**Graduation**

**The college student is apt to find that the beginning comes after the commencement is past. (Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 356)**

**Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. *(Erma Bombeck)***

**A few weeks before graduation ceremonies at California State University in Hayward, I overheard some students discussing the upcoming event. “I’m graduating magna cum laude,” the first boasted. “Well, I’m graduating summa cum laude,” said the second, not to be outdone. The third simply broke into a smile and said, “I’m graduating, thank the good Lord!” (Rebecca McQuerrey, in Reader’s Digest)**

**When many college graduates get out into the world, they’re surprised to discover how much uneducated people know. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Experience is the only school from which no one ever graduates. (Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 356)**

**When a young man reported to a supermarket for his first day of work, the manager welcomed him and said, “Your first job will be to sweep out the store.” But I’m a college graduate,” the young adult replied. “Oh, I’m sorry,” said the manager. “Here, give me the broom, and I’ll show you how.” (Tom R. Kovach, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**A father had just purchased a pen and pencil set for his son's graduation gift. "I suppose this is to be a surprise?" asked the clerk as he wrapped the set. "It sure is," replied the father, matter-of-factly. "He's expecting a car!" *(Herm Albright, in Quote magazine)***

**A young man from a famous family was about to graduate from high school. It was a custom in that affluent neighborhood for the parents to give the graduate an automobile. Bill and his father had spent months looking at cars, and the week before graduation they found the perfect car. Bill was certain that the car would be his on graduation night.
Imagine his disappointment when, on the eve of his graduation, Bill's father handed him a gift-wrapped Bible! Bill was so angry, he threw the Bible down and stormed out of the house. He and his father never saw each other again. It was the news of his father's death that brought Bill home again. As he sat one night, going through his father's possessions that he was to inherit, he came across the Bible his father had given him. He brushed away the dust and opened it to find a cashier's check, dated the day of his graduation, in the exact amount of the car they had chosen together. (Beckah Fink)**

**The ideal gift for the high-school or college graduate is a job. (Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 356)**

**There are two kinds of graduates: those who have learned how to learn, and those who have learned how to think. (Anko P. Jansen, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Last summer I asked a recent high-school graduate if he was looking for work. He thought for a while and then answered, “Not necessarily. But I would like to have a job.” *(Mrs. C. Majewski, in Catholic Digest)***

**Diploma-tic Departure: Dressed in a cap and gown on graduation day, the young man handed his diploma to his father with this remark: “Well, I finished law school for you and Mom, now I’m going to become a mailman like I’ve been saying since I was 6.” *(Matty Simmons, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**There is no steady unretracing progress in this life; we do not advance through fixed gradations, and at the last one pause: through infancy’s unconscious spell, boyhood’s spell, boyhood’s thoughtless faith, adolescence’ doubt (the common doom), then skepticism, then disbelief, resting at last in manhood’s pondering repose of If. But once gone through, we trace the round again; and are infants, boys, and men, and Ifs eternally. Where lies the final harbor, whence we unmoor no more? (Herman Melville)**

**Now is the time when college graduates learn that you can’t get rich by degrees. (Official Crossword Puzzles)**

**Okay college graduate: Here’s the world; it’s all yours – take it away and don’t bring it back. (Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 356)**

**The thing that surprises the college graduate most when he gets out in the world is to find out how much uneducated people know. (Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 356)**

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