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Notes: Baccalaureate: Behold Your King (John 19:14), 1954

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have chosen three words which, in essence you H. H. said to you again & again - on way or another - "Behold"

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Seniors

THEME Baccalaureate - "Behold your King"

1. Preparation of baccalaureate address somewhat difficult task - obvious - should be an effort to say something which has not been said a thousand times before - the even more haunting fact that I - and you - demonstrate that I am speaking for the last time in the context of a relationship which will be broken this afternoon - what I say - and you think - in the next few moments assumes unusual importance - not because of our identity - but because together we have arrived at a parting of the ways - our roads separate - we must say goodbye for a while -

Out //

relation //

Down //

I have therefore chosen to say something about the greatest boomerang sentence in human history - a sentence which, I believe & submit, should be underlined and remembered by you all the days of your life - a sentence which all of us will have to face some day either in weary or in judgment - "Behold"

3. Remember the scene? Probably between 6 & 7 on a Friday morning long ago - an immense crowd before a palace in Jerusalem - Pontius Pilate has come out again and sits upon the judgment throne in complete silence (his wife has frightened him - he hates this terrifying mob - he is guarded by his strange prisoner) before him stands a truly a weary man up all night - scarcely half dead - an old cloak covers him and sticks to his open wounds - on his head a crude & crooked crown - between his bound hands a red fur scepter -

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Pilate looks at Him - wears a ^{fat} white band & marks his famous jaws - there is a great silence. Pilate's those words are heard by everyone - there is silence in heaven where every angel hears the jaws - there is silence in hell because every devil hears the jaws - & the ^{Three} words are still echoing around the world - ^{this afternoon} about as famous as anything that has ever been said by the lips of man: "Behold

4. Perhaps you recall. Anatole France - fine sense of irony - tells a story of P.P. twenty years after that Good Friday - old, worn, living in exile in Sicily - one day he meets an old friend - lunch together - reminisce - Pilate: "Stirring times they were - extraordinary people, the Jews, quite impossible to govern" - talks about various incidents - suddenly the friend says: "Do you remember that strange incident about a young carpenter from the North? What on earth was his name? He came from that dirty village Nazareth. Oh, I remember He was called Jesus. Jesus of Nazareth - He was crucified for some crime - I don't know what. Do you remember Him, Pontius? Pilate furrowed his brow - he was evidently probing the depths of his memory - after a long silence "Jesus?" he murmured "Jesus of Nazareth? No. I cannot remember Him." He had forgotten His ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{name} ~~name~~

5. But he is almost the only one who has! We know this ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~ that this ironic statement "Behold" has become ^{ever} a strangely true - also in the Church

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Baccalaureate.

*William Hall
T.V. "This is the
high"*

that it still rings over the world and into
 the hearts of men - and that today - from
 missionaria & pulpits & churches - from a great
 cloud of witnesses - from the rising of the sun
 to its going down this is the continuing sound
 of the words "Behold" - Acts of the Martyrs -
 after dating the martyr's death by the years
 of the reigning emperor ^{statements} always and with the
 echoing words "reignate Jesu Christo" - and in
 the reign of J.C. - there was a new king in
 the world now - reigning in mercy, truth, peace -
 but also in unimaginable power - a king of
 kings & lord of lords - Pilate spoke before than
 he knew - He had announced a new ^{CR & out} ~~one~~
 in the history of man - moving inevitably from
 the Incarnation & the Atonement to the final
 Coronation of the God-man who stood before
 Pilate, wounded & alone, 1900 years ago - ^{In X-}

6. So that's it - X is King - no doubt - even the
 devils know that - should be a part of your
 philosophy of life & history - ^{you yourself} to see His royal
 garments - to catch a glimpse of His scepter -
 His hand over our spinning planet - guiding,
 controlling, directing even.

7. But - something ^{more important} ^{than} ^{the} ^{world} ^{is} ^{the} ^{King} ^{that} ^{depends} ^{and} ^{not} ^{on} ^{His} - ^{intrinsic} ^{power} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{words} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Card} ^{ready} ^{town} ^{of} ^{us} - that we believe in Him as our Saviour
 Who has redeemed us with His holy, precious
 blood, washed away our sins, so that now we
 live under Him in the kingdom & grace of Him -
 That's the gospel - ^{the} ^{gospel} ^{is} ^{the} ^{word} ^{of} ^{life} ^{and} ^{eternal} ^{glory} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{name} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{and} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Son} ^{and} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Holy} ^{Spirit} ⁱⁿ ^{unity} ^{with} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{who} ^{is} ^{with} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{and} ^{is} ^{co-eternal} ^{and} ^{co-equal} ^{with} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{and} ^{together} ^{with} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{and} ^{the} ^{Son} ^{they} ^{all} ^{con-} ^{spire} ^{together} ^{to} ^{glorify} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{who} ^{is} ^{the} ^{source} ^{and} ^{the} ^{goal} ^{of} ^{all} ^{existence} ^{and} ^{of} ^{all} ^{things} ^{made} ^{by} ^{the} ^{Father} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{beginning} ^{and} ^{with} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{and} ^{the} ^{Son} ^{they} ^{all} ^{are} ^{one} ^{and} ^{the} ^{same} ^{God} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{the} ^{Son} ^{and} ^{the} ^{Holy} ^{Spirit} ^{together} ^{con-} ^{spiring} ^{together} ^{to} ^{glorify} ^{the} ^{Father} ^{who} ^{is} ^{the} ^{source} ^{and} ^{the} ^{goal} ^{of} ^{all} ^{existence} ^{and} ^{of} 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every tongue confess that J.C. is the Lord
to the glory of God the Father - you know,
whenever I hear these words - old legend -
"Sound of the trumpet in the morning" -
we miss that too in our 20th Century char-
acter, shallow, shabby, small faith - instead
of a faith which becomes high & royal & great
because it believes in Him of many
crowns and is in turn crowned by His
eternal head - the sound of the trumpet in the
morning

9. All this abstract? theological? not very realistic
in a world of the H-bomb? get & grab? small
men in high places? - a trembling, anxious, nervous
world? give us something practical - help us
be happy - successful - well, honestly, is there a
better way than loyalty to Christ the King
and all He can mean for you & the world.
Loyalty - you will be loyal to something - allegiance -
three words - 1. organization, 2. ideal or ideal -
3. A Person - dangerous - Hitler - but when it is
loyalty to X the King it becomes something out
X of this world - high & holy & great - coming from
Him & returning to Him - so that your ^{high} heart -
+ won't be by the graces of the world that is
+ Him and the sign of His cross is on your
+ life - and the light of His power is
over all your years - from this ^{afternoon} morning
until that day when you, please God, will
hear ^{in last} the angel whisper: "Behold your King!"
10. Almost done! It would be a lie to say

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to you this ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~ that the world of your days & years is and will be a good one - it may even ~~down~~ ^{down} - but will you remember - always - that this ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~ ^{at University} ~~someone~~ said to you that the King's cause is safe in the King's hands - His work - He asks you to join Him in His ^{His} Church - His continuing life in the world - Christus Rex - is it too much for [your ^{this University} Alma Mater] to ask that His reign ^{who} ~~of~~ be reflected in your life - that you add to His crown by your love, your faith, your hope, your life - I think it would be a great & wonderful thing to do - it will be enough - for this world & the world to come -

esp. for
you who are
young this
morning.