

History of the Class of 1907

THE question has been asked many times, What is the aim of the class of 1907? Some people have even doubted that we have an aim, but in keeping with what we are trying to attain, we have kept silence and borne with patience the harsh criticism of the careless throng. Our aim is so large, so high, that it is beyond the vision and conception of most people, so, if you have never been able to see what end we are gaining, it is because it is so far beyond your mental faculties that, unless pointed out to you, you could not perceive it. You have made the mistake of looking for some low, small aim; in your self-exaltation you have failed to look above the goal set for yourself, thinking that to be the highest attainable; it may be the highest that you can reach, but the aim of this quiet, unassuming class is far more noble. Look up into the highest heavens, and if your range of vision is wide enough, if the brightness of the scene does not dazzle your eyes, unaccustomed to such glory, you will see, written in letters of gold, the word, "Greatness." To attain this is the aim of the class of 1907.

It is the purest and noblest greatness that we are striving for, not an imitation. It is not fame, glory, numbers, or even praise, but nobility of character that we are trying to obtain. The fundamental principle of true greatness is service, and who can deny that we have given ourselves to the fullest extent in service, even giving of our own life-blood to assist others. When the class of 1906 was about to disgrace their college by their boastfulness and lack of character, we willingly sacrificed some of our best members that that class might be rescued from a terrible fall. When some of the other colleges were in crying need of men and women of strength and character, we humbly sent them the needed students to help them. Then the business world needed men to make it cleaner and purer, and again we did not fail to heed the call.

We have not only responded to calls from afar with part of our members, but we have all given ourselves for the strengthening of the university we love so much. We have furnished athletes with char-