

BIXBY'S RETREAT.

To the Student Body at Large and Otherwise:

DEAR BODY:—The time draws nigh when I must say farewell for a time and pull out for other climes. Not that I have not enjoyed this clime but in the future, I think I shall make my credits climb rather than spend my time in trying to amuse you, dear Body. I am a year older than I was a year ago and I feel renewed responsibility every time I think of exams and the registrar.

The chair which I occupy in this institution is one of peculiar difficulty. I am supposed to grind out jokes for others' amusement and yet never smile at them myself. I am supposed to roast everybody and everything and always stand ready to defend myself against the roasted. Why, only last week I understand that the police broke up a fiendish plot against me and saved me from a brutal assault. It was probably engineered by Peebee Weaver and Bill McNaughton and a horde of Freshmen like "Bulldog" Nims, "Shorty" Brown, "Statesman" Craft, "Politician" Billrice and "Important" Strafford, all because of my lyric last week on the pipe-organ episode. I'm sorry that I didn't roast the Freshmen more this year. They have become too thick and important. Why, a Freshman comes here and before he has been around four years he thinks he runs the institution. The Freshmen must be kept down. I shall advise my successor to that effect.

I am sorry for some things that I have done and still more sorry for things I haven't done. To tell the truth, I roasted poor little Phew altogether too hard. As my friend Artemus Ward once said, "He's an amoosin' little cuss." I didn't roast the rag hard enough for being taken in by that fake L. S. C. letter. I have passed by the many failings of Doc Landis, Loquacious Wilson, Jocularious Searson, Shorty Turner, Chancy Warner, Evorvescent Kline, Jo Boomer, Sentimental Piper and Deacon Smoyer because they are my friends. I am sorry I roasted Ed Henry so much. I am sorry I didn't roast Edgerton more for applauding that preacher at Omaha. I should have entered into detail more about Perry's visits to Crete. I should have expressed more strongly my surprise at the Y. M. C. A. edition of the rag. Perhaps, I have said too much about the preacher frat because I understand my friend, the Devil, mentioned them in his latest visit, as his special proteges. If that is true, what more need I say. I have noticed with pleasure the renaissance of class spirit which has manifested itself in the swiping of Senior hats and canes. I myself have half a dozen canes in my possession at the present time.

I regret to say farewell, dear Body, but I must. Such is life. It is but a meeting and a parting. You have waited eagerly for my appearance each week, have swiped the paper to read what I had to say and have gone your way growling and whining if any of my remarks touched you. Well, such is life; such is the gratitude of mankind, I couldn't suit everybody and really didn't care whether I suited any. I send my regards to your family.

Yours,

Bix.

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