

tive, but undoubtedly the splendor and the dignity of our new academic costume as we walked across the commons no longer "cads" but undergraduates, attributed in a no small way to our determination. How well we remember every detail of that auspicious morning. The old world was never in a gayer mood. The beauty of one's existence was never felt more keenly or unconsciously. But that is all a dim chapter of the past; the reveries of a world-worn graduate. Harassed and baffled in the tempestuous tide of experience the memory of one's boyhood but faintly serves to freshen the jaded vitality or garnish the ever-varying inclinations of the present. Time in its undying monotony has no regret for the past, no greeting for the future. Once again after the example of those before us we welcome the new awakening. Freshmen in the first flush of a worthy ambition see that the prestige of good scholarship is yours. Undergraduates of the other classes persevere in your calling. What is done can never be undone. Each and all may yet for the last time pass from under the shadow of the familiar corridors. When that time comes may our reward be the reward of one whose life has been a benediction to his fellow students and whose ways are "ways of pleasantness and peace."

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