The Seniors of 1925

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To quote Mr. McIlhaney: "Nowhere has there been a high school that has boasted of such a pretty set of girls as does Marlin High." And we give credit to the Senior class for including the cream of this feminine beauty. The boys are for most part industrious and ambitious. From this class has come the foremost debater in this county. Surely that is something of which to be very proud. Our ambitions are of the high tenor which characterizes a student's desire for higher things in the life to follow. We shall soon be a thing of the past with Marlin High, and shall automatically become alumni, yet the spirit is imbued in our innermost fibres of our beings, never to abandon its high seat. When we return to the "Alma Mater" of our youth, we shall realize that never again shall we attain the heights of happiness and contentment that we enjoyed while we were Seniors. However, now that the time is "the present," the place is "here" in our drama of school life, the Seniors are burdened with work, are hardened with labor, and shouldered with responsibilities as they try to cover themselves with as much honor as is their due. Rebellion, nevertheless, is an unheard of sentiment, and everywhere the rustle and bustle of the classmen and women has told of the attempt and sometimes the failures of the Senior class. Now that the warm weather is here, it feels the necessity of pressing forward to the goal that is so near, and yet so far.

The figure of a race is often applied to the conduct of students last year in high school. Always the ambitious ones leap ahead in the beginning, gaining ground that is to grow so precious as the months roll by. There are slumps, there are times when every student is incensed with a desire for personal progress and advancement. There are time swhen the best of students make attempts to "get by" by "fooling" their teachers; there are times when the pleasures on the outside are temptingly pleasant, and desirable, there are times when the monotony of school life and school work seems utterly unbearable, yet each of these periods gives way to the ever-present spirit of education that seems fairly to push along the laggards and to make itself desirable for the scholars of ambition and foresight.

Until the last week of the last year, uncertainly holds a great part in the school curriculum. Then the last lap must be run, until the finish determines the winner, the loser; the stars, the dullards; the ambitious, the lazy; in fine. commencement day determines to a great extent your winning or your losing in the race and your success or your failure in the great after life we hear of but have yet to find.

Here it would be good to take a summary of the duties and obligations of the Senior class—as a whole and individually.

To the Seniors goes the honor of being the finished, complete conclusion of the four years of high school; the best examples of educated boys and girls that Marlin High has; the most perfect conception of a high school student; the ones whom the faculty has prepared to the best of its ability, to combat with the college or university. and. really, with the labors, hardships, difficulties, success and failures of a whole life-time. "As the twig is bent, so shall the tree incline." As the student grows in character and and personality in youth, so the grown man or woman remains throughout life. A success in high school is generally a success in life, and vice-versa. Thus, the faculty has imposed on it the duty of cultivating the