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The EXAMINATIONS are over. We do not say this with unbecoming joy, but with a certain sense of satisfaction that after all is natural to Undergraduates of any College and of whatever destination. Though looked forward to and expected they never cause much uneasiness until within a few weeks of the appointed time. Then their inevitableness and surety are noted. They look familiar and yet they have a strangeness and colouring peculiarly their own. We have had them before? Undoubtedly. There are many things we have had before—whooping-cough, infantal bumps and bruises for example. Yet these were not periodical and regularly so, neither did they have the interest that these have. There surely must be something the matter. We take our accustomed walk without any feeling of expectancy. The pleasures and attractions of an occasional holiday never impress us as being strange or something to be accounted for. Whence then this sense of necessity? We know not. The superstitious Caesar could not explain his superstition. The believing Paul could not understand his faith. Neither can we, the least of mortals, solve a problem worthy of the Grecian Sphinx. We can only record it as a fact and apprise the aspirant of Academic honours of its presence.

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