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## THE LOST DIGAMMA.

I can "rush" in mathematics,  
I can see some sense to Latin,  
But the lost Digamma sticks me,  
No root's perfect without that in.

Many a case of curious spelling  
In the "jot" has found relief;  
Many a poor, hard-working student  
Through the same has come to grief.

O that wondrous lost Digamma!  
Mighty memories cluster round it;  
Since the time those old Greeks lost it  
Ne'er has prof. or student found it.

Only this we know about it,  
That they lost a priceless treasure,  
And that now it haunts "The Mare"  
With a fiendish sort of pleasure.

I should think they might have squelched  
it,

If they found they couldn't use it,  
In some easier way than this, but,  
How in thunder did they lose it?

## THE SENIOR CLASS RIDE.

After long and impatient waiting on the part of the class of P. A. '83, Saturday, Feb. 24, was the day decided upon when they should go to Haverhill and view the beauties of the city and its environs. The day overhead was all that could be desired, but, alas! for the sleighing, it was rapidly becoming a thing of the past. At half-past two, a select group of Senior Classical men only—"no cards." of invitation being extended to outsiders—gathered in front of the Academy. As the two barges drove up you could see a confused mass of heads, heels, and overcoats madly scrambling for seats. When at length all were seated they started off with the parting blessing of the under class men. Probably for want of a supply of shoes abundant enough to show their good will they substituted the most handy articles at their disposal, and the air was soon filled with snow balls flying in every direction. This made it extremely lively and exciting for such men as were seated on the exposed side of the sleigh, and for a few moments the attention of every one was taken up in dodging the flying missiles. The danger is over, and they rapidly glide down School St., past Abbott Academy, which was greeted with the usual Phillips' cheer, through the town where the opportunity was given to all to complete their stock of musical instruments, and out upon the lower road to North Andover. The journey passed without much incident to vary the monotony. The *band* in both teams kept up a course of selections during the passage, and, as one of the speakers of the evening wittily

remarked, the sweet strains thus discoursed, like those of Orpheus, charmed the beasts of the field in the shape of two cows, who, having very gracefully broken from the pasture, brought up the rear of the procession for a short space of time. When Bradford was reached both barges stopped and aroused the inmates of the Academy with P-H-I-L-L-I-P-S. Rah! Rah! Rah! and then they were rapidly driven across the river. From four until five the cads amused themselves according to their own sweet will, and then at the latter hour assembled at Tanner's restaurant to obtain a little bodily nourishment to sustain the great nervous strain of the succeeding hours. A very substantial repast of cold meats, salads and ices was discussed by all, and then followed, in due course, the various toasts of the evening. We wish that space permitted us to give an abstract of them, but as it is wanting we shall have to content ourselves with merely mentioning them.

1. Phillips Academy; May it enjoy long life and prosperity. Responded to by Prof. C. F. P. Bancroft.

2. The Faculty of Phillips Academy; May it always consist of as intellectual and cultivated gentlemen as now compose it. Responded to by Prof. Coy.

3. Class of '83; May its future be as happy as its past. Responded to by Mr. F. P. Cleaves.

4. The Musical Talent of '83; May all leading lights in that direction be distinguished and renowned. Responded to by Mr. Abbott.

5. The Dramatic Talent of '83; May it keep up to the standard to which '83 has raised it. Responded to by Mr. Hinkle.

6. The Athletics of '83; May the same good fortune attend us in the future as in the past. Responded to by Mr. Mills.

7. The Philomathean Society; May its effect upon the school be as beneficial in the future as it has been in the past. Responded to by Mr. Norton.

8. The Society of Inquiry; May it ever continue in its good work. Responded to by Mr. Beers.

9. The PHILLIPIAN; May it ever represent Old Phillips as it always has. Responded to by Mr. Thompson.

10. The Fem Sems of Bradford; May the pleasure of meeting them be a bright spot in our memories. Responded to by Mr. Kennon.

11. The Fem Sems of Andover; So near and yet so far. Responded to by Mr. Hall.

12. A poem by Mr. Livingston.

In the short time given to conversation between the supper and the toast the autographs of the class were collected on the paper napkins to be kept as mementoes of the occasion, although we very much fear that a great many of them never returned from the inside of the Fem Sem. As soon as the speeches were finished

the company adjourned to the Academy. There for the space of two hours the Phillipians forgot books and duties, forgot even that they were cads, in the society of handsome and witty young ladies who form the two upper classes. At half-past nine, thanks to the kindness of the principal, refreshments were served, and at ten o'clock with lingering foot-steps the parlors were left behind, but the recollection of the pleasant event will serve to illumine the class life of P. A. '83. By means of Pray's fast driving Andover was soon reached, and a serenade to Abbott Academy finished the festivities of the day.

*To the Editors of the Phillipian:*—Though we are decidedly averse to grumbling against existing laws and customs, and especially against those about us that have proved so excellent, yet we do feel that a little liberty ought to be granted us in the one instance in regard to the regulation forbidding any change of boarding place during the year. This is a well-tryed, excellent rule, and, were it not for

it, much trouble might arise from students changing for trivial reasons, thus giving the proprietors no assurance of permanent arrangements; but it does seem to us that the privilege may be abused by the other side. It seems to be a fact very generally admitted that from this time of the year forward boarding-houses do, as a rule, suffer the quality of their table board to deteriorate by degrees, until in some instances "Forbearance ceases to be a virtue." The students cannot change, and have no means of redress, but must make the best of circumstances; so the keepers of boarding-houses, knowing that nothing can be done, go to extremes, where under other circumstances they would not desire to go. The falling-off is certainly disagreeable to all, and may have some influence on the health of the students, and may even be attended with serious results. The rules that work best in the long run are, in some degree, flexible; would it not be well if the rigidity of this one were relaxed a little, enough to show that, when a certain limit is reached, the student can, by giving good reasons, make some change, and that the balance of power does not rest entirely with the worthy proprietors? It is an object well worth our attention if we can only bring about some change in the dreary monotony of the bill of fare that greets the hungry student at each and every meal.

ALIQUIS.

## SCHOOL MEETING.

March 6th, 1883. On motion of Todd, *Voted*, that Robert W. Cummings serve as Treasurer of the Base Ball nine for the ensuing year.

Attest: J. S. Ropes, Sec.

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THE illness of Mr. Eaton made chemistry a soft course the past week, but all good times will have an end, and so last Thursday morning Mr. Bancroft announced at chapel that the class would meet in the new laboratory at half past two. Half past two saw the members assembled in the basement of the academy, and as the last bell struck, in single file they marched over to the laboratory. On the steps leading up to the building they halted, and with the class president for leader they gave three cheers for the new edifice and three raps for the class of '83. On entering the building the first convenience they discovered was a handy cloak room, of which convenience they speedily availed themselves. After the confusion thus caused had subsided a prayer was offered by Mr. Graves followed by a short address by Mr. Eaton. Then the class president called upon Messrs. Van Valkenburgh and Todd to make a few remarks, to which request both gentlemen acceded,—making very effective speeches. After Mr. Graves had informed us how the trustees became so thoroughly acquainted with the discomforts of the old laboratory, by the foresight of some members of the class lemonade was furnished to all, in which was drank the health of the new building. Then there was a closer inspection of the whole building. The arrangements for ventilation are certainly perfect, for by opening little doors in the sides of the building and the windows at the ridge of the roof the strongest of strong drafts can be obtained. We understand that it is to be so arranged that all the upper windows can be opened or closed by pulling one cord. The convenience with which fresh water could be obtained also excited our admiration, for hardly twenty feet from the desks were two faucets from which H<sub>2</sub>O flowed without the trouble of an old wheezing pump. The desks were in nice order, and the class loudly expressed their approbation at the arrangements and congratulated themselves that they were the first to enjoy them. But it was not all pleasure, for before they left the building they inaugurated the work to be accomplished there in the coming years by working out the reactions of eight experiments, after which they left for the first time the finest preparatory school laboratory in the country.

THE Bradford reception is over at last, and the Senior sinks back in dull discontent in his study chair. To have spent a year or two in pleasant anticipation of the enjoyable event, to have spent three hours in realizing that the picture raised by the imagination beforehand did not surpass the truth, and then to relapse into the dull humdrum of school life, makes a contrast which is vividly impressed on every

Senior's imagination. Since the days of the class of '81, which broke the ice of precedent by boldly asking permission to call at the academy, the Senior Classical class has annually wended its way Haverhillward. Certainly the custom is a very pleasant one. It serves to enliven the ordinary run of school life, it gives the student to understand that in one young ladies' school he for once can meet young ladies and pass a pleasant evening in social conversation with them without feeling that he is looked upon by the authorities with the greatest suspicion. Thus far no trouble worthy of mention has resulted therefrom, and the pleasant meeting with the young ladies has been treasured up as a memory long after the affair was a thing of the past. Thanking the Principal for her kindness and hospitality, the class of '83 gives over the anticipation of the reception to '84, and she cannot extend to her a better wish than that she may enjoy the evening as much as she did.

THE Athletic Association has decided to hold its winter exhibition at the gymnasium, March 14. There was a strong inclination among the members to postpone the meeting on account of the shortness of the intervening time—to thoroughly prepare for the contest. However the majority decided otherwise, and we have the exhibition staring us in the face. There is material in the school for a fine show, and we hope that every one, who can, will enter. Don't let the shortness of the preparation detain you from entering the lists,—the other fellows work under the same disadvantage as you do; but let this meeting be one of the best ever given by P. A. A. By the time this paper is in the hands of the students the entries will be closed, and after once putting his name down as a competitor no one should slink out of the contest, but fulfill his agreement like a man. You can bring yourself no disgrace by an attempt, however feeble.

OUR readers will recall the fact that last term a school secretary was elected to keep the minutes of the meeting. Before that time, much confusion was caused by there being no authority to which to refer in cases of disputed points. By such an action these troubles have been avoided, yet at the same time the records have not been sufficiently easy of access to members of the school. To obviate this difficulty, in the last issue of the paper was printed a record of the school meetings during the preceding fortnight, and hereafter during the term, as necessity requires, they will continue to be printed in our columns. These articles will be attested by the secretary, and will thus furnish an easily available place of record of all school meetings.

## THE DRAPER PRIZE SPEAKING.

On the evening of Monday, March 5, occurred the seventeenth competition. The evening was all that could be desired in the way of weather, although the slippery walking made it rather difficult for the unwary traveler to maintain his equilibrium. The appointed hour, a quarter before eight, found the upper hall crowded with spectators, even more so than is customary on such an occasion. The old-fash-

ioned foot-lights, those terrors of the speaker were done away with, and in their places were substituted on either end of the platform two upright shelves of seven tiers, each shelf containing a lamp and reflector. The exercises of the evening were opened by a finely rendered overture by the Phillips Orchestra. Then the following programme was in order:—

1. Free Speech, Theodore Tilton; George Haven Johnson, Brookfield.
2. The Victor of Marengo, Anon.; Frederick Charles Todd, Milltown, N. B.
3. The Wiles of Erin, Father Burke; John Francis McGuinness, Andover.
4. Stonewall Jackson, Anon.; Daniel Edward Knowlton, Holland Patent, N. Y.
5. The Conductor's Story, From the German; William Harper Butler, Olean, N. Y.
6. Grit, Whipple; Fordyce Perkins Cleaves, Kennebunkport, Me.
- Murillo's Slave, Wilson; George Henry Hotaling, San Francisco, Cal.
8. Fanaticism, Curtis; Frank Hsley Paradise, Boston.
9. Webster's Ambition, Theodore Parker; Herbert Farrington Perkins, Salem, N. H.
10. Daniel O'Connell, Phillips; James Clark Fifield, Baltimore, Md.

Selections by the Phillips Orchestra,—Semplice Gavotte, Lee; Leemarion Mazurka, Richardson; Hoch Koenig Johann Frohsinn, Hauschild; Waltzes, Faust.

The time occupied by the judges in comparing their notes and preparing their decision was pleasantly whiled away by the selections played by the orchestra. At length, in an apparently shorter time than usual, the Committee of award, consisting of Messrs. Thom. H. Russell, A. R. Merriman, B. M. Firman, the last two old Draper Prize men, advanced upon the platform and announced that they awarded the first prize to Geo. H. Hotaling, the second to Fordyce P. Cleaves, and the third to John F. McGuinness. In commenting on this year's speaking, we think it deserves the greatest amount of praise. Certainly it has far surpassed anything of its kind which has taken place in that line for the past four years. Thanks are due, also, to the gentlemen forming the orchestra for their kindness in filling out the wait, usually so monotonous after the close of the speaking.

Editors: It seems to us that this matter of paying one's foot ball subscription has run on long enough, and as all other methods of obtaining the money, which they promised to pay by signing their names to the list, have failed, as a final resort we would like to bring the notice of the school to the matter.

Of these delinquents every one almost without exception is able to pay his subscription by denying himself some little pleasure. If any of them had had any misfortune or unforeseen accident happen to them, we have no doubt that the foot-ball management would have gladly excused them; but we think it is nothing wonderful that they should be indignant when they see these delinquents going to Boston every few days merely for the sake of pleasure.

As now it is nearly time for the Base Ball subscription list to make its rounds through the school, it is sincerely hoped that no one will sign for more than he can or intends to pay.

INDIGNATION.

## Alumni.

In the interesting sketch recently prepared by Mr. William H. Gardiner, of the class of '76, of the Dartmouth alumni resident in Washington, we find more or less lengthy notices of the following graduates of Phillips Academy:—

Mr. William W. Gedding, now Superintendent of the Government Insane Asylum at Washington.

Mr. Reuben D. Murray, now practicing at the bar in the same city.

Mr. Josiah H. Hobbs, now Assistant Chief of the Board of Review in the Pension Office.

Nathaniel P. Gage, now Supervising Principal of the schools of the Second Division in Washington.

## Here and There.

Thirteen thousand volumes have been added to the Harvard library during the past year.

It is finally stated that academic and scientific Freshman crews are to be consolidated, so that there is every prospect for three good entries for the spring races.—*Yal. Courant.*

Candidates for the Freshman nine at Harvard are hard at work practicing.

The once famous William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va., the alma mater of Jefferson, Marshall, Monroe, and Randolph, and among American colleges, second only to Harvard in point of age, had but a single pupil last year, and is now closed.

The directors of Memorial Hall have removed coffee from the dinner bill of fare, and the papers find a great deal of fault with their action.

The names of twenty candidates for the Exeter nine have been handed in to their committee.

The Golden Branch will give an entertainment the first of next term. Prof. Churchill, the finest elocutionist in the country, will read, and the society promises a fine entertainment.

### Exoniam.

The intercollegiate base ball association will consist of nines from the following colleges: Amherst, Brown, Harvard, Princeton and Yale.

Phillip Exeter Academy will hold its centennial celebration on the 20th and 21st of June, 1885. No holiday for us after all.

The Editors of the *Student* of Bate College are the first who have succeeded in persuading the Faculty that class work should be lightened on account of editorial work.

Good idea that the gymnasium of Boston University has ceilings so low that they will not admit of the swinging of clubs. Wonder what gymnastics they have, any way?—*Overtin Review.*

## Phillipiana.

"Tacito agmine."

March has come in like a lion.

No more stinks from the basement!

We wish you all a pleasant Easter vacation.

Pulling is the order of the day at the Gym. at present.

The Theological Seminary closed this week until the 20th inst.

Several members of '83 have been ailing ever since the ride to Bradford.

From some unknown cause the Lecture Course seems to be at a stand-still.

There were 64 men on the second floor of the Gymnasium one day last week.

Frank Dole is in town giving boxing lessons to those preparing for the tournament.

Pratt, ex-'83, and Carpenter and Fullerton, '82, were present at the Draper speaking.

The committee hope to get up a very full and accurate set of statistics of the Senior class.

Mr. Eaton has been so unwell during the past week that he has been unable to hear his classes.

The past two weeks have been the dullest of the term. Everybody and everything seems to be frozen up.

The members of the original '83 quartette play 12, 4, 13 and 17 different instruments respectively.

The practicing of the school orchestra was almost incessant during the week before the Draper speaking.

There was good skating on the pond behind Deacon Chandlers' last week, but the snow of Tuesday spoiled it.

We wish it distinctly understood that we disclaim all responsibility for the statements of communications handed to us.

It will seem strange next week to miss the faces of our fair neighbors after the afternoon recitation when we go down to the post-office.

Teacher: What rays do you see through a blue glass? Pupil: Green, sir. Teacher: That depends more on the individual than on the glass.

The sleighing disappeared very rapidly last week, but the heavy fall of snow, Tuesday afternoon and evening, has succeeded in re-establishing it.

It is said that over \$100 worth of flowers were furnished by one florist for the Draper speakers. The floral exhibition was certainly a fine one.

One of the teachers is reported as saying, that the Senior Class receives more benefit from its visit to Bradford than it does from a Latin Prose exercise.

No Fem Sems at the tournament this year. How deserted the gallery will look. So much for unanimity in which the two schools have their vacations together.

The teachers and their wives have very kindly invited such members of the school who feel so inclined, to call upon them at their homes on Tuesday evening.

Two men last Saturday, and two Wednesday of this week, sat for photographs. Everybody supposes he can sit almost any time, but, next term, somebody will probably find he is mistaken.

The Senior Englishmen came very near losing the lemonade, which they procured to toast the new laboratory in, as some wily classical men were tempting the bearers to deliver it to them.

The Middle English Class has a very prettily designed class piece,—a star resting on a crescent with a German motto running across it.

The winter tournament of the Athletic Association takes place next Wednesday afternoon. This year, unfortunately, the fair sex will be but poorly represented, as Abbott Academy closes the day before.

Last Wednesday morning two samples of the photographs of the Minstrels were placed upon the desk in the Chapel, illustrative of the different kinds of mounting. Orders for the pictures to be given to Mr. Babbitt.

"Music hath charms to sooth the savage breast," but it is inclined occasionally to reverse the order and to make savage the tranquil mind of the average student when he hears a member of the Phillips Orchestra practicing.

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