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## The Theologue.

I

O who is he of the pensive face,  
The lord-like air, and the fawn-like grace?  
And why have his eyes that upward roll?  
And why is his face so full of soul?

II

How! know ye not this gentle youth?  
He studies peace and love and truth,  
But ah! it grieves me this to say,  
How oft' he treads the other way.

III

For every night for hours full,  
He lingers o'er the midnight glim,  
'Tis this that makes his face so dull,  
And makes his eyes so dim.

IV

'Tis not from pouring o'er his "Giekie,"  
Nay! Nay! It is not this,  
For he is lost in love and rapture  
In the Duchess's "Last Kiss."

V

And then 'tis very often,  
He gives a midnight "spread,"  
And from eating canned lobster  
Betakes himself to bed.

VI

Then says it is from study,  
From study hard and long,  
O Theologue! My Theologue!  
Prevarication's wrong.

VII

Now fare thee well my bonnie boy,  
We wish you every pastoral joy,  
And may you always tell the truth,  
As taught you in your tender youth,  
And if in ministry you fail,  
Just go and study law at Yale.

## Lady Hildegard's Vow;

Or, THE FATAL KISS!

BY BLANCHIE GENEVIEVE DE VEAU.

Author of "The Sin of a Lifetime," "Shadowed by One,"  
"The Bride of an Hour," etc., etc.

### CHAPTER I.

IN WHICH HAROLD VAN HOLSTED FINDS  
HIMSELF A HERO IN SPITE OF  
HIMSELF.

The last golden rays of the western sun were kissing the placid waters of Lake Como, and streaming over the dancing waves, they fell upon a little boat and its two occupants, one, the fair Lady Hildegard, the pride of the country round, the other, the hero of our tale, Harold Van Holsted. A more beautiful type of the brunette could hardly be found than proud Lady Hildegard, with her soft creamy complexion and dark liquid eyes, and her peculiar beauty was more marked when contrasted with the handsome blonde face of her companion. But let us listen to what they are saying.

"Hildegard, my own darling, don't say no to me if you would not break my heart," was the low eager entreaty of the young man.

The pouting red lips parted in a delicious peal of laughter, and then she spoke.

"What do you mean, sir? I'm not your darling, and I don't understand you at all."

"Don't trifle with me, Hilda; I will not stand it!" said her lover through his set teeth.

A toss of the imperious little head, and a contemptuous smile was his only answer.

"Say you love me, dear, or if you can't say that, let me say it for you."

"I don't know whether I love you or not, Mr. Van Holsted, and I'll thank you not to call me by my first name without leave." returned Miss Hildegard with decision.

"No! no! don't say that! but tell me, Hilda, don't you care for me just a little bit."

The dark eyes fell for a moment, and the rich blood dyed the rosy cheeks. "Perhaps I do, just a little bit," was the soft reply.

"Ah! bless you, bless you, my own darling! Will you kiss me, dear?"

She hesitated, then leaned forward and touched her warm lips to his, and hid her face on her lover's breast. Neither spoke for a moment, so deep was their emotion, nor did they notice the angry clouds which had obscured the sun, nor the dull moaning of the rising wind. A peal of reverberating thunder startled them from their silence, and the young lover looked up with dismay at the sudden turmoil of the elements. The flapping of the sail warned him, and he rushed to the helm, but all in vain. On the instant the squall struck them and overturned the boat as though it were made of paper, throwing its precious burden into the seething waters.

For a moment Harold Van Holsted was overcome by the suddenness of the calamity, but speedily recovering his presence of mind, he looked hastily about him for his companion. There, on the other side of the boat, it seemed miles away, his practiced eye discovered the dark dress of a woman, and he swam with all his strength for the spot, but when he had reached it no sign of her remained. A sickening fear came over him, and he cried out with all the strength of his lungs. At that moment the form of his loved one rose almost beside him, for the last time, and her imploring cry rang in his ears.

[The continuation of this mystical and intensely thrilling tale will be found only in No. 427 of the *New York Wedger*, the great Family Story Paper, for sale by all newsdealers and stationers. Now is the time to subscribe.]

## The Earth's Satellite.

The third lecture in the Abbott Academy Astronomy Course was delivered by Prof. Young on Wednesday evening, subject "The Moon." The moon has the most visible effect on the earth in the effect of the tides, and by the theory of Darwin the younger, once revolved near the surface of the earth, but by the reciprocal action of the tides on the earth and moon, it has been gradually pushed away, till it reached its present distance of about 240,000 miles, varying according to its orbit by about 20,000 miles. The time of its revolution around the earth is accurately known. It is 27 days, 7 hours, 43 minutes 11.545 seconds, sidereal time. These figures are obtained from a record on the ruins of Nineveh, that in the year 763 B. C., on a certain date, there was a total eclipse of the moon between 9 and 10 in the morning. There have been 30,000 odd months since then and if the average were diminished the one hundredth of a second the reverse computation would bring the eclipse before 9 o'clock. Having stated in what respect some of the motions of the moon are still a puzzle to astronomers, he explained how it is that while the moon rotates on its axis it still has but one face toward us. There is no air, no life of any kind on its surface, while its heat is of low intensity, and about similar to the heat a block of ice would diffuse.

As much of the moon as is visible has been surveyed and mapped through telescopes much more completely than has the surface of the earth. There is no patch on the moon's surface of half a mile square that is not accurately mapped. The height of the mountains on the moon is accurately measured by the length of their shadows. By the illuminated screen the lecturer gave us a very vivid picture of the moon's surface and present condition, showing plainly the mountains, volcanoes and ocean beds.

On Thursday the fourth lecture was given on the subject of asteroids and planets.

The asteroids he said are also called planetoides and minor planets. All their orbits are between Mars and Jupiter. 253 in number, their total mass amounts to about one third the mass of the earth. Though diverse, their orbits, in respect to their distance from the sun, form a well defined pathway, and suggest that they are pieces of a planet which had well defined

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LATELY the school has lost by death two of her distinguished benefactors, John B. Gough and John Smith. Mr. Gough has repeatedly aided the school in many ways, particularly at the time of the centennial. Mr. Smith was one of the founders of the principalship fund, and in addition to his help to the Academy he assisted in building the Brechen Theological Library in Andover and the Andover schools in Brechen, Scotland, his birthplace.

The *Lawrence American* of last Saturday, after quoting the PHILLIPIAN'S remarks about the attendance at Prof. Winchester's lecture, speaks as follows:

The Phillipian, a paper published by the members of Phillips Academy, sees fit to criticise the tastes of the "lecture going population of Andover," because of its failure to turn out in large numbers to the lecture of Prof. Winchester. While we freely admit the excellency of the gentlemen's lecture, as is shown in another article, in every particular, we would remind the school-boy editor that the Andover public is free to attend the lectures which its own best judgment may dictate. The deplorable falacy resorted to in the unsuccessful attempt to strengthen its argument by referring to the People's Course, is something unknown in the former history of that sheet. We would further remind our esteemed neighbor that if the management of the People's Course was wrongly informed with regard to the "sailor lecturer," it was deeply regretted; and still further say that the lecture referred to was distasteful to the audience, and that the "cheering to the echo," came almost exclusively from that portion of the hall occupied by "Phillipians." Perhaps the management of Prof. Winchester's lecture is more at fault for the "smallness of the audience which greeted him," than any other one factor. The announcement was certainly unattractive, and we are of opinion that the lecturer was comparatively unknown about here. The Brown University Glee Club has in the past, and will, we venture to affirm, continue to have a crowded house when the weather is auspicious. Our citizens liberally patronize the entertainments gotten up by the Academy when properly handled. We not only fail to see wherein our contemporary finds ground for "cutting comments" on the tastes of our townspeople, but also fail to catch the point where an intelligent public would accord to grant the writer of the mooted question success in attempting to "cut." We deplore the reference to the Emergency Course, the originators of which are gentlemen, and the success of which thus far has been unqualified, every lecturer being a master of his profession. If the students of the Academy would court the patronage of the public, perhaps it would be advisable to desist from such comments.

By the PHILLIPIAN'S mention of the townspeople we had reference to that part of the town interested in and connected with our various schools here, among whom the PHILLIPIAN has almost its entire circulation, and not to the people for whom the People's Course was originally started. No one doubts that that Course has been emphatically successful in its prime object, which was to bring good entertainments within the reach of people who could otherwise not afford to hear them.

The students and friends of our various institutions attended in large numbers, and did not attend Prof. Winchester's lecture, to which none of the lectures we have had this year could be compared, and which, particularly to students, was more valuable than the whole People's Course in one. The very statement of the *American* that the Academy boys did the balance of cheering at the "sailor lecture" is but an iteration of our words in the original article, namely, "the students and townspeople will cheer to the echo," etc., and is also an added proof of the popularity of this Course with them. We criticised the students and educated people for missing such a chance as Prof. Winchester, and yet attending these lectures. We still think the criticism holds. With these facts in view, the "deplorable policy of trying to strengthen our argument by reference to the People's Course" seems hardly proved.

We do not see how our E. C. strengthens his argument by reference to our mention of the Emergency Course and the Brown Glee Club concert. We said "they (referring to the students and townspeople) will go to the above entertainments and will not attend this one, given by the students." We neither denied that the Emergency lectures were valuable, or that the founders of the course were gentlemen, or that the lecturers were masters of their profession, or that the Brown Glee Club would have a good house the next time it came, and yet the *American* "deplores the reference to the Emergency lectures," and strikes up a valiant defense of the Glee Club, against which not a word has been said.

Next we come to "bad management" and "poor advertising." The same methods of advertising were used as in past entertainments, and in addition, handbills containing an account of the lecture were left at the houses; if the lecture was unknown here it shows extraordinary stupidity in not reading the advertisements, or lamentable ignorance on the part of the inhabitants of Andover, usually supposed to be far in advance of the rest of the world in enlightenment.

The "boy editor" of the PHILLIPIAN is glad to learn that "the Andover public is free to go to what entertainments its best judgment dictates." The public in the past has generally managed to get along without our assistance, and probably will in the future, though it seems in this instance to have sadly needed some strong hand like the PHILLIPIAN to guide it in the way it should go. We are also informed that "if we would court the favor of the public we must refrain from such comments." We were ignorant that an open expression of opinion would hurt the feelings of the public, but if such is the case, we will have to leave said favor to the *American*, and try ourselves to drag out a miserable existence under the eye of public disapproval.

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orbit and was destroyed by an explosion. This theory may be modified by supposing instead of one, several explosions, that is, that several of the pieces, after the first explosion, having gone on a while in their new orbits, themselves exploded into these pieces which found for themselves other orbits. Of the greatest planets Jupiter is chief, its distance from the sun is 480,000, 000 miles and its period about 12 years. It is next in brightness to Venus and has about 300 times the weight and 1200 times the bulk of the earth. Its surface is not in a white hot or red hot condition but it has no doubt a high temperature a short distance below the surface. It appears to be in a semi-solar condition and to have no fixed spots on the surface, like the sun, its rotation being potent in the equatorial region. Its sphere shows a series of horizontal belts of different various colors. By observation of the eclipses of the moon of Jupiter the distance of the planet from the sun may be accurately determined by the known rate at which light travels and thus a very accurate means derived for ascertaining the distance of the earth from the sun. The lecturer also discoursed upon the planets Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. While doubting the existence of any inter-mercurial planet he said that there is high probability that one will be found outside of Neptune.

A LITTLE after six o'clock Sunday evening the bells of the village rung an alarm call for what proved to be the largest fire of the year. The night was bitter cold and especially bad for a fire on account of the high wind blowing. The alarm was rapidly spread among the fellows and soon our old engine was hurried in the direction of the smoke and flames which were plainly visible and which were found to come from the Episcopal Church. The fire had started in the west end of the church, and owing to the strong westerly winds, had made such headway that it was useless to try to save the burning building. The church being old and constructed wholly of wood, burned like tinder, sending out great showers of sparks and fragments of burning wood which the wind carried for a long distance, placing the houses in its track in great danger. Before our engine arrived a large crowd had gathered and when, picking their way through this, our boys found they could do no good by working at the fire itself they turned their attention to Mr. Means' house on which the sparks were falling. After some delay in finding water and further delay in making it "come" a stream was thrown upon the house, which was thus left out of danger. Mr. Bradley's house, adjoining the church, was in the greatest danger, but by the exertions of the Fire Department it was saved. The fire did not last long, on account of the strength of the wind, but while it did last it burned with the utmost fierceness, the whole building being in flames at once. As near as can be found out the cause was a defective flue. The insurance will probably be secured.

## Boston's Amusements.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6.

BOSTON THEATRE.—Margaret Mather as "Juliet." Matinee and Evening.

BIJOU THEATRE.—Lydia Thompson in "Oxygen." 2.00.

BOSTON MUSEUM.—Boucicault in "The Jilt." 2.00.

PARK THEATRE.—Madison Square Company in "Private Secretary." 2.00.

GLOBE THEATRE.—Modjeska in "As You Like It." 2.00. Evening, "Twelfth Night."

HOLLIS ST. THEATRE.—"The Mikado." 2.00.

## Phillipiana.

Our mathematical editor has computed that our tuition costs us about 9 cents a lesson.

G. S. McNeill, P. S. '86, and S. B. Johnson, P. A. '86, have had to leave school on account of sickness.

The Episcopal services will be held in the lower town hall for the present. A chapel will be erected as soon as possible.

Stetson was struck in the mouth by a cinder at the fire. We are glad to report that there was no damage to his moustache.

The Middle Classical class were glad to receive their old friend Tweedy 2nd back. He has been home on account of sickness.

By an error in our last issue the date of the spring tournament at Exeter was misstated. It is to be held May 15, instead of March 15.

All who are going to have photographs ought to sit this term, in order that Mr. McCormick may have next term for making school groups.

It has been voted by the Harvard Conference committee that any person caught "cribbing" in an examination shall be expelled from college.

Dr. Bancroft and Prof. Comstock are invited to be the guests of Dr. McCosh at the reunion of New England preparatory schools at Princeton, March 15th.

The Junior Middle Class has omitted Cicero and begun Virgil this week. In the course of time at the present rate how long will it be before they read it in the Prep. class?

There is a Yale Freshman who is reported as having a "banger"—i. e., a cane which weighs more than 11 lbs. It is pleasant to note such evidence of higher culture among the students of our American colleges.—*Tribune*.

At the conference of the College Young Men's Christian Association which met last week at Brown University, there were fourteen Phillips Andover men present, and on Saturday evening a reunion was held in Manning Hall.

Annual "Town Meeting" came on March 1st, giving the usual welcome cut. The license measure was defeated by a vote of 131 to 327, and it is highly probable that this large majority seals the fate of our future holidays when this question comes up.

Saturday, March 20th has been decided upon as the day for the winter tournament. As this date is a week earlier than was at first contemplated, it is important that all who intend to take part should hand in their names as promptly as possible. Preliminaries will take place Sat., 13th.

Twelve Exeter graduates at present in Princeton have offered a gold medal to be competed for by four representatives from each of the two literary societies of Exeter—the G. L. Soule and Golden Branch societies. The contest is to be one of declamation, and is to take place in the last week in May. If the issue of this contest be successful it is very probable that the prize will be renewed every year.

The Germania concert to be given in the Town Hall on the 16th will be one of the most interesting entertainments which have appeared this winter. The Germania is an old established company, and contains most excellent talent. Mr. Lichtenberg's playing is unexcelled. He is a second Ole Bull. Mrs. Eames, besides being a charming singer, is a most beautiful woman. The company has been secured at great expense, and deserves a hearty welcome.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Phillips Academy, July 8, 1800, it was "Voted: That the scholars be prohibited from exercising themselves in any wheel called a federal balloon, fandangos, or by any other name. Voted: That Hon. Samuel Phillips, Mr. Pearson and Dr. Morse be a committee to consider whether any plan can be adopted by the Trustees of this Academy, for extending and perpetuating to the citizens of America, the advantages to be derived from an adherence to the counsels of Gen. Washington, delivered in his address, and, if any, what." Phillips was a great friend and admirer of Washington.

Mr. Edward D. Page, a graduate of Yale, publishes in the *Nation* of Feb. 18th, an interesting review and comparison of the history of Yale and Harvard for the last fifteen years. During this period Yale has increased from 818 in 1873 to 856 in 1885, a gain of 4.6 per cent. Harvard, in the same time, has increased from 803 to 1162, or a gain of 44.7 per cent. Thus, during twelve years past, Harvard's increase has been more than ten times Yale's. Going further back, Yale has increased from 500 in 1866 to 563 in 1885, a gain of 12.5 per cent. while Harvard has increased from 419 in 1866 to 1068 in 1885, or a gain of 155 per cent. Taking the freshman classes, Yale's freshman class of this year is 134, or 22 less than entered in 1865, while 258 entered Cambridge this year, or 133 more than in 1865.

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