

ings of the Alma Mater and Aesculapian Society had removed from him the slightest trace of nervousness—that unfortunate failing which spoils so many a valedictory—and seldom or never has this farewell address been so carefully prepared or so eloquently delivered. His criticisms were well taken, and his suggestions express at least the opinions of the graduating class, if not of all the students. Space forbids us giving anything more than a brief summary of the valedictory.

The history of the class was told from its entry into Queen's four years ago, "twenty-nine fresh and vigorous youths of various ages, nationalities and creeds," its losses and its gains in strength up to the day of graduation when the class-roll recorded thirty-seven names. As to the standpoint of student ability, "with but one exception, no one stands head and shoulders above his fellows, and during the last four years there has never been such uncertainty as to which men would carry off the honours." This, Dr. Etherington maintained, was a very desirable state of affairs and showed that the average ability of the class was high.

After chronicling the winning of the inter-year cups in hockey and football, the captaincies of University teams held by '02 men, and the strong contingent which the graduating year had contributed to University teams, Dr. Etherington drew attention to the fact that athletics had not interfered with studies, but rather been a distinct help. Those who had taken the most active part in the athletic life of the University were well to the front in their studies.

Suggestions and criticisms as to the courses of study were then offered. The JOURNAL trusts that the remarks concerning the course in chemistry and the Hotel Dieu clinics will meet with the most earnest consideration. In regard to chemistry it is hard to see how the course can be improved and made more practical to Medical students so long as Dr. Goodwin has to meet the requirements of Arts, Science and Medical students in the same lectures. We see no reason whatever why the Hotel Dieu should not be thrown open to the students, and with the present overcrowding at the K. G. H., Hotel Dieu clinics are an absolute necessity.

The Professors of the Medical Faculty individually and collectively received great praise for the excellence of their lectures and the personal influence which they exercised over the students. With due regard for their modesty the JOURNAL refrains from quoting the remarks made in the valedictory with reference to the Professors and can only echo the praises that have been sung.

We quote from the concluding paragraphs. "To the citizens of Kingston we can but inadequately express our thanks for the many kindnesses received at their hands in their efforts to make our life while here as pleasant as possible."

"Lastly, I come to the most difficult part of my task—that of bidding farewell to my class-mates. We have spent four happy years together and have formed friendships which will last as long as life itself. Now we pass out on the troublesome sea of life but wherever our lot be cast, in Can-