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Bards, in whose veins the maddening draught  
Of Hippocrene so wildly glows,  
Forbear, and do not drive us daft  
With ballades, triolets rondeaux.

—Century.

## '86 Class Ride.

After waiting four years, P. A. & P. S., '86, had their long expected class ride and supper on last Wednesday. Eighty-six first made an effort in this direction in the Junior Middle year, but our hopes were speedily crushed by the powers that be, and the class solaced themselves with the hope that if they waited long enough, and in the meanwhile were not requested to sever their connection with the Academy, they could, when they had attained the dignity of Seniors, have a class ride to Bradford. But the senior classical class of '84, distinguished in more ways than one, succeeded in leaving such a reputation behind them that this custom, most pleasant at least to the boys, was discontinued. We made another effort in '85, but were told that it was desired to stop the precedent of the middle class having a sleigh ride, and that as the Class of '85, when Middlers, had stayed at home from preference, the middle class of '86 had better stay at home from compulsion. We submitted with as good grace as possible, and this year we were at last successful. Two barges from Pray's put in an appearance before the Academy about three o'clock, and were soon filled with a crowd of excited boys, plus the tin horn attachment, and when we had driven around town and saluted the Fem. Sems., we were soon on the Lowell road. The cold snap of the previous night had made the sleighing excellent, and the weather was propitious. The road echoed with the Phillips cheer and the noise of tin horns. Myer met a maid by the roadside, to whom he lost his horn and heart, but as the sleighs could not wait the boys managed to tear him away. It was nearly five when we reached Lowell, and descended in front of Page & Nunn's, where supper was to be served at seven. The boys immediately scattered in all directions. The Phillipian reporter was unable to follow them all, but suppose they must have had a good time. However, they all managed to appear at the café on time, and attacked the viands with a will, making the proprietor stare at the rapidity with which things disappeared. The ride had sharpened our appetites, and

all were resolved to get their money's worth. Following is the menu :

Oyster Stew.	Cold Turkey.
Fried Oysters.	Cold Tongue.
	Chicken Salad.
Spun Sugar.	Assorted Ice Cream.
	Assorted Cake.
Coffee.	Fruits.
	Champagne Cider.

After the supper Mr. Corliss, as toast-master, called the class to order and proposed the first toast of the evening. "The Class of '86—the great and only." Responded to by E. V. Morgan. "Music," responded to by Mr. Coombs. "Athletics," by Mr. Odlin, and the "PHILLIP-  
IAN," by Mr. Lund, followed.

The last toast was *Phillips Academy*, and the following is an abstract of Principal Bancroft's response :

"Just a hundred years ago a young man entered Phillips Academy who subsequently graduated at Harvard and became a lawyer. On a visit to England a few years later, he studied the cotton manufactories of that country and conceived the design of establishing the industry in this country. On his return he interested some capitalists and projected a great system of cotton mills, which was realized a few years after his lamented death, in 1817. Hence it is possible for us to hold our festival to-night in the heart of a wealthy and populous city, then only farms, woodland, and pastures, but now the foremost cotton manufacturing center in America, and bearing the name of Lowell, the young Phillipian of a century ago.

At the approaching celebration of the founding of this city, it is appropriately proposed that James Russell Lowell, the nephew of Francis Cabot Lowell, P. A., '86, (1786), the son of another distinguished alumnus of the school, shall give the commemorative oration.

It is natural, almost inevitable, on an occasion like this to fall into a strain of self-gratulation and eulogy. We take a reasonable pride in the Academy, its age, its great body of alumni, the brilliant names scattered thick along its rolls, its present efficiency, its large and representative patronage, its good reports in the colleges and in the world, its present efficiency, and its promise of growth and influence. The Master of Balliol College, taking leave of a distinguished alumnus, said to him, 'your fellow students think highly of you; the professors and tutors think highly of you; I myself think highly of you, but no one thinks more highly of you than you do of yourself.' I suspect the same may be said of this class. But unless all the past is misleading, it is hardly possible that there are not here those who in after years shall start or manage great business enterprises, who shall win distinction in the noble professions, who shall acquire great fortunes, who shall make valuable inventions, and in various ways improve

the life and the thoughts of their time. I sometimes think that there is an impression in my classes that by some mental alchemy or magic I connect every distinguished man of past, present, and coming generations, either in his own person, or in some equally striking way, with the Academy! I have mentioned the founder of Lowell, as the typical Andover man, a man of education, of character and of ideas, who saw an opportunity and used it for the good of the country and of mankind. We cannot forecast our future, but we can prepare for it, whatever it may be. President Sears once said to a company of my pupils, 'learn what is set before you, do the work, all the work, which each day brings; you cannot anticipate what demands will be made upon you in the future; in no direction will you be over-equipped; not one of us, [turning to the teachers behind him,] is where he expected to be, or doing what he expected to do ten years ago; prepare yourself by fidelity now for the demands which are sure to be made upon you in surprising ways hereafter.' I venture to quote from memory a kindred sentiment :

Three roots bear up Dominion: Knowledge  
Will,—  
These twain are strong, but stronger yet the  
third,—  
Obedience,—'tis the great tap-root that still,  
Knit round the rock of Duty, is not stirred,  
Though Heaven-loosed tempests spend their ut-  
most skill.

If the Academy trains its men after such principles, out of the successive classes shall come men as great, as good, as eminent as those who have gone before us. Immaturity is often mistaken for depravity; the mischievous boy of to-day, unformed, possibly clumsy and slow of thought and speech, can, by his persistent energy, by his high ambitions and faith in himself, by his industry and his pure character attain to happiness and to usefulness, and to a measure of success and distinction which will reflect lustre on his school and all connected with him."

After one or two amusing anecdotes illustrating the difficulty of compression of material, and Josiah Quincy's account of the speech of Gen. Lafayette to the students and citizens of Andover, in which he praised the inhabitants as if they were a frequent subject of conversation among the crowned heads of Europe, Dr. Bancroft continued :—

"No speech by the head of a school or college is quite complete unless it contains some appeal, direct or indirect, for funds. Nobody understands better than the officer in charge what are the most pressing needs, what are the unguarded and weak places in the school. We want to finish the Scientific Building; we need more room, and more rooms, for our growing classes; a suitable chapel for morning devotions; a thorough overhauling of our present buildings, with steam heat and other improve-

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THE decrease of school interest and feeling during the last few years has been plainly seen in the literary and athletic interest of the school. It is perfectly plain that the school has been so divided, that in internal dissensions its best interests have been entirely lost sight of. It is time that the fellows recognize this and see that we can never be successful as a school until school union once more exists. With the boys divided into antagonistic factions, and each anxious and too ready to discover faults in the others, our defeats of the last year, and the present condition of our school affairs are not hard to account for.

In our suspicions of one another we are apt to be carried beyond what the facts might possibly warrant, and imagine that nothing in which we ourselves are not concerned is carried on rightly. Particularly has the PHILLIPIAN suffered from this dissension during the past years, and the events of this week plainly show this attitude of different members of the school toward each other. In this matter every one must understand the gravity of the charges made against the old Athletic Association and the absolute necessity that they be fully proved. It is but fair to the Association that every personal feeling be laid aside and judgments formed without party bias.

The committee which has been appointed to investigate these charges must remember that they are placed in a very delicate and critical position, that they are going to make or mar the school career of the boys against whom the charges have been brought. Any report obviously governed by mere prejudice, and which is not on its face just and true, and which charges are not definitely proved, will not be accepted by the school.

Let the fellows bear this in mind, and by united and hearty efforts in the coming year atone for past misunderstandings and give unanimous support to all school undertakings.

Last week's *Exonian* contained the following paragraph. "The last three defeats have taught Andover a lesson, and next spring, as never before, will her representatives strive to administer to Exeter an old-time defeat." Shall we, by petty internal quarrels fall below this estimate?

IN reply to an editorial in the last *Exonian* about the non action of the Andover committee on a base ball league, and the lack of interest here, we would state that through some mistake no communication from Exeter had been received until the end of the term, when it was too late to act. We are as anxious as any one to see the matter carried through. The committee have written to all the principle preparatory schools in the vicinity, but no answer has yet been received, except from St. Mark's, which definitely declines joining.

## Emergency Lecture.

On Friday evening of last week, the first lecture in the Emergency Course was delivered by Dr. Monks of Boston. Dr. Garland, who was expected to lecture, was prevented by sudden sickness.

The subject was the "anatomy and physical structure of the human body." It was treated in an able and interesting manner, showing, by means of a skeleton and charts, the structure and purposes of the different bones, and explaining how the functions of respiration and circulation are performed. Dr. Monks also explained, by drawing upon a small boy, where the principal veins and arteries lie, and how to stop the circulation in case one of these should be cut. Although the lecture was quite short, it was very instructive and valuable.

## Athletic Association.

On Saturday, January 16th, a meeting of "The Phillips Academy Athletic Association" was held.

Mr. Perrin charged the officers with gross mismanagement of the affairs. The old association was disbanded, and a new one formed. The following officers were chosen:

W. K. JOHNSON.	Pres.
F. B. ALDRICH.	V. Pres.
A. L. CLARK.	Sec.
H. F. FISKE.	Treas.

On Monday a meeting was held of all interested in athletics. The Treasurer of the old Association read his report, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Odlin, Lund and Watson, was appointed to draw up a line of action and submit to the school.

On Tuesday the committee made their report. Another committee, of Messrs. Fiske, Aldrich, Watson, Hartridge, and Hanna, was appointed to investigate and report to the body by which it was appointed, the condition of the accounts of the old Athletic Association.

On Wednesday another meeting was held in which it was decided to leave the investigation in the hands of the faculty.

A meeting was called on Thursday, in which it was proved that the action of Wednesday's meeting was unparliamentary and the committee of five were reappointed. The further investigation now rests in their hands.

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ments; a new refectory adjacent to the campus, affording the best possible accommodations for the boys in "Commons," in a building for which drawings have already been prepared: a wing at the gymnasium, affording baths and dressing rooms for the students; the enlargement of our portrait gallery; endowments for instructions; and many things besides. Augustus found Rome brick and left it marble. The Academy needs such a reconstruction—not literally, but in kind, and this class can help it forward. Boys still in school can do much by their scholarship, their bearing and conduct, their tone. Sallust has taught us that to speak well of any endeavor is to do it no small service. The school must be its own best appeal. The boys of today are in a very large sense, the school.

Mr. George Peabody was brought to give \$25,000 for the Peabody Professorship by the sight of the boys in procession marching with a band of music up to the Mansion House to escort the Trustees and their guests to the graduation. The Gymnasium at Princeton was built by the cheering of the boys who applauded the paragraph concerning the gymnasium which Dr. McCosh incorporated into his inaugural address. Benevolence crystallizes under the inspiration of young minds, ingenuous, enthusiastic, full of capacity and promise. The relation between pupil and teacher is not that of parent and child, it is rather that of older and younger members of the common household, separated from each other by a few years, but animated with a common love for *alma mater*.

It is in this view that I invite you to cooperate with us in making the Academy what we alike desire it to be; and with best wishes for you as a class and personally, I close by thanking you for inviting me to share in your festival tonight."

## Concert by the Brown Glee Club.

The excellent concert given here by the Brown University Glee Club last spring, drew a full house at their second appearance, last Tuesday evening. This club, which is considered one of the best of college organizations, has not materially changed in membership since last spring, but the performance which they gave this week was hardly equal to their previous effort. Mr. Nicholson's fine whistling was the feature of the evening, and he fully deserved the applause bestowed on him, but the warbling was rather feeble. The "Selections" from the "Mikado" comprised one number only,—Ko-ko's song, "Taken from the county jail,"—but the realistic manner in which it was rendered brought down the house. The encore fiends were conspicuous on this occasion, and in response to their demands, "Ching-a-ling," "Nut Brown Maiden," "Captain Jenks," and other ancient and honorable selections were given. Mr. Chase's singing was excellent, as was also Mr. Waterman's bass, and the whole club sang with commendable spirit and unanimity.

Seven of Harvard's base ball team which won the championship last year are yet in college.

## Phillipiana.

Have you squared your tuition bill yet?

Tin horns are now selling at a discount.

About this time look out for the January thaw.

The Seniors had a perfect night for their sleigh ride.

Leader of Inquiry next Sunday night, C. K. Bancroft.

Is this year also to slip by with no ride for the Middlers?

The Middlers began elocution under Prof. Churchill last Monday.

The last issue should always be left in the reading-room, until the *next* comes.

We should have less snow or a larger plough. The track reminds one of a cowpath.

Philip Stuart, P. A. '82 is Capt. of the Yale base-ball team for the coming season.

It is rumored that the girls at German Hall went to a ball at Lowell Wednesday night.

Mr. Coy returned to Andover Tuesday, his father's condition being somewhat improved.

Those who compete for the Draper speaking have a much longer time than usual to prepare.

The candidates for the Draper, speak before the Faculty, Feb. 1st, to determine who shall speak for the prize.

What interesting studies those English seniors have; we hear them reciting about the circle of perpetual osculation.

We notice the innocent face of S. B. Johnson who returned last week after a short illness which kept him home.

Professor A. L. Ripley of Yale, valedictorian of P. A. '73, spent the holidays in town with his parents, on Central street.

There was quite a fire in Scotland District last Sunday night, but no alarm was given, and the Phillips engine was left in inglorious peace.

The *Andover Club* at Yale will hold their annual banquet this evening. Including professors and students there are about seventy members.

The Trustees of the Academy held a meeting in Boston last week. Only routine business was transacted. The next stated meeting will be the third Tuesday in May.

Walker Blaine, P. A. '72, was one of the groomsmen at the marriage of Lieut. Brown, U. S. N., and Miss Davis, of West Virginia, at Baltimore, January 6.

The exercises at the Gym. are conducted in a systematic manner and prove more interesting than last year's. All should avail themselves of so good an opportunity for exercise.

Joseph R. Panott, P. A., '78, Yale '83, distinguished as a college oarsman, is now counsel for the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railway company, with office at Jacksonville.

A letter has been received from Principal Bancroft, of Andover, saying that the Spaulding boys from Townsend Harbor, who are attending school there, are doing finely and please their teachers much.—*Townsend Daily Battle Av.*

A goodly number of Fem. Sems. attended Chapel Service last Sunday afternoon, to hear our famous organist. The last-named made a supreme effort, and covered himself with glory.

N. B. We understand from private sources, that the young ladies are now convalescent.

W. A. Mowry, Ph. D., P. A., '54, has purchased and will hereafter edit and publish from 3 Somerset street, Boston, the *Monthly Review, Education*, which has already won an international reputation. Dr. Mowry was a teacher for over thirty years.

Professor (in astronomy class, explaining the horizon, using the rising of the sun as an example.) "If you place the meridian at Minneapolis, then the sun will rise about two hours later than it does here." That may account for the fact that certain fellows from that place when they come east find it so hard to get around to prayers.

The *Kennebec Journal* states that the most graceful and accomplished skater on the river is the pastor of the First Church, Augusta, Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, whose evolutions on the steel attract by their intricacy and variety. Mr. Skeele was teacher of modern languages and gymnastics in the academy, '75 to '78, and played in the school nine.

The senior Englishmen had some startling instances of brilliancy last week. One member speaks of the cuticura or true skin; another states that according to his belief all fishes have to come to the surface in order to breathe; again we are warned of the *vicious* character of glaciers; still another makes the profound statement that subterranean streams invariably run under ground; and to crown all we are told of the organic structure of the mud in a peat-bog as discovered by means of the telescope.

Among the junior appointments at Yale we find the following names, Andover men:—

Philosophical Orations,  
James Archbald Jr. William A. Cornish.  
High Orations,  
George D. Peters.  
Orations,  
Herbert F. Perkins.  
Dissertations,  
Frederick S. Chase. Arthur R. Pennell.  
Second Disputes,  
Lewis Seymore.  
First Colloquies,  
Andrew F. Gates.  
Second Colloquies,  
Allen B. Bonar. Frank A. Meacham.

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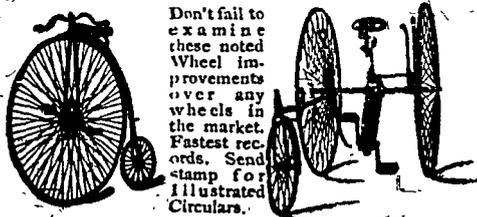
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