

Book II. The Supercilious Soph.

In due course of time, we arrived at this advanced stage of development, i. e. what there were left of us. We returned resolved to profit by our experiences related above, and refrained from mixing in college politics. We had learned that good old saying: "Blessed are the meek for they shall be sat upon," and resolved to do the sitting act. In accordance with this resolution, the famous original "Yellow Posters" came into existence. They served their purpose, and that was enough. Imitation is the sincerest flattery, and every year we are greeted by some more or less base imitation of our initial efforts. We are flattered, for we are but human.

If any of the old inhabitants remember a cold winter's morning, when, for the first time in the history of the College, a class flag fluttered from the flag staff above the main building, they can put it down to the credit of '03. That the school felt honored is borne witness by the many consultations between ourselves and members of the faculty. This interest on their part was entirely unlooked for, and developed in us such a sense of our own value and importance as we have rarely experienced.

Another innovation introduced by our efforts that has since become an established institution, is the Freshmen Smoker. Nothing of the kind ever greeted us as we entered the new world of energy and activity called College life. In return for all this lack of appreciation on the part of the upper class men, we instituted the smoker, and may it ever prosper!

These are but a few of the many more or less valorous deeds that