

company, but three or four new ones joined its standard. The lost were sincerely regretted, while the new were cordially welcomed.

As sophomores '97 had a new rôle to play. They speedily arrived at perfection in the part. They took a condescending interest in the new freshman class, subjected their conduct to a friendly surveillance, and gave them advice on any and every occasion. By virtue of greater numbers they patronized the juniors whose precedents they often refused to follow. And they even calmly contemplated the day when, as seniors, the lustre of their achievements should put '95 into the shade. Sophomores will be sophomores, you know. The class met at an early date for the annual election of officers. Mr. W. J. Pady was chosen president for the session. A new precedent was established by the election of a member of the faculty, Dr. Newman, as honorary president. It had formerly been the custom to elect a lady member of the class to that office. Other classes have followed the example of '97 in this matter, and the custom is now general.

One of the earliest events of the term, and one which will never wholly fade from the remembrance of the students, was the address on "Some Unsolved Problems of the Higher Criticism," delivered at the opening exercises of the University. It will be interesting to follow the development of the theological opinions of the members of the class in order to trace the influence of the higher criticism on each as the years pass away.

Lessons did not lie so heavy on '97's heart as they did the year before. The result of the spring examinations had inspired a greater degree of self-confidence. Latin was a joyous sport, for practice had given the manly mind skill in the use of—well, dictionaries and other helps. Even the introduction of the Roman pronunciation did not affright. Psychology caused many sleepy nights and hungry noons, but what of that? Mathematics gave *energy* and *force* to character: and, without doubt, the study of English as prescribed by the calendar, formed the basis of the marked emotional development of members of the class. The poetic faculty, in several instances, sprouted quite visibly.

Many functions required the attention and attendance of Class '97. The anniversary of the first rally was celebrated by