

ity for hearing music of a class of which we have little opportunity to know.

On Tuesday evening comes the oratorical contest, which gives the best insight into student work of any of the Commencement features. In these exercises, students, chosen from the group who every year try out in oratory, give original orations, and the contest is an interesting one—the ability of all making discrimination difficult. A great deal of student interest is always connected with this contest. The Failing and Beekman prizes of \$150 and \$100 are the awards to the winners.

On one afternoon of Commencement comes the President's reception to which all students are invited. This reception is regarded as the main social function of Commencement, and is a delightful time for the meeting of students, old and new, on a footing of friendly sociability.

On Wednesday morning comes the Commencement exercises proper. Music and an address accompany the always impressive bestowal of diplomas on the graduates.

Following the morning program is the Alumni banquet, where old and new alumni meet. Accompanying the banquet are music and toasts, the latter being responded to by loyal and able University men and women. This is indeed a time to be remembered afterwards. The impressions which one receives as he sees the alumnae of many out-going classes gathered together about the banquet table and filled with the spirit of college days, is one not to be forgotten.

The Commencement exercises end with a turning to a lighter vein of pleasure, that of the Commencement ball, given in the Armory on Wednesday night.

In addition to these never-changing aspects of Commencement, there are always others as the occasion may demand.

But there is another important point of view from which we consider Commencement, that of the meaning of it all. Is there anything in it more than the undoubted beauty of decoration, the delightful music and the impressive addresses and orations, we are asked? Does it hold any deeper meaning for those who attend?

Undoubtedly it does, although it does not perhaps mean the same thing to any two people, or at least to any two classes of people, attending.