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TO THE SENIORS:

Each year in the fall we welcome the freshmen as they enter the University and now, in the spring, we say goodbye to you seniors as you leave the University. Just as we wished the freshmen success in their college careers, so now we wish for you seniors long life, health, happiness, and prosperity, as you leave us to enter the practice of your chosen profession—engineering. May you continue to grow in knowledge, and ever be eager to improve yourselves so that you may render the best possible service to the communities in which you may live. Always remember that your professional development will depend largely on your habits of reading and study during the coming years. Strive to keep abreast of the times and be students always. We, your friends in the faculty and administrative staff, wish you godspeed, and hope that you will keep your contacts with us so that we may be of service to you.

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THE AMBITION OF A LIFETIME:

When Editor Sloane asked me to write this squib he said that search through several annual numbers of the ENGINEER had convinced him that the dean and junior dean always write about the same thing, hail and farewell to the seniors. That's appropriate. Here is my "Ave atque Vale."

What I want to say in the rest of the space is something about the man who has been our dean this year.

When William Davis Turnbull was a boy in Ironton he used to make sketches, posters for the goings on at old Wesley Chapel, and, as a major opus, a watercolor of the church interior, the pipe organ with all the pipes. The minister said: "Will, you ought to go to college and take drawing."

To college he went—after some experience surveying and drafting for the cities of Ironton and Catlettsburg—and studied civil engineering. He was proficient in courses in drawing under Professor Thomas E. French.

After a couple of years engineering for Lake County, Turnbull returned to the University to teach drafting. The Ironton daily said, "Will Turnbull has accepted a chair in drawing at Ohio State." When he saw that he said, "If they knew drafting they'd say stool instead of chair."

Besides teaching Turnbull was drawing, making maps, collaborating with Professor French on two books on lettering, making diplomas and beautiful illuminations in the manner of the ancient manuscripts.

Freshmen and sophomores need a lot of counsel. They began to get it in 1928 when the



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University created the office of junior dean for the five largest colleges. Professor Turnbull became Dean Turnbull and moved into the college office where he could meet all the freshmen instead of just those in his classes. Freshmen become sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduates. Dean Turnbull has been a friend to all of them.

This year Mr. Turnbull has sped the seniors on their way, and consulted with juniors and presided over the faculty and made out the reports and received the visiting delegations—all the things the dean is supposed to do. But he's done more. Something he's always wanted to do since those days in the Methodist church at Ironton. He's found time to take a few art lessons from Professor Bradford—painting a landscape in oils.

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