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PERPLEXITY.

A youngster sits in his college room.
Spinning webs from his fancy's loom :
Weaving and planning in revery—
Trying to find whatever he
Can reach in this dismal world to do :
"Minister? No.
Quite too slow
For a man whose love is a cheerful brew."

Imagination strikes this and that—
He roams from castle to city flat.
From bachelorhood to the married state.
And groans to think of the latter fate.
He plods the professions through and through.
"Doctor? No.
Too much 'go'—
Eternally flustered and in a stew!"

Visions of poverty, lank and grim.
Darken the dreams that come to him :
Frayed "Prince Albert" and last year's lute
Clothes that "once on a time" had style—
Crying babies and scolding shrew :
"Journalist? No?
Naught but blow.
That's a profession I'd never woo!"

Fire dies down and his pipe goes out :
Ditto hope—and he's still in doubt.
Where are his castles bright and bold?
Vanished in smoke—the room grows cold.
Isn't there *something, anything* new?
"Lawyer? No.
Misery—Woe!
What in the devil *can* I do!"

—Ex.

The *Mirror* made its appearance as usual at the end of last term. The general appearance and character seems to show considered improvement over some of its predecessors. It would seem that (as most or at least a large part of the school attend the meetings of Phil.) it would have been better to have inserted articles which were original with the issue as it came from press. We do not wish to deprecate the high character of the last number, but there was one essay and many witticisms put in print, which had already been read before the society. The cuts were good and those of Messrs. O'Neil and Harding were exceedingly well drawn. The other cuts, while the hits were good, were not as finished in their execution as they might have been. All the essays were well written, and the thoughts forcibly put; and especially would we make mention of the work of the former members of the society. We feel that this number shows improvement in the literary element of the school, and the work is on a level with many of the college publications,

At a meeting of the faculty of Harvard College last week, action was taken upon the recommendation of the Athletic Committee. The result was that the whole body approved of the recommendation and inter-collegiate foot ball is prohibited for the future. Unless Yale and Princeton see fit to admit other colleges to fill the vacancy, the inter-collegiate football association will be broken up. When it became known that such a movement was on foot, a mass meeting was held by those interested in foot ball, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Kimball, Cabot, Curtis, Simpkins and Adams, appointed to submit amended rules to the faculty.

Instead of doing so they petitioned for a further delay. A petition was also sent in by a graduate now in New York, as representing the prevailing feeling among Harvard men there. In speaking of partisan umpires, he suggests that the referee and umpires be appointed from some neutral college. At present the umpires give nearly all their attention to coaching their team, and so are unable to give proper attention to the game as a whole.

With these impartial judges this trouble would be removed.

In order to remove the present intential offside play and put a stop to the chances punished, in "lining out" for brutality, he says:—"A remedy seems to be as follows: That the field be marked off with lines parallel to the goal line, five yards apart; that in all cases of lining out the ball be carried to the five yard line next nearer the goal of the side having the ball; that the snapperback have possession of the ball; that the teams line out on the next five yard lines toward their own goals respectively." The opposing lines are thus ten yards apart, with the snapperback between them. This plan would prevent the rushers from remaining in contact while lining out, would enable the ball to be passed more scientifically, and allow greater freedom in kicking, it would also diminish the opportunity to display brute strength and weight, and would increase the opportunity for passing and rushing. Some one else suggests that the teams be limited to a certain weight. Many of these suggestions seem to be good and worth the attention of those interested in foot ball. Perhaps some games are played too roughly, but it is to be regretted that a game that contains so many excellent qualities should be prohibited by so prominent a college, instead of ridding the game of its objectionable feature.

Smith is the only college for women founded by a woman. Wellesley was founded by Mr. Durant, and Vassar by Matthew Vassar.—*Daily Crimson.*

COMMUNICATED:

In an article in the PHILLIPIAN for November 8th on the use of horses, a part of the argument against their use seems groundless and to place the matter on a very wrong basis.

"The average boy who puts two or three hours of hard honest work upon his translation" will not often "come upon a knotty point, forget a word, become confused and flunk," nor is the boy who puts those two or three hours on his lesson the one who is apt to "be reminded of the existence of a lower class." It seems to us that the boy who has rushed through his lesson with a horse late at night is far more likely to "forget a word, become confused, etc.," than the hard pluggger. A fellow who is not smart enough to keep up with his class by hard, conscientious study certainly is not smart enough to make brilliant rushes with the aid of a horse, spending only a third as much time on his lesson. Who are the men in a class who horse? The honor men or those who contend for the distinction of pushing the class? I think in the schools and colleges where the classes are divided according to rank, at least three times as many men use ponies in the second as in the first divisions. That horses should be left alone there is no doubt. Their use is dishonest and prevents a boy from getting a thorough knowledge of the language he is studying besides getting him in the habit of shirking, but it is an absurdity to suppose that the average boy, who spends less than an hour after ten o'clock on his translation, with a horse, will stand ahead of the boy of the same or even inferior capacity, who puts several hours of honest work on his lesson.

If one *could* make such brilliant rushes as the writer of the former article would have us believe, with so little work by using the omnipotent animal, I fear more of us would ride than do at present. A.

All who are interested in base-ball, have always been much annoyed by the railing which was in such close proximity to those practicing in the Gym. The bowling alley next the one set apart for base-ball purposes was little used, so that it was deemed advisable to take the railing out. The committee on base-ball matters applied to the faculty to remove it, which they kindly consented to do. The result, though not entirely satisfactory, is a wonderful improvement on the former facilities. For the benefit of those who wish to leave some articles of clothing at the Gym., there has been put in around the dressing room on the ground floor about twenty lockers. Each one is furnished with a different key, thus the contents will be perfectly safe. This is the term for constant practice in the Gym. Mr. Howland has classes on every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. The exercise will be such that all can participate, and conducted on the plan that Mr. Howland presents it will certainly be both interesting and profitable.

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This is always expected to be the dry, uneventful term of the year. It is the term in which the fellows intend to do intense plugging at least the faculty intend that such shall be the case. The victorious foot-ball has been laid away with due honor, 'till next year's conquests shall demand its resurrection. The ball, bat and battery are compelled to give the campus up to the revellings of Old Boreas. Nothing is left but the gym., and nothing to be anticipated but the tournament. Under such gloomy prospects the Phillipian feels bound to extend its fatherly consolation and advice. With the long winter evenings and the general dearth of amusement, there can be no excuse for Philo lacking a full attendance. The unfortunate feature of Philo is that those who need the drill in speaking most, are the last to perceive and avail themselves of the privileges she offers. It is this class of backward fellows we want to urge to take a brace, come to the front and limber up their tongues and pens. It is as necessary for a thorough fit for college, as any part of the course. There is no cause why the society should not be entertaining—the president is a man of great "weight," and one of the "most potent seniors." The annual entertainment should be of school interest in general. An active part taken in Philo, will do much to break up the monotony of the term. It is also time to meditate and ponder over the mighty sentences which are to make the pages of the Means essays luminous. The Draper speaking will be ready soon to give an exhibition of the thrilling eloquence still extant in the land. No doubt, enough will be going on to keep our school enthusiasm boiling till next spring, when victory after victory by the nine will raise it again to its usual lofty pitch.

Although the present arrangements in regard to the reading room are not as good as are desired, still they are as good as can be had for the time being, and as such should be properly used. The quarters are somewhat cramped and unless care is taken, the room presents a very disorderly appearance. Students who come there to read, do not come to be disturbed by loud talking, playing on the organ, or even eating peanuts. This practice of eating peanuts and throwing the shells on the floor, is one which we are ashamed to say, has been done quite frequently, but we hope will not occur again.

Then there is a practice of taking papers out of the sticks for some reason or other, and neglecting to replace them. This causes much confusion, and the papers torn or lost, when a little thought would save the damages. We hope the students will bear these points in mind, and use our reading room as they would any large public one.

The Holidays are over, and most of us have returned to school with good resolutions and plans. But resolutions are of no use unless they are carried out, and it would be better for us to show by our actual work what we intend to do, than to keep promising to do something or other and never doing it. This is perhaps the best term we have for study and literary work. And right here we would speak of the means competition, and urge one and all to *try* at least, and even failing to get on, the good obtained if faithful work has been done, will be of much use. Prizes will probably be offered by the *Mirror* editors, and the *Phillipian* is always ready to receive contributions.

But especially is this term valuable for good, solid work in one's studies. The weather is certainly more conducive to hard studying, and there are no out door sports to claim one's attention. With skating and coasting now and then, and work at the gym., one can obtain all the physical exercise needful, but the best part of one's strength and time should be devoted to study. Studying not merely for a good stand in one's class, but with a desire to learn all one can, and be able at the close of the term to review with satisfied feelings the work which has been done.

To the Editors of the Phillipian:

Something definite should be done about changing the Phillips cheer, which has had so much fault found with it lately. Nearly all our neighboring schools have cheers somewhat adapted to the capacities of the student's lungs, but when it comes to having a cheer in which the wind gives out before the cheer is finished, that is too much of a good thing. We should not claim the right of having a cheer a few miles longer than others because we happen to be a little older than other schools.

We want something that in a game would not interfere with the playing as much as our present one. We might adopt one after the fashion of the delicate accents of "Wa-hoo-wa!" etc., which was brought down from Exeter at their triumphal entrance into Andover. We might try the Princetonian style. And a good plan might be for each class to have its own peculiar cheer, for example the Juniors might be allowed, upon promising to be good boys, to use as their own exclusive property the cheer, "PA-MA-PA-Rah-Rah-Rah!" etc.

Also we should have a teacher for the cheering, not one like Exeter's with a brass-tipped baton, but one who could efficiently lead it. If necessary a brass band might be obtained to assist in the cheering but if not strictly needed their services might be dispensed with.

SAPIENTIA.

After a short season of rest we come back to our accustomed duties with the feeling that there will be nothing to do for awhile at least, but—on looking into our mail box, we see a pile of exchanges which makes our hearts tremble and our brains reel. However, we bravely struggle through them, hoping to find something in them to cheer us up. And we

are not disappointed, for in the *December Sunbeam*, a paper coming from Canada, we find a poem on "Spring," which flows like balm to our weary frames.

We do not doubt the propriety of publishing poems on "Happy Spring" in *mid-winter*, but we must confess there were a few lines which we could not reconcile with the state of the weather at the time the paper was printed, viz:—

In yonder quiet shade
The gentle breezes whisper cheer, etc.

while the mercury ranged from 10 to 20 below zero. Canadians probably are accustomed to sit out of doors during such weather, but we are not.

We cannot refrain from noticing one or two School papers which were particularly well gotten up for the Christmas issue. The Yale Record is elegantly gotten up, and besides a number of bright witty articles and items, it contains the history of the "Yale Field Corporation," which is very interesting.

The young ladies of Hamilton College are to be congratulated on their Christmas number. It has a handsome and appropriate cover, and contains many well written pieces, and is profusely illustrated.

It is our pleasurable task to notice the Abbot Courant. The present issue we think compares favorably with any previous publication, and we congratulate the Editors. There is but one change that we would desire and that, that it would come oftener.

On the night of the 7th, the town was aroused by the dreaded cry of fire, and although the mud was knee deep a small band of students gathered round the faithful old engine. After a good deal of hard labor, they succeeded in dragging the "venerable squirt" as far as the Band Stand. Then their strength subsiding with their ardor they left this relic of bygone days to find its way unaided up the hill. This fire gives us cause to be both joyful and sad: joyful because our gallant foreman was present in all his glory, issuing commands in his clarion voice. We are sorry because he alone represented the engine company. Some of these had good excuses, but there were some who had no excuse whatever. Be that as it may, we would like to see a full attendance at fires, even if they occur during the night. We learned that the fire was in a barn on the road to Lawrence.

As the Athletic Association has again awakened into life, we feel that it would not be out of place to say a few words about practice at the gymnasium, etc. In the first place as it will not be a great while before the Winter Tournament occurs, it is necessary that all who intend to take any part in it, to begin at once to practice and train. Then too, every one should feel that he has the best interests of the Association at heart, and should either enter personally for some one of the sports, or at least, use his influence in persuading some of his friends to start. We think that it would not be out of place to mention in this connection the noise and disturbance in the Gymnasium. We seem to have this nuisance here as well as in some of the college Gymnasiums, and here as well as there, it is as a rule, made by the under class men. It is not as noticeable this year as it has been, but it should be totally done away with by some means or other. If any one wants to romp and race, play tag, or any other such game, he should go home to the nursery and play with his little brother or sister.

HERE AND THERE.

The Freshman foot-ball team of Harvard defeated Andover 16 to 0, a thing which has not been done for nine years.—*Res Academic.*

We would advise the editor of the above paper to be more careful in collecting items about other schools. The score this year was 9 to 0, and 'tis three years since last Harvard defeated us.

Of the game between Andover and Exeter, both the *PHILLIPIAN* and the *Exonian* give spirited accounts, but the spirit in which they are written is somewhat different. Well may Andover crow over her unexpected victory.—*Latin School Register.*

A professor who had been trying for half an hour to explain a formula on the board, turns with his finger on his nose, which is a very prominent feature, and says, "Is this now apparent to you all?" (Freshmen grin). "I am aware, gentlemen, that is long," (Freshmen grin audibly) "But hope you see the point." (Slight pedal applause). "It is called *pons asinorum* of which I hope you see the application." (Loud and continued applause.)—*Dartmouth.*

We clip the following from the *Lawrence American*: "Principal Bancroft lectured at Stoneham on the 17th inst., in the Y. M. C. A. course, on the "Old Roman Home Life." We copy the following from the *Stoneham Independent* of December 20th: "Doctor Bancroft of Phillips Academy, Andover, gave the lecture in the Y. M. C. A. course on Thursday evening. The audience was greatly entertained and instructed by his vivid, detailed, amusing and surprising accounts of Roman life. It is safe to say that no lecture has been given here this season of greater value than this. Dr. Bancroft is too closely confined by the care of his great family of bright boys to be much in the lecture field, but on this subject he is full and running over and he has sometimes been persuaded to serve his friends in this way. The favor was gratefully received.

A member of the Freshman class became prominent by the publication of a poem in a Boston paper during vacation.—*Yale News.*

The gentleman referred to is Mr. F. I. Paradise P.A., '84.

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Alumni.

In the "Rersommel of the Incoming General Court" of Massachusetts we observe the following ex-students of Phillips Academy:—**SENATE:** Frank M. Ames, Eleasar Boynton, Newton P. Frye.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Moses H. Warren, Rev. Henry Hyde: all republicans.

Hurd, ex-P.S., '85, has left Harvard and has entered Yale.

Paine, P.A., '84, has been in town a short time.

Miller, ex-P.A., '85, Princeton, '88, has been elected Washington birthday orator from the Freshman class.

Samuel Woods of Pittsfield, Vt., recently deceased, had been for several years the oldest living pupil of the academy. He was the son of Rev. Prof. Leonard Woods, D.D., and a brother of Pres. Woods of Bowdoin College. The oldest living pupil of the academy is now Rev. Leonard Wethington, D.D., of Newbury, entered, 1809. General H. K. Oliver of Salem and President Alva Woods, D.D., of Providence comes next, entering in 1811.

Phillipiana.

Did you enjoy your vacation?
The P.S., '85, have received their class pins, they look very neat and tasty.

Quite a number of the boys took an (n) ice bath last afternoon on the skating pond.

The number of resolutions that were made on New Year's day must be appalling, yet how many will be kept?

This year the boys coming back late from their holiday vacation, will have to think of some other excuse than "snow bound."

Those who wish to subscribe for the *PHILLIPIAN* from now until June, please give their name and 75 cents to one of the editors.

The Gymnasium is now open from 4 until 8 o'clock P.M., and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 3 the class is met by Mr. Howland.

An editorial appeared in our last issue on school yells. Please remember we are open to all suggestions which will be thankfully received.

We wonder if either Senior class will have such a class ride as the P.S., '84, experienced. By the looks of the ground we should say yes.

If those who have nothing to do on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons would but stroll over to the "Gym," they could spend their spare time very advantageously.

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Seniors have begun Homer, Ovid and Livy.
The Philo. entertainment will probably take place the first week in March.

The bust of Dr. Taylor has arrived. It was executed in Italy at a cost of \$1,000.

During the vacation the Trustees had a large number of lockers placed in the Gym.

The "Twenty" completed the preliminary competition for the Draper, Saturday night.

'85 has appointed a committee consisting of Emerson, Smith and Richards to change the class color.

Another bright and shining light of Phillips Academy has been extinguished. We refer to the Israelite.

Emans has been unable to return on account of the joyless presence of inflammatory rheumatism in his neck.

Base-ball men brace up and practice at the Gym. Exeter is not going to leave a stone unturned to beat us.

Now is the time for spring poets to hand in their contributions. Our waste basket is low and our fire needs replenishing.

P.S., '85, have received their class pins from Wilkinson, New York, and P.A., '87, have ordered theirs of Theodore B. Starr.

The burning of a barn on the Lawrence road Wednesday night, the 7th, brought the fire department out. How many of our fire department knew about it? Very few.

Those who desire to try for Editorships on next year's *PHILLIPIAN* should bear in mind that the incoming board is elected at the close of this term by the merit of their respective contributions.

The twenty who tried for positions on the Draper speaking were as follows:—Howard, Rust, Wood, Peabody, King, Austin, Ropes, Whipple, Richard, Frohock, Shepherd, Wilson, Speer, Hill, Merrill, Eaton, Kellog, Finch, Hoilister and Perrin.

Her lips were like the leaves, he said,
By autumn's crimson tinted.
"Some people autumn's leaves preserve
By pressing them," she hinted.
The meaning of the gentle hint
He quickly did discern.
And threw his arms around her neck,
And glued his lips to her'n. Ex.

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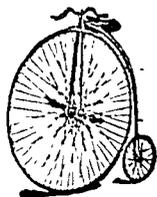
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