

## IN MEMORIAM

*"De mortuis nil nisi bonum."*

Thrice has the grim reaper, Death, harvested from our field of embryonic intellectual grain. Thrice has the Class of 1916 had loyal members prematurely cut down by this impartial gatherer.

JAMES EDGAR BASKERVILLE departed this life on the 24th of July 1914. He was a faithful unit of the class, and liked by all who came in contact with him. The memory of his cheerful disposition and melodious voice are impressed indelibly upon the minds of his many friends, which Time will find impossible to erase.

SAMUEL HUNTER BROOKS died on the 5th of October, 1914. "Sam," as we knew him, was a trustworthy youth. His dry humor and spirit of self-forgetfulness won him a host of friends. The death of this member was a loss from which we shall never recover.

JAMES THOMAS MASK crossed "the Great Divide" on the 15th of November, 1915. "Tom" was a boy with an ever-ready smile, always willing to serve his friends. His genial nature compelled one to like him. His death was sudden and a shock to all.

The absence of these members leaves a void which cannot be filled. Let us pause a moment in our triumphing and think of our departed ones.

*"Oh, friends, forever loved, forever dear,  
What fruitless tears have bathed thy honored biers!  
What sighs re-echoed to thy parting breaths,  
Whilst thou wast struggling in the pangs of death."*

—N. CANNON BROOKS.

## Class Prophecy

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Late one evening in the Spring of 1926 I was strolling upon the deck of a large steamer bound for Liverpool. It flashed through my mind that two days before I had bought a book from one of my classmates' bookstores in New York City. Sydney Brown told me that he was in the printing business, and also owned this large bookstore. He had just finished printing this book, telling of the whereabouts and doings of our classmates of '16.

Being alone, I was eager to devour its contents. So reclining in a steamer chair, bathed with the balmy breeze from the ocean, I read as follows:

Theodore Brown, who was always noted for arguing in class, returned to Virginia with his wife Katheryn and became a great lawyer. He is noted for settling all domestic troubles by arbitration.

Harry Chandler went to Philadelphia. He is a surgeon in one of the large hospitals there. He performed his first operation upon a cat for the toothache.

To Georgetown, S. C., Marian Baxter returned after her graduation. She became a great violinist, but her music was so classical that no one could appreciate it except herself.

After commencement in '16, Cannon Brooks (and wife Ruth) went to New York and became pastor of a large church. He always has a large congregation, for it is there that they can get a few hours sleep.

When Irene Lee left us in '16, she returned to Springfield, Mass., and became a teacher in Domestic Science. Her method of making cake without flour and using salt instead of sugar has won for her great fame.

William Lofton went to Jacksonville, Fla., and began practicing medicine. He is known as the "Undertaker's Silent Partner."

D. D. Mattocks and his wife Amita went to New York City. D. D. became a great lecturer and public speaker. It is thought that he will try for the office of Mayor of that city.

Hattie Mae Harris became so fond of adventure that she began a tour of the world. While she was passing through Chicago she became interested in the suffrage movement, so she is now making stump speeches to secure votes for women.

William Hagler's appetite for butter and milk increased so that when he left school he went to Florida and set up a large creamery. He is still in the business.

Gladys Whitmeir went out West and became a nurse in a large hospital. The only thing she really likes about the job is preparing the "diet."

Mabel Robinson became tired of school life, so when she left us she married a very rich old man, and, much to her disappointment, he is still hale and hearty and bids fair to his one hundredth birthday.

Bernard Coles became tired of society a few years after commencement. He retired to a little farm a few miles outside of Washington. He is a bachelor and makes a living by raising chickens.

After William Hayling finished his Academy life he went to College and received his degree within three years. But after acquiring all of this knowledge he could not put it to good use, so he went to West Point. He is now learning to fight for his country.

Esther Shackelford went to Richmond, Ky., and became a leading society lady. She has often been entertained by the President, and soon she will sail for England to spend a few weeks with the King.

John Holmes never liked hard work. He secured a position as cook in a large hotel in Atlantic City. Despite the fact that he eats the greater part of what he cooks, he still holds the position.

Joseph Jones became a noted Professor in Chemistry. He has recently discovered certain chemicals for making bombs.