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Ouphes, come help the spider spin Stretch his webs for mist and moon;

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Rim with rounded rain, or, thin, Curve into frosty lune;

Lift the mushroom's rosy chin, Help it win

Through the leaves that lie aboon;
While the cricket
In the thicket

Makes it faery fiddle din.

Brim the lichen cups with rain; Blow to feather the goldenrods;

Help the touch-me-nots, astrain To explode their ripened pods, Sow their pattering seed again; Help to stain

Every freckled flower that nods;
While with glee,
In its tree.

Chants the owl its wild refrain.

Drop the acorn in its place;
Split and spill the chestnuts'
burs;

Trail the weeds with pixy lace Of the moony gossamers;

And with tricksy colors trace Form and face

Of each leaf the wildwood stirs;
While the fox
Mid the rocks,

Barks, or times with ours his pace.

Elfin, ouphe, and imp, and gnome,
Ye who house the bumblebee,
Ride the slow snail to its home,
Wrap the worm up silkenly;
Ye who guard the wild bee's
comb.

And the dome
Of the hornets in the tree,
Hear the call—
One and all
Gather! gather! autumn's come!

Madison Cawein in Youths Companion

Echoes From the Middlers

We have returned in large numbers and with good health to do a year of good conscientious work. We have come back with fresh inspiration and newly gathered zeal to press forward to the mark of a higher calling to take the coveted place of the outgoing middlers. So much for one determination. After a lavish exchange of hand shakes and smiles and "glad-to-see-you," we met in class meeting on Friday, October the tenth and elected officers for the first semester as follows:

President, Mr. J. A. Brown; Vice President, Mr. J. Lacey Doss; Secretary, Miss Hattie May Harris; Assistant Secretary, Miss Carol Washington; Treasurer, Mr. S. D. Brown; Chaplain, Mr. Luke Williams; Journalist, Mr. J. Hewlett; Parliamentarian, Mr. F. Swan; Critic, Mr. L. B. Capehart; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Marshall Ross.

After the numerous speeches of acceptance, which had they been written would have made Miss Barker's blue pencil work over time, the members of the class separated fullof keen spirits and best wishes for a successful year's work. Oh! I forgot tomention that we all returned with more or less cash—mostly less.

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Let every loyal member of the Academy subscribe to this paper. It always is the last word.

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