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The Sanctum.

AND now cometh the time when the inkhorn runneth low, and the class-rooms are full of dust and emptiness, and the janitor prevaileth. *Exeunt omnes*: four acts of our drama have consumed as many twelve-months in College walls; the fifth demands a larger theatre. Before the snap of the sanctum lock reminds us that we are now but outsiders, we have a brief epilogue to speak. We have tried to make the ATHENÆUM not merely a literary paper, nor have we sacrificed all to the Local dæmon, but a students' organ has been our ideal. With this our end we did not hesitate to criticise according to our light whatever seemed not all good in discipline, curriculum or method. Whether we were right or wrong does not much matter; if the evil was only apparent the ventilation freed the truth from obscuring dust; if there was need of change, the sooner made the less painful. There are still some things that we desire to see: better co-operation between

students and faculty; one man to one table in the examination room and a professor of keen vision in each gallery; a strong utterance from the powers that be and an honest public spirit among the "boys" regarding *methods* of passing examinations. Our successors in the editorial function we know to be possessed of common sense and uncommon ability; so without a shade of anxiety we cast our gall-corroded pen into the spring poem and kindling wood receptacle, confident that the ATHENÆUM will continue to *prodesse*, whether it is to *conspici* or not.

And just here permit us to call your attention to the work of the Secretary-Treasurer, who, like most others that have a large share in the world's work, is conspicuous chiefly by his success in managing his department so well that it seldom arrests the attention. Mr. Goucher is a good man of business, and we are not insensible that to his careful painstaking full as much of the year's success is due as to that body from time immemorial facetiously known (and we herewith transmit the time-honored jest to our successors) as the "editorial corps."

UPON invitation of the Alumni Society the class of '91 joined themselves to that body *en masse* at the 9 o'clock meeting Thursday morning, June 4. Some time previous to this, feeling the importance of the Alumni Society in moulding the future course of our College, forty-two signified their intention to join said Society, and June 4 saw this promise fulfilled. We believe in our College, we are proud of the work it has done in the past, and we expect still greater things in the future. We revere the Fathers who toiled and sacrificed themselves that we might have the benefits of an education. The College has certainly been a "child of Providence," and could those faithful ones now look upon our flourishing institutions we doubt not that they would be surprised to see their most sanguine hopes more