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College News.

HARVARD.

Editors Phillipian.—The play of *Ædipus Tyrannus*, so eagerly awaited by all, is at last over. The few who are qualified to judge, pronounce it a complete success. The rest of us did not feel like criticising, we simply enjoyed.

The picturesque dresses, with those classic folds seemingly possible in sculpture only, the animation and grace of the actors, the rhythm of the language—all possessed an indescribable charm; while the pleasure which the music alone gave, fully repaid the listener for any trouble and inconvenience.

The chief features of the play have been given in the daily papers, but no adequate conception of it can be attained from any report. The only thing to be regretted is, that more could not have heard it.

The amount of learning, time and money, which it required to produce it seems enormous, but we are confident that the results will show that the expenditure was wise. The interest in Greek life and literature excited by this graphic representation of one of the best plays, will give a new zest to classical study and education, increasing the ever-widening influence and power for good of the University in which the project was formed, and by which it has been so successfully carried out. **

Contributions.

Editors of Phillipian.—It was the much-appreciated privilege of your reporter recently to accompany the Glee Club in its ambulations in the direction of North Andover. Notice that we are careful to state North Andover, for we are sorry to say that we found ourselves deceived as to the object of the expedition. We left Andover about seven o'clock Friday evening, and after a very pleasant drive of about three miles in the delicious coolness of the evening we drew up in front of the hall at North Andover. Soon we found ourselves in the presence of an audience of from two to three hundred. The entertainment was composed of music by the Glee Club and readings by Prof. Cross, who is, by the way, an old graduate of Phillips. Mr. Cross convinced us before he finished that he not only possessed talent in reading both prose and poetry, but that he also had that faculty, which is too often lacking in readers, of delivering his selections in a perfectly natural and easy manner. Of the Glee Club itself we can say that it made an extremely creditable appearance and that one or two selections were given in a manner which even some more noted college organizations would do well to imitate. Several of the selections were encored and all were enthusiastically applauded. We were pained to observe some of the mem-

bers striving to steal the heart of a "maiden fair to see" who sat in the—well we did not notice her exact location, but one of the tenors of the club can, doubtless, give all needed information to enquiring parties.

We dropped a hint somewhere in the beginning of our account that a gross deception had been practiced upon your innocent representative. O Phillipian, he supposed that the concert would be the end of trials and that the merry company would wend a homeward path; but no sooner were we all seated in our chariot than the leader of the expedition was observed making cabalistic and incomprehensible signs to our Jehu, who whipped up his horses and dashed off in the direction of a place called Bradford. We concluded that what could not be cured must be endured. The monotony of the way was beguiled with songs and anecdotes of personal experience. One youth even told about an adventure which he had with another fellow's sister, and caused a peal of wit at his own expense. Although we could hardly judge in the dark, Bradford seemed to be a very attractive place. After dismounting, our general gave us a few words of advice and warning. With noiseless tread we slipped into the enclosure and found ourselves in front of a huge brick building which reminded us of some turreted castle of ancient lore where some fair maid was dragging out a weary existence. We trust the young ladies enjoyed the music which was tendered. The club, we think, did its best, and was gratified in receiving encouragement enough (we all solemnly swore not to divulge the ways and means by which this encouragement was given) to try, perhaps, in the dim and shadowy future, its luck again. We at least received a better recompense than that of being told, as the young ladies of an institution not a thousand miles from here will recollect, that we might have come earlier and not broken their night's rest. We reached home in the small hours of the night, some happy, some dreading the morrow's lessons, all sleepy. In the strain of the immortal—, all this night's history may be condensed into just four words: *veni, vidi, victus sum*. *

Base Ball.

Phillips vs. Exeter to-day. ✓

The new suits of the nine are very neat indeed, as well as comfortable and durable.

Harvard men are jubilant over their "big lead" in the college championship.

Yale Freshmen got the better of Harvard Freshmen by 15-2. This victory entitles them a right to the fence.

Circumstances seem to have united to thwart the efforts of our captain to secure such games as we usually have. However, there is enough time left yet.

An extra will be out the first of the week with an account of the game with Exeter.

Exeter's second game with Harvard Freshmen resulted in another victory for the crimson by a score of 15 to 2.

The conduct of Harvard '84 towards our nine has been very strange, to say the least. We would not like to injure any one's feelings by saying what we are forced to suspect.

The practice game with a picked nine from the town, last Monday, showed quite an improvement in our nine. The score stood twenty to one, and few errors were made.

The game with the Ætnas of North Andover on the 21st resulted in our favor, scoring twelve runs to their six. Our visitors had one or two very strong points, noticeably the pitcher. The playing of both nines was rather loose.

Wednesday afternoon our nine received its first defeat at the hands of our neighbors across the way. They now have an exceptionally good nine, and it is no great disgrace to be beaten by them.

The following is the schedule of the inter-collegiate games as corrected to date:

	Amherst	Brown	Dartmouth	Harvard	Princeton	Yale	Won
Amherst	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Brown	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Dartmouth	1	1	—	—	—	1	3
Harvard	1	1	2	—	1	1	6
Princeton	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Yale	—	1	—	1	1	—	3
Games Lost	2	4	4	2	3	2	17

Wednesday Yale suffered a defeat at Princeton, and Amherst at Providence. Things look now as though Harvard can count with certainty upon winning the championship.

Announcements.

Three members of the class of '78 received elections to Senior Societies at Yale, Welles to "Bones" and Eaton and Bailey to "Keys."

Harris, P.A. '80, is the Freshman editor of the *Princetonian*.

Gest, P.A. '80, is on the board of editors of the *Argo*, published at Williams.

W. A. Knowlton, P.A. '77, took his L.L.B. at Boston University this week.

M. R. Jacobs, P.A. '75 and Harvard '79, well known as an oarsman, graduated recently at Columbia Law School.

Clark, P.A. '77, Harvard '82, will spend next year in study in Europe and then join '83.

Welles, P.A. '76, Yale '82, took the first Winthrop prize of \$200. The prizes are based upon a knowledge of the Greek and Latin poets.

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THE Fourteenth Annual Reading came off in Abbot Academy Hall on last Tuesday evening. Through the courtesy of the management, the speakers in the late Means and Draper Prize Competitions received invitations, while there were a favored few who were remembered by some fair friend best known to themselves. It was the good fortune of several of our board to attend the entertainment, and after a very spirited contest as to who should endeavor to rise to the occasion the lot fell upon us. We warn the young ladies, the memory of whose thrilling tones ought to inspire us, that we promise only to attempt an account of the reading.

By way of beginning, we may state that we find so many pleasant things to say that it is almost impossible to make a beginning. The weather was quite propitious. The hall was well filled, to the sorrow of a few late comers. But this reminds us. That wide and spacious hall was the only thing we did not fancy. It could be enrolled upon the annals of Andover as the most uncomfortable and unappreciated spot in our classic hamlet, and yet,—can any one tell the reason,—an hour in it passed quicker than any five minutes we can just now recall. (Ah, we have hopes in our undertaking, the weather and the hall are now disposed of.) It would be asking too much to expect us to do justice to the readers. We would not draw comparisons for they are invidious (and then those other editors), and we could not if we would. There was, as there is always, a most happy blending of subjects during the evening. The funny man, the tearful man, the matter-of-fact man, the morose and sullen man, the love-sick individual, and that man who is always born before his time, a punster—these all would have gone mad with jealousy to see themselves revised and improved by the readers. (Now this won't do, for those last two classes comprise several of our board.) There was one thing not at all unusual under the circumstances to be sure, but perhaps worthy of note, as we entertained the false belief that our sister students were exceptions to their class. But no, it was not so much of a Sparta as we had imagined; the pathetic and poetic were there in their usual proportion. As

an exhibition of skill and elegance of rendering, or as a delightful entertainment to the audience, the reading was a decided success. Flowers, blushes and bows formed the very attractive closing of each reader's piece. We are sure that all the boys fully appreciate the honor done them by their invitations and only await a fitting opportunity to repay the kindness. (We meant to have mentioned above the additional excitement which the June bugs furnished. We saw one unhappy object on his back, having fallen from a lamp chimney. We took a vicious satisfaction in knowing that some other creature besides ourselves knew how it felt to be roasted.)

THE school has for years needed an instructor in the gymnasium, and from time to time one teacher or another has supplied this want, but as the instructor usually knew little more about physical culture than the pupil very little good has ever been thus accomplished. Last fall through the united exertions of the school, the services of Mr. Dole were secured for the winter term. Mr. Dole had been among us before, and as the result has proved, we were not mistaken in our estimate of his proficiency as a physical instructor.

With some one to direct the exertions of the boys, an unusual interest was taken in the gym., and the term's work was very satisfactory, the winter tournament being especially good.

The same need will exist next fall and we doubt not that the trustees will procure a good instructor. Although an instructor is needed during the whole year, yet, as the diversity of out-door sports affords a large amount of exercise during the spring and fall terms, it is during the winter term that the need of an instructor is felt most keenly, and if we cannot have a whole loaf, we will try and be satisfied with a half.

WHILE the question of school hats is being agitated, it is worth while to see whither this innovation tends. All marked changes must begin gradually, whether this beginning be manifest or not. Now viewing the recent action of the school without regard to the principle involved, we should say that as a business venture to those wishing a hat of the quality the undertaking was a success. But as a distinctive and practical school hat it was a failure. The school hat should be within the reach of every member of the school. It should be something that could be worn the greater part of the year. It should be quite different from other hats of the season. These qualifications are certainly wanting in our straw hat. But, if the present departure means a distinctive

Phillips Academy hat next year or in the next five years, no one can find fault with it because it is serviceable only in introducing that future hat. So the question resolves into this: are we to follow the example of English schools as some colleges have that of English universities? With us the symbol would have little or no meaning, no history behind it. The argument in favor is that it helps to unite school interests and school sentiment. Now do we need this help? At present, no. Any plan for the general introduction of some distinctive school badge, so that a student shall be as easily recognized as such as a soldier in his uniform, is open to grave objections. As regards the union of students in all schools in the country by this method of discrimination in dress, it need only be said that the idea is as sensible as that of an inter-scholastic Press Association. So the hat question becomes one of choice and not of necessity, and of no great importance at present. In a few years it may be best to adopt something better than the present attempt at a school hat. The plan has many attractive features. But at all events there is little danger that the matter will be carried to such extremes as among our English cousins.

Exchanges.

WE were a little surprised at receiving another visit so soon from the *Horae Scholasticae*, but a glance at its face soon solved the mystery. It was an "anniversary number." In honor to the occasion it had swelled to almost double its usual size. We extend our sympathies to some of those public-spirited editors, but really a little condensation would have done the paper no harm.

It usually fills our hearts with gladness to attempt the review of a newly-started paper, for one can almost always see the words "green," "unexperienced," "excuse all mistakes," etc., between the lines; and then we condescend to offer our valuable advice. But alas! the *Argo* has dashed all our hopes to the ground. Williams must be "booming," in order to sustain two such papers as the *Atheneum* and *Argo*. Even Yale has her hands full with her two fortnightlies, while at Harvard they fill up by complimentary notices of each other. Of the success of this second *Argo* we have not the slightest doubt.

To our feeble comprehension it would seem that the *Advocate* gets its *lies* and *items* badly mixed.

The *Record* and the *Courant* have entered a vigorous protest against betting. The action is a most sensible one if only to cover the mistake of a contemporary.

Here and There.

Cornell places unpaid subscriptions in the hands of a Justice of the Peace.

Prof. Francis A. Walker of S.S.S. has been elected president of M. I. T.

The cost of supporting the Yale Navy last year was \$5,300.—*Ex.*

About 100 bicycles were in the procession the 30th.

In a few years inter-collegiate tennis games will be added to the lists of contests for athletic supremacy.

Out of a membership of something like eighty the H. B. C. sent only ten bicycles to Boston Monday.

The rage for marbles has been very persistent, and even now seems scarcely to have died out.—*Horae Scholasticae.*

After the example of the *Echo* the Yale *Courant* is ascertaining the religious status of the college. Like a few committees we have in mind it reports "progress."

The Cornell four were unfortunate in not complying with the rules of entry for the Henley races. If a compromise cannot be effected they will challenge the winning crew.

Harvard defeated St. Paul in cricket the other day by a score of 117 to 81. The St. Paul students make a great specialty of cricket and even Harvard is glad to beat them.

Mrs. A. T. Stewart, on the strength of her husband's will, is building a new college in New York, to cost \$4,000,000. It will be the largest in America, non-sectarian, co-educational, and expenses will be put at a very low figure.—*Princetonian.*

A professor, after listening to an unusual number of Monday flunks, called attention to the fact by saying: "This class is to be congratulated on one thing,—it is very evident that the members do not study on Sunday."—*Lantern.*

It is ascertained from the Williams College *Trustee* that President Garfield will attend the inauguration of the new president of the college, Franklin Carter, at the coming Williams Commencement, and that with him will be Secretaries Blaine, Lincoln and Hunt. In addition to the addresses of the retiring and incoming presidents; President Porter, of Yale College, will speak, and President Garfield will make an address on behalf of the trustees.—*Ex.*

At the annual meeting of the Inter-collegiate Athletic Association at Mott Haven last Saturday, Harvard took five first prizes, while Columbia came in second with four. Harvard gained the championship

cup last year and by this victory she will keep it the coming year. Truly Harvard's athletics have "boomed."

Phillipiana.

P-h-i-l-l-i-p-s-i

One more issue this term.

Price of the Extra, five cents.

"Want to exchange pictures?"

Society elections soon.

Five students went to the Harvard Greek Play.

The innocent but sportive June bug is now in his glory.

The Clark Scholarship has been increased to \$1200.

A gentleman from Yale lately visited the school in behalf of Y. Y., a Junior society.

Meandering Englishmen now gather wild flowers and cruelly dissect them.

Emerson, P.A. '83, has left school owing to sickness. He expects to return next fall.

As a whole the class pictures are very satisfactory. P.A. '81 appears to be the best suited.

Carpenter and Phelps were elected by P.A. '82 as two of the editors next year. Now let P.S. '82 do as well.

School hats were to come yesterday. About 75 were sold. They are very neat and attractive.

It adds little to the honor of a class to interrupt another class when it is sitting for its picture.

Dazed S. S. reviewing Arithmetic: "Twelve units make one thing; one thing makes numerous visits to B—."

Tuttle, P.A. '81, is back after a troublesome time with his injured hand. He will be unable to play again this term.

Decoration-day was two-thirds observed by the school; that is, we were favored with one recitation. Many of the students made the most of their time in Boston.

The seven commencement speakers from the Classical class, chosen on merit of their orations, have been announced. They are Messrs. Ferris, Greene, Halbert, Jones, Noyes, Welles, and Weymouth.

Quite a number of contributions have been received in accordance with the new method of renewing the board of editors. The three men chosen by the outgoing board will be announced in our next issue.

R. T. Trowbridge, P.A. '80, has been spending a few days of his vacation in Andover. Mr. Trowbridge was the very able and successful manager of the *PHILLIPIAN* last year. He is now reading law at Columbia.

Monday, Mr. Heald, of McCormick & Heald, photographers of the class of '81, drove up from Boston to take the school, classes, rooms, etc. He was occupied here nearly three days. He recently went out to Easthampton.

Next year the Middle class in both departments will have the option of four hours in German or four hours in French without extra charge for either. At present two hours only are given in German and the fee is \$15. per year.

Ten members of the P. B. C. attended the grand meet in Boston last Monday. Their uniforms are very becoming and their drill good. They presented quite as good an appearance as any club and speak well for the management of the P.B.C.

The heavy thunder-storm the other day came near proving most disastrous in its effects. Prof. Thayer's house was struck, and, owing to the poor connection of the lightning-rod, considerable havoc was made. But luckily nothing serious resulted.

We hardly need to be reminded that upon our behavior to-day will depend the repetition of this unusual leave of absence, and, above all, that old Phillips has a reputation for courtesy and fairness which she must keep untarnished.

The Caroline Parker Taylor Scholarship has been founded by Mrs. Alpheus Hardy of Boston by a gift of \$1000 in memory of Mrs. Taylor and in recognition of the valuable aid she rendered to her husband, Dr. Taylor, during his long career as Principal of the Academy.

Prof. Tucker showed himself to be the right man in the right place last Sunday. We failed to see any of the usual drowsiness in the audience; in fact, we found it worth while to omit a little custom of our own that we deem excusable upon ordinary occasions of the kind.

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