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WHAT SHALL I WRITE?

I am in a dilemma. It is caused by a sort of mental deficiency of which I am suffering, coupled with a demand made upon my imagination by my instructor in English composition.

An announcement was made last week in the Battalion that all juniors should hand in written compositions on or before the 20th

of the month; failing in this they would be declared deficient in English. I read this notice, and alas! consternation ensued. What few ideas I may have had were stamped at the word, I have sought in vain to bring them together once more into a sort of systematic, composite whole. As fast as I recover one of them I lose another. I think things unspeakable instead of things golden. In my mental vacuum chaos reigns.

The ancient Muse, who was the inspiration of many a noble poet, seems to have vanished from the earth. I have sought her long and faithfully, but without avail. I have sought her from 7 a. m. till 9 p. m., but have not found her. I have looked for her in many strange and unheard of places, under the bed, in the wardrobe, and up the flue, but I could not see her. I will confess, however, that I have never seen a Muse and I am not sure that I would recognize one if I saw her; but I do know that I did not find any strange looking animal. However, I risked one call. I went to the window and cried out, "Oh, Muse! Oh, Muse!

Oh, Muse!" No answer came back from the darkness.

The inevitable hour draws nearer and nearer. We must have our compositions ready, Muse or no Muse. If I hand in no essay what will the Professor say? "You tail."

"What is failing?"
It is the falling off to or beyond a certain limit of that arbitrary co-efficient of proficiency known as a grade, that co-efficient which, once a month, delights our parents, or else does not delight them.

If I should write on athletics, the Professor would say, "too shallow," or "suitable only for Freshmen, you should choose some broader, more important theme."

If I write on the Russo-Japanese war I not only fail to produce anything of worth, but I show my ignorance; for my reading along this line has been of such a desultory sort that I have gathered together only a few accurate ideas regarding the situation. Besides that, I am not a war expert.

If I try comicalities, the end is sad; I fail to be funny and become tedious. Tediousness makes would-be wit unbearable. Therefore, I dare not try that, for in so doing I shall have over-reached my abilities—an unforgivable crime.

Courage, dear heart. Everything comes to him who will but wait; and I have waited long. Who knows but I shall dream tonight some beautiful story which, in the morning, I may transcribe with such glowing eloquence that it will touch the heart of my judge. But listen, the voice of ambition speaks to me. My story might even be worthy the notice of that august court, the Battalion staff. "Visions of Dawn!" It might even be published in their great weekly.

Silly boy, your joy is vain; but a fleeting vision; one passing beam of light spilled over the edge of the flying clouds. Who bade Ambition knock at your door? It was the flight of Egotism from her mountain cave where you have tried to keep her hid. Come back to reason and mingle with the things of earth; leave to birds their soaring 'mongst the clouds; take up again the staid walks of an humble man; for, the 20th approaches and the essay remains unwritten.
Jos. W. RAMSAY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THANKS-GIVING HOP.

Our Thanksgiving Hop, given in honor of the Football team, was a great success. Although the boys did not win the game, we appreciate their scoring against Varsity, and gave them one of the swellest hops we have ever had. We wish here to thank the corps and professors for the substantial aid given, a statement of which is as follows:

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Reading, Hill.
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