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THE recent issues of the LANCE have contained numerous notices of graduates securing good positions. This may be taken as an indication of reviving business, and cheers the members of the present Senior class who had begun to think that they would meet with the same reception as did the classes '93 and '94. The outlook at the beginning of this college year was certainly far from inspiring, but now there is evidently going on a change for the better. Graduates from State and other colleges are assuming positions with reliable companies. The rust, coated "wheels of industry" are beginning to

move slowly and the stir of awakening enterprise is an incentive to harder work on the part of the student. It is much easier to make exertions when they seem likely to lead to the fulfillment of one's desires.

To all attending technical schools, the recent speech of Hon. Thos. B. Reed carries encouragement. He says that statesmen and warriors have rendered and are still doing valuable services, but they are no longer the chief figures in a progressive nation. "The engineer, the projector, the manufacturer, the railroad man, the merchant have placed before them the highest prizes of our day." He concludes with, "hence what I may call 'business' is more and more absorbing the brains of the country." A prophesy likely to prove true, and one supported by many prominent men of the day; carrying a message of encouragement to the promoters of and to those pursuing technical educations.

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TOO much cannot be said against the practice of wearing paths on the campus. It has become more noticeable of late, and before the injury is beyond repair, we wish to enter a word of protest against the continuance of such a careless and useless course of action. It is surely carelessness on the part of the persons making the paths, for we cannot imagine that anyone would deliberately mar the beauty of our campus, which, we are told, has not a superior in the country. But it cannot continue to hold this high position, unless we immediately stop the wearing of beaten tracks and prevent it from being overrun with a network of paths. Especially during the long winter months of this term should great care be exercised in this direction, and the gain of one or two minutes of time should not be a sufficient consideration to warrant the marring