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**COME BACK.**

T. L. FOUNTAIN.

When this issue of the Battalion leaves the press most of the cadets will be at home enjoying the festivities of the holidays.

Mingled with the mirth of many of them will be the regretful thought that they must soon leave those pleasures of home which have been so heightened by

their three months' absence, and with flagging step, direct their way toward College. I say most of them, for there are some who have left College with the intention of quitting its walls forever. A few of these strongly desire to return and resume work, but are financially unable. These should be very sure that arrangements for defraying their expenses can not be made before they decide not to return; for the men who have their way to make in the world are the very ones who are most in need of a thorough college course. While it is a good rule never to go in debt, a departure from this rule will certainly be justified in the case of a poor young man who has the inclination and the ability, but not the means to get a college education.

Another class of those who are thinking of not returning is composed of those who have done well in their work during the past three months, but are either tired of the routine of daily duties here or are displeased on some account with their surroundings. Their purpose is based on the false assumption that they can remain at home for the rest of the scholastic year and enter just as high next fall at this or some other college. But the time thus lost can never be regained. They will be surprised at the amount they have forgotten when they attempt to enter school again. If they will come back and think more about their work than they do of finding things to dislike, they will certainly not only not regret their decision, but will also