Not only are we first in numbers, but it is my claim that we are first in certain conditions which are most essential in making the man out of the boy. No one, as the saying is, can get through this school on his name or his pocketbook. I do not imply that such is the case in other schools. I simply say that, as far as I know, our requirements are more comprehensive and more exacting than elsewhere—and we are glad of it. We entered 362—we graduate 188. But if any of you think that this is a course of health-destroying severity, I assure you that you are mistaken. Look at our graduates—smoked glasses at the cut-rate book store, only $19.75—you will have hard work to find any consumptives or cripples among them. In answer to a question I asked the class, less than one-eighth consider their course at all too difficult; and it may be of interest to know that, with but two exceptions, these unhappy individuals are all from Course VI.

There are a few points which may be of interest to the loving friends of Ninety-six, and which I will recite, if I may be permitted. They will necessarily be somewhat disjointed, as it is out of the question to concoct anything which shall be typical of the extreme unity and brotherly love of this class. I have but little else than figures to give you. However, figures cannot lie—that is, figuratively speaking. Perhaps I can make up the deficiency.

In the winter campaign eight were victors and twelve slain. I refer you to the daily papers of that time for further details. Enterprising reporters were abroad, and nothing escaped their eye or their imagination.

This is evidently a rising generation. Consider that aggregation of civilians which, with us, is at the top, both of the list and of the Engineering building—Course I. Provided we were able to find one who attended every exercise he is supposed to for a whole week, and considering he went home for dinner (which they never fail to do), he would be obliged to ascend 2,070 steps, or 1,206 feet vertical height. In the school year he would have gone 42,210 feet straight up in the air, and during the course, at the same rate per year, would have gone 168,840 feet, or 32 miles off the earth. What a fine start this would give them, were it not counteracted by an equal descent! Although the resultant elevation of the body is zero, let us hope that it has had some effect upon their intelligence. We of the Engineering building certainly need an "alleviator."

Ninety-six has a large number of married men, of whom I have been able to discover four. Course II. contains a working majority of these, namely three. Members of that favored course will at once recognize the name of our most prominent Benedict—Fred. W. McBowie! It is a curious coincidence that the number of married men exactly tallies with the number of bewhiskered students. I do not mean that every married man has whiskers, or every bewhiskered man is married. Would that they were! The bearded men's club is now on a firm foundation. Mr. Roberts at one time threatened to disturb the equilibrium, but the late Mr. Bowie threw himself into the breach, and the number was maintained.

There being some dispute as to certain dimensions of the class I determined to go to the very bottom of the thing, and so asked them to kindly inform me as to the size of their feet. Although there was some little diffidence among certain members, I found that most of the feet in their possession are normal. Only one has feet which are not mates, and the prize for the largest pair goes to Course V. Our friend Lythgoe can tell you all about it. If all the shoes of the class were placed side by side, they would cover an area as large as one of the evanescent tennis courts in the rear of the abode of the Sons of Rest. But enough! That covers the ground.

We have many men of length among us, the stately Mr. Pennell standing at the head of the line, and carrying his 6 feet 4 inches as though he had been used to it all his life. At the foot we find Socks,—er—I mean Mr. Sax. This remarkable person, whose agreeableness varies inversely as his length, is only a hair over 5 feet. The average height is 5 feet 8.9 inches. Now if each member should stand upon another's head, this human column would be 1,079 feet high, with a ratio of length to diameter, Mr. Wayne excluded, 863. I attempted to calculate what the outside fibre stress would be by the formula \( f = \frac{M}{I} \), but failed, owing to the fact that this class does not have anything to do with the letter F.

We come now to a rather weighty subject, the average of the class being 153 pounds. Course VI. holds the cup for heavyweights, with Course II. a close second. Mr. Wayne carries off the individual prize, weighin' 242 pounds.

It may interest you to know that there are now not far from 1,000 persons in this hall, whose aggregate weight is about 70 tons. I esteem it quite an honor to speak to a 70-ton audience. The total weight of the stu-