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Notes.

ANOTHER year has folded itself into the mists and shadows of an irrevocable past; another class of seniors has passed from our college halls, and a new staff of Portfolio officers have the honor of extending a hearty greeting to you all. It is with no slight degree of nervousness we must confess, that we take up the pen dropped from the hands of our former companions. From the Editors of the Journals we see lying on our Reading Room tables, (among which many a pleasant and profitable hour is spent), we would solicit an indulgent criticism of all the little school girlisms inevitably associated with the columns of our paper.

When we are egotistical judge us harshly; stamp out such an unpardonable fault before our characters are moulded past recalling, and when we are old, stiff and feeble, and reaping the benefits of your just censure, we will be grateful to you. From the Alumnae and former students we invite correspondence. We are always deeply interested in anything that absorbs your attention. For the sake of the old college days, when you were, where we are now, show some kindly interest in our success, and we will be filled with gratitude to you, and who knows, perhaps some day we may do so much for you in return.

LIKE many a good old custom, the celebration of Halloween is gradually dying out in our age and country. The superstitions and obligations, the planks and gayety which marked the feast in former times are not seen to-day. For some reasons this may not be regretted, for such actions, when not limited by law may go beyond the tastes of some individuals and having no authority but past customs may give rise to abuses. Halloween at College is not a marked event of the year with us, it means but a little deviation from study and more time into which to crowd as much fun as possible; when it is over, some are glad it comes but once a year, while others would have it occur much oftener if it were in their power. This time "Toffee Pulls" were not the order of the evening, but innocent jokes which rendered amusement at the time and called forth no censure from the victim.

The only feature which we hope custom has not established is the manner

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