

Another session has almost past and another class is about to leave these walls and grounds pronounced children of our dear old college. Out of the twenty-three classes that have thus taken their departure, only one has been interested and energetic enough to publish a "College Annual," namely, "The Olio," which has ever since been a credit to the college and a distinction to themselves; this was the class of '95. An attempt was made by several members of this year's class to publish our annual, but the movement was not received with interest, and a large number of our students, among whom were quite a number of Seniors, even objected.

It is true we have received several letters from alumni members who encouraged us in our effort, but this alone was not sufficient and we had to give up our movement. As these lines are written by a Senior he would like to say to next and following years' classes, "Publish the 'Olio' by all means. It is not such a big job as you think it is, but go to work at the beginning of the session, and stay with it until you have published your Annual. You will find the alumni to be at your service if you ask them properly." We are indeed sorry to see the class of '00 depart without leaving behind them a deed which would have made them a pride to the college and the alumni. We hope to see succeeding classes profit by our mistakes.

It has been frequently remarked by members of the corps, and also by outsiders, that it is a shame that the practice of "ponying" on examinations should not be stopped by the A. & M. boys—that they should frown down such disgraceful practices themselves, and take for their model other institu-

tions, both in this state and without, where the students have such a high standard of college honor as to forcibly eject those of their number who have no more college spirit or more self respect than to cheat their way through examinations.

It is a splendid idea, and one that would bring great credit to our college, but to the more observant it will be clearly seen that unless our instructors encourage the matter we can never hope to see such a custom established here. By that it is meant that our teachers must trust us and show it, too, before the boys will take hold of the thing themselves. Our Commandant seems to recognize this fact, and has inaugurated a movement whereby the boys are put on their honor, which has had a beneficial effect. During the recent examination in Drill Regulations he allowed the class to go to supper and finish their work afterwards. There was not a boy in the class who did not feel proud of the trust reposed in him, and it is positively known that not a one of them took advantage of it to improve his grade. A good many of our boys do cheat, be it said to our shame, but it is caused in large part by the watchfulness of some of our professors who seem to show by their conduct that the boys are not to be trusted. Human nature is very strange at times, and it seems that when a fellow finds himself suspected and watched, often without real cause, he gets defiant, and gradually drifts into wrong doing, when a word on the part of the teacher would set him on the right path and give him a pride in the knowledge that he was trusted, and was expected to conduct himself as to leave his conscience unclouded and his honor untarnished. If all of our