At a casual meeting of Sophomores in the hack-room on Wednesday last, it was suggested by one of the number that it would be highly unseemly to allow the departure of the coming 1st of May, the incomparable day of the re-appearance of the Academy from the scenes of this life and the birth of its illustrious successor—without some suitable exercises commemorating these notable events. The idea was immediately taken up and those present formed themselves into a “Committee of the Whole” for the purpose of starting from such moment, proceeding to perform their functions upon the appointment of a joint committee from the Collegiate Clares and the Literary Societies. The present committee then propose to hold a funeral of the old Academy and a christening of the new College, metaphorically of course, at midnight on the 30th April, May 1866, including perhaps a funeral procession to the building of the new clares, a sermon (1) eulogizing the illustrious dead, the burial of the corpse, personified by the Muses Rolls, in the style of “ye ancients,” a burial of the ashes in the style of “ye moderns,” tribute by the Academy Club, as commemoration of the old.
and a christening (lager?) at 12 on a flat of the new association with the latter ceremony a prophecy of the future glory of the babe, and appropriate musical exercises. You as Corresponding Secretary, are earnestly requested to bring the matter immediatly before the — — and to have appointed a committee of three, who shall have power, in connection with the others to select speakers, collect subscriptions, & make all necessary arrangements. If you have no matter under this, please put it through by asking individuals & thus getting the opinion of the class. A special meeting of the class could be held on Monday next after your Academic exercises, — provided the scheme meets general approval, — the matter discussed, & the committee appointed elected in a few moments. Please instruct your committee to meet us and the other committee at the Union Library at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when we will hear our report. The affair must be put in motion quickly, if at all. It will afford us much fun at a very small cost, and it is in this account that respectfully present it for your consideration.

Yours, with haste — —

Self-appointed Committee

*Thursday, April 17th* 1866