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Gentlemen of the Thencanic Society,
per Mr. Marcus M. Farley, Secy.: —

I received a few days ago the notification of your Secretary of my election as an honorary member, and I want to express to you my gratitude and deep appreciation of this honor. I can never forget how much I owe the Thencanic society not only from the educational but ~~for~~ also from the social benefits of a four years active membership, and I can truly say that I have your welfare even more at heart now than during my active membership.

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On last Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the first debate of the Forum, the Lehigh University debating society, and I want to say to you as a stimulus and incentive to further efforts on your part that the debates of our present Thencame Society would not suffer by comparison. Although, unfortunately, debating here in the university is not considered so important as in some other colleges, I think it reflects the greatest credit upon our Model School and upon our society to be able to stand on a

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par with the literary society of an important University.

I hope when you have such things told you, that you will not make the too prevalent mistake of acquiring the "swelled head." Don't allow your debates to lag or go unprepared! Strive to always maintain the honor and reputation you now hold not only in your city but throughout your state! Do not ever refuse a challenge from the Normal Debating society! It is better to lose honorably than to expose yourselves to criticism; and it is still better to win honorably! If

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you intend to hold a debate or a play this year I hope you will let me subscribe for it. I am always willing to do for you what little lies in my power.

Above all things, be loyal to your school and your society, whether in prosperity or adversity, for true loyalty is sure to win in the end! With the very best wishes and greatest hopes for your future success, I am, fellow-members of the *Thencanis*,

very sincerely your friend

Oct. 27, 1899.

Chas. C. Hewitt.