

## THE VARSITY.

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### MR. HODGINS' RETIREMENT.

It is with much real regret that we announce the retirement of Mr. F. B. Hodgins, B. A., from the editorial management of THE VARSITY. His resignation has been made necessary by the pressure of other work, and we can only join with our readers in deploring the necessity which has compelled him to sever his connection with the paper.

We need not refer at length to the debt which not only THE VARSITY but the whole college public owes Mr. Hodgins. He has been for four and a half years—half the life-time of the paper—a member of the editorial staff. During the last three years he has conducted its affairs with a tact and ability which none of its readers can have failed to note. To him, more, perhaps, than any other, the past success of our college paper has been due. Not only has he had the editorial oversight of all its departments, but he has been, as well, a frequent and able contributor to its literary columns. If THE VARSITY has been in the past really useful to the College—and we believe it has;—if it has sought the University's best interests; if it has aided, in any way, the growth of a literary spirit among our students, it is to Mr. Hodgins that the credit is largely owing. He has sacrificed much—more by a great deal than can be understood except by those who have worked with him—to make THE VARSITY a success.

His successors are glad to know that they are not to be wholly deprived of the aid of the retiring editor's experience. They rely on this and on the support of the subscribers, directors and old contributors of the paper in their endeavour to conduct it in the future along the lines which have been followed in the past.

### CLASS ORGANIZATION.

The response to the circular issued last term by the Senior Class Organization Committee has been very satisfactory. We desire to join with the committee in expressing the thanks of the students to the Secretaries of the several Class Societies communicated with, whose replies have furnished sufficient information to enable it to proceed at once in the direction of framing a constitution for '89. This constitution, when adopted by the class, will appear in our columns. Meanwhile, for the benefit of the Senior class, and of the other years which purpose organizing, we print the more important part of the information so far received, as contained in the replies of Princeton, Cornell and Harvard Colleges.

#### PRINCETON.

From Princeton comes a capital account of organizations in that college, written by Mr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary of the Princeton Class of '89, and one of the editors of the

*Nassau Literary Magazine*. We print his interesting letter entire, as follows:

Princeton, N. J., December 10th, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to answer your letter and give such information as I possess in regard to our class organization.

1st. All who receive diplomas at the same time are considered members of the class and also any who, although not pursuing complete courses, have ranked with the class for one year or more. At Princeton any "specials" who associate with the fellows of a regular class or in any other way identify themselves with the class are considered members and are eligible to office.

2nd. Princeton is in *no sense* a co-educational institution and we are therefore unable to give you information as to the standing of lady members.

3rd. The regular officers of the class are elected once a year until Senior Year, and consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. During the earlier part of Senior Year, a President and Secretary are elected to serve for the remainder of that year and also for life. There are other officers and orators elected to serve only at graduation exercises, such as Class Orator, Master of Ceremonies, Class Day Committee (13 members) and also 4 speakers for the "cannon exercises," and a Class Poet. Also a Historian.

4th. (a) Before graduation the class has no regular meetings, but is summoned by the President whenever any business comes up which concerns the class as a whole.

(b) After graduation the class meets, or as many as are able, at the call of the Secretary. The usual times of meeting are, one year after graduation, three (3) years after graduation, five (5) years after, and then every five years.

5th. Before graduation, except in Senior Year, when there is a class supper, the meetings consist of speeches on the subject under consideration and action by the class upon it. They are informal and all are allowed to speak.

(b) After graduation, at each reunion, there is a supper at which the usual toasts, etc., are given and responded to, and afterwards any business which may come up is transacted.

6th. The degree to which the members are kept track of depends solely on the Secretary. The usual and best method is yearly circular letters to each member of the class containing such questions as to residence, business, success and social relations as may be deemed necessary. Each member is expected to keep the secretary informed as to changes of residence and to give what information he possesses in regard to lost members.

7th. The class publications are—(a) in Junior Year, an annual, containing athletic records, lists of societies and clubs with the names of their members, directories of the college buildings and any other information useful and interesting to the college. This annual is always finely illustrated by original drawings by the students and contains about 200 pages. It is issued by a committee of seven members elected by the class.

(b) At graduation there is issued a class history and also what is known as the *Nassau Herald*, which is mainly made up of statistics as to age, probable occupation, etc., of members of the class. A list of class officers and athletic organizations, etc., is added.

It has been found that this system has proved beneficial in every way. It always succeeds in keeping the class together, and those who live near Princeton are especially well informed as to the success and doings of their class-mates. The interest of all is kept up, as is shown by the large reunions the classes have even after twenty-five years.

There is no feature more marked than loyalty to the college. The reunions proper are always held at Princeton, and this naturally awakens new interest in and zeal for the Alma Mater. The practical results of this are seen, here at least, in the great number of class memorials of different sorts. These consist of buildings, statuary, laboratories, apparatus, scholarships and prizes. To this must be added the using of influence in obtain-