

# The Phillipian.

[The following song is sung at Winchester, England, at the close of the summer term. Tradition ascribes it to a scholar kept at the school during vacation. It can be traced back for more than a century.]

## DULCE DOMUM.

Concinamus, O sodales!  
Eja! quid silemus!  
Nobile canticum!  
Dulce melos, domum!  
Dulce domum, resonemus!  
Domum, domum, dulce domum!  
Domum, domum, dulce domum!  
Dulce, dulce, dulce, domum!  
Dulce domum, resonemus!  
Appropinquet ecce! felix  
Hora gaudiorum:  
Post grave tedium  
Advenit omnium  
Meta petita laborum.  
Musa, libros mitte, fessa,  
Mitte, pensa dura,  
Mitte negotium  
Jam datur otium,  
Me mea mititto cura.  
Ridet annus, prata rideat:  
Nosque rideamus.  
Jam repetit domum  
Daulius advena:  
Nosque domum repetamus.  
Heus! Rogere, fer caballos:  
Eja, nunc eamus  
Limen amabile  
Matris et oscula,  
Suaviter et repetamus.  
Concinamus ad Penates,  
Vox et audiatur:  
Phosphore! quid jubar,  
Segnius emicans,  
Gaudia nostra moratur?

## THE SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS RIDE.

As briefly stated in our last issue, the Senior English class went on their annual class ride Thursday, February 28. And, notwithstanding the driving snow storm, it was a most enjoyable affair, for little did the boys care for the storm when they were all well tucked into the covered barge, and the Fish Horn band began their music(?) The ride around the Fem Sem was of course a part of the programme, and by three o'clock we were well on our way to Haverhill, where Mr. Tanner had prepared a sumptuous dinner. An hour remaining before dinner, we scattered, some to "take in the city," some to the rink, and not a few recrossed the river to Bradford to call on friends(?)

The six o'clock train from Andover brought Mr. McCurdy who, it not being a half holiday, was unable to leave until after his last recitation, coming home, however, with us. He was escorted to the restaurant, and being seated we proceeded to "lay ourselves out," with an occasional visit from Pray, to see if we were about ready to start.

Every one having done his duty with the

knife and fork, Mr. Woolley, the toastmaster, called the meeting to order, and called on Mr. McCurdy, who replied to the toast, "The Scientific Department," in his characteristic manner. In closing he said that, notwithstanding the founders were orthodox, he did not believe they would object to our drinking to their health, which was done with such zest that we verily believe that were they here and the emblem true, they would be the healthiest people this side of the Atlantic.

The other speakers followed, and were as follows:

1. The Scientific Department—The backbone of the school. Mr. McCurdy.
2. P. S. '84. Long may she rule. Mr. Wyman.
3. Fem Sems—The lovely dears. Mr. Scoville.
4. The Andover Boarding Houses. Including the beans. Mr. Wright.
5. Athletics.—That Exeter don't like, Mr. Alderman.
6. The City of Sin—Lawrence. Mr. McMartin.
7. The probable development of Mustaches in P. S. '84 by next June. Mr. Atterbury.
8. The Draper men of P. S. '84; may they all get first prize. Mr. Du Pont.
9. Bicycling. Mr. Knapp.
10. Commons—Where we don't have any rackets. Mr. Noyes.
11. Private houses. Where all is "plug." Mr. T. S. Beckwith.
12. Gym.—I've forgotten his last name. Mr. Crane.
13. Class rides, that we all enjoy. Mr. Garside.
14. The Fire Department that saved Andover from ashes(?) And drank up all the coffee. Mr. W. O. Beckwith.
15. The caterer of this superb supper. Mr. Ham.

Immediately after supper the greater part of the class proceeded to the star rink where "Canary" was announced to ride. Inspired by the wonderful feats of this famous bicyclist, the members of P. S. '84, with their new badges pinned conspicuously on their coats, monopolized the floor until the close.

The ride home was made interesting by a collision with a granite post that broke a trace and several other parts of the harness, and delayed us at the Bradford Fem Sem some time. The teamsters were aided to see to fix the breaks by the numerous matches that were lighted in the windows, revealing more to us, however, than to them. At 3:30 A. M., we all but three entered Andover, feeling thankful to the Committee who had spared no pains in preparing for us so pleasant a ride as we had just experienced. But, where, oh where, were the three?

*Postscript.*—We know where they are now.

## THE TOURNAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, March 5, the Athletic Society held its annual tournament at the Gym., and presented what competent authorities pronounced to be the best exhibition given since the society was organized. The day was fine, and so there was a good proportion of the fair sex present, including, of course, the Fem Sems, and to these latter we are inclined to attribute no small credit for the success of the exhibition, for it is generally acknowledged that they have a wonderfully inspiring effect. The sports commenced shortly after 2 o'clock, and, with various intermissions, during which the orchestra rendered some excellent musical selections, following the order on the programme, finished about 5:30, with the Tug of War, which is always intensely exciting, and in this case proved no less so than usual.

To comment on all the different contests as they occurred would take up too much space, and, indeed, we think would prove too severe a strain on our abilities as a critic, and so will not attempt it. The list of sports was more varied than usual, and each contest was in turn well sustained, and in addition, Mr. F. C. Dole kindly consented to give an exhibition of sparring with Mr. Segur, and Mr. Howard, our Gym. Instructor, assisted in various sports during the afternoon, thus assisting materially to make the programme more interesting. The most interesting number on the programme seemed to be the Feather Weight Sparring, which was very prettily contested. Another attractive feature, and one which is new to our tournaments, was the Tumbling. Messrs. Charnley and Story, after various feats, did some very pretty double tumbling. The Tug of War war was very closely contested. P. A. '86, got the drop and held it for some time, but by hard work, P. S. '85 finally won. The list of events and the winners in each were as follows:

Heavy Weight Wrestling, F. M. Gates; Middle Weight Sparring, F. F. Merrill; Middle Weight Wrestling, G. R. Carter; Light Weight Sparring, D. R. Grant; Light Weight Wrestling, W. Odlin; High Kick, W. Odlin; Broadsword, T. E. Ripley; Heavy Weight Sparring, W. B. Segur; Parallel Bars, F. F. Gage; Club Swinging, J. H. Mason; Rings, W. H. Osgood; Feather Weight Sparring, Paul Clagstone; Horizontal Bar, F. C. Roby; Fencing, T. E. Ripley; Vaulting, W. H. King; Rope Climbing, A. R. Douglas; Tumbling, W. Charnley; Tug of War, P. S. '85.

Mr. M. S. McCurdy, Mr. T. D. Thompson, and Mr. D. C. Wells, as judges, filled very acceptably this somewhat difficult position.

Will not some one give us a translation in verse of the Latin poem which we publish on this page?

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IN this, our last issue, we cannot forego the temptation to pay our respects to our exchanges. We have given them little attention heretofore, partly from lack of space, partly because we doubted the practical value of the exchange department as usually conducted. There are apparently about three College papers — *The Yale Courant*, *The Williams Argo*, and *The Athenaeum* — who succeed in making their exchange department readable. The rest either omit it altogether or deal out the usual commonplace compliments or fault-findings varied occasionally by the information that the last issue of the *Salt Creek Herald* has a very good editorial on "The Fall of Man," or some equally interesting (?) subject. To our mind this is simply so much time and space wasted. If a paper is good it needs no free advertisement. If it is weak and deficient its editors are probably as well aware of it as any one else, and not once in a hundred times will even the most well-intentioned criticism of its faults accomplish anything more than to arouse the wrath of its editors. But there is, we are told, a peculiar satisfaction in "laying all over" a rival and parading his faults before the world, and besides, the demands of the printer for "copy" must be satisfied, and so the exchange department still lives. And we find ourselves even practising what we do not preach. Alas for human consistency! To such of our exchanges as have given us favorable mention during the year, we extend our sincere thanks. We assure them that their words of encouragement and cheer have been as a sweet balm to our otherwise hardened nature. We have cut them all out and will treasure them as pleasant reminders of our editorial career. To the papers that have rashly dared to criticise us unfavorably we give this warning, our successors are men of mighty intellect. They have taken a solemn oath that their pens, collectively and individually, shall drink the blood of him who dares defame this paper. The vials of their wrath will be uncorked and hurled at the offender through stylographs of the most improved pattern, *Vale dictum*. May you all become Benjamin Franklins and Horace Greeleys.

THE course of lectures by Prof. Wood has been a rare treat, and the senior Englishmen deserve the hearty thanks of the school for giving us an opportunity of hearing one so famous. Prof. Wood is one of the most noted naturalists now living. He has written many books which are among the well-thumbed volumes of every library, and his labors have been rewarded by a pension from the Queen. He came to this country to deliver a course of lectures before the Lowell Institute, but has also been invited to some of the neighboring

towns. He gave three lectures here — two on "The Ants," and the last on "The Whale." Scientific lectures are generally placed in the same list with long sermons, but all who attended the lectures by Prof. Wood will be obliged to acknowledge him to be an exception to the rule. Each lecture was intensely interesting from first to last, and, instead of being dry, was amusing. He has that rare and happy faculty of using such simple, yet mild language as to draw no attention to himself, but to lose the audience wholly in the subject. His drawings are perfect, adding much to the interest of the lecture and showing his complete mastery of the subject. Few senior classes have been so fortunate as '84 in being able to secure for their senior entertainments such eminent men as Matthew Arnold and Prof. Wood.

IN the volume of essays by Mr. W. Stanley Jevons, published after his death, is one entitled "Cram," in which Mr. Jevons maintains that "cram," as fostered by the examination system, is a valuable part of a thorough education. In the first place, he would make a distinction between "bad cram" and "good cram." "Bad cram" is the process of committing to memory an undigested mass of facts, which are produced in exactly the same form at the examination. "Good cram," on the other hand, is a rigorous course of study, not in the way of general culture, nor necessarily in a branch of knowledge which will be of practical use, but in some definite line with the object of passing a particular examination. The view which Mr. Jevons would combat is, that this latter kind of training is not the best, because the knowledge which is gained is frequently forgotten as soon as possible after the examination is over. In the words of one whom he quotes, "Whatever is taught . . . must be taught, not simply for the examination, but it must sink into your minds, and stay there for life." This very theory, expressed in a speech intended to oppose "cram," transforms education from a course of training to a process of "cram," and "bad cram" at that. Gymnastic exercises are not what a man will keep on doing all his life, but they are of great value in preparing his physical frame to successfully withstand the strain, and to perform the work which will come upon him; so the facts of higher mathematics, or Latin and Greek, which are put into one's mind at school, are not probably those which will be most used in active life, but mental qualities which are developed by these studies are the ones which will be of the utmost use. Again, the after life of a man, of a lawyer or a merchant for example, is a continual process of "cram," examination, and forgetting, repeated again and again. The facts are acquired, the conclusion is reached, all but the result is forgotten. Mr. Jevons even goes so far as to say that examination in one form or another is a main element in training. In the term examination he includes the recitation of American schools and colleges. "It is not merely that which goes into the ears and eyes of a student which educates him; it is that which comes out." "Intellectual education is measured, not by words heard or read, but by thoughts excited." The moral of all this is twofold:

if we accept Mr. Jevons's conclusions, the fact that the details of the subjects in which one has passed a college examination have passed from the mind does not at all prove that the time spent on the subjects was wasted, and that recitation is not only a test of study, it is a most valuable means of mental discipline.

THE last Philo meeting should be recorded in her everlasting annals. Only few fellows were out, but all the parts were present and every one was splendid. As there was no meeting the week before, the critique was a pure concoction of Houghton's imagination, and the number of good hits which he got off on the fellows was simply wonderful. But the crowning event was the debate and what came of it. It chanced to be one of those inexplicably incomprehensible subjects in which a universal and sublime ignorance would allow a fellow to speak on both sides with a clear conscience. Several seized upon the opportunity, and, after growing warm and eloquent on the affirmative, walked over to the negative and branded "the gentleman who has just spoken on the affirmative" as "a base promulgator of illogical and misleading statements." But afterwards, when it came to voting on the question, one of these double-barreled debaters — the very picture of "Innocence in the bud of youth" and honest in his convictions to the last — also voted on both sides. Ropes declared it illegal, and Semper, that it was a very grave offence, and there was a loud and general murmur of agreement to these sentiments. The terrified youth plead for pardon, but it was no go. The trial was ordered, officers appointed and the criminal ushered before the awful tribunal. We will not go into the painful details of the trial; suffice it to say that Philo is now prepared to furnish all or any part of a badly regulated court. We have on hand now a quick, deep-voiced, honest crier, with a flexible conscience which is warranted to fix any emergency. We are prepared to satisfy some large sized longing for a prosecuting attorney, with a small, but mighty demagogue, who is capable of anything. Our "judge" is acknowledged by all to be a noble specimen. Any one wanting such an article will please call at the menagerie. All blood-stained criminals in quest of a legal quartet with beautifully gushing artesian fountains of eloquence and tears, must apply at once, before it is removed to Boxford. We expect to keep our jury and other officers for a speculation, confident that as soon as the world becomes bad enough they will bring an astonishing price.

FOR several years the catalogue has allowed us ten days for spring vacation, and for the same length of time the school has sent a committee to the faculty with a petition for two weeks, which has been granted. This year the catalogue provides for a vacation of only one week. By this plan school would begin on Wednesday, April 2, and, as the next day is Fast day, which we always have as a holiday, it seems as if the faculty might, following their usual custom, grant us an extension. But ought not we to follow out our usual custom, and make our petition for two weeks?

THE PHILLIPIAN board of 1884-85 will be constituted as follows:

D. W. Phelan, P. A. '85; W. H. King, P. A. '85; W. B. Segur, P. A. '85; H. C. Emerson, P. A. '85; W. A. Webster, P. S. '85; O. G. Hill, P. A. '86; W. Odlin, P. A. '86.

SEVERAL students have expressed a desire to take lessons in broad sword exercise. and arrangements have already been made with a gentleman who is thoroughly competent to give instruction in this art,—Mr. H. P. Dennett, of Lawrence. If a requisite number can be obtained, the rates for instruction will be very low. All interested should see Mr. Bergstrom or Ripley at once, who will furnish any further information desired.

THAT professionalism has entered into inter-collegiate sports is a statement no longer discussed. But the question is, how it can be eradicated in a way that will please the student and satisfy the professor. The resolutions drawn up in New York at a recent meeting of the delegates from the various colleges were intended to produce this end. The result shows how well they have succeeded. Only two of our leading colleges, Harvard and Princeton, have adopted them. These, however, did not do so with the full concurrence of both students and teachers, as at Harvard, in a mass meeting of the students, resolutions were drawn up and sent to the faculty protesting against the decision. Acting on this, the Harvard faculty have reconsidered their decision, and had another conference last Tuesday.

Yale has taken a decided stand against these obnoxious restrictions, and even if all the other colleges should adopt them, her dissension would be sure to cause disturbance.

### Phillipiana.

Delegation number two for Bostford.

The *Mirror* will be out some time next week.

The tournament was the best we have ever had.

Snow—slush—mud, the great Andover specialties.

The skating rink in the town hall has been given up.

The Draper-speaking has been put off until next term.

Prof. G. F. Moore supplies the Chapel pulpit through March.

The Yale Chapter of the P. B. K. Society has been revived.

Reviews and plugging for examinations is in order for the next week.

S. E. Cobb, P. A. '83, Yale '87, is an editor of the *Gamma Nu Oracle*.

The middle classes have decided not to have any class rides this year.

H. C. Bierwirth P. A. '79, Harvard '84, has been elected into Phi Beta Kappa.

Merrill, P. S. '86, has left school for a time, and has gone to California with his invalid father.

Several fellows have left school lately. We suppose the cause was over-study.

Some better method should be devised by which those who purchase papers from the reading-room can get them regularly and easily.

In the list of Draper Prize speakers, given in our last issue, we unintentionally omitted the name of Mr. Hunt, of the Middle English class.

The Harvard faculty have reconsidered their action regarding the Athletic resolutions. A second conference was held in New York last Tuesday.

The first of meetings of the Harvard Athletic Association takes place to-day, and quite a number of fellows have signified their intention of attending.

The Junior Class at Harvard are making preparations for a class dinner. W. W. Smith, P. A. '81, is on the committee who have the matter in charge.

Abbot Academy closed last Monday for a vacation of two weeks, and the Theological Seminary Wednesday for ten days, while we get through the 25th and only have one week.

The funny man of the *New York Times* thinks that "The Faculty must go. The students have been very considerate, but patience has ceased to be a virtue, and nothing remains but to overthrow the faculty."

Philo had an impromptu mock trial last week after the literary exercises were over, and tried O. G. Hill for the crime of voting on both sides of the question. It proved very exciting and was well carried out.

The ground has been staked out for a new treasurer's office. It will be quite a pretentious building, and will also contain rooms for a principal's office, something that has long been needed. The cost will be about \$10,000.00.

In connection with the article in our last issue on the pronunciation of Latin, the following statistics are of interest: Of 303 colleges in the United States 155 use the Roman pronunciation, 114 the English, and 34 the Continental.

Dr. Bancroft has received and placed in the Library a picture of a bust of Josiah Quincy, P. A. 1786, Harvard 1790, President of Harvard College from 1829 to 1845. President Quincy was present at the opening of the Academy in 1778.

Princeton has been greatly agitated by an anonymous circular complaining of the intolerance of the faculty. A mass meeting of the students was held and resolutions adopted setting forth their grievances. It now appears that the students were wrong, and their troubles only imaginary, which, if true, puts them in a very ridiculous position.

Mr. Blank, who had just been advised to withdraw for six weeks, protested to a member of the faculty and was told that the faculty were slow to act, but that when they did make up their minds their decrees were like those of the Medes and Persians, unchangeable. A few days later when told that he must leave town, he replied, "I'm like the faculty, it takes me a good while to make up my mind."

According to one of our western exchanges, the following resolutions were proposed in the Legislature of that state:

"Resolved, That the House order a proper celebration of the birthday of Father George, by appointing twenty members and the officers to see who can tell the most and biggest lies, and cut down the most apple trees, and eat the most hatchets." But we didn't get even so much as one cut.

We copy the following as an example of the prosperous condition of some of our exchanges:

"The editors are happy to say that they have at last succeeded in raising a subscription sufficiently large to enable them to offer two prizes: One first prize of twenty-five cents, and one second prize of fifteen cents, for the best two articles that shall be handed in for publication in the — on or before Tuesday, March 19th, in accordance with the printed conditions that may be had upon application to the business editor."

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