

request he most reluctantly undertook them. But students, Faculties and the public most cordially agree with the warm commendations of his work which you have formally uttered in your resolutions of thanks to him.

The weeks of this last summer vacation have been freighted with heavy personal losses to the University.

Scarcely were the festivities of Commencement week ended, when we were shocked by the terrible news that Professor Walter was lost in the fatal disaster to the steamer *Bourgogne* on July 4. A graduate of this institution in the class of 1868, Mr. Walter had given his whole life to her service. A scholar of ample and various learning, a faithful and inspiring teacher, a man of the noblest character, he will be remembered with deep affection by his colleagues and with gratitude by his many pupils. He had filled the chairs of Assistant Professor of Ancient Languages, of Professor of Modern Languages, and, when the duties of this last chair were at his request divided, of Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures.

On September 12, last, after a very prolonged illness, Professor Thomas M. Cooley found a welcome release in death. It may safely be said that no man has contributed more to the fame and prosperity of the University than Judge Cooley. A member of the first Faculty of the Law Department in 1859, he has rendered continuous service of some kind to one or another Department of the University almost to the time of his decease. His writings, especially his treatises on Constitutional Law, made his name and that of the University known wherever English law is read. Students came from afar to sit at his feet, and all went away filled with admiration for the teacher and affection for the man. His administrative services as Dean of the Law Department were of the highest value. By the simplicity, sincerity and integrity of his character, and by his quick sympathies and kindness of heart, he bound us all to him by the closest of ties.

On October 3, James L. High, who has been a lecturer