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Contributions.

Editors of the Phillipian.—Before the base-ball season begins and you have more matter than you can dispose of, I should like to present to the attention of the school, the more recent alumni, and the editors, a matter which evidently needs careful thought. All who are at all acquainted with the generality of the college papers know that there is almost always some arrangement by which the editors receive as remuneration for their labors either the whole or a due percentage of their profit. On the other hand, they of course would be obliged to assume the responsibility if under ordinary circumstances they should fail to meet the whole of their expenses. This plan seems to me to have great advantages, two of which I would like to call attention to in particular.

First, its *fairness*. A board is asked to do no more than it really cares to. The primary object of a school paper is of course to establish and uphold good literary taste; to offer advantages of practice to those who wish more experience and drill in systematic writing. It is, in some respects, the hardest work that the ordinary fellow is called upon to do in his school course. Text-books and grammars fail; the editor must use discriminating taste, originality, quickness, and patience. All of these must be systematic; for no matter who fail to keep their engagements, the cry for copy will come as regularly as the weeks or fortnights pass. These, then, are the primary objects and not pecuniary results. Why not then leave all beside literary work to the discretion of the board? And if they can by extra exertion in the use of their advertising columns, by diligence in regard to their subscription list, in any worthy way, not only pay the mere cost of the paper, but clear a hundred dollars or more, why not allow them to divide among themselves the fruit of their own toil?

In the second place, consider the *incentive* it would be. There is an immense amount of difference to the average fellow in devoting a certain percentage of his leisure time for a year to work for a stained window or flag to be presented to the school, and doing the same thing for his own private interests. Perhaps it ought not to be so, but it undoubtedly is. When a fellow realizes that he is working for himself, he is more likely to do good work than when with a vague idea that he is laboring for the general good of something or somebody far off in the future.

I only drop this as a hint; but I think you will agree with me that it is a matter which requires careful attention. Of course it could not be put in practice this year, but now is the time when it should be discussed. If it is at all possible, a committee of investigation should be appointed by the school, and those who have had control of the paper in the past should be asked for

advice on the matter together with older and wiser heads.

Editors of Phillipian.—A movement is on foot to reorganize and revivify the bicycle club of last year. Andover numbers some twenty bicycles now, and last year our club made a fine appearance at the Decoration Day parade. With more material we ought to do better than then. Officers have been elected and arrangements of the usual kind are being engaged in, so that the club may enter the American league. We ask no support pecuniarily or otherwise from the school and rely upon our own efforts. Let every devotee to the wheel grace the next meeting by his presence.

CYCLE.

Dear Phillipian.—The thought struck me as I looked at the crowded audience in attendance upon the mock trial last term, and remembered the same of the winter entertainment in former years, that it certainly would be but fair if a small admittance fee could be charged, thus affording the Society some more substantial token of the appreciation of the listeners than mere applause and congratulations. It certainly would not materially diminish the attendance, and they are few who would not be glad of showing their appreciation in that way. It is at least something to bear in mind for similar occasions.

Exchanges.

The *Yale News* excites our first attention. It has, to use a provincial expression, broken out in a new place.

Not content with being the best of the college dailies, it has decided to issue a supplement every Wednesday. The supplement, as we understand it, is almost exclusively to be devoted to college humor. Now and then, however, a heavy article will make its appearance. The experiment is as yet in its infancy and we do not feel competent to pass criticism upon it one way or the other. One thing we can say, however, and that is that the humor displayed has thus far been far below that of the *Harvard Lampoon*.

The *Res Academicæ* is next on our pile. Two-thirds of the paper is taken up with a "Letter from Florence." It contains from between one-third to one-half a column of local items, and one editorial nearly two columns long upon the advisability of changing the site of the school building. We do not find fault, but would make the following suggestion. Either the editors of the *Res* are wonderfully remiss, or there is a most deplorable lack of school interest at Wilkes Barre.

The *Hamilton Literary Monthly* is a sixty-page magazine and is almost an exact

counterpart of our *Mirror*. It betokens a lively interest at Hamilton, and its literary attempts are exceptionally good.

Last on our list comes the "*Philo Mirror*." The *Mirror* has certainly taken a stride this year. The photographs of the Faculty are worthy of great commendation. The magazine is comparatively free from defect, and *Philo* is to be congratulated upon her choice of editors. We cannot but heartily commend the action taken by the editors in the purchase of a flag. The school has for a long time felt the want.

Alumni.

Dr. Abner W. Buttrick, P.A. '61, Williams' 65, Harvard Medical '69, died recently of consumption, at Lowell, aged 39. He studied several years abroad and had begun a prosperous practice at Lowell, when some years ago his health gave way. He was a man of great promise.

N. Boynton, P. A. '75, Amherst '79, Seminary '82, has been called to the congregational church in Littleton.

Roswell Smith, of New York, the principal owner and the manager of the "Century Company," has given the school a full set of Scribner's Monthly, 23 volumes, handsomely bound in embossed green muslin. They constitute quite a library of good literature, illustrated by several thousand fine wood engravings in which Scribner has set a fashion and effected almost a revolution. Mr. Smith is an old boy, as was his uncle, Roswell C. Smith, the author of many famous school-books.

Wilcox, P. A. '80, is on the University nine at Yale.

Greene, '80, took the second prize on the rings, and second prize on the parallel bars at an exhibition of the Union Athletic Association in the Music Hall, Boston.

A large audience was present and Mr. Greene's effort is mentioned very favorably.

Walker Hall, the fine college building recently burnt at Amherst, was named for one of our old boys, the late Dr. W. J. Walker, who gave the largest part of the cost of its construction.

Lady Elizabeth Sumner Buckley-Matthew Fleming, of England, left a bequest of \$1000 to Phillips Academy to found a scholarship in memory of her son, Gerard Wiggan, who died at the end of his Middle year, in the summer vacation of 1875.

F. P. Vinton's fine portrait of Mr. John C. Phillips, the founder of the Latin Chair, has been sent, on Mr. Vinton's request, to New York for the Spring Exhibition. It is expected back in the hall before anniversary.

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THE year waneeth and the editorial quill is lifted for its last term of service. To comment upon the term which is before us will do no harm, and mayhap much good. The regular school routine will progress much as usual. The competition for the Means prizes will come ere long, and the Senior Class entertainment finds a place near the middle of May. Toward the last, the Philo Exhibition and the Graduating Exercises will of course be predominant subjects of interest.

From an Athletic point of view, however, the National Game will be the leading subject of interest. A view at our chances on the Campus will therefore be a good move. It has become long since obvious to any one who has taken the trouble to examine the men in training, that the Nine's weak point, if it can be so termed, will lie in the pitcher's position. The outfield will be excellent, and the infield bids fair to equal, if not surpass, that of last year. It is of the utmost importance that the committee and the nine should receive the hearty co-operation of the school. The expenses will not be so heavy as last year, and last year's record should not be lowered. It will be seen in another column that Exeter has beaten us only once in the history of our campaign, and that on her own grounds and with her own umpire. Let it be our privilege to repeat that statement at the end, as well as the beginning of this term.

IT will be seen by a contribution in another column that in some minds the propriety of allowing the editors of the Phillipian to divide whatever they may clear beyond expenses is looked favorably upon. It is naturally a delicate matter for us to discuss this subject. It will however prove a benefit to after years, if we should so do.

Let it be distinctly understood, that under no consideration whatever, will the present board allow the thing to come into vogue this year. Starting upon this assumption, we feel justified in expressing our views openly and without restraint upon a subject that would otherwise be embarrassing in the extreme.

We agree with the writer of the above-mentioned article in almost every particular. But we think he has omitted to mention one or two good arguments.

First, it will be found upon examination, that almost all the leading college journals adopt this plan. May it not be concluded that what would be wise for them would be at least expedient for us? Again, our correspondent suggests that it would be advisable for renewed success to adopt this plan. It undoubtedly would, and its influence would not be confined to the board alone as he infers. The under-class men would have a distinct object to aim for, and we should see more contributions and of a better character.

We shall hold our next two issues after this open to the discussion of this point, and if any one has aught to say, let him now speak or henceforth and hereafter hold his peace. Unless this communication should meet with decided opposition and disfavor, we shall take measures to bring the matter before the school, having, as we have said, allowed a suitable time for its discussion.

IN another column will be found an article relative to the course of next year's paper. There is another matter of equal importance, and one which we have felt this year to an unfortunate extent. There should be some definite code of rules and regulations which should guide a board of editors constituted like our own. Without it no one knows exactly what is expected of him, and hence the bulk of work comes upon one or two or three persons, and disagreement is likely to arise.

The course which we recommend is this. Let a committee be chosen from the school. This committee to consist of three persons. One man from the outgoing board, one man from the incoming board and one man from the school at large. Let this committee draw up a set of rules and arrange them in the form of a constitution. This constitution must be submitted to the school and approved in all its particulars ere it can be ratified, or, in other words, before it can become law. With regard to this point we would recommend that if any one in school has anything to say upon it he should speak through our columns. We shall hold our next two issues open for a free and impartial discussion of this subject, as well as the one relative to the pecuniary management of the paper. It is of the utmost importance that the question be well ventilated and all sides of it seen before it is brought publicly before the school. Of course every one understands that the present board, as well as every other subsequent one, is only an instrument in the hands of the school to reach the best ends, and the yes or no lies directly in the power of the school and nowhere else.

The portrait of Mr. John C. Phillips, of Boston, which hung in the school hall, has been loaned for the Spring Art Exhibition in New York.

IS THE ACADEMY SECTARIAN?

In our issue of March 4, replying to the inquiry of *Alumnus*, we showed that the Academy is not denominational, much less sectarian. It remains to account for the opposite impression, an impression which we believe, however, does not prevail to any great extent. So far as it obtains it may rest on the following:—

1. The Theological Seminary, (1807), is an institution with separate funds, faculty, students, and buildings, but under the same Trustees as the Academy, and the Seminary has a very distinct doctrinal and ecclesiastical character, and has taken a foremost place in the theological controversies of the last seventy-five years.

2. The constitution of the Academy, antedating the first theological school by nearly thirty years, contemplates the education of "students who may be devoted to the Gospel Ministry," and the bequest of Dr. John Phillips, (1795), provides that such students in the Academies at Andover and Exeter may "be assisted in Divinity by some eminent Calvinistic minister until such time as an able, pious and Orthodox Instructor shall be supported in one or both these Academies as a Professor of Divinity, by whom they may be taught the important principles and distinguishing tenets of our holy Christian Religion." This duty is now performed by the Theological Seminary.

3. The constitution requires the Master to "give special attention to the health of the scholars," "but above all to the disposition of the *minds* and *morals* of the youth under his care," and "to give persevering and incessant attention to the duty, as the age and capacity of the scholars will admit, not only to instruct and establish them in the truths of Christianity, but also to early and diligently inculcate upon them the great and important Doctrines and Duties of our Holy Christian Religion."

4. The school has had a great reputation for strictness, which is often associated in the popular mind with stern doctrine and austere manners. It has had an exceptionally large number of pupils who have become ministers. Great numbers have here first come to conviction and purpose respecting the great truths and duties of personal religion, and life has had to them new motives and new ends, as their convictions and purposes have ripened into character. "The first and principal object of this school is the promotion of true Piety and Virtue." "Goodness and Knowledge united form the noblest character, and lay the surest foundation of usefulness to mankind."

The school is, in its origin, constitution, history, and present administration, a Christian Institution. Bigotry, dogmatism, proselytism, denominationalism, sectarian-

ism, and ecclesiasticism have, however, never been favored and fostered here.

A FEW FACTS.

Some of our readers may be interested in looking over the list of games of football and base-ball which have been played since 1871. It will be seen that foot-ball was not inaugurated until 1875.

BASE-BALL

71. Phillips vs. Holtens, of Danvers, 32 to 9.
71. Phillips vs. Scott, of Danvers, 0 to 17.
72. Phillips vs. Boston Juniors, 13 to 3.
73. Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh., Harvard won.
74. Phillips vs. Lawrence, Phillips won.
74. Phillips vs. Methuens, Phillips won.
74. Phillips vs. Excelsiors, of Boston, 17 to 17.
75. Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh, 12 to 11.
76. Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh., 17 to 15.
77. Phillips vs. Quincy, 23 to 7.
78. Phillips vs. Websters, of Lowell, 8 to 3.
22d. May, Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Exeter), 1 to 11.
Phillips vs. Quincy, (at Quincy), 8 to 4.
June 1st., Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Andover), 10 to 8.
79. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Exeter), 10 to 2.
Phillips vs. Quincy, (at Andover), 25 to 2.
80. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Andover), 9 to 0.
Phillips vs. Quincy, (at Quincy), 8 to 6.
81. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Exeter), 13 to 5.

FOOT-BALL

75. Phillips vs. Quincy, 1 t-d to 1 goal.
76. Phillips vs. Quincy, 1 goal and 1 t-d to 0.
Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh., 0 to 1 goal and 1 t-d.
77. Phillips vs. Resolutes, of Boston, 0 to 6 t-ds.
Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh., 0 to 0.
Phillips vs. Tufts Fresh., 1 goal, 14 t-ds to 0.
78. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Andover), 1 goal, 4 t-ds to 0.
Phillips vs. Quincy, (at Quincy), 0 to 1 goal, 4 t-ds.
Phillips vs. Brown Fresh., 2 goals, 11 t-ds to 0.
79. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Exeter), 0 to 1 goal 4 t-ds.
Phillips vs. Quincy, (at Andover), 0 to 4 goals, 4 t-ds.
Phillips vs. Newtonvilles, 1 goal, 2 t-ds to 0.
80. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Andover), 1 t-d to 1 t-d.
Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh., 1 goal to 1 t-d.
Phillips vs. Quincy, (at Quincy), 0 to 0.
Phillips vs. Technology, 1 goal, 1 t-d to 0.
81. Phillips vs. Lawrence High School, 3 goals, 2 t-ds. to 1 goal, 1 t-d.
81. Phillips vs. Harvard Fresh., 1 t-d, 1 goal.
81. Phillips vs. Quincy (at Andover), 4 goals, 7 t-ds to 0.
81. Phillips vs. Exeter, (at Exeter), 1 goal, 1 t-d to 0.

*This game was forfeited by Exeter at the end of the fifth inning.

Phillipiana.

Glad to see you back.

Come out on the campus.

Did you see her during the vacation?

Middlers have two divisions.

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Did you write for the Means?

We will not notice anonymous communications, even though they come from Bradford.

Ask the feline who acted in the Mock Trial how it is "feline" now.

Who sent the bundle of Retrospectuses to Bradford? Echo answers S—k.

Every copy of the last term's Mirror was sold the day after publication.

Prof. George C. Merrill, our late instructor, is so low from consumption that he is not expected to live many days.

Symons and Greene, of Amherst, were in town this week.

A new bulletin board has been placed on the landing up stairs. A good move.

The Seniors read three thousand lines of Ovid last term.

Let no one neglect tennis and la crosse. We ought to keep up the reputation of last term in athletics.

Pratt, '83, has gone to Easthampton. He was one the most popular fellows in his class and will be missed.

Some one wants to purchase a set of last year's Mirrors. If anybody has them and would like to dispose of them, here is a chance.

Essays for the Means Prize were handed in Fast Day. It is rumored that the contest this year will be close.

Make up your minds about college as soon as possible. There is a great advantage in having things settled early.

By the kindness of the faculty our regular ten-day vacation was lengthened a little at either end, making just two weeks.

We should like to correct a statement made by the *Exonian* last term. It states that Hinkle took the prize in middle weight boxing. Harris was the fortunate man.

The Bicycle Club held a meeting on Wednesday noon. The following officers were elected: Captain, A. I. Dupont; Sub-Captain, W. A. Nettleton; Sec. and Treas., Miller. About twenty boys were at the meeting.

For some occult reason the directors of our Ath. Ass. concluded not to hold an election last term, but to wait until this. Verily, the ways of mankind are strange, but sometimes it does seem as if the Association at large were entitled to some consideration.

The following persons were elected to serve as officers in Philo this term: Pres., P. B. Stewart; Vice-Pres., F. P. Van Valkenburgh; Sec., W. L. Peck; Treas., F. W. Atherton. Editors: First, E. J. Phelps; Second, A. E. Cross; Third, E. S. Spalding. Executives: H. T. Safford; W. I. Swoope; C. M. Hinkle; J. A. Seymour.

The following are the officers of Inquiry for the term: Pres., J. L. Quimby; Vice-Pres., C. S. Thompson; Treas., E. S. Spalding; Sec., W. M. Fullerton. Editors: E. H. Babbitt; W. A. Cornish; H. G. Bruce. Executives: P. Beardsley; H. J. Dutton; J. L. Snook.

Madam Madeline Schiller, April 15, 3-30, Town Hall; Mr. Ernst Perabo, May 4, 3-30, Abbot Academy Hall; Mr. Carl Baermann, May 20, 3-30, Town Hall. No such announcement has ever been made before in Andover, and the three famous artists should attract a large attendance of even those not musical.

It seems to be necessary that we should insist upon all our correspondents signing their names to their communications. We ask names only as a guarantee of good faith. No names will be published, but we want no more anonymous communications. Address all business letters to the Business Manager and all of a literary character to the Editor-in-Chief.

The Senior work is to have a new feature this term in the form of class essays, — the changes being that this year they will be delivered in class before handed into the faculty for inspection. This will afford every one a chance for healthy and wholesome criticism.

Record of the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager on the first five minutes before prayers on the first day of the term: Shook hands 113 times. Asked if I had had a good time, 147, said I had, 145. Asked if I had read the Greek for first recitation, 15, said I had, 15.

Lied about it, 15. Asked if I would lend \$5.8, refused, 8. Was told I lied, 1, knocked the man down, 1.

The following are the officers of the various classes: Classical Department, Senior, Pres., Beardsley; Vice-Pres., Cross; Sec. and Treas., Safford. Middle: Pres., Cochrane; Vice-Pres., Mills; Sec. and Treas., Meacham. Junior: Pres., Grant; Vice-Pres., Todd; Sec. and Treas., Breyton. Preparatory: Pres., Richards; Vice-Pres., E. B. Blanchard; Sec. and Treas., Van Devender. English Department, Senior, Pres., Battell; Vice-Pres., Seymour; Sec. and Treas., Nettleton. Middle: Pres., Butler; Vice-Pres., Keeler; Sec. and Treas., Patteson. Junior: Pres., McMartin; Vice-Pres., Short; Sec. and Treas., Murch.

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