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ABBOT ACADEMY.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1878.

Upon our return from the summer vacation, good old Andover seemed to have decked herself in her fairest garments of green and flowers to welcome us back, and now we are fairly in the midst of our term's work.

The autumn has brought us changes in teachers as well as students. Miss Leayroyd is gone from Smith Hall and Miss Payson from Davis. In their places, we have Miss Hall, who led the class of '77 A.A., and Miss Merrill, a niece of Annie Louise Cary, lately returned from France and Germany, where she has been pursuing the study of the languages.

We have this term, for the first time, a German Hall. For ten years, or more, the French pupils made up a family by themselves, at Davis Hall, where they speak French during the greater part of the day. The same plan is now adopted for German, at South Hall, under the care of Miss Kendall, who was educated at Heidelberg.

We flatter ourselves that a wedding in a boarding school is rather an unusual affair, and so we feel very grand to have assisted at one of those "interesting occasions." On the 18th of September, we celebrated the marriage of our former teacher, Miss Emma S. Wilder, to Mr. Geo. H. Gutterson, of Andover. The ceremony was performed at the Old South Church, by the Rev. Charles Smith, and the reception given at Smith Hall.

We remember Miss Wilder as a teacher who spared no pains to make our lessons interesting and relieve, as much as possible, the monotony of the class-room. Many are the good wishes that will follow Mr. and Mrs. Gutterson as they go on their mission to India.

We appreciate the advantages of being in a town which attracts so many interesting speakers. Twice already this term, we have been addressed by gentlemen from abroad. At our weekly prayer meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Rev. Mr. Patrick, of West Newton, announced his subject as "Stones rolled away," and spoke to us upon the co-operation of human with divine agencies in removing difficulties. The following Tuesday, we had with us, at morning devotions, Rev. Mr. Barrows, of Lowell, who spoke on "The Interims of Life," and "The Transmissive power of Christianity."

Thursday evening, Oct. 10th, Dr. Selah Merrill delivered, in our Academy Hall, a very entertaining lecture on "Arab Life in the Syrian Deserts." The address consisted of a vivid description of the Arabs and of their strange customs in peace and war. We regret that but a few improved the opportunity of listening to so enjoyable a lecture on a subject with which most people are but little acquainted.

Thursday evening, the Phillips Glee Club sweetly discoursed under our windows several musical ballads concerning an individual who was "goin' down South," "three little kittens in a basket of saw-dust," and others of like classic stamp. We enjoyed the serenade greatly, and were, moreover, complimented by the quiet and gentlemanly manner in which it was conducted. ("It was not *always* thus.") A. A.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

THE seminary salutes THE PHILLIPPIAN.

The old chapel will presently have to be re-christened. Its dingy walls have been rudely shaken up, and with the commodious rooms that are to be and the elegant new tower now erecting, the epithet "old" will hardly jibe.

The Foot-Ball season is hardly at its height, yet the peculiar beauties of the games as played by the Theologues may be seen almost any afternoon. The ground, though before admirably adapted to the sport owing to the frequent tree and obtrusive rock, has been made, if possible, still more convenient by the piles of rubbish dragged out of the old chapel. They increase in an eminent degree the surprises and consequent interest. Where before there was nothing but a tree (with possibly a man or two up it) to interfere with a beautiful "kick for goal," there is now many a heap of lumber upon which a skillful player may disport himself to the discomfiture of his opponents. Two or three new varieties of the theological kick have been exhibited by the new men. The favorite style of one man is to propel the ball with his knee; another one, whose aim is poor, always kicks too high and then sits down on the ball, to prevent any one else from getting it; a third has'tn been seen to hit the ball at all yet, but he has torn up the earth and loosened all the stones in a frightful manner, and still the enthusiasm and energy are undiminished.

One of the Seniors, who had been accus-

tomed to frequent the company of workmen at the old chapel, isn't there now as much as he was. Like vice, his face had grown so familiar, that one day the "boss" shouted at him, "Here, lay hold here, you lazy Irishman!" His face now wears a pensive, preoccupied air whenever he passes that way.

The seminary votes to discontinue the annual re-unions held with Boston and Newton for three years past.

The Reading-Room resumes operations with about the same files as formerly. The substitution of the *New York Daily Graphic* for the *London Punch* is the most noticeable change.

Base-ball has languished this fall through the absence of foes worthy of the steel of the redoubtable seminary nine. That is to say, the academy, not wishing to get its practice off the Theologues, they, not caring to trifle the Bostons or Lowells, confine with themselves to the harmless game of rounders.

Human nature will manifest itself even in Theologues. At the auction sale of Reading-Room papers a fierce contest sprung up for the *Woman's Journal*. The successful bidder drooped visibly when he found that he had paid for his prize something more than the regular subscription price.

Not once or twice has a certain reckless Senior horrified his fellows by an undisguised "Whoa, Emma!" Shades of the great and sedate departed! did you mark the sacrilege?

Butler is said to have a small but determined constituency in the seminary; at least, several are seen going about muttering, "Pool your issues." This, however, may refer to the "issues" excited by the "lecherous" agent for "*The Encyclopedia Britannica*."

We print the following table which shows the relative position of the League clubs, thinking that it will be of interest to many and a convenient source of reference.

CLUBS.	Boston.	Cincinnati.	Providence.	Chicago.	Indianapolis.	Milwaukee.	Lost.	Per cent. won.
Boston	6	6	8	10	11	4	10	.68
Cincinnati	6	9	10	4	8	8	23	.64
Providence	6	3	6	10	8	33	97	.55
Chicago	4	2	6	2	4	20	30	.46
Indianapolis	2	8	2	2	8	24	35	.43
Milwaukee	1	4	4	4	4	15	45	.25

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THE PHILLIPIAN now begs leave to make his bow. In consequence of extreme youth and that natural modesty which ever accompanies, or should accompany, the adolescent age, the expression of his thoughts at this time becomes a matter of great difficulty. Yet a feeling that the public wish to know something of the causes that produced his origination leads him to an explanation. First, then, the academy has been without an adequate medium for the publication of its news. In this remark no reflection upon any other paper of the school is intended. It requires no argument to establish the fact that the journal of a literary society, published but once a term, cannot perform the office of a newspaper in any very extended sense of that word. Each has its own proper sphere of action. No antagonism between the two can justly arise. In all large schools there is much that occurs in the course of everyday life that possesses a peculiar interest not only to students but also their friends, and which, except through the medium of a school press, seldom or never reaches the knowledge of either party. There can be nothing better qualified to bind student to class, class to school, and school to patron, than an acquaintance with what transpires in the daily course of academic life. Again, the publication of a paper frequently issued brings the institution from which it emanates into continual notice of the students of other schools, and establishes in a measure a bond of fellowship between them. But a very different and much greater advantage is to be sought for in the establishment of a paper than any yet mentioned. It is the creation of a literary spirit among the students. The compulsion of writing one's thoughts on paper, where, freed from the personality of their author, they may stand on their intrinsic merits, is a most excellent discipline of the mind. Of course the number of students who will avail themselves of this means of intellectual improvement is comparatively small; but an opportunity is opened up to all. Some will profit by it and those who do not will lose nothing.

WHILE it is desirable that the first edition of a paper should reach its maximum of perfection, there is every reason for its not doing so. The labor of organizing a paper even as small as this is by no means inconsiderable. Everything is new and the

beginning is a matter of experiment. Correspondents, advertisements, and subscribers are to be looked up. The editors themselves are unacquainted with each other in such a field of action. Therefore the PHILLIPIAN craves indulgence from its readers for its first edition.

THE present seems an appropriate time to urge the claims of our literary societies. We are fortunate in having two, sufficiently unlike to prevent jealousy yet having enough in common to insure healthful competition. Philo, with its wonderful history, its long roll of illustrious members, and throng of interesting traditions, presents attractions not surpassed by any similar society in the country. Its meetings are held weekly, on Friday evening.

The Society of Inquiry, holding a literary meeting semi-monthly, aims also to provide a centre for the religious effort of the school. This society invites the working Christians of the academy, and also offers an opportunity for those who have not time for the more frequent meetings of Philo, and for the few who desire additional literary work. The religious and literary meetings are wholly separate.

It is the universal testimony of Alumni who have been active in these societies, that the work done there was among the most pleasant and profitable of their course; and many who neglected this opportunity now bitterly regret it. Of what use is it to cram our minds with facts, if we never use them; and when can we better learn this than now? It has been well said that no knowledge can be called truly our own until we have learned to impart it to others; and it is just this faculty which these societies aim to develop.

We urge all students of the academy, and especially those looking toward a public or literary career, to connect themselves with one or both of these societies, and devote a fair proportion of their time to the work. The expense is small and the labor will be repaid many-fold.

CORRESPONDENTS have already been obtained at Abbot and Exeter Academies, the Theological Seminary, Harvard and Yale Colleges. It is expected that the letters from Cambridge and New-Haven will be of great interest, and that Phillipians will thus be kept well posted on matters pertaining to the two great New-England colleges. Occasional letters may be looked for from other sources.

Mr. Phillipian. — It is frequently our lot to hear at the dinner table, where all the bottled-up news of the morning finds pretty free circulation, a remarkable tale, which, with some variations, generally amounts to something like this, viz: that

he had hardly looked at his lesson; that he was terribly afraid he would be called up; that he had made up his mind, however, to "check it through;" that he guessed he rather astonished the Professor; that he hadn't the least idea how he ever did get through; that it was pretty good though, after all," etc., etc. The above would suggest a few reflections upon the great trouble and small profit of studying just enough. When a boy gulps down his lessons in a boa-constrictor fashion, just fifteen minutes before recitation, and when he passes the next hour in the cheerful conviction that, if he is called up, he will most certainly disgrace himself, he can scarcely be said to have a very good time of it. To a few unquiet minds there may, indeed, be a dash of excitement in this. There is no end to the lucky accidents that will happen in the class-room, and the ingenuity of these practised shirkers is frequently as boundless. Still, this sort of a career is not exactly pleasant or profitable. It cannot be very agreeable to live from term to term, in the apprehension of a catastrophe, which is pretty sure to come at last, or to find one's self surpassed in the end by all the despised race of "digs," — as indeed, it has often been the case from *Æsop* downwards. The real truth of the matter seems to be, that it is about as hard to study just enough, as to study faithfully and well, and that the sooner this fact is recognized, the better it will be for a great many of us. R. T.

Mr. Phillipian. — A few audacious members of '81, waxing impatient, in consequence of the leisure manner in which the Middlers enjoy their privileges of being the first to leave the chapel, — on account of their superiority in every respect, — wholly unnecessarily undertook to demonstrate their disapprobation by exhibiting too much haste, a few days ago. This naturally terminated in a fray, resulted in the immediate elevation of Middlers and settees, and the consequent depression of the transgressors, heightened by the prompt action of a professor, in endeavoring to quell the disturbance by forcing the latter to resume their proper position. A few, attempting to escape by clearing the back benches, were speedily waited upon by a zealous defender of Middle rights.

We trust that a like occurrence may not happen again, as the attempt is not only annoying to the others, but fruitless in securing an exit prior to the allotted time. The evidently underrated energy of the Middlers will no doubt act upon the minds of the others in such a way as to discourage any future attempts, and to stimulate them to better resolves.

The boys around "them are chestnut trees" had better keep away.

PHILLIPIANA.

The Shawshine Club is well supplied with apples, thanks to the generosity of two neighbors upon the hill. The club returns thanks in a body.

Many Phillipians have wondered why the mail carrier is so long in getting up from the post office in the morning. We have solved the question. The other day we met him coming from the office with his everlasting bag strapped about him, and driving a fiery horse, attached to a stylish buggy. We move that a subscription be taken up to buy the horse some oats.

Brown M., who has been on the honorable retired list, has a pair of crutches which he will sell cheap. They have only been used a few times on the sidewalk in front of Abbott Academy.

The numberless victims who have slipped up on the scar of the last campus fire, must make a mental reservation when they get up, not to build another fire between goal posts.

The chapel singing is improving. We venture to say that the singing would be more general if there were more books. The Monday morning drill is good as far as it goes, and is really making a marked difference in the volume of sound. The choir need a little more assurance, especially when the tune is a new one. But practice will do wonders.

The Senior classes are pining for Rhetoric. At the last recitation, among the names read of those who were to declaim next, was that of Bixby. An innocent Senior, who had just come into the class, whispered to his neighbor, "How many Bixby's are there? Or does he speak every time?" Let Bixby answer.

Scene in class-room. — Stern Professor: "Why is it sir, that you have failed now, three days in succession?" Student, logically. "I have to practice foot-ball so much that I don't have time to get my lessons."

The dusky night comes down on earth,
The air is balmy sweet,
The trembling Junior takes his cane,
And saunters down the street.

He sees a Middler, fierce and grim,
In every step he takes,
A tremor cold, runs through his bones,
His heart within him shakes.

He wanders round, quite ill at ease,
He feels some like a thief;
Although he has his precious cane,
It gives him small relief.

At last he hies him softly home,
And steals into his room,
And with a sigh, consigns his cane
Into its closet gloom.

Class officer to miserable "Prep": "Some day it will dawn on your vision like a meteor, that the subject of a verb is in the nominative case. It may be too much for

your reason, but I guess the rest of us can stand it."

Stevens, '79 Scientific, has left school.

The Phillips Glee Club this year is composed of the following gentlemen: — Gordon, McQuesten, Rogers, Parsons, Fleming, Reily, Brown, and Adams. All serenades hereafter, must be charged to them.

There are 193 students in the Academy this term. This number is the largest during the mastership of Dr. Bancroft.

CAMPUS.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Phillips Athletic Association, at a meeting held in the early part of the term: —

W. C. Thompson, Pres.; F. D. Warren, Vice-Pres.; Coit, Secy.; C. R. Corwith, Secy.; Fleming, Rogers, Parsons, Ross, Parrot, and Nickerson, directors.

The first game of the season will be played at Quincy, October 19th, with the Adams eleven.

The eleven have arranged for the succeeding games on the home field: Harvard, October 26th; Exeter, November 2d; Resolutes, November 9th.

There is a possibility that second games will be played with Exeter and Tufts.

The first eleven is in constant practice. It is composed of the following members: Rushers: Nickerson, Thompson, Richards, Adams, Hathaway, Fleming; Half-tends; Parrot; Corwith, Parsons; Tends: Chickering and Rogers.

The second eleven shows good material. The members are disposed as follows: Rushers: Ross, Scholes, Janeway, Thayer, Barry, McQuesten; Half-tends: Reid, Jones, Crocker; Tends: Southworth and Barker.

FOOT-BALL.

CASUALTIES: Brown, wounded in leg. Blodgett, back; Chickering, hip; Patten, collar-bone; Parrot, internal injuries; Parsons, heel; Vosburg, finger fractured; Crocker, back.

Every student in an academy like this should be interested in athletic sports. The very scholarly student often makes the excuse, that he don't understand the games, and really has not time for them. And so the physical sports are left to a certain class, who while they are perfectly willing to incur all the expense, are obliged too frequently to resort to the subscription list or hat-passing. The present Athletic Association is designed to do away with all this; to divide the expense of athletic games and exercise among the school; to give each member a lively interest in all feats of endurance or physical prowess. The small sum each term can certainly be within the reach of all the students. Let us have a more lively interest on this subject and make the association a success.

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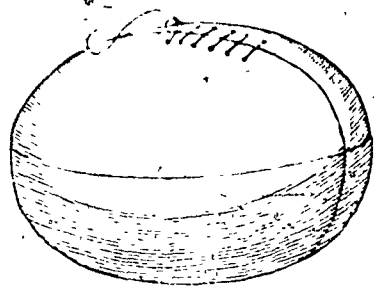
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PHILLIPTANA.

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Who knows anything about that skeleton?

Sermon last Sunday was preached by the Rev. Increase Tarbox.

Recitation in Junior Algebra. — Teacher: "Is this quantity a binomial, trinomial, or polynomial?" Junior: "Yes, sir."

A brilliant display in known quantities. — Teacher to Junior: "Which had you rather have, four eighths or eight-sixteenths of a thing?" Junior, with unparalleled precaution: "I should prefer the larger."

Has any one estimated the distance of the jumps our scientific principal made the other morning, in suppressing the rush between the Middlers and Juniors? It was undoubtedly ahead of Oxford's best record, — 22 ft., 10 1-2 in.

The exercises in elocution are suspended until next term. This will give the Seniors time to prepare their declamations, and we may expect fewer instances of the "prompter on the platform and the orator in the audience."

Our staff punster was recently heard to remark that a certain lecturer on history "Tripped up on his Andover trip." We publish this for the benefit of his friends.

"Sine die, — never say die," remarked one of our Senior English friends, a day or two ago.

Eaton, '78, distinguished himself in the Freshman rush at Yale, by throwing the Soph's "heavy man" three times in succession. His reputation is now made.

Gates, '78, is taking the senior year course at Williams, preliminary to the study of the law. It is said that he has already completely "confudalated" the metaphysical professor by his philosophical allusion to "the principle of the thing."

It is quite in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, that Phillips Academy with a patronage extending throughout the country and the accumulated renown of a hundred years, should be permanently and frequently represented in the field of academic journalism. If each member of the school will buy one copy of each edition the success of the PHILLIPIAN will be well-nigh assured.

PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY,
October 12, 1878.

Mr. Phillipian. — Owing to the storm, the "Tournament," which was to have been held to-day, is postponed until one week from to-day, at 2.30 P.M. The interest in the "Tournament" has so much increased within a week, that the entries to the contest outnumber those of similar occasions in '75 and '76. The training of the contestants has been thorough and in the right direction, so that the sports next Saturday promise to equal, if not surpass, any that we have had for some years past.

The "Foot-ball" star is in the ascendancy. Nothing whatever is heard of Baseball, and movements are in progress for procuring uniforms for the "Eleven."

The captain of the "Eleven," Baxter of '79, is "the right man in the right place," and is training his men in a very creditable manner.

Look out for T. Cornelie's advertisement in the next number.

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