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~~Before~~ before retiring from this office and at the same time extending a hand of welcome to our new president I would like to say a few words. The ballot just taken has brought back to my mind the recollection of ~~a~~ the result of a similar ballot taken about a year ago when ~~it~~ in a few words I ~~had thanked~~ endeavoured to thank you for the honour you had conferred on me. At the same time I ~~endeavoured~~ tried to state that at all times the interests of the class of '95 would be my interests. At that time I was unable to fully appreciate your kindness and to really know the advantages derived from the holding of such an office, but so far as yet I do not know them. Since ~~then~~ having retired from all ~~the~~ benefits I am the better able now, to thank you for what has been to me the highest honour ~~I have ever had conferred upon me and given greater pleasure will say I have attained at Varsity~~ than anything as yet known to me at Varsity. In this account also I am the better able to congratulate our new president ~~(Mr. ——~~ and at the same time to congratulate the class on their choice ~~of him~~ known what I do of him, ~~I cannot but feel~~ ~~I am sure he will fill~~ this office with greater satisfaction than has been done by his predecessor. In a closing word then, ladies & gentlemen, let me again thank you. I will always try to be loyal

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