

And are their fears groundless? Look at that long line of brave men as they charge and recharge upon the enemy. See the awful havoc of those deadly bullets as they tear great gaps in our ranks, see those poor fellows fall mangled and bleeding with but one brief moment between the life that now is and the life that is to come, and as we follow this vast panorama painted in letters of flame and smoke, up and down and across and back upon this field of hideous carnage, and as we look forward but a few brief days when hundreds upon hundreds of brave mothers and sisters, sweethearts and wives will be weeping for the soldier who will never return we cannot but breathe a prayer of: God pity and bless the women of our rebellion.

F. T. BEERS, '98.

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Of the commencement orations, none was so well delivered as the above. Mr. Beers was at one time a member of the FREE LANCE staff and we take great pleasure in reprinting in full the whole address, not so much because of his association with the LANCE but because of its excellence.



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