

AND NAUGHT-FIVE AWOKE

A Ceremony Postponed From Last Commencement Takes Place With Variations.

There is a class on the Hill known as 1905. This may surprise you. It would have surprised most anyone a week ago, for if they were here they had given no signs of life. But wait. They have "awoken" and the time of their "awoking" was last Tuesday night and the manner of it was in this wise.

The Seniors of last year purchased for themselves certain pieces of lumber, out of which they fashioned themselves seats, which they placed under the Davie Poplar, their peculiar possession as Seniors, and upon which they did seek repose. And when the time of their graduation was nigh at hand they took counsel one with another and decided how that they would destroy the seats by burning them with fire some time during Commencement. For some reason or other, however, some of the seats were not burned with fire, but were left supposedly hidden in some convenient spot.

Now it so happened that the Senior class of this year (that which is known as the class of 1906) appointed some time ago a committee charged with the "surreptitious securing of lonesome lumber." By accident the strollers came upon the last year's benches and without a twinge of conscience appropriated them to their own use, and said nothing.

But certain members of the erstwhile class of 1905, a weak and scattered remnant, sniffed with their organs of olfactory sensation and became convinced of the presence of some carnivorous rodent. On Sunday afternoon last, in the open glare of daylight they conducted a post mortem examination of the seats and satisfied themselves that they were none other than their very own. That was all.

On Monday night a few minutes before twelve the lights went out as usual. For the space of some twenty minutes quiet reigned over the campus, deserted, and gleaming white in the moonlight, while the 600 inhabitants wooed the god of sleep. The majority had prosecuted their suit to a successful termination when the loud clanging of the bell and the shrill cries of "Fire" accompanied by a red glow on the campus brought them to their windows, through which they craned their heads.

But no building wrapped in monster flames greeted their eyes. Under the Davie Poplar were the flames, rising from the prostrate forms of the helpless Senior benches. Gathered round was a little group of instructors in English, in French and in German, together with sundry Law and Medical students. As usual, their identity had the crowd of angry and disappointed spectators guessing till a Yackety Yack with a long "Naught-five" three times made the onlookers look at one another. They were suprised. They had a right to be.

Round the funeral pyre the little company stood, shouting their yells and singing their songs as of yore, and ringing clear in every song and yell, like the bubbling

over of uncontrollable class spirit come the strident voice of one John Kenyon Wilson, evidently a leading spirit.

When the flames had died away, the jubilant post grads marched up to the well and bombarded with countless skyrocketes the windows of the neighboring buildings. This done, they quietly took their departure and again the god of sleep took charge.

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