

nade concert. The Hall, Library, and Museum were thrown open, the two latter being much frequented retreats throughout the evening. The Band of the 66th, Halifax, had been procured, and "discoursed sweet music" in their usual splendid manner, the only draw-back being that it was perhaps a little too loud for the Hall. At a little after 11, P. M., the entertainment broke up, and the couples wended homewards, dispersed, not to meet again perhaps till a like happy occasion next year.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF '85.

JUNE 6TH.

The day has come when tested mental strength Receives, in part, its need of praise. The classic College Hall is filled with welcome guests. All Hearts beat warm with kind and generous thoughts Towards those who now must leave a place lit up By hope in days gone by ;—a place made dear As memory's shrine for all the future years.

In thoughtful mood they pass, until their seats In order due are reached. Each orator In turn stands forth before the assembled throng, And gathers courage from approving looks. Each gives, in fitting words and measured tones, His balanced thoughts and strongest arguments On some right noble theme. Well earned applause Bespeaks the worth discerned, and yet will cheer The speaker, as its memoried echoes fall Upon the inner ear through after life.

Time, master still, yields not alike to all The fractioned hour in which to show the spoils, By sturdy effort won, from learning's fields. Not weaker they, nor less deserving praise, Who silent are, since they have also passed The one fair test of mental culture high.

And now the lettered scroll—indicative Of scholarship—is given with vauntless grace, And beaming dignity. A thousand hearts Are stirred with earnest hope and glowing joy At such a pleasing scene, and thousands more Throughout the land in harmony rejoice.

Shall not the Church of God be richer now ? What may we not expect from such a class ? The world itself shall vastly gain in good If each fulfils the hopes we have of him.

If he who breathes this strain may utter here

The wish of loyal hearts, he thus must speak :
*My every member of this class be strong
 In strength Divine ; be wise in wisdom true ;
 Be known as mirroring One yclept the Son
 Of Man.*

Might he, within the soul of each,
 Breathe one warm word, its meaning should be this :
*Be true to God ;—to Him whose law is just ;
 Whose ruling, right ; whose favor, endless life ;
 Whose nature, changel'ss love. Touch heaven with*
[thought.

*No honest work is base. Be each deed done
 In sight of Calvary's Cross. Ask thus : How will
 My work appear before the great White Throne
 When I shall see it as it is, and not
 As now it seems ? No space comes in between
 The soul and God. His smile secures success.*

*Voice truth distinctly, and with wisest words.
 Be strength to weakness. Strength the grandest is
 When used for kindest ends. Grow rich in wealth
 Of noble thoughts and deeds. Prize goodness well.
 Live, toil, and plan as those who know the Day
 Of days is near when God Himself will show
 To earth and heaven the work and worth of all.*

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"THE FUTURE TENSE."

"Tease the Future Tense and plan,
 The full-grown doings of the man,
 And pant for years to come."

The enchantment, the *ignis-faturns* illusion which draws youth on, eager to attain the years to come, has its meaning and its purpose in the human constitution. Although much that in youth seems real, valuable and almost tangible, vanishes or seems trivial in maturer years, yet the shadowy hand will always be before us, beckoning to a brighter future. We cannot divest ourselves of this idea and maintain the equilibrium of the mind. Take away anticipation of good, with all its illusive accompaniments and despair, which never looks up, at once becomes the sinking weight in the balance. The secret of this onward looking, this restless, "progressive desire," which distinguishes man from the brute, is the hint of his immortality. "How should the worm be content having the germ of Psyche within it?"