WELCOME AND FAREWELL.

Welcome to our parents, our friends and our visitors: farewell to one another, to our classes, our teachers and our beloved Alma Mater! The mingled emotions of the Ave Atque Vale press upon our minds and our hearts.

The festival of meeting and parting, of parting and meeting, is upon us. Dear friends and brothers, fellow-students of the past happy year, let us so conduct ourselves during this supreme time, that our friends who come may see in us young gentlemen, that our friends from whom we part may see in us young gentlemen even to the end. This is the exhibition in more senses than one; it is the exhibition of the progress and standing of our University; it is the exhibition of our proficiency in science, art and literature; and it is the exhibition of ourselves, in our manners and habits, as we mingle again in society which comes here to meet us. Let us see to it that we exhibit ourselves to our friends and the public to the best advantage.

But this is also the Commencement,—the day on which we commence once more to take our place among those who are engaged in the actual affairs of life: let us see to it that we commence well, that this commencement may be for us the beginning of an honorable and useful life.

About to part,—

"It is the time for sob, and it may be forever," we shall sorrowfully turn for a few moments and glance over the year that is past, to learn how well it has prepared us for those untried years which are to come. Are we wiser in mind, better in heart, stronger in body than on the first Tuesday in last September? Let us hope that it is so with us, for if it were not, we should look back upon our time as in greater or less part misspent. This is not a time for sad reflections, and we shall believe that there is no student who has attended Notre Dame during the past scholastic year that will not, in the far-off years which are, we trust, in store for all of us, look back upon his stay at his Alma Mater as the most precious recollection of his youth, as the time when his heart became purer, his intellect brighter, and his manhood more ennobled.

We ourselves, and those who have taught and guided us during the year, do not fully appreciate the changes which have taken place in us. These changes, like the trite wearing of the rocks by the dropping of the rain, have been so gradual as to be unnoticed by the constant observer; it is only they who saw us before we came here, and who are soon to see us again, that can notice the difference between what we were and what we are. Let us hope that when our friends look again upon us they will find in us more of manliness: that whenever they hear our names read in public, or read them in the Catalogue, they will be convinced that we have become disciplined in the ways of wisdom, and that when they observe our deportment both here and after we return home, they will be rejoiced in the reflection, that we have become better as well as wiser.

To those who have cared so well for us, who
have by precept and example impressed upon us
those lessons of wisdom and virtue; to the Fathers,
Brothers and Professors of the Institution, we re-
turn the warm thanks of youthful hearts. How
well we have profited by what they have said
and done for us, our future lives will show; but
how well they have labored to do us good, is
most deeply impressed upon our grateful souls.
May they continue to do even so to generation
after generation, until dear old Notre Dame is
known to young and old through all the land,
and loved as widely as she is known.
Once more we give welcome to our parents
and friends, who come to meet us, to look upon
the place, to witness the closing scene of the
year, and to accompany us again to our happy
homes. Besides ourselves, they will find many
things changed at Notre Dame. Never before
did the visitors on commencement-day see Our
Lady's University with such pleasant surround­
ings. Since the close of the winter the busy
hands of her children have been adorning her for
this gala day; and now she presents herself in
all her loveliness, growing more beautiful and
bright as the summer weather brings on the 'day
when the multitude of her children are gathered
into her loving presence.
Farewell, dear companions; no more shall we
send out the weekly Scholastic Year, brimful
of the pleasant chit-chat of college life, and
sought by many an anxious eye whose owner
hoped to find his name in honor on its pages;
for, be it known to all, that in our day our
printed page full oft was "big with the fat-e of
Cato and of Rome." - 
Farewell, ye anxious and earnest companions
of the class-room and the quiet study-room: may
your vacation give needful rest to body and mind;
and may many, very many, return reinvigorated
when the new year comes around again. And
may those who go to come no more, who enter
the untried world for the first time, find that
world as happy a place as they have found old
Notre Dame: we can wish them no better for­
tune.
Farewell, good and kind Fathers, Brothers and
Professors; would that we had exerted ourselves
more to lighten your labors, and to spare you
many a trial for which we shall be sorry years to
come. But we trust that for you and for us there
are so many pleasant memories that you will
think with indulgence of all our shortcomings:
and that it will give us all joy while we live,
whenever we call to mind the past scholastic-year.

Adieu.

The last! no heart so cold
That without sadness it can speak that word,—
And yet from every lip how often heard
As, day by day, is told,
Another page of life's long history past
Long in the telling, but how brief at last!

Triumph and pathos still,
Mingle on every page:—no earthly gain,
No joy is given without its shadowing pain;
Earth hath no power to fill
Unto its uttermost the human heart
With joy and hope—but grief still claims its part.

At last the hour hath come
Long looked for, yearned for, in impatient mood,
As holding all that heart could wish of good;—
Visions of friends and home,
Of freedom, change, of plans and purpose dear,
But half regretful now we see it near.

And once more on the past
We turn, with yearnings not less deep, to dwell;
Loath, now the time hath come, to say farewell,
And look perhaps our last
On kind familiar faces, and each scene
Where so much pure and heartfelt joy hath been.

Friends, Fathers, Faithful Guides!
Our hearts can never know a truer claim,
Than ye have won to every grateful name
And whatsoe'er betides,
Whate'er to each far-coming time may bring
With kindly strength to you will memory cling.

Dear Alma Mater fair,
Dear Notre Dame, true mother thou hast been,
Of knowledge deep and pure—holy—serene,
Who sought, with tender care;
To teach each heart yet upward to aspire
Above earth's noblest hope—or best desire.

Upon thy wide domain,
Lakes, river, woods and fields, we turn to gaze,
And every well known favorite haunt retrace,
With tender, loving pain;
Knowing, too well, that never round thy feet
Again can all, as now, together meet.
Even thy voice no more,—
Thy grand sweet voice—thy voice heard far and near,—
Shall ring for us its notes of warning clear;
Yet—even as before,
In our own hearts, as in the ocean shell.
Will mournful cadence, or deep peans swell.
We, who together dwelt.
As brethren, walking in the pleasant ways
Of knowledge and of duty, prayer and praise;
Whose boyish hearts have felt
The purity of perfect friendship, known
To ardent, true, unselfish youth alone;
We too must sunder now,
And take in life each his appointed part,
Lofty or lowly;—in the crowded mart
To toil with beaded brow;
In senate hall—in camp—faithful and true
To take the task God giveth each to do.
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The Choir of Notre Dame.

Members of the Choir.
Conductor—Prof. Max Girac.
Organist—Bro. Basil, J. S. C.
Sopranos—V. Hackman, Solo Soprano; Benj. Heffernan, C. Hutchings, R. Staley, John Dunne.

Local.
The Examination.
The Examination began last Thursday morning and was conducted under the supervision of four Boards which were as follows:


Fourth Board.—For the Examination of the Book-keeping Classes.—Rev. Father Superior presiding; Prof. L. G. Tong, Prof. J. A. Lyons, Prof. W. M. Ivers, Prof. E. A. McNally, Prof. A. J. Stace, Prof. Lundy.

Very Rev. Father E. Sonix, our beloved Provincial, has safely reached the shores of the Old World, and sends due notice of it to all his friends. We learn from the Very Rev. Father that he had a pleasant trip on the Australasian, and, moreover, that the steamers going to Europe are so crowded this year that no traveler needs look for much comfort on board; all the berths are secured a month in advance.
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and brought to an end with complete success;—even more, it is one of the works, though the most difficult, which the singers know best, perform best, and in which they have always manifested the most intense interest. We do not mention many other works, more or less important, for Benediction; but there are two we shall not pass over in silence: the beautiful Magnificat, adapted to the celebrated Gloria chorus of Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and the graceful and effective O Gloria of Lambilote—these are two bright jewels added to the crown which encircles the head of the Choir of Notre Dame.

For these brilliant achievements the choir is much indebted to the hearty cooperation of Prof. M. T. Corby whose brilliant tenor voice has been the principal ornament of our sacred performances; also to Professors Wm. Ivers, one of our best musicians, and M. A. J. Baasen—always present and always zealous. P. Lauth and Professor E. A. McNally had this year the opportunity of displaying their excellent bass voices, and have shown great proficiency. One of the features of the choir, this year, has been the aptitude, and the efficiency of the Juniors, by far the best we ever had in the University both as to their voices and their training, and the most prominent among them was the young and talented V. Hackman, whose musical acquirements, vocal powers and solidity in performing would do honor to a quite grown man. We cannot give the name of every one in the choir, though all have done their duty to the utmost.

On the great and solemn feasts of the Catholic Church, the divine service was not confined to the singing; a limited but efficient orchestra, combined with the excellent organ of our church contributed to give to the choir a power and effect not inferior to that of any church in this country, and superior to most of them. Such was, on many occasions, the excellence of our church performances, that in a large city they would have filled with crowded audiences the largest cathedrals. This orchestra was composed of Brothers and students. Among the latter we cannot refrain from citing the name of Mr. James Watts, as distinguished by his talent as by his polite and always ready assistance; Mr. C. Hertich, and Master Rumley. Prof. Ivers, already mentioned in the choir, played the contrabasso, and managed the huge monster so as to make it as obedient as a lapdog.

Such was the choir of 1868 at Notre Dame, the performances of which will, doubtless, be for every member one of the bright remembrances of the past.

Farewell.

A few short days,—then all is past,—
Old friends will part,—new ties be formed,—
But yet, where'er our harque is cast,
Our College stay will ne'er be mourned.

In distant climes,—in far-off lands,—
Where life's dark sky is overcast,—
We'll think with joy of those dear bands,
Then to be numbered with the past.

We'll think of how we daily sought,
The hill of Science steep to climb,
Of how, with earnest will, we wrought,
To improve the short and fleeting time.

With fond remembrance we will dwell
On those whose every action, deed,
Tended to dreary thoughts dispel,
Our mind with useful food to feed.

The time is close,—alas! too near,—
When, from those friends we're forced to part,
Who, through the swiftly closing year,
Wisdom and knowledge sought t' impart.

To them we owe a lasting debt,
Which never can be fully paid,
One which our thanks will o'er beget,—
From memory's tablet never fade.

Comrades must speak a last adieu
Ere yet another week will pass;
On life's great sea we'll form a crew,
Our aim,—o'er all to safely pass.

With help of Him we'll gain the shore,—
With life's troubles, cares o'ercome,—
But ne'er, in life, will we deplore
Our happy stay at Notre Dame.

Jos. D. Murphy.

Rev. A. Lemonnier, S. S. C., takes the opportunity afforded him by the Scholastic Year, to tell his friends and those who wish to send messages through him, or commission him to transact any business to which he may attend, that he will leave for France on the 24th inst., and will embark in New York on the 27th inst., on the City of Paris of the Inman Line, with two young friends, Masters H. Benoist and E. Benoist of St. Louis, who accompany him on a vacation tour.
As we close this week the regular edition of The Scholastic Year, we feel it a sacred duty to return thanks to all those who have so kindly and generously contributed to its welfare and steady improvement.

To the Professors we owe, in a great part, the scholarly tone of the paper; to the Students of the Editorial Corps we owe its genius. We know whom we ought to thank most, but we decline to give names, lest we might offend the modesty of those who sought not fame when they labored hard for the cause to which they had not barely lent their names. Others, we hope, will come in future years, and improve the field which the Editors of 1868 first surveyed. We say improve, for we will not take to ourselves all the good that may be done, and although we also have a great amount of pride, yet we grant that the experience of the past will aid our successors, and that as the sons have generally advantages greater than those which their parents enjoyed in their days, so also will the Editors of 1869 have a fair start on their predecessors.

Be the future what it may, we think we have pleased our contemporaries, and that we have not spared any effort to render our paper interesting to the little boy as well as to the young man, and that The Scholastic Year did not fail to bring glad tidings to many homes, week after week, during the first year of its publication.

We will say, moreover, for our own sake, that we always sought upright dealings, and made it a point to steer straight ahead the little craft on which all had a right to ship and forward their thoughts.

But enough of these reflections. If there have been any shortcomings on our part, we humbly beg the forgiveness of our readers. We also return sincere thanks to those who have printed our paper, to the chief manager of the Ave Maria printing office, whose patience we taxed so often, and, to all his able assistants, whom we have always found kind and gentlemanly.

The Director.

United Scientific Association.

The last Soirée Scientifique of the season took place on the evening of the 14th inst. The Head of the Department of Natural History delivered a lecture on "The Ant and its Habits," in which he took occasion to show by a forcible series of illustrations, the advantages which the man of science possesses over the non-scientific. The ant, being naturally diminutive, did not occupy much space in the lecture. The audience were evidently pleased and interested. On the Sunday previous, the Head of the Mathematical Department had delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on the "History of Mathematics." The Secretary then read the following Farewell Ode:

FAREWELL ODE TO THE U. S. A.

Air.—"Coming Through the Rye."

Dear friends and comrades, sad the hour
That strikes for us to part;
Even though affection's gentle power
Unites as still at heart.
Before you, see a bright career
Unfold to future story:
Seek not your safety in the rear,
But in the van your glory.

For though we fight 'neath banners white
We wound, yea, kill our foes;
Impaled on pins, they mourn their slain,
Done off in dismal rows.

The man who nature would explore
A walk must be;
Both eyes and man are sharpened more
By their activity.

Our pillars firm establishing
So deep that frost can't rot 'em,
We boast, though founded in the Spring,
So high our aspirations,—

Each member, whether home he goes,
Or stays to spend vacation;
Will often let his thoughts repose
On our association.

As late, with intellectual air,
From hunting bugs we came.
E'en Audubon, had he been there,
Would "guil reduit la!" exclaim.

O'Mahony against John Bull
May threaten Fenian ordeal,
Yet still a heart with vengeance full
To John's son may be cordial.

And should we reach—my constant prayer—
A bachelor's degree,
The uninitiated think
These rhymes, no doubt, absurd,
But Scientific men will link
A thought to every word.
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And when—studentially,—we die,
And go to heaven—vacation!
We'll breathe one last united sigh—
Entitio 'Sociation.

The Association then adjourned until the first Sunday in the coming month of September.

By order of the Director,

H. M. D.

THE PAPAL BENE DICTION.

TRES SAINT PÈRE: Humblement prosternés aux pieds de Votre Sainteté et heureux d’avoir pu faire parvenir, au Saint Siège, leur obole en faveur de l’Armée Pontificale, le Révérend Père Sorin et les élèves de l’Université de Notre Dame du Lac, État d’Indiana, États Unis d’Amérique, sollicitent pour eux et leurs familles la bénéédiction Apostolique qu’ils considéreront comme la plus grande récompense de leur dévouement à la sainte cause de l’Eglise.

Rome, ce 7 Mai, 1868.

DOMINUS vos BENE DICT ET DIRIGAT CORDA VESTRA ET INTELLIGENTIAS VESTRAS.

PIUS PP. IX.

[TRANSLATION.]

Most Holy Father: Humbly prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, and happy to have been able to bring to the Holy See their mite in favor of the Pontifical Army, the Reverend Father Sorin and his pupils of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, State of Indiana, United States of America, solicit for themselves and families the Apostolic Benediction which they consider as the greatest recompense of their devotion to the holy cause of the Church.

Rome, this 7th of May, 1868.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU, AND DIRECT YOUR HEARTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS.

PIUS PP. IX.

It will be agreeable to our visitors from the West to learn that an extra train has been secured for the night of the 24th, and that they will have sufficient time to attend the Exhibition at the University and at the Academy. This extra train will leave South Bend for Chicago at 8½ P. M.

We hereby acknowledge the liberality of the officers of M. S. & N. I. Railroad who have so kindly offered their generous assistance on the occasion of our Annual Commencement.

Philodemic.

The final meeting of the Philodemic Literary Association was held on Tuesday evening, June 9th. After the usual preliminary business, the President remarked that there would be no debate, as this was the last meeting. Mr. John Grogan, the President of the Two-Penny Club, then arose and made an eloquent valedictory, in which he gave the origin, history, and object of the Two-Penny Club. His speech met with great applause from all the members. After short addresses from many of the members, Mr. A. M. Owen arose and made an enthusiastic speech. He returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Publishers of the Gazette of Two-Penny Club.

The President, Rev. A. Lemonnier, then made a long and appropriate valedictory. He stated that he was very well pleased with the Society, and thought that a marked improvement could be observed in all the members. He also remarked that although all of us should never meet again, we should always remember the pleasant time we had spent during our connection with the Philodemic Society. After bidding all an affectionate farewell, he closed his remarks.

Time being limited, on motion the Society adjourned until the next scholastic year.

WM. WALKER, Recording Sec.

"Our friend, Amos K. Clay, was admitted to the bar a few days ago, and has commenced the practice of law. Years of patient study and practical application to the profession have prepared him for the course upon which he has entered, and will doubtless insure a successful career.—Miamisburg Bulletin."

Mr. Clay was formerly a student at Notre Dame, and, although young at that time, gave ample evidence of that natural talent which is the sure pledge of success. We, who witnessed with pleasure the dawning vigor of his intellect, feel safe in predicting for him a useful and brilliant career in the legal profession. And while we offer him our congratulations in his successful mastery of the preliminary studies in his important profession, we shall certainly rejoice at the fulfillment of our high expectations of his future success.

No man can suffer by bad fortune, but he who has been deceived by good.
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BASEBALL.

Star of the West vs. Mutual.

The match game of baseball played between the Star of the West, Jr., and Mutual, Sr., was the cause of considerable excitement at Notre-Dame. As the Mutuals played the Juanita Club the week before, it was thought that the Star of the West should not aspire to play them after their warmly contested game with the champions of Notre Dame. About half-past 12 o'clock, all were aroused by Prof. J. O'Neill's Brass Band, on its march to the grounds.

The game commenced at one o'clock. Mr. W. B. Smith was called upon to act as umpire, which he kindly consented to do, and the game commenced immediately, the Star of the West Club taking the lead and keeping it throughout the game. The ball which was played for, was presented to the club (S. W. B. B. C.) by Bro. Florentius, for which they thank him very much.

The following is the score of the game:

| STAR OF THE WEST | | MUTUAL | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| M. Brannock, s. s., | 2 | E. Teats, p., | 3 |
| J. Wilson, 1 b., | 1 | A. O'Reilly, c. f., | 3 |
| J. Flaigten, p., | 2 | J. Garfarthing, 3 b., | 1 |
| J. Ingersoll, 1. f., | 1 | J. Mcbride, 2 b., | 4 |
| J. Flynn, 3 b., | 4 | E. Hofferson, s. s., | 3 |
| E. Hitchen, 2 b., | 5 | D. Boll, c., | 1 |
| D. Bell, e., | 8 | G. O'Leary, c. | 3 |
| D. Burns, c. f., | 5 | J. O'Reilly, 1 b., | 1 |
| H. Benoit, r. f., | 6 | J. Rogers, r. f., | 1 |
| Total, - - - | 27 | Total, - - - | 22 |

Scorer of the Star of the West, J. SUTHERLAND.
Scorer of the Mutual, E. S. PILLARS.

The Star of the West has Gained the Day.

To whip the little Star of the West
The Mutuals wished to do;
And so on a pleasant Monday eve
Came out our jolly crew.

"Say, Captain! Who is that Mutual
That looks so stout and bold?
Why he looks as if he'd knock that ball
For some of us to hold."

"Johnny, the ball," young Scotty cries;
No sooner said than past;
That Mutual brave struck at it wild,
But that stroke was his last.

"Who struck that ball that's high in air?"
"Why a Mutemul, of course,
Do you think that one of us little boys
Could knock it with such force?"

"Where are you, Michael?" Johnny calls;
"I'm 'Short Stop' don't you see?
I've got that Mutual 'on the fly,'
This ball looks small to me!"

The scorer cries, "Teats, to the bat"
But, look, how he comes in;
I think you know the reason why,
The "whitewash" we will win.

The ball is passed, Teats knocks at it,
It's almost out of sight;
But Jimmie's always on his guard,
Cries "whitewash," with his might.

And now the little boys come in
Amid a rousing noise.
Who is that crowd that shout so loud?
"The gay Juanita boys."

And now we'll pass near to the end;
Our small boys take the stand,—
But who is that who looks so glad,
Shaking the Captain's hand?

Bro. Florentius, don't you see?
How proud he looks, and kind!
And well he may, for don't you know
His nine are ne'er behind?

There's little Jim, the president,
Who condescends to score;
See with what pleasure he counts up
The scores we've made before.

Now give three cheers for the jolly nine
Of eighteen sixty-eight:
And now three more for Captain Jack,
The boy that ne'er was "bate."

The Uniform.

It has been asked very often by the students whether the Uniform would be made obligatory next year, or whether it would be allowed to pass out of use. Now, we answer to all doubts or questions on the subject by saying that in the next Catalogue, which is now being printed, there will be an article by which the parents of students will be invited to adopt for their sons the Uniform of the University. However, there shall be no compulsion in the matter. The reasons why we desire to have our students wearing a uniform are numerous. No fashion can compete with the tasty uniform now worn by the Seniors, Juniors and Minims of Notre Dame. In point of cleanliness it is all that can be desired. It costs less than any other suit. It reminds one of preserving everywhere a certain military decorum, and it forces the body to take such an attitude or bearing, as is natural to a trained and well-disciplined soldier.
When we advocate the introduction and use of the Uniform, we do not mean that we wish to see it ill-used, or used out of time. The Uniform ought to be worn on Sundays, on such days as national or college festivals, and whenever the student leaves the College grounds. The Uniform is ill-used when it is not worn complete, as is sometimes the case; when, for example, pants or hats, a la mode or not, are annexed to a solemnly buttoned-up jacket or tunic. The effect is grotesque, we must confess, and although, seldom witnessed now, it will entirely disappear when the Uniform comes into more general use.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SAINT MARY’S ACADEMY.

TABLES OF HONOR.

Senior Department.—Misses C. and L. Plimpton, L. Murray, M. Forrester, K. Doran, T. Lafferty, Belle Gardner, Josephine and Esther Lunergan, Louisa Leoni, Belle Acker, Anna Tarrant.

Junior Department.—Misses Julia and Maggie Walker, M. Toberty, C. North, Mary Sissons, Adelaide Metzger, Mary Clark, Anna Garrity, Agnes Longley, A. Byrns, H. Hunt.

HONORABLE MENTION.

Graduating Class.—Misses Florence Alsopugh, Blanche Walton, H. Brooks, Mary Tripp.

First Senior Class.—Misses K. Livingston, L. and L. Tong, Agnes Ewing, K. Cunnea, Laura Lewis, Emma Longsdorf, Eunice Crouch, G. Arrington, C. Wolf, Augusta Poole.


First Intermediate Class.—Misses Mary Cumerford, Mary Simms, Mary Rooney, A. Wiley, B. Moriarty, Harriet Thompson, Julia and Ros Gittings, M. Hally, Mary Oechtering, Harriet Croul, Frances Moree.

Second Intermediate Class.—Miss H. Sprochnle.

First Junior Class.—M. O’Meare, E. Sanders, Belle B.rber.

Second Junior Class.—Miss Rosa Conall.

Friendship.

There is a tie, a holy tie,
Affliction cannot sever,
Originating from on high,
With strength to last forever:
That tie is friendship.

There is a fire, a holy fire,
That burns in human hearts,
Inciting love for something higher,
Than the mere mortal arts:
That fire is friendship.

There is a prize, a precious prize,
That faithful souls receive,
A boon sent to us from the skies,
To there return and live:
That prize is friendship.

But there is love, pretended love
That heavenly prize to dim;
Beware! The tear that’s from above,
The tear of friendship.