leges, but as time goes on we think that every graduate will regard the discipline of his stern alma mater with more favor than he does now as a student buried in its absorbing work, just as the dweller under the shadow of a high mountain does not realize its height or its beauty until he has left the shore, and sailing out into the great ocean sees the mountain loom up more grandly as he recedes from it.

It seems, therefore, fitting that each class which has graduated should have at least one annual reunion, where as many members as can should meet together for "old acquaintance" sake," and on familiar ground discuss the scientific questions of the day. Some of our graduates will certainly become famous in the world of science, and it will be interesting, indeed, to recall this and that event of student life or the chance impulse which turned their minds to the work which has made their names renowned. These reunions can only be carried on through class organizations, properly officered, and holding stated meetings. If the duties of the secretary be properly managed, information can be kept of the occupation and whereabouts of all members of the class, and any items of interest concerning them, all of which should be freely accessible to other members. In an institution like ours, turning out men of all professions, its graduates will be very widely scattered all over this country and abroad, and meetings should, therefore, be held in the most central place. We think, however, that Boston has usually been thus chosen. It seems to us that membership to these organizations should not, as has sometimes been done, be confined to those having obtained degrees, for to exclude from a class organization a man who has been identified with that class for four years, simply because he is not classed officially as an alumnus, is adding a seeming insult to injury. Moreover, these men are the very ones concerning whom information is always most difficult to obtain. It might be thought advisable to let the regular alumni constitute the nucleus of the organization, and have them take in the others individually.

We would respectfully offer these remarks to '84, which we believe has as yet no permanent organization, and make the suggestion that a meeting to form such an organization, held just after the last examination, and before the class breaks up, would be of unusual interest, and would undoubtedly be largely attended.

As the year draws to a close, and the lower classes look forward, through a perspective of midnight toil and perplexing examinations, to the well-earned vacation, '84, through a like perspective, sees itself approaching the jumping off place described in the catalogue as "degrees conferred," those final exercises conducted in a manner so strickly in accordance with the practical, undemonstrative character of our busy Institute life.

We are not unmindful of the sad farewell tendered to '82, and the thoughts it must bring on future graduation days to all who cherish memories of President Rogers; but is it not a fact that this final ceremony is, at the Institute, noticeably devoid of many points of interest which would be expected to characterize so important an epoch in a young man's life? Of course there is good reason for this, the seniors have been struggling with their theses, which in addition to all other work, have left little time for the preparation of essays, poems, and class histories, if indeed our class histories are worth the writing; the natural result is that the entertainment at graduation consists of selections from the highly scientific and technical theses, unintelligible to most of the hearers, and of addresses by some of the Faculty, which, though spoken with the heartiest feelings of personal interest and good-will, cannot altogether offset the general coldness, as compared with the final exercises, suppers, dances, and other enjoyable excitement indulged in, on such occasions, by some other institutions of learning.

We think if the musical element, which seems to flourish in our midst, could be introduced at this ceremony with other "divertissement" it would be likely to increase the enjoyment of both visitors and students and leave pleasanter memories of the long anticipated event.