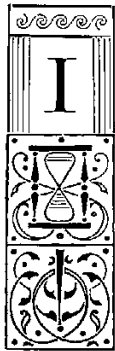


PREFACE



IN presenting to our readers THE ALETHIAN—the first in the history of the College—we naturally feel the attending anxiety as to how it will be received. Should it fall into the hands of an unkind critic, we will suggest that he remember our object, which was not to rival in word-painting some of the effusions of our master-minds, but rather to amuse than instruct.

Had we pursued the instructive method you would find about it that impressive incomprehensibility which is the usual concomitant of a work of that nature. Yet, notwithstanding its service as a remembrance, it has a purpose,—which is to inform our readers of the pleasurable experiences we have had during our three years of college evolution. Our sole intention has been to present your usual the playful yarns spun at the expense of the Faculty, and to relate any jokes coined by our ready wits. In what degree you will be benefited by such service, it is believed an ample source of pleasurable information will be a compilation of them. Should such a result be realized, we will not regard it as the least happy in our college days which have been employed in their arrangement.

Thanking heartily those who have assisted us in this work, and with the hope that it will endure the ordeal of posterity, we present it to the justice of posterity.

THE EDITORS.