

DEDICATION

THE Pupils of the Academy of the Holy Child in Cheyenne, Wyoming, lovingly dedicate this issue of The Gentian to the Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in Europe and America, and especially to those they have known so well in their Convent Home on the Rockies

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Oh! learn to make the most of life, nor lose one happy day,
For time will ne'er return sweet joys neglected, thrown away;
Nor leave one tender word unsaid; thy kindness sow broadcast;
"The mill will never grind again with water that is past."

We are nearing the close of the school year and to some it will mean a farewell to the happy careless days of childhood. Is there no message which THE GENTIAN can bear to these dear ones, so soon to disappear from the midst of their schoolmates? Assuredly there is a message, and one fraught with deepest meaning to girls who have proved themselves so true to the traditions and teachings of their Convent home. To all the readers of THE GENTIAN, but especially to the graduates of 1912, we would say, "In the days that lie before you, be loyal to your God, to your neighbor, and to yourselves."

And first be loyal to your God. Never let anyone imagine for a moment that your religion is merely a hobby—the plaything of whim or caprice; but let your whole conduct show that you consider it the sole purpose of your being; that its mandates exact obedience, if need be, at the cost of life itself. To its ministers show a like whole-hearted loyalty.

"Let no one ever boast, they've heard from you
A word against God's priests, be it false or true."

Be loyal to the country that has given you birth. Loyalty is part of your religion, for Catholic theology teaches that we are bound to love our country, and that its welfare must be the object of our most self-sacrificing devotion. And because Wyoming gives its women exceptional privileges, you should be especially patriotic.

With your acquaintances and friends be loyal also. Strive to merit St. Theresa's title of "Advocate of the Absent", and avoid all gossiping and criticism.

Detraction and loyalty can never dwell together, for detraction means treachery and cowardice.

"Which of us cares to be Lucifer's peddler?
Gossip—his merchandise; salesman—a meddler."



SOME OF THE DAY PUPILS