

and indolence to our professors, we have confessed our extravagance to our parents, and now we feel it our duty to confess a little to the general public. It is no easy thing to make a college paper what it should be. We have made many mistakes. We have done those things which we ought not to have done, and have left undone those things which we ought to have done. But we can make the best excuse in the world, and honestly say we meant well. We have struck out in a new path of our own, in which the experience of others could not aid us, and in which we had to learn for ourselves. We have learned a few things, particularly things about human nature. Now, that the years result lies before us, we wish to thank those who have so loyally supported us. To our contributors we can say, the success of the year is yours as much as ours; to our subscribers, we have tried to give you your money's worth; to our deadheads, we do not owe you a cent. To our contemporary, we wish you all success in the future; to the Profs. who have done their best to flunk us, we hope you have enjoyed it; to the Profs. who have seemed to care a little which way the scale went, your encouragement have helped us more than anything else could have done, and we scarcely know how to thank you. Now our waste is full, our lamp burns low, our pen is scratching and our spelling uncertain, so we bid you, not adieu, but *au revoir*.

#### Commencement Exercises.

The address by H. von Holst of Chicago, was in every way a treat. Dr. von Holst is a very earnest and spirited speaker; he talks with a decided German accent. Below is a short synopsis of his address which was bristling with points and full of thought. The synopsis cannot do it justice. To be appreciated it should be heard. He said: We have solved the problem of an extended republic. The present problem is what to strengthen in state and what in national organization. Nationalization is needed in higher education. Education is the basis of our government. Nationalization in other departments is going on continually. Every state owes an educational duty to the Union. Education becomes a national concern to be dealt with by the nation. This does not imply constitutional amendments. To tax themselves is the peoples privilege. Self-imposed taxes are death to paternalism, one of the greatest foes to free governments. As it concerns all it is right that state furnish higher education. We have really no gen-

eral system of higher education. That a man has "graduated" tells nothing. A degree misleads the public and often the "graduate" himself. Poor colleges put a premium on slighted work. We have advanced in spite of these defects. We must nationalize education without consolidating it. The federal government cannot help. Public opinion, not law, must do it. Instructors must aid, universities must lead. We must reform from the top. The strong universities must set the example. If the people will this reform, it will come.

#### LOCALS.

The athletic editor took a spin home recently.

The governor has appointed Lieut. Pershing as colonel on his staff.

Misses Kate and Annie Wilder intended to spend the summer in Lincoln.

L. M. Overstreet '96 was fortunate in winning the competitive examination for Annapolis.

Misses Kate and Annie Wilder have been taking their meals for the past year at Mrs. Hawes.

The seniors have been generous to invite the entire student body, the faculty and alumni to attend the grand outing at Milford on Class Day.

No, it isn't a night-in-gale or it isn't Lehmer; its Monday McFarland going over to his dynamos. Monday knows 1247 tunes, besides "My Lover's the Man in the Moon."

The Cadets experienced the most rigid examination of the season last Saturday. Major Hamilton, who inspected the battalion, seemed well pleased with its general appearance.

An amusing incident occurred during the last trip of Prof. Barbour to Hartington, where the '92's got the large boulder that adorns the campus. A letter was received by those supposed to have charge of the stone, written by some Nebraska college, requesting that the stone be saved for its museum. The writer of the letter was evidently ignorant of the fact that the State University had had that boulder for two years, and will probably retain it.

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