

commands, can make these pages adequately reflect the warmth of the gratitude and esteem, which will long abide in the hearts of many students, alumni and citizens of Ottawa, for their old professor and friend. His claims on the lasting remembrance of all who pride themselves on the fair name of *Alma Mater*, will we hope be some day set forth by an abler pen than ours.

NO III.

There exists among some students a habit to which may be attributed most failures at examinations, and which is condemnable both because it exhibits a lack of good sense and because of its evil results. Reference is made to the neglecting of the studies of the first few months of each year. Some lag behind even so much that they overburden the last two or three months with the immense task of a year's work. To students such as these we would bespeak a word of advice.

The beginning of each year should be to everyone the most important part of the year, for it is then that the rudiments of the several branches of study are taught, and, unless the rudimentary principles are firmly grasped, it is impossible to pursue advantageously any study. If one neglects the declensions or conjugations in Latin or Greek, can he expect to be able to follow a translation? So it is with all studies; he who desires to succeed, must begin at the beginning,—lay his foundation,—and, by following each successive step onward, complete the structure of his education. Moreover, the longer we delay a task, the more unwilling we are to begin it and the more difficult it will be for us to accomplish it.

But, while exhorting every one to begin the year earnestly, we are far from arguing that it is necessary to be seen always with a book in hand, or to abstain from indulg-

ing in the games. We know too well that a certain amount of exercise is absolutely necessary to keep the body in a healthful state, and enable the mind to perform its work. If the hours spent in the study hall are diligently and intelligently employed, success is sure to follow; but let not enthusiasm for the games induce us to waste the hours set apart for study; or a desire to read the account of some burning question, lead us to introduce the newspapers into the study-hall. Let these be reserved for the hours of recreation.

In conclusion we would remind those who overlook the importance of beginning seriously, that it is not merely to ensure success in studies and to obtain an honorable class standing that such should be done, but to cultivate habits of regularity and punctuality. "Shun delays, they breed remorse," was spoken with as much force to the student as to men of the other stations of life; in fact, to the student especially does this apply, for it is now that he is moulding the character which for all life will remain with him, and upon which his ultimate success or failure depends. If he has formed habits of application and diligence while in college, he has assured for himself success in the combat of life; but if he has allowed carelessness and sloth to be his masters, he will surely fail. "Never delay until tomorrow that which can be done to-day" should be the motto of every student when beginning the year; and, having begun well he will find it easy to comply with the demand of this maxim for the remainder of the year.

A CADET CORPS.

It is now generally admitted that physical training should be regarded as an important part of any system of education. There is no one who does not understand