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It is on the editorial page of any magazine that the editor finds his opportunity for personal assertion. In offering to its public the annual, for which we are but this once responsible, and which has already through past annuals secured a name and modest fame for itself, while we modify our honest pride in the issue of 1908 by apologies to those who may discover its deficiencies we accompany this book with deep thanks to those who have given us either artistic, literary or financial contributions.

We are especially grateful to the Juniors for making it possible for us to say amusing things about them. We beg that the Sophomores will not be offended at our jokes, and if we picture them as they appear to us may they kindly bear in mind that "things are not always what they seem." Freshmen have been kindly considerate of us at all times, showing us admiration and respect and in return we have been liberal in our treatment of them.

ONE thing we wish to impress upon the students **Au Revoir.** forcibly: Give the next year's editor your hearty support; remember that he too is human and cannot do all the work alone.

And now we leave a word to friends and knockers alike. The only object of THE ORBIT from the beginning has been to promote enthusiasm over athletics, literary effort and general school work, and we are in a measure satisfied with the results. We are certain that the school spirit has not been harmed by this insignificant publication. Whether or not we have accomplished anything, we leave again to your best judgment.

We have done our best and you can ask no more. While we know that our efforts can, with time and experience be greatly improved, we believe that coming editors could not make a mistake in copying our standard. If you find that we have been harsh or unjust in our treatment of you, attribute it to the fact that over-work produces mental affliction. Come, we have but a few more seconds together, so let us part friends.

A NEW day is about to dawn for us. For more than a decade we have stood side by side in our school-room tasks unconscious of the lengthening shadows that the milestones of time were casting o'er our pathway. Only in a vague way have we noted the flight of the golden hours of childhood, and now in the gateway of the city of manhood and womanhood we are cognizant of a change from the primeval to the half carved model of the master worker.

In the years to come we will look back out of the darkness of the night of life and review in memory with approval or regret the hours we have spent in these days. It is then that they will scintillate like stars in the blue vault of the heavens or take the aspect of the black clouds of the brewing storm. If they have been well spent we will meet with the

calm joy characteristic of the sobriety of age and if they have been wasted we will feel as only age can feel the weight of the burden as we gaze longingly back on opportunity neglected.

What we have instilled into our minds is the sinew of war with which we will meet the exigencies of the battle of life. What will the new day bring and can we assure ourselves after rigid introspection that we prepared to meet its vicissitudes? Time and events alone can divulge to us how well we have used our time, and whether we have in the storehouse of the mind, the right principles on which to proceed. Thus far we have lived in the theoretical and now we are to live in the practical. We are face to face with the problem.

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