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"MAN LIKE OLD SHOES."

How much a man is like old shoes!
For instance, both a soul may lose:
Both have been tanned, both are made tight
By cobblers. Both get left and right:
Both need a mate to be complete,
And both are made to go on feet.
They both need healing, oft are sold,
And both in time turn all to mold.
With shoes the last is first: with men
The first shall be the last; and when
The shoes wear out they're mended new,
And when men wear out, they're men dead, too.
They both are trod upon, and both
Will tread on others nothing loath.
Both have their ties, and both incline,
When polished, in the world to shine;
And both peg out, and would you choose
To be a man or be his shoes? — *Ex.*

Contributed.

Dear Phillipian:

The foot-ball season is past and gone, and we have settled down quietly to the work of the winter term, the hardest one, perhaps, of the year. But we are too apt to think that as this term we cannot play out-door games, there is nothing for us to do except to stay in the house and read. This is one of the greatest mistakes a student can make; he especially needs to take regular exercise of some kind every day; and since we have a gymnasium which we can all use, many more of us ought to avail ourselves of this privilege, and raise the standard of our bodily strength to keep it on a par with that of our minds.

And perhaps a hint or two as to the use of the Gym. will not come amiss here. While we must be sure to take enough exercise, we must also be careful not to overdo the matter. If we have an instructor in the use of the Gym. this term, as it is to be hoped we shall, every fellow should see him, be measured, and take the exercise he prescribes. Without some such guidance in the choice of his work one might injure himself severely by overtaxing his strength in some one particular.

Then again, another most important point is cleanliness. After working hard for an hour and a half, one needs a thorough bath. The exercising does one very little good, comparatively, if the pores of the skin are not kept free and open. So important is this considered, that in almost every Gym. of any pretensions whatsoever, there are good bathing appliances at least. We hope soon to have some conveniences of this kind, as a committee was appointed some time in last term to consider the matter and confer with the Faculty; but as yet we have heard nothing from it. Now, however, is the time for action in this direction if anything is to be done.

We hope that this year we shall see more of

the base-ball men in the Gym. Our LaCrosse team, also, intends to do something in this direction during the winter. A little running would do an immense amount of good to the men, and in the spring we may be able to turn out a strong team. Besides this, we will add for the instruction of the new fellows, there is a tournament to be held in the Gym. at the end of this term, open to all members of the school, and any one who wishes to enter the lists must of course attend regularly.

We wish, although this may not be the opinion of every member of the school, that a short exercise in gymnastics each day was compulsory. It could not but help bring up the physical standard of the school, and it has been found that when this course has been adopted, the fellows, after getting into the Gym., are generally very willing to stay.

Q. E. D.

To the Editors of the Phillipian,—Just at present most absorbing interest seems to be felt on the subject of the school hat. What is it? The national head-gear of the Turks; a red felt hat, without a brim, adorned with a black silk tassel. What are its merits? Comfort? By no means. Let any one try it. Sitting merely on top of the head, its instability is increased by the restless tassel, bobbing forward with every nod to be thrown back with a vigorous shake of the head. Not to be worn in the sun for fear of sunburnt noses and tanned complexions, nor in public because of conspicuousness and oddity. Ornamental? Doubt it. Few will wear it, because it becomes them. Its use will be confined to the adornment of our rooms. There is its field, its fate. Doubtless the fertile minds of fellow schoolmates will devise many uses for this strange eastern article of dress. Originality? Surely. Where else could such an idea have been originated and adopted? The reason why is reduced to simply this. The matter was presented unexpectedly through a most accomplished spokesman, and advocated in most glowing rhetoric, and adopted on the spur of the moment merely because its novelty appealed to our boyish tastes. The fez has been chosen as our school hat; the order has been sent, and the consignment received. Now an unforeseen difficulty arises. The question of color is the vital one at stake. A dark red was preferred but through some mistake light red ones were sent. Why should we complain at this trifle? Is not the brilliant Turkey red a very pretty color, though perhaps as hardly consistent with our ideas of harmony as the darker shade? Will it not be the crowning piece to this preposterousness of nonsense? But now comes the rub. As the hats are not the ones ordered, those who subscribed for them, cannot be virtually held to take the bright red ones, school meeting and

vote to the contrary. But shall we stick on such a point as this? Let us be gentlemen and make the best of a bad bargain. Because we have acted very foolishly, and feel ashamed of ourselves, let us not take this way of evading the matter, but pay for our hats as we have subscribed, or devise some feasible means of compromise. Why can't the hats be dyed? Are only Turks capable of imparting to stuffs that dark rich shade which seems to be so much desired? Will not some New England dyer, for a few cents each, make these of that hue so coveted, and set the minds of all at rest? As we have suffered this matter to reach this state, we cannot afford to split hairs now.

ALIIQUIS.

Dear Phillipian;—The subscription taken in Chapel last Wednesday morning netted about twenty-five dollars, and as the total amount of indebtedness is forty dollars, there still remains a debt of fifteen dollars. We understand that there still remains due, on the subscription list, more than enough to pay up the balance, (\$15.) Now it is customary, we would like to inform those persons, for gentlemen to fulfil all contracts made by them, and that inasmuch as they have pledged themselves to pay the amount opposite their names, they are in honor bound to do so, and that immediately. We hope that the delinquent gentlemen will take this hint, and not require us to send the values and indebtedness to the Editors of this paper to be printed, in order that they may be warned in a more personal way.

IN HONOR BOUND.

The supplement will be discontinued for this term at least. It was only published as an experiment during the foot-ball season, and when out-door sports furnished more matter than we could conveniently accommodate in the regular issue. We may be able, if circumstances are favorable, to recommence the publishing of the supplement at the opening of the base-ball season, but during the winter term the scarcity of news does not render it necessary. We wish our readers to bear in mind that the supplement was only promised to be continued to the end of the fall term; that it was issued as an experiment preparatory to the discussion of the question which will probably re-occur this year, as to whether the PHILLIPIAN can be issued weekly after the manner of the *Willistonian* and *Exonian*. Moreover, the supplement was issued gratuitously, and we desire our subscribers to fully understand that in withdrawing the supplement the editors of the paper are not defrauding them of any reading matter, but that on the other hand they have received more than the letter of the law bound us to furnish.

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IN this the first issue of the PHILLIPIAN for the year 1883, we wish every reader a very "Happy New Year." The school has got well under way in this the winter term, and promises to pursue the even tenor of its way uninterrupted by the humdrum of outside Andover life. To such scholars as have never before spent the winter in this ancient town we would state that Andover puts on its night cap as soon as the frost appears and takes a long nap during the winter, only awakening when the trees begin to blossom. Now and then an occasional lecture course interrupts its quiet slumber.

Most of the students, as is usual during the Christmas recess, repaired to the welcoming arms of their "patrifamilia" and the various dissipations to be indulged in during the holidays. Those who remained in town report a very quiet but enjoyable time, and say that the skating on the ponds lying on the outskirts of the village was excellent. So, as we have heard no one say that he had a miserable time, we can say that the school unanimously had a Merry Christmas.

ABOUT four weeks before the end of last term a committee was appointed by the school to consult with the Faculty in regard to the improvement of the bathing facilities of the gymnasium. Nothing more transpired about the matter, and the action of the school was probably almost forgotten, until, on last Tuesday morning, a report of the committee was called for. The answer by the chairman was to the effect that nothing practically had been accomplished. Now, surely, it is a very important matter that we should have some greater opportunity for bathing, especially during this term when the attendance at the "Gym." is more than double what it is during either the fall or spring terms. The more especially is the want felt, since, during the past two years, and in all probability this year also, an instructor in gymnastics has been furnished to such of the students as have desired to place themselves under his charge. The gymnasium at best is very dusty, and in exercising the dust clings to the perspiration. In going home to wash the perspiration dries on the skin, and the effect upon the system is not so healthy as if a person could wash in the same building.

Another fact was called to our attention at the same time, and that was that generally committees are very slack in the performance of their authorized duties. As for the most part this results from negligence and forgetfulness, we think it is simply necessary to call attention to the fault to have it corrected.

In the *Mirror* of the fall term of 1881, there was an obituary notice announcing the

death of the Athletic Association in the school. The notice had the effect for the time being upon the Association which an electric battery has upon a corpse. The society staggered to its feet, held a tournament in the gymnasium in the winter term and a field day in the spring term, and then tottered and fell apparently as dead as ever. Now it seems a shame and a pity that such a preparatory school as Phillips Academy cannot support such an institution. Surely we have as good material in the school for one as when the Association was organized three or four years ago. The procuring of an instructor in gymnastics makes the duty of the school, in reviving this Association, more imperative than ever, and at the same time promises that the raw material, which we have now lying dormant, may be so trained that a very successful tournament may be the result. Certainly at this time last year there was no more encouragement that a successful tournament might be given, but such was the fact, as after events proved. Surely, if our rival academy can support an Athletic Association, which not only fills the place in the school which our defunct institution did, but also chooses the foot ball and base ball committees and the captain and other officers of the teams, without the aid of a gymnasium, surely we ought to be able to support one having the advantage of a Gym. We hope to chronicle in our next issue the fact that some action has been taken by the school in regard to this matter.

THE winter term in the Academy is proverbially a dull one to the students. There are no out-door sports except, at rare intervals, coasting and skating, and the student is driven to his wit's end to find out an agreeable and entertaining mode of passing the time. Generally, to vary the monotony of the long winter evenings, a lecture course has been given, which the students have attended in large numbers, thus availing themselves of an instructive form of amusement. Last year the custom was omitted, but in the two preceding years there were courses gotten up by residents of Andover. Now if in former years the mass of students attended these courses, surely this year every one in the school who can by any means afford it should go, not only because it affords a recreation, but because the school is personally interested in the matter; the Seniors as it is an aid to their finances, and the other classes because they hope to be Seniors some day and have the lower class men do well by them. No objection can be made on the plea that the course is a poor one, for, to the best of our knowledge, this series of entertainments is as good as any ever before held in Andover, and the entertainment last evening vouches for the truth of that statement. Surely every one wants to hear Mr. Talmadge deliver one of his edifying lectures in his unique way, and what person ever stopped in Andover, and never heard Prof. Churchill read once, and who has heard him once and not wanted to hear him again? Rev. Mr. Cook is too well known to Andover people to need a further introduction of his merits, and Mr. Spalding's recommendation is the able way in which he delivered the Senior class entertainment last year. Don't miss such

a golden opportunity, but go to the lecture course, consider the things said there, and be wise.

IN the last issue of the PHILLIPIAN we gave a very few gentle hints to our worthy contemporary, the *Exonian*, as to what we thought of a paper which published such insulting remarks as it did in relation to the foot-ball game with that institution. We thought that a word to the wise would be sufficient; but, alas! we overestimated by far the wisdom of that paper. In the next issue, not content with the breach of common politeness it had committed, it had the indecency to repeat the offensive remarks more insultingly than ever. We are astonished that in order to cover up, if possible, the ignominy of their defeat, it wantonly abuses a gentleman, going so far as to call him by name, who has no way to reply to the cowardly charges brought against him. If the referee was the scamp and liar the *Exonian* charges him with being, it was the business of the Exeter men to find out the fact and refuse to have him referee the game. It is very natural that such a popular person as the referee (who is an ex-Yale foot-ball captain) should be a hardened villain, and we think it wonderful that Exeter's captain ever suffered him to referee the game. But irony aside, he was looked upon by both parties to be a fair-minded person, and permit us to state that during the progress of the game he was such to every unprejudiced spectator; and if the *Exonian* thinks the school has made a mistake in accepting him, surely it should be the last one to announce its folly to the world. One more word, Brother *Ex.*: you were fairly and squarely beaten in every point of the game, and the ruling of the referee was just in every particular. Bear it like a man, and in future don't gratuitously insult innocent and defenceless persons. It is a cowardly trick.

Exchanges.

Since our last issue, our honored colleague, the *Mirror*, has made its appearance. We always welcome the appearance of this magazine as gauging the literary interest felt in the school, and we are happy to state that we see no noteworthy falling off in the literary tone of the publication. The *Mirror* is undoubtedly the best preparatory school publication in the country, and its editors in keeping up this standard certainly are deserving of praise. The articles of the editors, though long, contained matter of general interest which would require long and arduous labor to collect from the various books relating to the subjects in hand, and show marked literary ability in the writers. The article and cut relating to the new laboratory was a very great attraction, and the prize essays were in every way as good as those of former years. Poetry was not lacking, and we congratulate the editors upon their success.

We thank the editors — we beg pardon, editresses — of the *Abbot Courant* for their courtesy in supplying us with a copy of their entertaining magazine. This number was greatly improved by a frontispiece, consisting of a heliotype of the school hall in the Academy build-

ing. The account of a trip through the Brüning Pass was of unusual interest, and the essays equal those of preceding *Courants*. The only criticism we have to make is that they are too prim and precise, just as if the writers were afraid that some dreadful punishment would fall upon them if they stepped a hair's breadth from the cut and dried phrases of conventional composition. The list of exchanges is varied, but hardly of much interest to young ladies.

Phillipiana.

"Happy New Year!"

No coasting so far this term.

Reid, of P.A. '83, is assistant teacher in the Art Museum in Boston.

The Means Prize Essays will be required the first of next term.

The Middlers have Prof. Churchill this term in elocution, as usual.

In Inquiry, Beers is Pres., Vice Pres., Os-good, Sec., Hudson, Treas., Wheelock.

The Athletic Association seems to be in as bad a way as it was at this time last year.

Pupil in Latin.—"Will you please tell me what particle I should use in this sentence?" Teacher.—"A particle of common sense."

The *Exonian* still continues to give forth most lamentable whines; so does a whipped cur.

Perry, Weymouth, Phelps and Lasell, all old Phillips boys, were in town during the past week.

There was considerable delay in paying up the money due on foot-ball subscriptions last term.

What is the school going to do about its school cap? Not a dark red fez to be produced in this country.

All the prize essays in the last *Mirror* were written by men living in the first two houses in Latin Commons.

Come to the reading-room and see what the *Exonian* has to say further in regard to our foot-ball game with them.

The "minstrels" are hard at work practicing, and expect to appear with burnt cork complexions on or about the 26th inst.

The Society of Inquiry has published a new card with the subjects for the Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings of this term.

The first entertainment of the lecture course was given last evening, and was pronounced a very enjoyable affair by those who heard it.

Another editor of the *PHILLIPIAN* in Latin Commons. This equally divides the board between the Commons and private houses.

"You may seek the seclusion which the stud, grants," is the way one of our teachers recently "fired" a luckless Prep from the class room.

The joy of the Middle English class at the unexpected absence of their class officer on account of his illness, was somewhat marred by the fact that they did not thereby escape the dreaded Algebra examination.

In connection with the recent scurrilous remarks in recent editions of the *Exonian* in regard to the Exeter game, it is well to recall the remark of Dr. Emerson, that it is always the defeated party which has to offer explanation.

Frank Dole is in town ready to give boxing lessons to those who desire them. Mr. Dole

is a good teacher, and we guarantee satisfaction to those who patronize him.

When is the committee appointed to consult with the faculty in regard to the improvement of the bathing facilities of the "Gym." going to report?

The new laboratory has been completed as far as was contemplated, and the Senior English class looks with longing eyes upon it, and wonders if it will ever have the privilege of enjoying it.

Sitters for photographs are constantly appearing, and pretty soon the question, "Will you exchange photos with me?" will be heard floating in the air.

Growl on! O *Exonian*! Facts are stubborn, and let us administer this one as a sleeping potion to lull you back to the even dullness of your course by telling you that Exeter has never beaten Andover in foot-ball except once.

In Philo the following officers were chosen: Pres., Perkins, Vice-Pres., Fifield, Sec., Butler, Treas., Hinkle. *Mirror* editors, Pennell, Sempers and Livingston. Executives, Oakes, Farnam, and the two remaining places to be filled on the first meeting of next term.

Still more money was wanting to meet all the expenses of last term's foot-ball team, and so another contribution was taken after prayers last Wednesday morning in order to liquidate the debt.

A committee has been appointed, consisting of Messrs. Hinkle, Todd and Mills, to see about obtaining an instructor in gymnastics for this term.

As the past week was the week of prayer, meetings were held every afternoon in Bartlett Chapel from 4.10 until 4.40, prompt. We noticed a very large attendance Tuesday, and concluded it so continued during the week.

Owing to the limited seating capacity of the Town Hall, it has been decided that special invitations to the minstrel show shall be sent by the members of the school to such persons as they desire, and that those persons only shall be admitted.

Last Monday morning at 10.30 an alarm of fire was sounded, and about fifty boys, with visions of a chance to escape from the noon recitation dancing before their minds, pulled the engine down town; but alas, they found the fire was out. They have yet to learn that if there happens to be a bonfire in town the alarm is rung to bring out the engine to extinguish it.

The Society of Inquiry held prayer meetings in every house in Commons last term each evening at half-past nine. We understand that there have been none so far this term, but surely such a good thing as this ought not to fall through on account of the indifference of the men themselves.

—On our return we were treated to a fine specimen of Andover weather, a snow-storm of three days duration. The clerk of the weather probably put it in his calendar so as to make us feel at home on our arrival.

The time for class rides is approaching. We should advise the Senior class to take time by the forelock this year, and so not be compelled to take its ride in mud and slush as the Seniors did last year. If the Middlers choose Lowell they will find it a very pleasant city to have their class supper in.

The Senior Class Literary Club, under the able management of Mr. Coy, commenced its useful course last Saturday evening with about thirty members of the class present. As it was announced that no reporters were in the room we can give no detailed account of the projects of the Club, but can merely say that it promises more than usual success.

The fez caps came last term, and a large number of fellows gathered at Mooradharian's room to secure them. But when the box was opened it was found, to their great disappointment, that they were of the wrong color. None were of course delivered, but when we came back after vacation a notice was found stating that there were none of the dark caps in the country, and that all who wished could have the light ones at a reduced price.

In the Draper Prize elections the following men were chosen by the respective classes. Senior Class: Cleaves, Perkins, Beers, Thompson, Cochrane, and the sixth man to be chosen by the faculty from one of the three following persons: Mills, Fifield and Webster. Senior English: Van Valkenburgh, Butler, Todd and Prentiss. Middle Class: Paradise, Taylor, Johnson and Roby. Middle English: Bill, Peckham, McGuinness, Foster. Junior Class: Knowlton and Wheelock.

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