HOW EASY 'TIS.

How easy 'tis to make a mail,
If one only has the cash.
Wit and talent both are second
When with dollars they are reckoned.

How easy 'tis to lead a class,
If one only has the brass
To pony straight, and never tell
How it is he does so well.

How easy 'tis to break the rules,
If one goes to other schools;
But at Phillips boys are tripped
Up in their humming, and are shipped.

How easy 'tis to write a rhyme,
If one only has the time;
If a man inspired feels,
And don't care how much he steals.

PHILLIPS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The 8th annual winter meeting of Phillips Athletic Association came off at the gymnasmium Wednesday, March 14th, at two o'clock. At the time appointed a goodly crowd were assembled in the building. As no ladies were invited the hall was not nearly so crowded as has been customary, and the gallery received that portion of the spectators which usually ornaments the windows and ladders. After the usual necessary delay, the exercises of the day began by an exhibition on the parallel bars, the contestants being Messrs. Meacham, Washburn, Gage, and Cooley—Mr. Cooley was unwell, and as Mr. Gage soon dropped out, the contest was narrowed down to the first-named gentleman. The contest certainly did not lag behind that of any previous years. Next on the list was the light weight sparring between Hitchcock and Paradise. There did not seem to be very much science used by either party; although Paradise managed to receive, nevertheless, a pretty severe punishing from his opponent. On the rings the merits of the two contestants were very evenly balanced. This was certainly one of the most graceful and pleasing performances of the afternoon. Middle weight wrestling, between Johnson and Seymour, was then the order of the day. The first throw was in favor of Seymour; then Johnson laid Seymour on his back, but fortune in the decisive struggle favored the latter. After the fencing by Joy and Rustin there was some heavy weight sparring between Wallace and Segur. The superior weight of the latter gave him the evident superiority, but Wallace stood up manfully and managed to give as good blows as he got. No. 7, the performance on the horizontal, was omitted on account of the absence of Roby. The light weight wrestling caused a good deal of laughter at the contortions of the combatants, Osgood and Phillips, Bradford having been thrown by Phillips on a previous occasion. The sparring by the honorary members, Nickerson and Watson, showed more "slug- ging" than had hitherto been exhibited, and was loudly applauded. During the rounds of this number ensued some exhibition sparring between Prof. Dole and C. M. Hinkley. Then ensued the struggle of the day, in the heavy weight wrestling. The contestants were worthy of each other, and the subject guaranteed the strength and weight of the men. No. 12, the feather weight sparring, was noticeable chiefly by its marked contrast with the preceding number. The vaulting by Phillips and Washburn was a walk-over for the latter, as he surpassed all previous records. The contestants in the middle weight sparring entered into the struggle too eagerly, and consequently their blows in the last round were feeble and lifeless. In pulling for the tug of war, there were four entries,—those by P. S. '88, P. A. '84, P. S. '86, and P. A. '85. In a previous struggle the contest had been narrowed down to P. A. '84 and P. A. '88. The former class got the drop and held it, hence winning the cup. At this point of the proceedings, the judges retired but soon returned and announced the victors. In the parallel bars, Mr. Washburn; in light weight sparring, Mr. Hitchcock; in the rings, Mr. Cooley; in middle weight wrestling, Seymour; in fencing, Rustin; in light weight wrestling, Osgood; in sparring, by honorary members, Nickerson; in heavy weight sparring, Knowlton; in feather weight sparring, Watson; in vaulting, Washburn; in middle weight wrestling, Eastman; in tug of war, '84. Below we give the programme.

2. Light Weight Sparring; J. G. Hitchcock, F. F. Paradise.
4. Middle Weight Wrestling; G. H. Johnson, L. Seymour.
5. Fencing; H. B. Joy, H. Rustin.
6. Heavy Weight Sparring; F. W. Wallace, W. B. Segur.

10. Exhibition Sparring; Prof. F. F. Dole, Mr. C. M. Hinkley.
15. tug of War, Class Teams; Final Heats.

Award of prizes by Judges: Mr. E. G. Coy, Mr. M. S. McCurdy, Mr. Hyde.

On the whole, the performance of the afternoon was a grand success. More entries were made this term than ever before in the history of this event, and due credit is due to the officers for making it such.

Contributed.

Eds. of The Phillipian:

We have now entered on the last term of the year, and the project of forming a new literary society is still in embryo. If we are to have a new society at all, it ought to be organized before the close of the present year, so as to begin work promptly in the fall. I would not advocate a new society at the expense of Philo. Doubtless Philo could be improved, but it has its sphere, and serves a valuable end.

The point is this: it is an impossibility for any society of the size of Philo to retain the undivided interest of both beginners and those more advanced in society work. Either one party or the other will soon lose its interest and wither away. That there are a large number of fellows in school who care absolutely nothing about Philo, except as it gives them an opportunity to dabble in politics, goes without saying.

A new society offers the easiest way out of the difficulty. Let Philo still remain the popular society, open to all. But let the new society be limited to a certain number of fellows, say forty, of known ability. Let them set some adequate punishment for failure to perform parts, such as suspension from the rights of membership for the remainder of the term, or something of the kind. And, above all, let the new society be kept free from clique. Perhaps a good way of starting the movement would be by a committee composed of the leading literary men of the school, and representing, as far as possible, each of the various so-called parties. If this committee exercises proper judgment in its choice of members the society can hardly fail to succeed, and another year will see less politics, but more work and of a higher grade.

The Glee Club of Brown University gave an entertainment in the town hall last Friday evening. Although only just returned from vacation, a large percentage of the Phillipians attended and pronounced the affair very entertaining. After the close, the Glee Club serenaded the young ladies of Abbot Academy.
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DURING the summer term in former years the interest in the PHILLIPIAN has generally languished. This has not been so much for lack of news as for two other important reasons: First, the bulk of the work, generally now up on the Senior editors, and during their last term here they are collectively occupying themselves outside work, so that the present board has not been able to put the same time upon the work of the paper that they had hitherto done; and, secondly, because the style of the old board had become too stiff for the readers. This difficulty is obviated in the college papers by passing over the paper into the hands of the new board at the commencement of the spring term, if not sooner, thus allowing the Seniors ample time to prepare their class papers. As the college course has worked so well in that field of journalism, the present board does not see why it might not get just as favorably in a preparatory school. The present board has therefore concluded to issue one more issue in the old way; then to elect a new board and have them publish the next one under the supervision of the old, and then to leave the last three issues of the term entirely to the new board. The columns of the PHILLIPIAN will be open in our next issue to receive arguments pro and con on the subject.

Another advantage in this course is also apparent; it gives the incoming-board a chance to get started in their literary work before the trouble of soliciting advertisements is necessary, and thus everything is not all in a heap, as is generally the case for the new board which comes into power at the first of the year. As the custom is now, two (possibly Phillips at the head of her sister schools in such work) are asking, and members have assisted the students in the performance of the once, for their own sake and for the sake of Old Phillips. The familiar form of the A. S. HAMMOND.

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The orchestra, assisted by the Phillips Quartette of Andover, gave a grand concert in the Town Hall last evening. A superior and tasteful programme of nine numbers was presented, the music being highly enjoyed and encored were numerous. The orchestra was composed wholly of students, and their orchestral pieces were rendered with perfection, and their songs delightful.

The results of the faithful and earnest practicing that was done in the GYM. during the winter has been visible upon the campus for the past week, and every observer who has watched the fine playing done there must be confident in his anticipations of an unusually strong and efficient base-ball team this spring. The nine has not yet been chosen, but it is not difficult to tell who, in all probability, will constitute that all-important body, and there is a general feeling throughout the school that the true and tried material of the committee, in addition to the new force and skill that has been developed within the last three months, we may expect a team in every way competent to maintain the honor of Phillips Academy against all who may call in question. The ill-success of our nine last year was due, in a great measure, to a want of due and conscientious practice during the winter term, and those who have had the direction of matters this year have taken good care that none should be able to carry this charge at their door. If the team this spring, fails to carry everything off and to make the season as glorious a one for Old Phillips as the foot-ball eleven did last autumn, the cause will certainly be, not in any defect in our organization, but in the superior skill and efficiency of the enemy. In view of this we do not hesitate to prophesy a season of great and unrivaled success. Let our opponents cease to expect a repetition of last year's failures, and prepare themselves for the scout which is inevitable whenever Old Phillips takes the field prepared as she ought to be.

The Society of Inquiry seems to be in a very prosperous condition this term. The membership is large and increasing, the meetings well sustained and interesting. Some of the members have assisted the students in the Seminary in holding out-distinct prayer meetings, which afford good opportunity for practical work.

No connections have been made with the Y. M. C. A., as was once proposed; yet the Society is well qualified to do a great work in the school at large, where chances are not wanting for much labor. The Society intends to mass and unify the whole Christian element in the school for its own personal advancement as well as to work in behalf of their companions.

The best interests of the Academy center in such work and call for our earnest support.

New members are gladly added to the Society's roll of Christian workers; cooperation of all willing laborers is earnestly requested. New members of the school especially are invited to ally themselves with the organization at once, for their own sake and for the sake of the Christian element which exists in the Academy.

Last Wednesday evening the G. F. D. C. gave a select dancing party at the town hall, commencing at eight o'clock. At that time the couples began to arrive, and by half-past eight there were twenty-five couples present. The dancing of the evening was opened by a waltz, followed in quick succession by the Lanciers, Waltz Quadrille, Waltz, and Virginia Reel. Then followed the concert of the evening — the German. The leading couple began the figure at half-past nine, and dancing was continued until a late hour. The numerous figures were very attractive, and the favors unusually pretty. The thanks of the G. F. D. C. are due to the Executive Committee for rendering the evening a success in every way.
To the Editors of the Philissian: As Phillips Academy has ever taken the lead, she has again made a strong progressive step in the recent improved facilities in the department of mathematics. The present Senior class has had advantages superior to any previous class, and, as the arrangements become perfected, their successors will have even better. The fitting in mathematics has ever been thorough here, and, had he desired it, the student could have been prepared to secure the maximum in this branch in entrance to any of our leading colleges; yet hitherto, it has not been the aim of the school to give special stress to mathematical studies. Until recently no great proficiency in the branch was required by college, particular attention being given to the classical languages; but there has been a gradual increase in the requirements in this as in other branches, and a like advance is necessitated in the preparatory schools. The institution of preliminary examinations gave quite an essential advantage, inasmuch as certain students could be "passed off" and laid aside, while the time could be more advantageously employed in advance work or in other studies than in tedious reviews.

The recent improvement consists of the addition of Plain Trigonometry, solid and, perhaps, Analytical Geometry to the Algebra, Arithmetic and Geometry of the senior year, and of forming the class into divisions and making certain studies optional. The change was effected by making a more satisfactory arrangement of investigation hours and by the special favor of one of the instructor in giving another investigation hour. The present arrangement might have been made before, but there was presumably some financial drawback; recently the increased attendance has given further support to the finances of the institution, and has warranted the expenditure of more money in the instruction. Again, in the matter of Natural Sciences, the erection of the new laboratory has given better opportunities for instruction in that department, and in this the present Seniors have profited. Now, the course of studies in the school is so arranged as to give to those who desire it preparation to take the maximum in the four departments in the leading colleges. The Seniors well may congratulate themselves on the advantages they have had, and the underclassmen can look forward to even fairer prospects; surely all appreciate the value of the recent improvement.

SCHOOL MEETINGS.

March 13, 1883. On motion of Snook, it was Voted, that a committee of two be appointed to wait on the faculty to see whether the vacation can be made to begin on Thursday, March 22, or Wednesday, March 21.

The chair appointedMessrs. Seymour and Eaton.

On motion of Todd, it was Voted, that a collection be taken to defray the expense of bringing the fire-engine back from the late fire.

The collection amounted to $4.65.

March 15, 1883. On motion of Snook, it was Voted, that the money collected on March 13 be appropriated to the purchase of two lanterns for the fire-engine and a secretary's book, and that, if any remain, it be given to the Phillips Orchestra.

J. H. Ropes, Sec'y.
Spring and Summer Season, 1883.

Students of Phillips Academy are invited to examine our spring and summer importations of overcoatings and fine suitings which contain all the standard and mode shades of the leading manufacturers at home and abroad; as usual, all the staple styles of worsteds and caissieres may be found on our counters. With thanks for past favors,

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