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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Class of Seventy-Eight.

IN my report that I now offer you I have decided to let most of you tell your own stories, and though in my circulars I have asked you to tell connected ones, some of you have been rather abrupt in your replies. I have thought best to omit the actual dates of each communication, for though it is now some months since many of you wrote me last, the present tense wherever used applies to some time within the past year, unless otherwise stated.

Four of our Class have received their A.B. degrees, as of 1878, since we left College, bringing the total number of graduates up to 147. Among these four was one man whose name was printed in the list of A.B.'s on our Commencement programme, but who did not get his degree till 1879.

A few who graduated are lost, as the records will show ; but several who were lying hid showed themselves after repeated appeals from me. Of members of the Class who did not graduate, the proportion of those lost and hiding is of course much larger, for many, who stayed with us but a few weeks or months, felt that the ties that bound them to the Class were so slight that they were broken when they left the College and Cambridge ; and then, too, it is hardly reasonable for the Secretary of our Class to expect communications from many of those who were ever connected with the "glorious Class of Seventy-Seven" (of whom we had a goodly sprinkling) when they can report themselves to the Secretary of that Class, though, thanks to Mr. Russell, Seventy-Seven's Secretary, I am enabled to make my records much more complete in this direction than they would otherwise be.

I suppose there are some among us who are so innately modest that they dislike the idea of any printed mention of themselves, and this I judge to be the reason why some answers to my inquiries were delayed so long, and others are still wanting. There are some names, that, closely identified with our Class in most respects, I am against my will obliged to place among "Members not Graduates;" but the Faculty had to draw the line somewhere, though I can but think that they were feeling out of sorts when they drew it.

It may be a surprise to some to learn, that, though we have thirty-six lawyers among our graduates, and fifteen among those who did not graduate with us, we are considerably below the average of the classes near us, in lawyers. Seventy-Six has 37 per cent among its graduates, and a total of 32 per cent, including all members. Seventy-Seven has, graduates 31 per cent, total 26 per cent. Seventy-Nine has, graduates 39 per cent; and we, graduates 25 per cent, and total 24 per cent.

That over one quarter of us are married, would tend to show that our business prospects have not been as bad as the condition of the Class Fund has seemed to indicate. The month of June appears to have found favor among our marrying graduates, for out of the thirty-seven who have married, eleven have selected June as the month in which to do so.

Death has dealt lightly with us since our Commencement, and we have lost but four of our graduates, while I have heard of the death of but one of our other members. And though we have lost so few, we could ill afford to spare those who were taken; but as time runs on we must expect to see our ranks gradually thinned, and those of us who are left will look back on the many pleasant memories of those who are gone, till a Commencement day will come that will number the Class of Seventy-Eight as something belonging to the past; but while we stay let us say with Horace, —

*"Quid sit futurum cras fuge quaerere, et
Quem Fors dierum cunq̄ue dabit lucro
Appone."* . . .

I hope you all will bring to my notice the errors in dates, names, etc., that no work of this nature is complete without; and I want to

thank those of you who have aided me in preparing this report by promptly answering my inquiries, and in other ways.

Let me offer all of you my best wishes for your future, and believe me,

Sincerely your Classmate,

JOSEPH C. WHITNEY.

124 MARLBOROUGH STREET, BOSTON,
December 1, 1884.

CLASS OF 1878.

Charles Thornton Adams.
Richard Seabrook Albert.
Andrew Hussey Allen.
William Ethan Allen.
William Hall Allen.
Willis Boyd Allen.
Edward Richardson Bacon.
Edwin Swift Balch.
William Amos Bancroft.
Charles Foster Batchelder.
William Zebina Bennett.
Frederic de Billier.
Charles Chauncey Binney.
Emmons Blaine.
Lafayette Gilbert Blair.
Warren Kendall Blodgett.
George Keely Bouteille.
Frank Eliot Bradish.
Arthur Henry Brown.
George Henry Browne.
William Henry Brune.
Howard Mendenhall Buck.
Stephen Bullard.
Herbert Channing Burdett.
Charles Abernethy Catlin.
Eugene Tyler Chamberlain.
Charles Frederic Chamberlayne.
Edward Perkins Channing.
George Locke Cheney.
Herbert Morison Clarke.
Edward Howard Cobb.
Charles Rich Comey.
Osborne Sargent Curtis.

Arthur Percy Cushing.
Charles Daniels.
Louis Bailey Dean.
Howard Freeman Doane.
Benjamin Humpfrey Dorr.
Franklin Asaph Dunbar.
*Edward Somerville Ellicott. *1879
Irving Elting.
Philip Van Rensselaer Ely.
Zebina Allston Gleason.
Henry Goldmark.
Augustus Coe Gurnee.
Charles Albert Hamilton.
Lewis Hancock.
Benjamin Fosdick Harding.
John Butterworth Harding.
Charles Harrington.
*Melvin Hasbrouck. *1879
Edward Rogers Hastings.
Henry Clinton Hay.
Andrew Duff Heffern.
Parke Woodbury Hewins.
John Russell Holmes.
John Homans.
Charles Wells Hubbard.
Edward Browne Hunt.
Ernest Jackson.
Lawrence Jacob.
Benjamin Newhall Johnson.
Edward Francis Johnson.
Joseph French Johnson.
Arthur Mason Jones.
Walter Kessler.