relation is coming to an end. May the second continue for a long, long time, and may the Almighty pour upon you and Mrs. Arnold the choicest blessings from His treasure.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient pupils,

THE STUDENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE.