

Who was called the Wizard of Hinderhook? and why?

What was the Saltpeter War?

What is the significance of the following old rhyme of weather lore?

"When the elmen leaf is as big as a mouse's ear,
Then to sow barley never fear;
When the elmen leaf is as big as an ox's eye,
Then say I, 'Hie boy Hie.'"

By what means did the people on earth intend to communicate with the supposed inhabitants of the planet Mars?

From what is the word "news" derived?

The preceding questions will be answered in our next number.

Welcome to Class '96.

"Freshman!" What a small dissyllabic word, and yet what a vast amount of meaning it contains for you to which it applies; for you who for a short period leave behind you the pleasures and duties of home life, and enter for the first time these halls of learning; to you we extend a hearty welcome. Although in a college of this nature we do not subject you to any formal greeting as "haying" or "salting," every freshman passes through a trying ordeal indescribable to the casual observer. For instance, a new student is announced; at once the curiosity of every student is aroused, inquiries immediately pass from one to another as to her name, appearance, age, etc. So when this strange object of humanity—a freshman—makes her appearance in dining hall or class room, she is mentally devoured by all present, and remarks not always favorable are made concerning her. Before she has time to look about, questions of this des-

cription are hurled at her:—"How do you like the place?" "are you far from home;" "where do you intend rooming" and "hope you won't be home-sick." The last question frequently proves suggestive, and the poor freshman seeks the first opportunity to escape to the privacy of her own apartment where she may give vent to her restrained feelings.

But Freshmen, be consoled! Hundreds have passed through it all before you; you will survive. Be wise! you cannot expect to obtain an education without some sacrifice. Your mere isolation from home and dearest friends is an education in itself, it prepares you for the battle with the outside world, which must more or less come to all of us. You are now a part of the College; be loyal to it and your faculty; let its interests be yours; uphold it always, and protect its rights and principles; be humble; do not boast of your abilities, they will soon be made manifest. Golden honors may loom up before you in the future. "Aim high," but be careful to aim from a proper motive. Do your duty; acquire all the knowledge possible, and you will leave your Alma Mater satisfied with your life spent within its halls. Conform to the rules, they are not so severe but that you may obey them and yet find much pleasure in college life. Never offer as an excuse "I did not know that was the rule," that will not do, we have tried it and found it a complete failure. Instinct will tell you what is right.

Your four years of student life will quickly pass, and '96 will have come before you realize it. On your graduation day you will reflect on the four previous years, which will seem a comparatively short period in your life, and feelings of sadness will intermingle with those of joy. Joy, because you have accomplished your purpose, but sorrow that you must bid farewell to your Alma Mater and the pleasant associations connected with it.

"Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be
clever,
Do noble deeds, not dream them all day
long;
So make life, death and the vast forever
One grand, sweet song."

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