

IT is an inscrutable mystery to some good people, far removed from academical circles, why so many years should be consumed in the making of ministers out of lads whom they thought good preachers seven years ago.

We have our mysteries too, but that is not one of them. It certainly is not a sense of the infinitude of our knowledge that drives us from the sheltering walls of our Alma Mater. But when our turn comes, we too must go,

"And, departing, leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time."

You know the rest, dear brothers, but for Auld Lang Syne permit us to give you a brief outline of our—boots, the ones we now wear.

The Moderator does not always polish his, but they are substantial, roomy and developing. He would take them off his feet to give to any needy fellow. He avoids planting them on people's corns, and has no corns of his own. Some sweet day he hopes to get a patent leather pair for a certain purpose. His boots, by the way, have two souls, and can express themselves in Gaelic and English.

The President of the Alma Mater, who is also a member of our final year, had his shoes made to order. They have trodden the forum, the sanctum and the study, ever with a purpose. Lately he has worn Hospital slippers for several weeks, and his fellows are right glad to hear the tramp of our Robert's shoes on familiar soil. They should grace a good pulpit—behind it, of course.

But the ex-President A.M.S. has solid, heavy treaders, which get over the ground steadily and surely, ever advancing. Edinburgh's streets are likely to feel them next autumn. They are classic, though modern, economic, though political, and theological though rational, and have an avowedly strong impulse to kick a cad.

The ex-Treasurer of the Q.U.M.A. wears expensive boots. He knows how to get the money. They have an enthusiastic spring and mystical laces. They are good for a long walk, too, and should serve well, east or west.

But Miller has the real Western boot, no wild nor woolly article either, no hair outside nor inside. They do not even squeak, but plod gently, minding their own business, keeping out the wet.



Willie Cram's boots are always properly polished and in good repair. They are used to long, systematic walks and seasonable talks. They appreciate music and love philosophy, and are as nice samples of footwear as ever you saw.

Currie's are quite stylish and yet can stand a K. & P. mission field as well as any. They never kicked a football, though, nor any other body. They preferred somebody's parlor to the A.M.S. on Saturday evenings.

One member has the boots of a married man, wearing their responsibility gracefully enough, and getting a call early in the morning.

A medal in philosophy is the fee for another married graduate.

The artist, a sample of whose work adorns the top of this column, has aesthetic boots, with which he tunes his mandolin, and on the soles of which he coins choice English.

"Where is the scribe?" "Lo, here am I,"

With long boots, copper-toed.

"Stands for itself the fact

As unrelenting nature leaves her every act."

#### QUEEN'S GRADUATES TEACHING IN ONTARIO.

It is interesting to notice the advance made by Queen's during the last ten years with regard to the number of her graduates holding positions in High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. Ten years ago there were not more than half-a-dozen Queen's graduates holding such positions; according to the last report of the Education Department there are seventy-four Queen's graduates and specialists teaching in Ontario schools. Below is a detailed statement:

Classics, 11.

English, History, French and German, 9.

French and German, 9.

English and History, 6.

Classics, English and History, 1.

Mathematics, English and History, 2.

Science, 13.

Mathematics 10.

Mathematics and Science, 4.

General teachers, 9.

From this report it will be seen that the specialists in English and History, and those in French and German stand first on the list, each totaling 18. The others follow in this order: Science, 17; Mathematics, 14; Classics, 12.