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SAMUEL PHILLIPS.

PROMINENT among the little company of earnest men who, headed by Gov. Winthrop, landed at Salem in 1630 was the Rev Geo Phillips, a clergyman, formerly of the Church of England, but from the government and practice of which he had dissented. From him descended that great family, which for two hundred and fifty years has produced some of the strongest and most gifted men of our country. In 1711 the Rev. Samuel Phillips came from Salem to Andover and gathered around him in the South Precinct a little company of farmers and formed what is now the Old South Church, over which he presided for sixty years. A picture of this good man has come down to us in the description of his journey from the parsonage to the church, flanked on one side by his black body servant and on the other by his wife and her servant, and also the children. As he entered the church the congregation rose, and remained standing until he was seated in the pulpit — after that good old custom of recognizing in a clergyman the dignity of an ambassador of God. Judge Phillips was the grandson of this good preacher, and was the fifth in the family to bear the name, Samuel. He was born in 1752, in a house now standing in North Andover, in part of which house his father carried on the business of a merchant. The store was then the centre of a thinly settled district, to which the farmers came for news and supplies. The country was woody and wild, and the deer roamed in abundance through the lands upon which our dwellings now stand. Without any young companions, and in the sadness and austerity of his father's house, the young boy grew up, quiet, industrious, methodical, and far advanced for his years. At fifteen he entered Harvard College, taking at once an honorable stand and an influential position. The times were troublesome. England's oppressions had become intolerable, and the nation was rising to throw off the tyrannic yoke. In the midst of it all young Phillips — with a warm and patriotic heart — was quietly devoting himself to the college work. The

self-command which made this possible was a part of the greatness of the man. During his college course he met in Cambridge his future wife, Miss Phœbe Foxcroft, a young lady of family and parts who joined with a deep religious life, a bright and engaging manner, which well complemented his own seriousness. She was twenty-seven and he eighteen, which was a reason for a decided opposition to the marriage on the part of his parents; but after a long struggle the objections were removed. Through thirty years of severe labor this woman stood by his side, enduring, encouraging, aiding and keeping for him a bright and loving home. She forwarded every plan of his in benevolent works. She had a lively interest in the academy, and after his death she was the principal mover in founding the seminary. In her portrait, which hangs in the library, one can see some likeness to her great-grandson, Rev. Phillips Brooks.

After his graduation, young Phillips threw himself eagerly into the agitations of the times, and having once entered the public service he gave himself up to it by unremitting labor. Thenceforth his life was one of continual toil — of separation from home and of personal danger. But his own high idea of public service, and the strong cheering words which came to him from his home, made this life possible.

Two years after leaving college he was elected town clerk, and officiated in the meetings of which his father was moderator. It was at such meetings, where the sturdy farmers grew eloquent in their earnestness, that the strong foundation of our government was laid.

At the age of twenty-three, Phillips was elected a representative to the Provincial Congress, in which body he soon came to be regarded as one of the best speakers, and one of the most active workers. While engaged in this work he also entered into the enterprise of furnishing the country with powder; he was also a large farmer; and later, was the owner and overseer of a grist-mill, a saw-mill and a paper manufactory and a store in Methuen and one in Andover. After the war had closed he did great service in the work of constructing the government. In 1786 he was elected to the Senate, and in the following year appointed justice by Gov. Hancock, and was shortly afterwards made President of the Senate. He was elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1801.

In the midst of this busy life, and at the time when the very existence of our colonies was a question of doubt — in truth, during the darkest period of our national history — Phillips formed the bold plan of founding a classical school. He gave to the project an energy and zeal which would brook no failure. We have no picture of his life which so displays the serene faith, the intense absorption in doing good to others, the heroic daring of his character, as that which we see in reading of his earnest ef-

forts in behalf of the school. For that purpose he begged that his own inheritance might be given up; he left the kindly neighborhood of the North parish to live in the wilderness, which this hill then was; he moved even farther away from the little hamlet which had gathered at the foot of the hill, and lived with miserable conveniences; he devoted interest and time and money without stint for many long years to the work. And he did it all, *simply*, for its own sake, and not for his interest. Do we realize that we are indebted to him for the very trees we walk under — many of which he planted with his own hands? What are not we indebted to him for?

Judge Phillips' reward was singularly great. Before his death he saw the academy increase beyond all his expectations — his fortune was large, his position high and honorable, the respect which he received from his own townsmen amounted almost to reverence, and the home which God had given him was one of such harmony, happiness and refinement as few receive. In the midst of his labors and interests he was called to lay all down. His work was done, and he rested.

## College Notes.

The Yale Glee Club netted \$800 on its Western trip. — *Yale News*.

The winter meeting of the Harvard Athletic Association will be on March 11, 18 and 25. — *Crimson*.

At a meeting of Yale Alumni at Young's Hotel, Boston, Rev. George Blagden presided, and among the speakers was Mr. E. G. Coy, of Andover.

The *Argo*, from Williams, speaks very kindly of the *Mirror*, and we notice, too, that a recent copy of the *Congregationalist* complimented it very highly.

The Western Universities have formed a base ball association, and the proposition of having the winning club come East and play with Eastern clubs is being seriously considered.

The Yale Glee Club gives a concert in Boston on Feb. 14th, or thereabouts. It will be worth while for anybody who can to spend an evening with them.

Polo is in vogue at Yale, and a game was played last week in the skating rink. — *News*.

Amherst is meditating a \$50,000 gymnasium. This means muscular Christianity to cope with the heathen. — *Boston Herald*.

There is a Chicago girl who has been dying for the last two years, living, as it were, with one foot in the grave. The physicians have hopes, however. They say she can't get the other foot in, — no room! St. Louis papers please copy. — *Lampoon*.

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THE thanks of the school are due to the selectmen of Andover for their kindness in giving us School street upon which to coast. It must have inconvenienced quite a number of people, and the boys will not forget the favor. The snow has spoiled the coasting now almost entirely, but for the two or three days that it lasted it was almost unprecedented. Would that our fair neighbors could have enjoyed it in common with the boys, but—

THE committee appointed by Philo with regard to an entertainment gave its report a short time since. It has been decided to have a Mock Trial, and to have it take place near the close of the term, soon after the Draper speaking, which will probably come on the seventh of March. The committee need the thorough support of what talent the school may hold, and every man who holds a part should see to it that he does it to the very extent of his ability. Andover has been rather exceptionally dull this winter, and if Philo can succeed in brightening up the end of the winter term a little, her work will not be fruitless.

THE literary club has been renewed by the senior class this year, with Mr. Coy as presiding officer. Two meetings have been held, and the boys speak in the highest terms of the organization. It is undoubtedly a capital idea, for it brings together boys who otherwise would be, to a certain extent, estranged from each other. It does this, too, more than the usual literary society, for it brings classmates together, and that, too, with less restraint than there would otherwise be.

WE should like to bring one point to the attention of the under-class men. It is with regard to the PHILLIPIAN of next year. Of course we want the very best material which the school possesses upon the paper which represents the school. The editors will be chosen as follows: Two from the Senior Classical Class, which are elected by the class; one from the Senior English Class, who is elected by his class; the other three will be selected from the school at large by the present board.

Now, we have absolutely no means of knowing who are the best three men for our purpose. In order to determine upon the relative merits of candidates, the board desires to make the statement to the school at large: that these men will be elected very largely with reference to the work submitted to us after the first of March.

It is of the utmost importance that the paper should be kept up to a proper level, and it can not be too strongly urged upon the under-class men to sustain the reputation of former years, and their own as well.

THE foot-ball eleven seem to be in a quandary. The suits are in their possession of course, and they seem to be in doubt as to whether they are personal property or not. Now it is, as has been frequently observed, a doubtful experiment at best to attempt to infringe upon a custom established by precedents, but it is poor logic which declares that because a thing always has been, it follows that it always should be. It always has been the custom to make one set of suits serve during two and even three years.

That this plan is unwise is apparent. How does a boy five feet five inches high, look in an eight foot uniform? A great deal depends upon appearances, even in our sports. To come down to the present case, the objection to presenting the eleven with the suits is of course the expense. It would cost every fellow in school from seventy-five cents to a dollar.

If our eleven has not done its duty by us, there is no such quality as duty in the world. There are lots of fellows who would have given a good many half dollars rather than have seen us beaten by Exeter. So we say that it would be a good reform to do away with the old usage and give each fellow the colors which he has won.

SOME facts which the PHILLIPIAN believes merely legendary:

1. An Andover landlady who hasn't her rules of thirty years standing.
2. An Andover policeman who did not think the better of it when the sled got within ten feet of him.
3. An Andover Fem. Sem. who didn't think she was pretty.
4. An Andover tradesman who did not charge about as high as Bunker Hill monument.
5. An Andover small boy who can't make a snowball turn a corner and hit every time.
6. An Andover Theologue who doesn't think he knows more about the book of Revelations than John did.
7. An Andover inhabitant who doesn't think boys a confounded nuisance anyway.
8. An Andover snow plow which made its appearance before the snow had melted.
9. An Andover street lamp that ever shone except on a moonlight night.

### Contributions.

Editors of Phillipian:

Said a prominent member of "Philo" to us a short time since, "The presidency of the societies belongs to the senior, the vice-presidency to the middle class." This is as much as saying, that in the bestowal of society honors precedence should be given, not to those who have brought honors to the societies, but to those who in another department of school work stand highest; and, carried to its extreme, the argument is, that a blockhead in literary work has the right to the presidency over the most gifted member of the society on the ground, and that ground alone, of seniority in class relations. That this is the attitude of the school there can be no doubt; but, for ourself, we are utterly unable to accept it; or not to believe that there is a strange mixing of principles in such an argument.

We can understand and heartily accept the remarks made from the chapel desk one morning regarding the privilege of the senior class to leave the hall first. It is one of many little dignities which under-class men, on the whole, enjoy giving to those who have gone farther in the course than themselves, and who are soon to go from among them; but in societies, when members meet night after night, regardless of class relations, and where the prominent and influential members are men who show ability and activity in the society work, even though they are juniors or middlers, and where the honors are expected to go to those who can win them, and, having them, can use them to the best advantage of the societies,—it seems strange enough to us that the old spirit of caste should show itself and that fellows should become zealous of getting a senior into the president's chair, even though they throw away the best interests of the society in doing it. Yale meets this difficulty by class societies; and, if, indeed seniority of class relations is to be the criterion of fitness of the higher offices in "Philo," or "Inquiry," it seems as if they too should take that form, but so long as they are school societies, when men lose sight of the class relations and so long as the majority of their working and successful members are under-class men we cannot believe in the principle of bestowing the highest honors upon men who have no claim for them but in their membership of the senior class.

The argument that these very members who are now doing the work will some day themselves become seniors and receive a well-earned reward in no way alters the principle we are speaking of. Although this is often true, we doubt the economy of allowing the societies to languish under poor government, while some brilliant members are being reserved for another year. In a large school it is economy to use our capital day by day, trusting to the gods to continue the supply in future. And it is well never to forget that the arguments which apply to college life and government do not necessarily hold in such a school as this, where fellows differ so much more in age and experience, and where many of the most gifted and mature leave the school before they have entered the senior class.

We have been singularly fortunate in our officers this year. The success and good government of "Philo" has attracted the admiration of all, but the principle remains the same and will show its evil results again and again in the future as it has in the past.

### Alumni.

Rev. Courtland Whitehead, D. D., P. A. '59, Yale '63, was consecrated with imposing ceremonies, Jan. 25, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our fourth Bishop.

Gest, P. A. '80, is down for both Greek and Latin Sophomore prize competitions at Williams.

A. S. Thayer, P. A. '77, Harvard '81, has become classical master in the Portland, Me., High School.

N. H. Dole, P. A. '70, has just brought out a "Young Folks' History of Russia," Estes & Lauriat, Publishers.

J. W. Perkins, P. A. '61, Harvard '65, has resigned the Salem High School to become Principal of Dummer Academy, So. Byfield. Judge Phillips fitted for Harvard at Dummer. The school began in 1763 and was incorporated soon after Phillips was.

W. T. Shedd, P. S. '62, of New York, was here recently with his bride.

G. H. Norcross, P. S. '78, M. D., Boston University '81, has located at Great Falls, N. H.

Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stevens, P. A. '36, is the new President of the University Club of Philadelphia, and is said to be the first ecclesiastic to hold such a position. The club has just entered a magnificent new building erected for their use.

Prof. L. F. Stearns, D. D., P. A. '63, Professor of Theology in Bangor Seminary was married, Feb. 1, to Miss E. M. Benson of Bangor.

William Barrows, D. D., P. A. '36, read a paper at the last meeting of the Genealogical Society in Boston on the Aztecs.

Edward Savage, Esq., P. A. '56, gave the oration at the Dartmouth Alumni dinner in Minneapolis, last month.

These lines were written for the "Sword and Pen," the organ of the Soldiers' Fair:

Last night I saw an armed band, whose feet  
Did take the martial step, although they trod  
Soundless as waves of light upon the air.  
(Silent from silent lips the bugle fell)  
The wind was wild; but the great flag they bore  
Hung motionless, and glittered like a god  
Above their awful faces as they marched.  
And when I saw, I understood, and said,—  
"If these are they whom we did love and give,  
What seek they?" But one sternly answered me,—  
"We seek our comrades whom we left to thee:  
The weak who were thy strength; the poor, who had  
Thy pride; the faint and few who gave to thee  
One supreme hour from but the day of life,  
One deed majestic to their country."  
These were thy trust: how fare they at thy hands?  
Thy saviours then—are they thy heroes now?  
Our comrades still; we keep the step with them.  
Behold! as thou unto the least of them  
Shall do, so dost thou unto us. Amen."

### Phillipiana.

The new lamps are in the library.  
Colds predominate everywhere.  
A few copies of the extra still left.  
Four new boys since the last issue.  
Coddling, P. A. '83, has left Easthampton.  
Remember what the fourteenth of February represents, boys. Do yourselves credit.  
Philo and Inquiry have appointed a committee to look after the associate library.  
P. S. '83 went on a sleigh ride Wednesday. All hands report a good time.  
P. A. '83 is trying to get up a class sleigh ride. May she be successful.  
Oscar Wilde's visit to America is beginning to make its effect known in the school.  
Perry was elected first editor of the Mirror in place of Smith resigned.  
Downing, P. S. '81, was in town Sunday. He has left Yale and is in business in Delaware.  
The veil is lifting from the date of the Draper Prize speaking, which is now announced for the 6th or 7th of March.  
P. A. '84 is going to have some note paper with the class name and motto engraved at the top.

The use of the inoffensive "noun deer" and its plural "deer" (or dears) is prohibited in the middle class under penalty of a heavy fine.

The Mock Trial has become a fact, and is advertised to take place the last Monday in March.

The seniors are reading Ovid. Did any one perpetrate the observation that they had too much Ovid (of it).

Coates, P. S. '82, was hurt while coasting a short time since. This makes the second accident.

The junior class has at length selected a class motto and colors. The night of the Draper Prize speaking would be a good time to wear them.

The following is the answer which was returned to the question, why a certain Greek verb was in the subjunctive mood: "It is a vague expression of an indefinite future."

Messrs. Bicknell Bros. of Lawrence have hung in the school entry a picture in the form of an advertisement, and it has been very much admired.

We have some statistics prepared with regard to the foot-ball and base-ball games played since '71. They will be of interest to a good many.

Quite a number of boys have already sat for their photographs. We have been singularly unfortunate as far as sunny days are concerned.

We have still on hand a number of extras containing Prof. Park's address. We should be glad to send them to any of our out of town subscribers on receipt of ten cents.

Does any one know a Middle Englishman whose feet were so large that on going past the Fem. Sem., his attention being taken up, he lost his way in his boots?

It is necessary that all who handed in their names for a picture of the eleven should stand by their order. Otherwise the account of the Treasurer will be a minus quantity.

It is reported that one of the seniors is employed in writing a novel entitled "Grant, the Masher," or "An Andover Student's impression of Andover and Andover life." We predict a large sale.

Scene in First Division Senior Greek.  
Prof. "Mr. — where was the promontory mentioned in the text?" Senior, (after mature thought) "I think it was a location, sir."

Time: Monday A. M. Place: Senior Recitation. Act I, Scene 1. Prof.: "Mr. — what is a heteroclit?" "I do not know sir." "Next." "I don't know sir." "Next." "I don't know sir." "Mr. — can you tell us what a heteroclit is?" "No sir." Prof.: (fervently) "Gentlemen, I'm very glad that you do not study Sundays."

It snowed all last Saturday night, and Sunday morning the snow on the ground was something terrible to contemplate. Nevertheless two of ye editors were constrained by the force of habit (or the fear of twenty demerits) to be present at church. There they found a congregation worthy of the weather; fifty-eight Academy boys, nineteen theologues, six-teachers from the Academy, one professor from the Seminary, and six other gentlemen. No minister, no organist, no ladies, no heat in the church. At the request of Professor Bancroft, Professor Mead conducted the services and preached an eight minute sermon to the intense gratification of all present.

There was no service in the afternoon, and those lucky boys, whose force of habit did not compel them to go in the forenoon, soon discovered to their great joy that they were unconditionally excused from demerits.

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