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Notes.

As this is the first issue of the Portfolio since the close of '92, surely it will not be inappropriate to wish our readers every success and happiness in the New Year upon which we have entered. '92 with its pains and pleasures has left us forever, and the year '93 is to be happier than its predecessor. We must work to make it so through our own actions. Happiness is not an attendant on idleness, therefore we must keep our minds and hands busily employed in order that a state of enjoyment may be ours. If some slight task be alloted to each passing hour time will move quickly and pleasantly on, and we will not be afflicted with ennui, the greatest foe to happiness.

To some of us '93 is the year of years. Far back in our freshman course we looked eagerly forward to our graduation and '93 indeed appeared to us a magic number. In that year we hoped to realize all our fondly nourished dreams of honor and distinction, and enjoy fully the favors and privileges granted us in our position as Seniors. '93 is now here, and our expectations are amply fulfilled. We are Seniors, and we must confess that in all our student life, there has been nothing which gave us a greater feeling of satisfaction than being distinguished by that significant word, Senior! Why it means everything to us! Our school days are nearly over; soon we will leave our College Halls forever and go forth into the world to commence the battle of life, but not unarmed or unaided. We will strive to carry with us the weapons of warfare, knowledge, intelligence, dispassionate judgment, trained reasoning powers, and a little common sense. Equipped thus, surely we may hope for success.

Mingled with our feeling of joy at our emancipation from school life, is a deep feeling of regret, that in June we must sever the strong ties of friendship and affection which now bind us to our fellow students. But year after year as each senior class takes its farewell, strong bonds are broken, and in our case there will be no exception.

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