

in places, and, just in front of the main building, to uncover a pair of discarded university shoes. However absurd in the ideal, there they were in unquestionable reality. Their broken soles turned toward and drinking in the sunlight with all the power of transformed and converted cow-skin. They certainly were not now a thing of beauty, and had evidently failed to be a joy forever. Would it not be better to consign all such shipments to the dust box.

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THE location of our institution has often been considered as inaptly chosen on account of its being isolated somewhat from the main railroad lines and from the larger cities of the State. This may be true in a sense, as was recently demonstrated by our being "snowed in" for nearly a week, without any communication by rail with the outside world.

In point of health, however, a better location could hardly be found. Even a good part of our success in athletics can be attributed to a fresh invigorating atmosphere.

Being in the geographical centre of our great State, students are drawn from all parts of the commonwealth, and we have the east, south, north, and west all united in a small world of our own.

Each year brings us an increasing number of students, and each year we can see more plainly the bright prospects for the future. With the advantages of excellent equipment in all of the departments we have not the attractions of a large city to detract from our work.

Consequently more time can be given to studies, to athletics, and to the various college organizations. Undoubtedly we are well situated in this regard. Our position also tends to develop a stronger college spirit than would be the case were we so placed as to be thrown less closely together. The seemingly unfavorableness is in fact one of the features upon which our growth and spirit depends.

AT exactly eleven and a half minutes after eight o'clock on the morning of March 1st, five members of the Senior class knew that they were "in for it." It had been officially announced that they would be expected to deliver orations on the day of their graduation. If the sighs that rose up within them had made their escape, the whole chapel would have been shaken to its foundation. It is intended that the sensations produced by such announcements should be very different from the ones actually called up. The delivery of a commencement oration is considered by the students to be an irksome and disagreeable duty, instead of the pleasure that they are supposed to consider it. And when we think that the students believe themselves totally unfitted for the task, and know their friends consider it a tiresome part of the commencement exercises, they should be entirely exempted from blame for having this feeling of hesitancy and regret. Far better would it be if no orations of the kind were required than that they should be delivered under these conditions.

It has been suggested, by some of the wise men of the class, that the addresses be delivered in an appropriate costume. This costume is distinguished from the full dress suit in that it may be worn at any time during the day or night. It is made of a material more noted for its durability than its costliness, and is of a blue or white color. It usually consists of two pieces and has numerous pockets, frequently bulging with greasy "waste." The costume is simple and is frequently donned by all the members of the class. The LANCE would suggest that a pleasing combination of the two colors might be made as blue and white are the colors of the institution.

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ALONG with the rush of advancement through which our college is whirling, comes the cry of "no chapel for Seniors." As class after class has passed in rotation from the rear to the front of the sanctuary in which we daily assemble,