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## The Sanctum.

SO many farewells have been said by those who have gone before us that we shall hardly dare to claim *originality* for what we may now be called upon to say in this connection. But the time has come for the present occupants of the Sanctum to doff the mantel and resign its cares, to others. Amid the joy of being released from what, though it has been pleasant toil, has nevertheless proven somewhat exacting; and the sorrow of severing this last link that binds us to the interests of student life we find but few words in which to express ourselves. To all who have in any way assisted us in our work, we give most hearty thanks. Especially are we grateful to those of our subscribers, who, representing many recent graduates of the College, have cheered us by kind expressions of appreciation. We have not sought to use our privileges so as to win the favor of our friends merely, but it has done us good to know that our

efforts to be faithful to the interests of the Institutions we love and the fellow-students we have tried to represent, have been to some degree appreciated. To our fellow-students we are grateful for the sympathy given us and should feel ourselves more than repaid for all the labor it has cost us to know that in any measure our services have been helpful to them. Still however we frankly confess that even the esteem of these has not been the actuating principle. We have tried to do our duty even in the face of opposition and only so far as this end has been attained, are we satisfied with the record. For our failures we plead guilty and thank our patrons for their kindly endurance. To the assistant Editors and the Secy-Treas: we are much indebted for the cheerful, thorough manner in which their duties have been performed.—Of Mr. Bentley, we can only speak in the highest terms and will not be thought guilty of flattery for saying that in all our dealings with him as Business Manager we have found him thorough in his work, obliging and gentlemanly in the extreme.

To our successors—royal good fellows that they are—we give a cordial welcome and bespeak for them the sympathy they deserve and that will enable them to make the ATHENÆUM all that they desire it to become in their hands. To our fellow-students we wish abounding success and to one and all *we say a hearty farewell.*

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THE cover is finished. It is a glad thing to say though not unmixed with sadness.

Behind are the struggles, the trials, the joys, the victories. Before is a future unread and unreadable. The pleasant associations of the hill will never again be ours to enjoy but the snatch of college song and the hearty greeting and the loudly rambles and the sports of the campus and the class-room experiences will flood the memory with light through life. It is so jolly too—this being free! Yes free. No more exams; no more burning the midnight oil; no more of