

acter, honest, true, reliable men, whose records are untarnished. We have among us students, honest, thorough and brilliant, whose work is a credit to the school. The literary societies are proud of the members that are from this class. In the social world they also fill their place well, for where can more perfect gentlemen and more refined ladies be found? Thus, as calls came from far and near for men and women of purity and strength, we have given of our store, not withholding the best. And yet we are not weak, for in rising to give, we have strengthened ourselves and those who remain are stronger for having filled the places of their former classmates.

Then humility is another characteristic of genuine greatness, and this we have been acquiring. True victories are attended by true humility, and a victor can fill his place gracefully only when he has known what defeat is. So we have allowed others the victories they so desired while we prepared ourselves to be victorious in the real battles of life. Those who boast of never having known defeat boast of their own failure, for Fate allots to every man both to be defeated and to be victorious, his success or failure depending on the way in which he correlates them. How can a man, who, in his preparation for life, has neglected to learn how to accept a defeat, use the defeats he has in life to aid him in success? But we have not always been defeated; no, indeed! Ask the class of 1908 whether our boys can play football, baseball and basketball or not. Our social stunts are invariably more successful than any others, and those who attend them always count these functions the most enjoyable of the year.

So we are spending our time helping one another and helping others; learning the lessons which will help us most in life; steadily acquiring the characteristics of true greatness, that when we leave the college portals and enter upon life, we may be great men and women, in the real sense of the word, who will bring honor to our Alma Mater. People may not now acknowledge our claim on greatness, but we know that genuine greatness is not attained in one day, or even in one year, so we press on remembering that a squash can grow in six weeks, but it takes a century to make an oak tree.

