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HE pleasure in a new freedom from restraint and in the beginning of a new and more vigorous life must bring with it to each one of the graduates in ’96 a certain sadness at parting from old friends and old associations, a certain yearning for the college life of the last four years. In many cases perhaps this may wane and the love for Alma Mater never again be so strong as at present. This is the event that each loyal Tech. man should do his utmost to prevent. More and more each year is the truth realized that a college does not simply include the men who, at a given moment, happen to be within its walls, but all the members of the larger body, bound together by common interests, common aims, and common associations, of whatever date. The alumnus who holds himself constantly in touch with college life finds an inspiration in the thought of the great fellowship in which he shares, and in the memory of youthful hopes and the high aims connected with it. The undergraduate, on the other hand, gains enthusiasm from the love he sees manifested by those who have trodden the same path and by their appreciation of the benefits which he enjoys. May the men of ’96 carry out with them then the sense that they are still vital units of the greater Technology, and that by virtue of this fact they have privileges and duties which are of paramount importance.

HE Class of Ninety-six can look back with pride upon an unusually successful Commencement Week. The class was the largest ever graduated, and the number of friends who crowded Huntington Hall on each occasion was almost too great for comfort.

The first affair of the week, the Alumni Reception, was a notable one in several ways. The surroundings were very much more in keeping than those of previous years. President Walker’s outline of the plan for a new building aroused unusual enthusiasm, and the official launching of the Technology Club after the meeting was the starting point of what we believe will be a great work for the Institute.

The Glee and Banjo Club concert was a pleasant occasion leading up to the more important festivities of Class Day. The weather for the latter was unpropitious, but the decorations made Rogers Building very presentable within. The exercises passed off with great success, and the Committee of Arrangements is to be congratulated upon its excellent work.

The graduating exercises of Ninety-six were noteworthy not only on account of the size of