



AU REVOIR.

The July-August issue completes the first volume of *THE OWL*, and with it cease the labors of the present editors; with the September number, the first of the second volume, will come a reconstruction of the cabinet. Before making our bow, however, we cannot but express our sincerest thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which our efforts have been received on every side. The students, proverbially shy in taking to new ventures, showed the greatest interest and enthusiasm in the establishment and success of *THE OWL*. Our articles have, we flatter ourselves, been generally interesting and instructive. No serious attempt has been made on the life or property of any of the occupants of the "easy chair," and their work has been throughout a labor of love bringing with it its own reward. On the whole our course this year has been pleasant sailing in calm waters, and we have every reason to be thankful to the past. The future looms up before us, enveloped in its impenetrable shroud, and bearing no sign by which we may interpret its contents. So it behooves us to bestir ourselves and be prepared for whatever it may bring forth. The future of *THE OWL* rests with its friends, particularly the alumni and students. We should be glad to have a larger number of old students on our subscription list, and hope that they will not postpone what they are certainly willing to do. To those who have so

kindly helped us with contributions, both literary and financial, we are sincerely grateful, and request a continuance and increase of their favors in either line. The present students could not better assist their college journal than by inducing a few of their friends to subscribe, or by writing during vacation some interesting articles for future numbers. In laying aside our editorial responsibility we wish the board of '88-89 unlimited success, and hope that their energy will be such that *THE OWL* will rapidly advance in ability, wisdom and truth.

REFLECT!

There is a growing and dangerous tendency among our young men to enter prematurely and without a proper foundation in the liberal arts upon the study of law, medicine, or the other professions. And in this matter, to our departing students we would say one word—reflect. There may be circumstances which would justify an early closing of a college career and the immediate adoption of professional studies, but in the majority of cases such a course is but the result of a hasty and unwise decision. Besides being an accomplishment and a great aid in the successful prosecution of future studies, a liberal education is a debt which every man owes himself, and which is absolutely necessary, if he would avoid shipwreck on the rocks and shoals of modern error.

"Errors, like straws, upon the surface flow,
He who would seek for pearls must dive below."
Consequently he, whose education is but slight and superficial, is in a pitiable plight, and absolutely at the mercy of all the philosophic and scientific absurdities with