



Just what is Commencement?

In truth, the first of a lifelong series of recommencements. Perhaps the greatest goal of all education is the development of the wisdom and the ability to commence anew with each problem, endeavor, setback, each challenge, each day, each defeat.

Graduation is a golden milestone. The end of a period of preparation and the beginning of *world citizenship*, for the globe is our neighborhood, the whole universe is our responsibility. The local viewpoint, the parochial attitude, the limited horizon are already history. The long look toward college begins in the eighth grade. By the time she reaches her high school seniority today's girl is purposeful, adult and intent on accomplishment. Of all the oratory that will sing out from assemblies and ring out from diploma platforms, few words will surpass this eloquent summing up of true liberal education.

"First it must help each student to find himself as an individual. Then it must help him to lose himself in the interests, causes and ideas larger and more enduring than he is. America has no need for a race of young people fitted to the same pattern, content to sit and enjoy what has been called a prosperous conformity. But our country will always have room for imaginative, reasonable and responsible men and women. And it desperately needs the informed and truly creative among its young people..." President Nathan Fussy of Harvard University

"To find major pleasure in learning, to live richly and responsibly, to do one's part to help create a better world..." This is the *invitation* of Commencement. McCurdy's says that such a threshold occasion deserves recognition—thoughtful, careful, heart-full. Give a lavish gift (a typewriter, matched luggage, a desk to cherish) or a little one (a volume to treasure, an alarm clock, an address book) or simply sit down and write a note. Whatever you choose to do, McCurdy's is ready for Commencement. You'll find aid and understanding, patience and a special delight in helping you find *the right thing*. Come, take time to gift-browse throughout the store... all six floors of news and ideas... graduation is one of her great days and a time you'll find more at McCurdy's.

