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SEMI-VALE.

The editorial connection of the under-
signed terminates with the present number
of the STUDENT. The retirement, at this
juncture, of a single incumbent, makes
a farewell notice applicable to ourself
only, and this is the first time in the his-
tory of the STUDENT that such an event
has occurred.

The expedient of a divided editorship,
to which this result is due, has, we be-
lieve, increased the actual number of con-
tributors. So, while the experience of the
last year has been of much personal ben-
efit, we hope that the advantages have not
all been on one side. The efforts which
both the editors have made to secure a
large proportion of articles written for the
special purpose of appearing in the col-
umns of the STUDENT, have met with con-
siderable success. If, as is quite possible,
exception has been taken to things that
have been said and done in our editorial
capacity, each one of the objects of blame
may console himself with the thought
that the reader may not always have been
able to fasten the guilt of any shortcom-
ings to either one.

But while we must now "step down and
out," we wish the STUDENT abundant
success during the years to come.

F. O. MORTON.

SENIOR STUDIES.

It has become the tendency of every insti-
tution, to favor the more advanced classes,
not alone with extraordinary privileges
but equally as well with excessive study.
In opposition to such a custom we have
nothing to say, if only a few modifications
were made. For, after a student has spent
from three to five years in diligent study
at some institution, certainly he deserves
a little reward for his past labors, though
it may accrue in the form of double duty.

But there are some who enter college
with no definite aim in view. And there
are as many more, who, entering college
with a profession distinctly decided upon,
before the course of study tending to it is
half completed, wish that they had chos-
en otherwise. For these there is no other
hope than to pursue a curriculum tedious
and odious, or, to discontinue the one
thus far pursued and turn back to bring
up the new selection.

So many instances have occurred,
where students have found it according
to their wishes to turn back, that in some
American colleges, an accomodation has
been ingeniously agreed upon, allowing
the studies of the Senior classes to be op-
tional.

At first such a concession may appear
absurd. But upon a second consideration