When your college days are o'er?"
"Tell me," still the thought persisted, "is
this not endeavor wasted?

Thus o'er writers of all nations four long years of life to pore?

When at last you go from college what beside a mass of knowledge

Have you as your labor's wage, when your alma mater's door

Behind you shuts, and at your bidding to open nevermore?

And your college days are o'er.

Enwrapt in wonder I attended until the questions were all ended,

Then my sluggish brain arousing hastily did I make reply:

"Thought unworthy, quickly vanish; thou from out my mind I banish

Nevermore thee there to cherish; but ere thou away doth soar,

Listen and I thee will tell, all the joys that are in store

When my college days are o'er.

Think of the great stores of mem'ries that in future years will please—

Recollections ever present, idle hours with joy to fill--

Sailing down life's busy stream, bright its way will ever gleam

In the light of memory's dream; happy thoughts of old McGill,

And to this refrain my heart and soul will ever thrill:

My college days are with me still.

Of college life and all its glories, fond grandchildren shall beg for stories,

Leaving in disorder lying on the floor their abandon'd toys,

Standing in groups about one's knee, their bright eyes dancing with childish glee

And filled with hope some day to see the place where "grandpa" and the boys

Spent four lovely, jolly seasons; one realizes amidst the noise

College days have lasting joys.

Many a scene of days gone by can be conjured up by the pensive eye,

Again we sat on the edge of the campus and join'd our voices in the roar

Which from many throats was swelling, of some glorious victory telling;

Everyone was loudly yelling, as down the field the ball they bore,

And if by chance we, fumbling, lost, it, how our hair we madly tore, In the college days of yore.

How the landladies would chatter in a way that did not flatter,

If we failed to find the key-hole, or put our feet upon the bed;

What adepts they were in lying, one against the other vieing,

But united in love undying for the poor unfortunate "Med.,"

And how savory were the dishes upon which we then were fed,

Ere our college days were sped.

Still another recollection is the bliss "coeducation;"

Many, many are the mem'ries that in this connection rise.

Oh! how heavenly were the dances, divinely fair the maidens' glances

Interchanged between the waltzes; how our hearts they did entice,

As we glided, swiftly flying o'er the smooth and sparkling ice— Oh, but college days were nice!

But by far the greatest pleasure is the one beyond all measure—

That of meeting one another, making friendships true and fast,

These old memories live forever, memories that naught can sever

Until Death doth loose the tether; in pleasant places our way is cast,

So greater should our pleasure be in knowing that these joys will last, When our college days are past.

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