

plain a problem to his pupils, long since grown old.

Since then my life may be likened to a ship without sails or rudder, drifting upon a stormy ocean, destined to no port, awaiting only its day of destruction.

With the blackboard as a battlefield, myself and the eraser have waged an incessant war against our author from the day we met. Many times my head has ached and my body felt worn from having worked some difficult problem.

Then, perchance, I would fall into the hands of some bad boy, to be thumped across the room like a missile of destruction, to land in an ink stand or else have my back broken on the floor.

Many are the dramas I have witnessed on the broad stage of school life, and numberless are the tales I could tell of boys making faces at the teacher, of un-

seen peeps into books during recitation, or other such violations of the rules. But these are all things of the past. Years have come and gone since the venerable old teacher was laid to rest, and I am only awaiting my day of destruction.

I have often wished my lot could have been to fall into the hands of some great artist who would use me in producing some great picture that would outlive the rocks of ages and be admired by men for generations to come—but this was not my destiny.

Ah! Many of us there are who have fallen far short of our hopes, and many there be who are yet to have their lives blasted by disappointments.

"God \* \* \* pity us all,  
Who vainly the dreams of youth recall,  
For of all sad words of tongue or pen,  
The saddest are: 'It might have been.'"  
PEARRO.

## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

DAN CUSHING, EDITOR.

We hope to finish the sketches of the Alumni in the next issue, and we hope that we have not failed in our object, which is to awaken an interest in the college among the alumni.

1886.

D. Adriance was appointed assistant professor of agriculture in September 1886, assistant professor in chemistry and physics June, 1887, assistant in chemistry to the experiment station in 1890 and assistant professor of chemistry in 1892.

F. E. Giesecke was appointed assistant professor of mechanical engineering in 1889. In 1889 he was elected assist-

ant professor of drawing, and in 1892 was made professor in the same department. Prof. Geisecke received the post graduate degree of M. E. in 1890.

M. D. Tilson is a prominent civil engineer of Texarkana, Tex.

I. A. Cottingham after graduation was deputy surveyor of DeWitt county. In 1890 he entered the service of the Southern Pacific Company as assistant engineer, which position he still holds.

E. H. Whitlock after graduation took a course at mechanical engineering.

J. W. Carson was engaged in farming for the first year after graduation. In March, 1888, he was elected assistant