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OF all seasons of the year to the average college man, commencement time is the most sober and yet joyful. Sober because he feels that weight which accompanies the transition from youth to maturity, from childhood to manhood; he feels that he is no longer a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, but one year farther advanced.

He is joyful because the season of tiresome labor is over and everything is in shape for starting home.

We have just passed that period. Felt ourselves carried on one step nearer the close of our college days—for some the last step. We have witnessed the return of alumni, some still young and untouched as yet by the fingers of time and experience. Others show what years of industry and anxiety must inevitably bring.

When we look at them—men who have gone the path of college work before us—we feel encouraged in our work, and assured that this preparation is for something real, something earnest.

After all the closing week is not only a period of pleasure in which to bid kind adieus to the graduating class, but a period of recapitulation and establishment of bearings.

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WHEN we look at the records made by our athletic teams in the past year a tinge of pride forces itself upon us. The success over other years we recognize to be due, very largely, to more faithful training and co-operation of the student body. The latter we have yet and only look to the former, with gain of good material, to eclipse anything P. S. C. has ever seen in the opening of the athletic season next Fall.

Many of the more ambitious and calculating colleges have their foot ball teams at work before the opening of the Fall term. If we cannot do this yet, we could have an understanding, each man with himself, that he would get in shape for the season in good time; and especially, as the term does not open till almost a week later than usual, ought the foot ball men endeavor to return promptly and ready for, if not in training.

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UNTIL within the last three years P. S. C. has managed to put some kind of a Banjo and Guitar or Glee club in the field, but within these three years we have practically had