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ABBOT ACADEMY.

The introduction of a regular system of athletic training into schools and colleges is becoming deservedly popular. The importance of a certain amount of exercise judiciously taken by students cannot be over-estimated. Rev. Wm. H. Channing recently remarked, "I was a great gymnast in my younger days, and I have lived on it ever since."

The students of Phillips Academy seem to be fully alive to the necessity of physical as well as intellectual vigor, and the series of annual exhibitions which has been inaugurated by way of furnishing an added zest to their sports may well become a pleasing feature of our winter entertainments. The very general attendance from Abbot at the meeting of March 17th affords abundant evidence that the young ladies appreciate the kind invitation so generously extended.

As guests, then, it becomes for us a delicate matter to criticise, and but for the fact that so much may be said in praise of the performances, it would be a thankless task indeed. Several of the events were very interesting, especially the exercise upon parallel bars, the skillful performance upon the horizontal bar, the club-swinging, and one or two rounds each of the wrestling and sparring matches. A full account of the proceedings, which appeared in a late PHILLIPPIAN, makes an extended notice at this time unnecessary. But in justice to the young ladies we must take exception to one paragraph, wherein they were reported as "applauding to the echo." The applause came entirely from partizan adherents of the respective combatants. The only demonstration in the ladies' gallery proceeded from a small specimen of masculine humanity who, like so many of his elders, was more enthusiastic than discriminating. A mere display of brute force, whether in cock-fights, bull-fights or boxing matches, can hardly be a source of pleasure to a person of refined tastes. The age we live in should not be forgotten. Contestants in a modern arena are men, and gentlemen, not slaves, and their spectators are ladies and gentlemen of the same social status with themselves. A trial of skill in sparring or wrestling may be so conducted as to become an agreeable excitement for lookers on, but the attainment of this end involves an amount of hard work and patient training difficult to accomplish at the same time with a course of study, and their places may be readily and happily filled by a number of interesting games, like standing high jump, pole leaping, hitch and kick, and the always inspiring tug of war.

In the course of a recent lecture delivered in Saunders' Theatre, Dr. Sargent clearly set forth the advantages resulting from variety in modes of exercise, and we are glad to notice by the last PHILLIPPIAN that this branch of the subject is receiving at-

tention from the Directors of the Association. From this circumstance, as well as from the success of past tournaments, we may prophesy with assurance a pleasant meeting for June 14th. '81.

YALE.

The continued success of our university nine upon the field has rendered even the most skeptical as nearly confident of victory as one can be in such an uncertain sport as base-ball. In addition to the regular training, the men have followed the example of the crew and secured a table together, and show its effect in their unusually heavy batting. The freshman nine, though to a much less degree, have also improved by their constant practice, and, considering that they have still considerable time before their first match with Harvard, will doubtless make a by no means insignificant showing, either in the field or at the bat. The first of the five Yale-Harvard "varsity" games occurs in New Haven May 15th, and the first of the series, three in number, between the Freshmen, at the same place May 22d. The other object of local interest will be our spring regatta at Lake Saltontall May 19th. Apropos of the relative merits of the Yale and Andover winter games, we send the list of events with the winning scores. 100 yards dash, time 10 3-4 sec. Standing long jump, 9 ft. 2 in. Putting shot, 28 ft. Mile run, 5 min. 2 sec. Standing high jump, 4 ft. 4 1-4 in. Throwing heavy hammer, 76 ft. 6 in. Mile walk, 8 min. 19 sec. Quarter mile run, 61 sec. Half mile run, 2 min. 18 1-2 sec. Throwing base-ball, 320 ft. 9 in. Kicking football, 157 ft. Bicycle race, 3 min. 49 1-2 sec. Three-legged race (100 yards), 15 sec. Hurdle race, 18 1-2 sec. YALE, '83.

Exchanges.

The *Yale Record* comes out in its last issue with a Supplement, containing a poem which we would recommend to the perusal of every would-be punster; for really it is the best thing in the punning line that we have seen for some time. In looking over almost any college paper one will find, in one form or another, an account of Mr. —'s experience last vacation with a certain charming young lady. In the *Yale Record* we find it pleasantly told in the form of a poem entitled "A Vacation Reminiscence." The first five stanzas tell of his meeting her at a country dance, of the two wrinkled old aunts from between whom he took her, of the unheard-of college tales, which afterwards he repents having told to such a sweet, yet simple, village belle, and of how he is about to confess that they are all invented, when the illusion is suddenly broken, as he explains in the closing stanzas:—

"But how weak are we in the art
When woman is dissembling!"

For when it came the hour to part,
She said, with laughter trembling,
'I feared this would be such a bore,
But you've made it so pleasant
I shall be glad to meet you more
At pap.'s, I'm *always* present.'
And then she handed me a card
That made my heart turn craven,
'Professor —, O wretch ill-starred!
'— street, New Haven.'

A new member appears upon our exchange list, the *Echo*, a paper published monthly by the students of St. Francis College, Richmond, P. O. It has been but recently started, and we wish it all success. The "Colonne Francaise," for the benefit of the French students is a novel and interesting feature which none of our other exchanges present. The "Seven Ages of Women," in imitation of Shakespeare's famous Seven Ages, is truly a novel subject for a poem, and is here treated with much ingenuity, but, we think, with little good taste. The writer signs himself Philogamist—and we should think he was! We give one of the various points of imitation, side by side with the original:—

SHAKESPEARE.—

"Then, the whining school-boy, with his satchel,
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school."

PHILOGAMIST—

"Then the merry school-girl, with her books,
Tripping along to school, displays her love of
lore
By heaven implanted."

The whole difference between boys and girls in a nut-shell, dear *Echo*!

The *Greylock Monthly* presents its usual neat and attractive form. We cannot give any criticism of the second part of an article forming the opening essay, and entitled "A Visit to Rome in the Time of Nero," for we have not as yet consulted the Encyclopedic sources of information from which, as the *Vindex* tells us, the *Monthly* is in the habit of drawing its literary supplies.

We have noticed with pleasure the steady improvement in matter and general appearance of the *Speculum*. The editorial column is still a little meagre, but we cannot speak too highly of the courteous and generous tone of the Exchanges. We scarcely feel as though we ourselves deserve the same commendation in view of a recent criticism of the *Speculum*, which we must acknowledge to have been hasty and inconsiderate.

The Class of '77 and the old K.O.A. had reunions in Andover Wednesday evening last. Both entertainments were very elegant and were enjoyed by a large number of old fellows.

One morning, not long since, a large number of Fem Sems arose at three o'clock to witness a sunrise from Prospect Hill; a circumstance which is almost without parallel in the history of the Academy.

The long expected sidewalks are now appearing.

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We think that there are few points in the exhibition of school discipline which we have witnessed during the past week more surprising, and to our mind, more to be regretted, than the arbitrary fine, the payment of which has been made the condition of any further enjoyment of school privileges on the part of the offender.

Many and various as the different aspects of the case are, this is the only point of which the injustice is so plain that we can feel no uncertainty or hesitancy in commenting upon it. How far a long series of petty quarrels and disputes between a landlady and her boarders, — a condition of affairs involving great want of dignity on one side, and great want of gentlemanliness on the other, — may explain some part of the case, we cannot say. How far other outside facts, of which we can know nothing, may have influenced the Faculty to impose the severe penalty of eighty demerits for the comparatively slight offense of breaking a window, we have no means of judging.

It is not our intention to uphold an individual in what was undoubtedly a piece of thoughtless mischief in the first place, and of great neglect and carelessness afterwards. As we have said, we do not know what other circumstances may have led the Faculty to treat him so severely; but we think that the additional imposition of a fine of ten dollars is, in itself, and quite independently of circumstances, very unjust indeed.

For, in the first place, the punishment is neither in character nor in kind. If, in the future, it is to be understood that in Phillips Academy the breaking of a few panes of glass is punishable in the same degree as the breaking of a fundamental law of the school, as the breaking of the law of honesty and truthfulness, as the breaking of the law of common morality, well and good. But as soon as it is understood that a disgrace which is, for whatever cause inflicted, the keenest and most overwhelming which it is in the power of any institution to visit upon a member, is to be balanced in any way against a mere consideration of money, — just so soon has the Academy lost every claim to our respect for her laws, her government, her honors, her penalties.

But we do not see upon what understood right, other than the right divine of the power-fut to do as they please, the Faculty have determined to exact a fine in the present instance. There are certain recognized school pains and penalties which are surely severe enough for worse misdemeanors than the breaking of a window. Demerits, the confiscation of half-holidays, the tiresome "verses" of English schools, flogging, suspension, expulsion, are all recognized modes of discipline; but we believe that they are usually found sufficient for school government without the addition of a penalty which we habitually think of as belonging to the State. The State, to be sure, fines heavily even the smallest offenses against property; yet the State has a fixed scale of fines, — "not over" this or that amount for certain offenses. But the school government has fixed no such standard. The State compels the offender to suffer a penalty appointed by law. Phillips Academy manufactures the law for the offender.

Since this matter has been in progress various similar instances which have occurred within the last few years have been cited. Within the memory of all now in school, a fine of two dollars for each recitation missed has been levied upon all who delayed their return after one of our vacations. To be sure, it was offered as an alternative for a corresponding shortening of the next vacation, but in the unexpected and arbitrary infliction of the fines both cases are similar. The Faculty represent in the present case, as in the others, that they consider such petty and humiliating bits of discipline as quite out of their province, and that when their attention is called to them they must (to use the expression of one of their number) compel the offenders to conclude their all too refractory dance by "paying the fiddler": the money is to go to the Library, and their action is thus reduced to a magnanimous settlement of difficulties to which their dignity and inclination would naturally prompt them to pay no attention. It seems to us (we say it with all respect) that this magnanimity of the Faculty is not unlike the magnanimity of the stranger in the fable who, when asked to decide between two men in the matter of a nut which they had found, concluded by awarding the kernel of the nut to himself as a remuneration for his trouble.

We cannot here resist the temptation of saying a few words in regard to the appropriation of money collected in fines to the extension of the School Library. He would be a very degenerate Phillipian indeed who did not feel a warm interest in the extension of a collection which already numbers, among not a few other valuable books, a copy of the first edition of Dryden's Virgil. We look forward towards the time when the Senior Classes will sit about a great library table in a No. 10 whose already well-filled shelves will be unable to contain its crowning collections. But we should be sorry indeed to think that even these glories were in part purchased by money collected in any such way as this. Surely, after the number and loyalty of the friends of the Academy have so lately made it a matter of no great difficulty to raise the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in her behalf, there can be no doubt that the library and the other ornaments and attractions which she wants will come in time. But we think that no library at all would be better than one which should be only a monument of what we consider, or once considered, little less than downright extortion.

The last point which we shall mention is one which may well commend itself to the consideration of Faculty and students alike. How much the mutual confidence and regard which so largely characterizes our relations will be injured by this affair it is hard to say. Surely we can have little feeling of security if at any time a mere boyish freak, of no very dreadful or unheard-of nature may expose us to a penalty which is reserved only for the incorrigible. Surely our great regard for those who are over us cannot fail to be lessened when we see them following a course which we cannot help thinking unjust.

We leave the question here, hoping that in the time before their publication some decision may be reached which shall make these remarks, and the sincere concern which animates them, alike happily unnecessary.

Correspondence.

Editor Phillipian. — The subject of inter-academic games is being agitated by members of the school, and the last *Exonian* has quite a long article favoring the proposed plan. We agree with the *Exonian* that such a plan would greatly increase the interest in athletic sports. It would also prepare men for the inter-collegiate games,

besides giving the winners a prestige in college sports that could be attained in no other way.

These advantages are offset by difficulties that seem almost insurmountable. There is no suitable place for holding a tournament. The grounds of the academies are, in general, rough and uneven, a feature that would be of great disadvantage to the competitors. The expense is necessarily very great, and we doubt if the academies would give their support after being heavily taxed for the established sports. The greatest difficulty is that there are not athletic men enough in the few academies that might enter the lists to make anything more than a tame, uninteresting exhibition. The inter-collegiate games at Mott Haven have comparatively few entries. When the colleges find a deal of trouble in supporting and filling the entries, what will the academies have?

If these three points can be overcome we would most heartily urge inter-academic meetings, not between P. A. and P. E., but all the academies that might wish to enter. No harm can be done by selecting two delegates from each interested academy, and, after a conference, see what arrangements could be made.

Respectfully, PLEIAD.

ATHLETIC.

The Middle-Weight Sparring (tie) between M. C. Kennedy and C. C. Reymer, was sparring on Friday, May 7th, in the Gymnasium. It was decided by Mr. Ferris that there should be three-minute rounds. At 1.45 P. M. time was called. Kennedy rather forced the fighting, and had the advantage. In the second round Reymer used head movements, and drew blood from Kennedy's nose. In the third round he followed up his advantage on the nose, but was well met. The judges, Messrs E. G. Coy, M. C. McCurdy, and G. E. Merrill, decided in Reymer's favor, and the bout was awarded him. The whole match was more an exhibition of hard slugging hitting than style or science.

The Interscholastic Games are spoken of elsewhere in this issue.

The Nine continues practice, doing well, but shows no marked improvement. The second game with the Theologues was played Saturday, May 8th. The only change in the men was in their Nine, Balch and Sweezy playing in place of Calland and Hill. In the seventh inning Penney took the place of Balch. The first innings was loosely played by both sides, but the play became sharper as the game went on. Up to the last half of the eighth the score was 9 to 7. In the eighth, for T. S., Brickett opened with a foul to Reymer, Huntington struck out, Carter hit safe for two bags, but was left on third by Sewall's foul bound to catcher. Reymer, on coming to the bat for the School, led off for one base and stole second, coming in on Robinson's two-baser. Penney caught Wilcox out by a fine left-handed fly catch. A passed ball gave Robinson third, and when Symons went to first on Huntington's error he came home. Symons was thrown out by Sewall at second. Brown hit to third and was fielded out. Score, 9 to 9. Of course the interest was intense. Sweezy began the ninth with a base hit, but was forced out by Skeelee, who stole

second, Penney struck the air three times successfully. Kinney brought Speele home by a base hit, but was left by Gleason, who fled out to center field.

Now Strong came forward with a base hit, but was caught on first by Huntington, who caught Nichols out on a fly and fielded to Skeele, thus making the only, and at the same time a very brilliant double play. Blodgett had two strikes, good ball and three strikes, out called off Carter clean. The game was lost by one run, or 10 to 9. The score is as follows:—

THEOLOGUES.							
	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	PO.	A.	E.
Huntington, 2b.,	5	1	2	2	3	3	2
Carter, p.,	5	1	1	2	1	8	3
Sewall, c.,	5	1	1	2	6	3	10
Sweezy, s. s.,	5	1	2	3	1	4	5
Skeele, 1b.,	5	3	1	1	1	1	2
Balch, c. f.,	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Penney, c. f.,	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kinney, 3d.,	5	1	3	3	0	4	1
Gleason, l. f.,	5	1	0	0	1	0	1
Brickett, r. f.,	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	44	10	10	13	27	23	24

SCHOOL NINE.							
	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	PO.	A.	E.
Reymer, 3b.,	3	1	1	1	2	0	1
Robinson, s. s.,	5	2	1	2	3	3	3
Wilcox, c.,	5	0	1	1	8	4	3
Symons, r. f.,	5	1	1	1	0	0	0
Brown, l. f.,	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Strong, 2b.,	5	3	4	6	3	0	4
Nichols, 1b.,	5	0	1	1	9	0	0
Blodgett, c. f.,	5	0	0	0	2	0	0
Halbert, p.,	4	0	0	0	0	7	2
	44	9	9	12	27	14	13

Innings, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Theologues, 5 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 1-10
 School Nine, 4 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 0-9

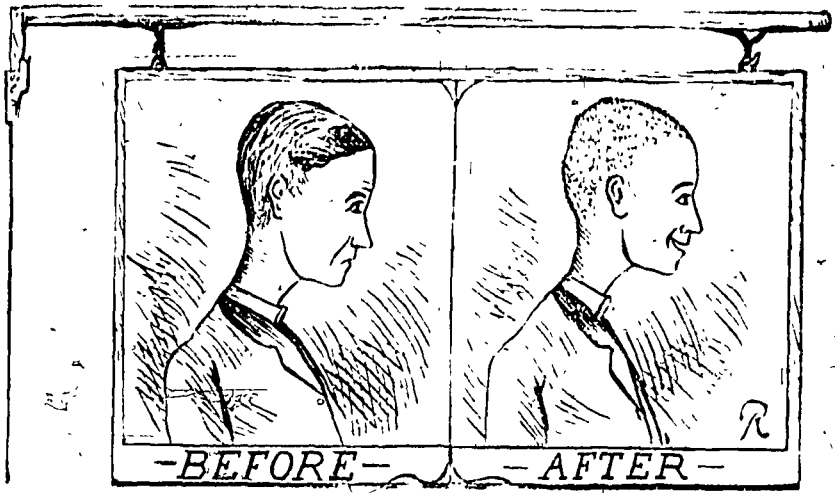
Time of game—2 hours 40 min.; wild pitches—Carter, 2, Halbert, 1; called balls—on Carter, 97, on Halbert, 99; called strikes—on Carter, 14, on Halbert, 19; struck out—Huntington, Balch, Penney, Gleason (1), Sweezy (2),—6; Robinson, Symons, Brown, (1), Blodgett, Halbert (2),—7; passed balls—Sewall, 10, Wilcox, 2; earned runs—Theologues, 1, Phillippian, 1; three-base hit—Strong; two-base hits—Carter, Sewall, Sweezy, Robinson, Huntington, Brickett, Robinson, Strong, Blodgett, Halbert (1), Carter, Wilcox, Nichols (2), Kinney, (3). Umpire, Thos. J. Hughes, P. A. '82. Scorers, P. T. Nickerson and White, T. S.

Wednesday, May 12, there was a game of four innings played between the graduates attending the reunions held that day and the undergrads of Phillips. The nines and the full score are given below.

Undergrads., 11. Grads., 6.					
UNDERGRADS.					
	A.B.	R.	B.	P.O.	E.
Durant, '81, c.,	3	1	1	2	2
Heywood, } '81, p.,	3	1	0	2	0
Halbert, }					
Brown, '80, s. s.,	3	2	0	1	1
Blodgett, '80, 1b.,	3	3	2	5	1
Irwin, '80, 2b.,	3	1	1	0	0
Roe, '82, 3b.,	3	2	1	1	0
Pi Yuck, '82, l. f.,	3	1	1	0	0
Peck, '82, c. f.,	3	0	1	0	0
Nickerson, '80, r. f.,	3	0	1	1	0
	27	11	8	12	4

GRADUATES.					
	A.B.	R.	B.	P.O.	E.
Ladd, '77, c.,	3	1	1	6	3
Ripley, '73, p.,	3	2	2	0	2
Webster, '77, s. s.,	3	0	0	0	1
Preston, '77, 1b.,	3	0	0	1	0
Collins, '77, 2b.,	3	0	0	2	1
Thurston, '77, 3b.,	3	1	2	0	2
Messler, '76, r. f.,	3	2	2	0	1
Nickerson, '76, c. f.,	2	0	1	1	0
E. Bailey, Jr., '78, l. f.,	2	0	0	2	0
	25	6	8	12	10

Earned runs—Grads., 2, Undergrads., 2; two-base hits, Ripley, Messler and Blodgett (2)—base on balls, Webster, Nickerson, Umpire, T. J. Hughes. Scorer, MacDowell.



A DESIGN (BY THE PHILLIPIAN) FOR A BARBER'S SIGN.
 (Respectfully recommended to Mr. Soehrens.)

The following is the order of the games for the Spring term of 1880:—

First match game is played at Quincy, on the 29th of this month; next, with Exeter on the 5th of June, game to be played here. Harvard Freshmen and Tufts college have been challenged, but not been heard from as yet. May 15th the nine play with the North Andover nine. A game with Groton of Lawrence has been contemplated, but not decided on as yet.

Phillippiana.

Shall I get a clip?
 Catalogue comes out next week.
 Ladd, of the editorial board, is again ill.
 Wednesday closed the fifth week of the term.
 The lawn in front of the Academy has been mowed for the Tennis Club.
 The Juniors still hold the championship. Will the Senior Classical take it away?
 Deacon Chandler's out-buildings will soon be moved. Where is the fire-engine going?
 The present editors of Philo Mirror have offered a reward of \$2.00 for the best cut.
 The base-ball grounds have been improved by a slight grading.
 There have been 242 students connected with the school this year.
 A game with the North Andover boys has been arranged for this afternoon.
 The trees have blossomed this spring much earlier than last.
 Several are in training for the spring tournament.

The roads have been exceedingly dusty for this time of year.
 Several bathers have already taken a swim in Pomp's Pond.
 Among other attractions, a piano has recently been added to English Commons.
 Mr. Folsom, the photographer, will be around shortly to take views for the students.
 The executives of Shawshin Club have remodeled its bill of fare.
 The young ladies have been chosen for the Select Reading at Abbot Academy.
 A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Andover Wednesday morning, at about 20 minutes of 8.
 The Anthems sung by the Theologues in Chapel every Sunday afternoon are very effectively rendered.
 The Yale class races are to come off next Wednesday. Parrot, P. A. '79, is on the Freshman crew.
 Middle Eng.—Geometry.—Teacher: "Do you see the triangle?" Student: "Oh, yes, sir!" Teacher: "No! that is all in your eye."
 Several new cases of measles have appeared in school. 14 fellows in all have been taken within the past three weeks.

One of Prof. Smythe's out-buildings was struck by lightning during a recent thunder storm.

Waterman, Tuttle, Atwood 1st and 2nd, Willetts and Hall, have returned home on account of sickness.

The Senior Englishmen, by dint of hard batting and sharp fielding, vanquished the M.P.'s by a score of 27 to 8.

An interesting contest between P. A. '81 and P. A. '82 resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 7 to 11 in six innings.

The quiet peace of the village was disturbed on last Sunday about 12.30 P. M. by the alarm of fire. It proceeded from the woods near Frye Village, and kept the fire-engine in active service for five hours.

Mr. Swain, the phrenologist, has again visited the students. Many have had their heads examined, and, with a few exceptions, with gratifying results.

The Geology class was considerably amused recently by one of the students making inquiries about the Crazy (Chasy) limestone of the Canadian period.

The following rendering was lately given to a passage in the third Eclogue: "Vix ossibus haerent," "Hardly do they hang on to their bones."

The committee of the Senior Class concert reported last Tuesday morning that it would be necessary to tax each member of the class 80 cts., to make up the deficiency of their late entertainment.

A young man in central Massachusetts, who intends to enter the Academy next year, thinks he shall solve the 13 15 14 puzzle as presented in our late cartoon. A man who has been here and worked at it four years says it can't be done.

Some of the Fem Sems have taken to singing college songs with a gusto which throws the evening performances upon the piazza at Mrs. Wilson's and, at other places quite into the shade. Their version of a couplet in a well-known college song will doubtless be approved by every chivalric Phillippian:—

"And happy is the man that will meet us
 As we go marching on!"

Sunday, the 9th inst., was the hottest day of the season. Thermometer 92° in the shade, and 112° in the sun. The heat in Chapel during afternoon service was something almost unendurable.

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