Class Day.

The Class Day Exercises were held in Huntington Hall, Monday, June 8, at 2.30 o'clock, where the speeches were well attended by an interested and appreciative audience. The Class Day officers were:

First Marshal, Horace Singer Baker;
Second Marshal, Howard Scott Morse;
Third Marshal, Paul Revere Parker;
President of Class, George Wright Swett;
Historian, Galen Moses Harris;
Statistician, John Finn Ancona;
Prophet, Renaud Lage;
Orator, Richard Chase Tolman;
Poet, George Howard Clark.

The Class Reception and Spread on the lawn at 4.30 o'clock was interfered with by a shower, and the scene of action was hastily transferred to Rogers Corridor and the General Library.

The various class officers spoke as follows:

President Swett, for the Class:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Class of 1903 extends to you a most hearty welcome to its exercises this afternoon. While we realize that the occasion cannot mean as much or be as interesting to you as it is to us, we appreciate the honor you are doing us by being present to-day, and wish to thank you for this manifestation of your interest. We feel, now that we are about to take a most important step in our life career, that it is highly fitting for us to meet for the last time as undergraduates, and pause for a moment to review our past and speculate upon the future. At this time it is a great pleasure to express our thanks to the Faculty and Instructing Staff for their interest and valuable co-operation in the past, and for the admirable preparation which they have striven to give us for the future. While at times we have felt that we were subjected to great hardships, as we look back we can recognize that all were for our best interests, and our future cannot but be influenced by the principles under which we have worked for the last four years.

To our parents, who have placed us here, and through whose efforts we have been enabled to carry on our studies, we are indebted more than to any one else, and our efforts shall be such that the future will show our appreciation, and conclusively prove that no mistake was made in starting us in our life work, through the medium of the Institute and the Class of 1903.

No member of the Class feels that, with his degree in sight, his end is attained. On the contrary, we are but on the eve of our commencement. Now we are to apply the truths, both physical and moral, that our course has sought to teach us. "College," as ex-Governor Long has well said, "is a means, and not an end."

I trust that you will pardon any egotism on our part this afternoon. It is our first and last chance to talk about ourselves, and we have here on the platform some fortunate or unfortunate classmates, who will tell you of our past, present and future. First, however, I am to have the pleasure and privilege of introducing to you one who has served the Class and the Institute, and well deserves the highest honor the Class can bestow—First Marshal Horace Singer Baker.

Mr. Baker, First Marshal:

MR. President, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CLASS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THREE:

We welcome you all to our Class Day; we are glad you are here and we hope you will really enjoy it. It is a day that we have looked forward to through all our Senior year. Before that it always seemed so far away that we could hardly imagine ourselves as the graduating class—and now that it has really come, I wonder what difference it makes—what we have to show for our years of work?

I believe that the young graduate of the Institute has many faults, but an undue measure of self-esteem is not usually a prominent one of them. We know well enough that when we entered the Institute we were average American boys. We have not changed our natures here, but we have done four years of hard and honest work. We expect to continue working in the same way, but we hope to enjoy it more than any work we have done, because it will be some part, small or large, of the world's real work. We expect to meet plenty of men who are more clever than we are, but I believe that every one of us who does his best and works for the sake of the work, will be truly successful.