

sessing in a measure equal to that of the past, the powers of feline and avian mimicry.—I believe there is one (or more) who with some seriousness, yet with unexampled generosity, accepts the doctrines and conditions of Easter tide.

Comparatively few entered the arena of sports, but those who graced the campus by their presence, acquitted themselves like men and contributed all that they could possibly effect, to secure an athletic reputation for their class. They will be remembered as worthy champions of the cause of athletic effort, so significantly suggested by A. A. A. A.

In the midst of debates on the Athenæum floor one voice was sure to be heard—and heard with pleasure and credit to himself. Frequently others joined in the “counsels of the wise.” There were some, however, who seldom or never ventured across the threshold of the Athenæum room. The loss sustained was divided between themselves and the debating society, the latter suffering from the lack of a laudable degree of enthusiasm in the objects for which the society exists, and from the failure to derive benefit from a lecture course conspicuous solely by its absence.

Four years ago the class of '97 entered the College as typical freshmen. Year by year natural diffidence and a retiring disposition gave place to generous impulses and popular interests. The years of College life were attended with much profit to every member. The noble ideals constantly held before them will continue to beckon them upward now that they are going forth from our midst. It was a pleasure to have them with us. Our heartiest wishes follow them as they engage in further preparation for life's responsibilities and in the prosecution of duties already in prospect. It is the united wish of the students to whom the class of '97 now bids farewell that the path of each of our departing friends may be a bright and pleasant way, strewn with flowers of encouragement, fanned by exhilarating breezes of expectancy and abounding in the choicest fruits of honor and success.

As the graduating exercises are beginning I am obliged to bring my words to the stranger to a close. (I am unable to give the stranger's name, as, owing to his extreme inquisitiveness and the distraction of the surroundings, I omitted to make enquiry). He gives me hearty thanks for the information he has received; and as there fall upon our ears the opening remarks of the President, who for the last time addresses to the graduating class his words of weighty admonition clothed grand and noble thoughts, I hear the stranger pronouncing happy prophecies for this class in whose members are now mingled so strangely the feelings of joy and regret. To '97 a signal honor is given in the fact that it is the last class to sit at the presidential feet of him who for so long has directed the affairs