

past as the "good old days." The course of development in student life, if I may characterize it, has been from necessitarianism to free will. Strict supervision was, indeed, more necessary then than now. The students were mere boys and their teachers stood to them *in loco parentis*. From rising to retiring the scholar's day was marked out for him; his hours appointed for work and for play; his manners, dress, and duties prescribed from the form of his worship to the cut of his coat. Morning prayers were at six o'clock, when Latin and Hebrew passages were translated by the scholars and expounded by the President. If any one had behaved himself unseemly, he was required to make public confession at prayers and receive correction. There were four meals during the day; morning bever, of bread and beer, served at the buttery hatch, where a scramble of ten occurred, many an unfortunate losing his breakfast in the *mélée*; afternoon bever, "usually a pop," also at the buttery hatch; and dinner and supper in the hall. The scholars ate with their heads covered—to sit with bared head being a mark of disgrace,—and were forbidden to leave their places till thanks had been returned. They were arranged at tables according to their rank, members of the best families being served first. The parents of the scholars paid for their schooling in kind. On the

Steward's Book are to be found such entries as these: Recd. a ferkyng of butter; a old cow; a bush. of parsnapes; fouer shotes from the farm. If the style of living in those days was different from ours, so also was the cost. In 1664 it was \$0.75 a week; in 1765, \$1 22; in 1808, \$1.75; in 1840, \$2.25; now, it averages \$4 00. The Freshman's lot was particularly beset with vexatious rules and restrictions. Among the old *Laws of Harvard College* we find such as these: "No Freshman shall speak to a Senior with his hat on; nor have it on in a Senior's chamber; nor in his own if a Senior be there"

"When any one knocks at a Freshman's door, he shall immediately open the door without inquiring who is there."

"The Freshmen shall furnish the bats, balls and foot-balls for the use of students, to be kept at the buttery."

"The Sophomores shall publish these rules to the Freshmen in the Chapel, at which time the Freshmen are enjoined to keep their seats and attend with decency to the reading."

At the close of the June examinations comes the Seniors' *Class Day*, and a few days later *commencement*, when graduating members of the different schools receive their diplomas. *Class Day* is the gala day in Cambridge, when thousands gather to class re-unions and the Seniors' festivals. It originated in the custom of the Seniors to choose one of