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Coasting Song.

Tune—"Jingle Bells."

Dashing o'er the snow
On a swiftly flying bob,
Down the hill we go
A wildly shouting mob.
Gangs on every sled
Making frightful noise,
Oh, what fun it is to be
Such giddy P. A. boys!

Cho.—Ring the bells! blow the horns!
Blow them all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to skim
Down the Fem. Sem. hill each day!

Each afternoon we go
And gaily coast and slide,
And wish the Fem. Sems. too
Were seated at our side.
But though our bobs are long
And room for all to go,
The girls look on with longing eyes
And sadly answer "No."

Cho.—Ring the bells! blow the horns!
Blow them all the way,
For do you know what fun it is
To coast down hill each day.

Now the ground is white,
We hope 'twill long stay so,
And then you'll hear our shouts
As down the hill we go.
We take a nice new bob
That goes at lightning speed;
We get a steerer brave and strong
And crack! we take the lead!

Cho.—Ring the bells! blow the horns!
Make a jolly noise,
Oh, what fun it is to be
Such giddy P. A. boys. L. R. H.

A Bundle of Letters.

II.

From Isaac Snooks, a theologian, to a friend.

Beloved Brother:

Your last epistle fills my dilating heart with joy ineffable. Convey my felicitations and best wishes to the favored fair one—Keziah Perkins, did you say her appellation was?—who has won your hitherto unsusceptible heart. You ask me to evolve from my own tender experiences some words of counsel which shall aid you in managing her, now that she has secured you. I will give them. Temper, so far as possible, any unseemly levity in her disposition, and inculcate within her a realizing sense of her own unworthiness, and a thorough comprehension of the duties which await her when she shall attain the proud position of your consort. I send her by same mail a copy of "Baxter's Saints' Rest" as a wedding gift, (it cost me \$1.23 when it was new) and hope that she may read it with diligence and attention; also, for yourself, Croaker's "Future Punishment," a most pleasing exegesis of the views of the most erudite of theologians. I too, brother Jacob, have almost resolv-

ed to share my lot with a young creature of this town. She is sadly frivolous and worldly, it is true, and unworthy of my thoughts, but I have made it my duty to call upon her religiously each week, and trust that my words of brotherly admonition have had a sobering influence already upon her giddy nature, and have turned her heart from the follies of the world. Lately, when I call, she seems thoughtful and subdued, listens with eager interest to all my words, though saying little in return, and sighs reproachfully when I rise to go. Altogether, her deportment is much more modest and discreet than when we first met, and if she continues to improve, I may, as I said, bestow my heart upon her.

Andover is indeed a Zion's Hill, a place of ethereal loveliness, and the one blot upon its fair surface is the large academy for boys. These boys have little respect for our sacred position, and even presume to talk to us with undue familiarity, and sometimes pelt us with snowballs on the street.

You ask me about the new doctrine here which is exciting so much discussion. I cannot say just now what it is, and can't seem to find it out. Certainly, I believe in it, since it is upheld by all persons of any intelligence, and hope to find out sometime what it is.

Any donation of clothing from the parish or even a barrel of apples would be gratefully received, and no questions asked. Remember me fraternally to Elder Sparks, Deacon Haley, and Sister Hawkins.

Yours in the brotherhood of saints,
ISAAC SNOOKS.
ANDOVER, MASS., Oct. 12th, 188-.

School Meeting.

FEB. 9.

On motion of Watson, the following were chosen to look after the boating interests of the school: Coler, Winters, Freer.

On motion of Fiske, Hanna was elected treasurer of the crew.

G. B. HOLLISTER, Sec'y.

Contributed.

TO THE "PHILLIPIAN":—

In an editorial paragraph of the last issue of THE PHILLIPIAN, reference was made to the recent action of the faculty of Yale College in granting a request of the students to have the daily exercises of the college begin half an hour earlier, in order that two full hours might thus be gained each

day in the interest of athletic sports. On the basis of this one item the writer adds the following comment: "it seems rather incongruous that in an institution founded for literary pursuits, everything should give way before the interest in sports." Yet if the proverb, "one swallow does not make a summer" be true, then the word "everything" is out of place, and "anything" would seem a suitable substitute.

But the perplexity of the writer of the paragraph referred to may be partially removed by reminding him (1) that Yale College was not "founded for literary pursuits," but in the interest of a truly liberal education, and of whatever constitutes a broad, thorough, symmetrical culture; to remind him, (2) that athletic sports have a most important place in connection with the processes of a liberal education. On this point, it is enough to cite the words of Pres. Eliot, of Harvard, and of Prof. Barbour, of Yale, which I have just read in *The Independent* of last week.

Pres. Eliot writes (in substance):

"Part of the utility of athletic sports in college is, that they combat the tendency to vices born of luxury and self-indulgence, which just now seems to be on the increase."

Prof. Barbour writes:

"College athletics, encouraged as they are here on moral grounds, contribute to the lessening of lower enjoyments among our young men."

In the opinion of those thus informed, this approximate return* to the time-table of the earlier days of Yale, in order to encourage a more vigorous athletic culture, furnishes warrant for neither sneer nor reproachful comment.

VAN.

*In old times, prayers and first recitation at college came before breakfast,—at six o'clock, if I am not mistaken.

TO THE "PHILLIPIAN":—

We who are passing our first year in this school hear a great deal about the lively times of two years ago. The old fellows say that the school of to-day cannot be compared with the school as it was then. They say that there is no interest taken in the school affairs this year. Now, what is the matter? Does the trouble lie with the new fellows? But, surely if there is not an energetic fellow among all the new ones, there are plenty of old fellows to keep up the honor of the school. Why do we not see some of the fellows that were here last year at Philo.? The reason is because

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IN speaking of the PHILLIPIAN, the *Willistonian* says: "We noticed in one of the editorials concerning athletics and in regard to a base ball league the statement in reply to the *Exonian*, that a committee had written to the principal preparatory schools concerning such a league. Williston has not received such a communication." If the exchange editor had looked a little more carefully at the said paragraph from the PHILLIPIAN, he would have seen that the original statement that the committee had written to the principal preparatory schools in the vicinity. No invitation was sent Williston from here, as it was considered that the distance was too great to make the matter practicable, and that the time and expense of travelling could not be spared.

From the inaction of the schools in our vicinity, we should judge that Exeter and Andover alone would be left to form a league, as St. Paul's, St. Mark's, and the Boston Latin School have declined to join, and no one else has been heard from.

THE committee appointed to investigate the charges against the officers of the old Athletic Association, reported last Saturday. As the report was rather voluminous we can publish but the substance of it.

All the charges brought against the Association were fully sustained. It was proved that the treasurer's accounts rendered to the school were made up for the occasion, the balance in the treasury in no wise corresponded with what it should have been, the majority of the officers were culpably negligent, and in some cases dishonest, and the money was carelessly and extravagantly expended. The work of the committee gave great satisfaction, everyone, even those accused, feeling that the investigation had been fair.

The investigation was a delicate and unpleasant task, but it was a necessary evil, and we hope it will not need to be repeated. The finances of the school have long needed more scrupulous care in their management, and the exposure of this matter can but awaken all school treasurers to a sense of the responsibility which they take on assuming their office.

It is certainly much better to have these charges proved than to leave the whole

matter in doubt. The report of the committee has done all the good it ever will do, and the matter had better be dropped after this. The investigation as a precedent will not soon be forgotten.

Boating.

Through the energy of those interested in boating here the success of a crew seems assured, and next summer ought to see Phillips put a crew on the water which can sustain our reputation in athletics. What is needed at present is an enthusiastic support of the undertaking by the whole school, either in the form of cash from those who can afford it, or in the form of hard and persistent training from all who are candidates for places on the crew. It is hardly possible, considering time and expense, for first class rowing machines to be put in the Gym. this winter, and yet the crew ought to be substantially chosen when they first go on the water. In order to make the work of the committee easier, the fellows should get into training so as to show what they can do when the boats are ready. Under all considerations it has seemed advisable, both to the faculty and the committee, to use Hackett's pond in preference to the Merrimack. The course there is as good as can be found and the school can have a good deal more freedom in seeing the practice and races than if they took place at Lawrence. At Hackett's the whole school, if it wishes, can view the races, and have much more freedom and enjoyment. There the rowing would not necessarily be restricted to a few, under careful surveillance. There will be some way of transportation by which the crews will be carried at the expense of \$40.00 per month, and doubtless barges at low rates will easily carry any one else who desires to accompany them. The only argument which we have heard in opposition is that rowing will interfere with our base ball and foot ball. As far as we have found out not one of the candidates for the crew is a base ball player, and as the boating is mainly confined to the spring it cannot interfere with any of our fall sports. Indeed nothing could give our athletic men such perfect training as this, and all our sports might profit by it.

The subscription list has been started and generously responded to by the fellows as far as it has gone. Money must be had, and plenty to start the crew on a good working basis; let all the fellows subscribe as liberally as they feel able—they could not support a better object.

Mr. Chaucey M. Depew's honors have at last culminated in his being elected an honorary member of a Peekskill base-ball club.—*Ex.*

Dartmouth College reports 258 Academic students; Chandler Scientific, 66; Agricultural and Mechanical, 50; Medical, 58; Civil Engineering, 7; Total, 430.

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they don't go. Philo. hardly gets a quorum. The PHILLIPIAN editors complain that their waste paper basket does not get full fast enough. What is the matter? Are there not fellows among us that can write? But when we look back and see the tournament of last fall, we turn away and blush. Now I ask again, is it the fault of the new fellows entirely? No, it is the fault of the old fellows as well. If they would set the new fellows an example, we would follow. But instead of that, they sit still and growl at the way the affairs are carried out, but never stir a step to set them right. Now let all the fellows stick together, not in laziness, but in work. Write for THE PHILLIPIAN, go to Philo., and practice for athletics, then no one will have cause or time to grumble. F. A. N.

We clip the following from the *Yale News*:—

"We see from an editorial and communication in the *Andover Phillipian* of Jan. 30th, that there is some thought of starting a boat club in that school. Within the past few years the subject has been several times broached, and as often allowed to drop again without anything being accomplished. But from the tenor of the *Phillipian's* articles it would seem as though this time there would be an earnest effort to put the matter through.

If this be the case, and if the originators of the move consider the conditions (such as distance of rowing course, convenience of recitation hours, etc.), to be favorable to the enterprise, we would heartily urge them to hold a school meeting and form a boat club. In case this is done we think there is no doubt that the Yale University Boat Club will assist the school as far as it possibly can, as it has on several occasions promised to do so.

There are several unused boats in good condition in our boat house, one or more of which the Boat Club would gladly send to Andover, thus at once relieving the school of one of the greatest expenses usually incurred in founding such an institution."

A novel device has been adopted by the Polo Club in order to insure a full attendance at business meetings. The last notice begins as follows: "There will be an important meeting, informal reception, and a full lunch at the rooms, etc."—*Ex.*

The Yale Gymnasium project is suffering from a report which is going the rounds of the college press that all the funds but five thousand have been secured. In fact, but five thousand has been received.

Boston's Amusements.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15.

Boston Theatre, Boston Ideals. Matinee, 2, "Victor." Evening, 7.45, "Martha."

Boston Museum, Boucicault, "The Jilt," 2 and 7.45.

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Globe, "Count of Monte Christo," 2 and 7.45.

Park, Salisbury's Troubadors, 2 and 7.45.

Phillipiana.

The banjo players are much delighted with their new instructor.

The *Harvard Advocate* completed its twentieth year with the issue on Feb. 5.

Mr. Dole began his winter term of boxing lessons on Thursday with a larger class than last year.

We hear that a well known athlete has headed the rowing subscription with the generous sum of \$50.00.

Prof. to sleepy student: "Mr. D. you may translate, but while you are waking up and finding the place Mr. C. may read."

We hear that the society's latest acquisition wants to know who gave away the secrets of P. O. D. He says it is a-bom-i-na-ble.

We would request all contributors to hand in their names together with their *nom de plumes*, as we can only publish articles whose authors we know.

The *Evening Post* gives the following men as sure of positions on the Yale nine for '86. Bremner, Marsh, Stewart, Stagg, Sheppard and Brigham.

Dr. Sargent of Harvard offers to put eight first-class rowing machines in the Gym. for \$400.00. Guess we won't have those machines this year.

Andover talks of forming a Boat Club. Yale offers to present her with an old shell in the most disinterested and philanthropic manner.—*Harvard Crimson*.

We are in receipt of the annual catalogue of the Andover Theological Seminary. There are at present 61 students of whom Amherst sends 11, Dartmouth 5, Oberlin 5, Bowdoin 4, Williams 6, Harvard 3, Yale 2.

We hear that the only rival of the *Harvard Lampoon* at present, is the *Police Gazette*. We are not acquainted with the latter but think that the editors must be of the highest merit to be compared with the editors of the *Lampoon*.—*Lusell Leaves*. Chestnuts!

The placard of Prof. Winchester's lecture Thursday evening are posted. Mr Winchester comes here highly recommended and should meet with a hearty welcome. The lecture takes Ludlow Castle, the seat of Sir Phillip Sidney, and describes the literary characters of that period of English history.

As by the recent entertainment given by the school sufficient money was not raised to cover all the debts, which ought to be paid, the committee have secured Mr. Blakie, of New York, the author of "How to get strong and how to stay so," who will lecture on College Athletics sometime in the near future.

While the students of Harvard are agitating for the abolition of prayers, the faculty of Yale are bragging because the young men at that institution are asking for more and earlier petitions to the throne of grace. Yale will get even with Harvard for beating it at that boat race, if such a thing is possible.—*Chicago Herald*.

Prof. Young of Princeton will give a course of twelve lectures, in Astronomy, at the Lowell Institute in Boston, and will have courses running at the same time at Bradford and Abbot Academy, Andover. We understand that some twenty-five boys can be admitted here. The tickets will be \$1.50 for 6 lectures. Prof. Young taught in Phillips 1856-57.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Phillips Andover Academy Association was held Wednesday evening Feb. 3, at the office of W. A. Mowrey, No. 3 Somerset street, to fix upon a time and place for having a reunion and dinner of the alumni. It was agreed that March 24 next, at five o'clock, should be the time, and Boston the place where the reunion should take place. There will probably be a very large attendance, and Alpheus Hardy is to preside. The members of the reception committee are Alpheus Hardy, C. F. P. Bancroft, Ph. D., and Robert R. Bishop. The executive committee consists of Messrs. William A. Mowrey, George W. W. Dove, George W. Ware, jr., and William H. Parmenter. Dr. Bancroft, the able principal of the academy, Professor Eaton, and Dr. Abbot were present at the meeting of the executive committee.—*Advertiser*.

Alumnorum.

Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, '53, was installed pastor at Keene, N. H., Feb. 10.

Hon. Geo. M. Woodruff, '58 has been renominated Railroad Commissioner for Connecticut

Geo. L. Putnam, P. A. '61, Amherst, '65, for many years connected with the educational interests of Mobile, and the State of Alabama, died Nov. 28, 1885, at Bodie, Cal.

S. Arthur Bent, P. A. '57, Superintendent of schools at Clinton, Mass. has published a valuable little book, "Hints on Language," for primary and intermediate schools.

Mr. Henry E. Benoit, ex-P. A. '83, of Canada, has started for Mayumba, Africa. This is a French colony, and he goes to preach and teach in the French language. He will be one more added to the Bishop Taylor band.

George Rice Carpenter, P. A. '82, Harvard '86 has been confirmed by the Fellows and Overseers of Harvard, as Instructor in English for the year '85-'86. His work is with the Sophomores in themes. Carpenter was the editor of the *Phillipian*, '81-'82, and is now Editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Monthly*.

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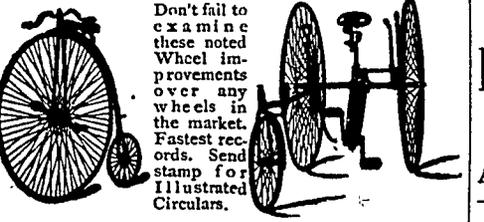
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