

The Academy in Retrospect

GREAT men, like great mountains, can best be appreciated at a distance. To realize fully their grandeur and majesty, one must stand many paces from these towers of Nature. So, also, to judge properly of institutions it is better that time should have elapsed to rectify judgment. And as one looks back, each change seems to be strikingly significant.

In retrospect, the Academy furnishes a good subject for contemplation by an Alumnus.

In the first place it is interesting to note to what extent the Academy has proved a preparatory school for prospective "tech." students. How large a percentage of an Academy graduating class takes rank the following year in the freshman class of the College? It is highly pleasing to record that a larger number enters our own College than any other; and this in spite of the fact that two large universities are in the immediate neighborhood. In 1899, the graduating Class of the Academy sent 75 per cent of its men to A. I. T. and, although not all of them adhered to the engineering courses, a goodly number will be recognized at the commencement taking their B. S. degrees. The Class of 1900 also con-