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Latter-Day Love.

O'er a caldron Cupid's bent,
And he stands
Like a wizard old, intent
On some smoking, grewsome brew,
Adding magic drops thereto,
Then his hands
Clasp the stirring-rod anew.
On his wrinkled time-worn face
And white hair
Cares and years have left their trace;
Age has marred his classic pose;
Spectacles adorn his nose;
Once so fair,
Now he is a withered rose.
In the caldron first he flings
Little loves with little wings.
Then he throws in lovers' sighs,
Whispered speeches, kisses, tears,
Smiles and laughter of bright eyes,
Maidens' blushes, modest fears,
Little squeezes of a hand,
Stirring always with his wand.
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Times there were, when Love was young,
When his bow was ever strung;
When from out his countless hoard,
Love and arrows freely poured.
Now, an alchemist and old,
Out of love he fashions Gold.

The Vacation in Town.

Although the mass of the school dispersed to their homes at the close of school last term, there to spend a fortnight in something beside the cultivation of their mental powers, yet a small remnant was left, especially of those living in commons, who, from choice or necessity, had determined to "stick it out" in Andover and eat their Christmas dinner with as pleasant thoughts of home and friends as their circumstances would admit. In spite of discouragements the vacation was not spent altogether unpleasantly by the unlucky (?) ones who in one way or another managed to find some amusement to their taste. Aside from the pleasant time prepared on Christmas Day at the Marland House for the Commons' boys, which we note elsewhere, one of the events of the week was the dedication of the new Episcopal chapel which will hereafter form one of the attractions of Andover, and is a beautiful work of architecture. The services were conducted by eminent clergymen, among whom was the Rev. Phillips Brooks. On new year's night an entertainment was given in one of the rooms in Latin Commons, which consisted of readings and declamations by the boys. When these had come to an end refreshments were passed around to the company and visitors, (a select few), and the entertainment broke up at a seasonable hour of the new year.

On another day a half dozen or so of the more adventurous youths provided themselves with fishing tackle and made their way to a neighboring pond with the intention of alluring some unsuspecting fish to their lines. Holes were cut in the ice and lines adjusted, but the strong wind which sprung up on their arrival so drifted the snow into the holes as to make scientific angling simply out of the question. Still a number of fish were caught, how many we would not like to say, though not enough to seriously inconvenience the boys on the way home. Perhaps the event of greatest importance to Andover at large and the seminary in particular was the trial of the five professors of the seminary in Boston, the issue of which is awaited with a great deal of interest not only here, but through the Christian world.

The usual amount of Andover weather filled out the calendar and brought a not unpleasant vacation to its close.

The State of the Gymnasium.

We desire to call the attention of the school to the dilapidated condition into which the gymnasium has fallen.

Although this is a trite and well-worn subject, yet it cannot be too strongly emphasized, and it is getting to be time that this matter were agitated.

We feel that it is owing to the condition of the apparatus that so few frequent the gymnasium; whereas it should be crowded every night. Even the light apparatus, which is far more essential than the heavier and more difficult, is nearly useless. There is but one chest weight in which the ropes run readily in the rollers, and no two ropes are of uniform length.

The very fact that the one or two chest weights which are not disabled are in almost constant use goes to prove the necessity of having more and better ones.

The rowing machines, though in good order, are entirely out of date and physically do more injury than good. The vaulting horse is practically useless, while those gigantic parallel oars only excite conjectures as to what our ancestors used to do with them.

As to the rest of the heavy apparatus, with the exception of the horizontal bar (which is both modern and elegant), we need only state that nineteen years ago it was bought second-hand from a disorgan-

ized gymnasium in Charlestown. The bowling alleys are excellent, and we feel duly grateful for the recent inestimable improvement put in this last vacation. In view of the fact that our sister institution has been provided with a costly and elegant building for physical training, we appeal to the authorities for a simple and durable refitting of our present gymnasium.

We therefore suggest that a committee be appointed to wait on the faculty with reference to accomplishing this object. We cannot but feel that the trustees will see the justice of our complaints when they have carefully investigated the present state of affairs.

Notice.

We have been approached by the officers of the orchestra within the past week who wish to give notice of a vacancy in their organization. The orchestra is in need of a bass violin, and as they wish to begin practice immediately, it is very desirable that the place be filled at once. If there is any one in school who plays the instrument, or with a little practice could fill the position, he will confer a favor by speaking with either Mr. Frear or Mr. du Pont at the earliest possible date.

The Songs of Harvard.

When the collection of songs and glees known as the *Yale Songs* appeared two or three years since it seemed that but little advance could be made on that valuable volume. A like publication from Harvard, which has been awaited with interest, has lately appeared, edited by one of the under graduates. The book contains beneath its tasteful covers a good number of songs adapted to general singing beside a number of more difficult ones suitable only for a glee club or other experienced body of singers. The selections consist of part songs and solos with chorus, many of which have also a piano accompaniment. The difficulty in compiling a book of this nature intended for general use among a large body of students is to select such pieces as can be used with good results by both the glee club and the students at large. The editors seem to have been very successful in this respect and present a book well worth having.

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WHILE the pockets of our subscribers are full (or ought to be) and before they begin slowly but surely to empty we would like to offer a gentle reminder that a good many of the subscriptions are still unpaid.

We fully realize how great the demands are which are made upon us at this time and yet our readers would greatly favor us if each would promptly pay his subscription. Payments may be made to any of the editors.

THE PHILLIPIAN, as it enters upon the second term of the school year, extends greeting to all. We notice several new faces among the students which we are glad to welcome to our midst. We also notice with regret the absence of a few familiar countenances. The losses from all causes have been surprisingly few, the school having thus far enjoyed a very prosperous year.

The winter term is, we believe, generally looked forward to as the longest and least enjoyable of the year; in so far as our experience goes we have not found it so. The chances for out of door sports, to be sure, are limited, but they might be much enlarged if a little more energy were displayed by the students. The outlook for an enjoyable term is, we think, excellent, and if all unite in the endeavor to make it so, we feel assured that the result will be satisfactory to all.

AMONG the many winter sports now in vogue, that of tobogganning is rapidly growing to be foremost. And well it may, for few pastimes can compare with it in the exhilarating and at the same time healthful exercise which it affords.

All enterprising towns and cities are erecting toboggan slides which have become so popular that great profits are realized by their owners.

Now why cannot Andover have a slide? Since the towns people do not seem disposed to take this matter in hand why cannot some of our enterprising fellows put their heads together and construct a slide as a matter of speculation.

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It would be in constant use since tobogganning is not like skating and coasting altogether dependent on the weather.

Let some of our fellows who possess "capital" give this project consideration.

Boating Interests.

"I understand the boat-club has become a dead letter," we heard some one remark the other day, and no doubt he represented in some degree the sentiment of the school at large. Perhaps the PHILLIPIAN has carelessly overlooked this subject in the past, and consequently we have taken especial pains to thoroughly investigate the matter, and are now prepared to lay it before the Academy.

Mr. Frear, who was elected Captain of the crew, has appointed an able staff of officers, consisting of three men from the entire school who seem thoroughly interested and whose aim will be to give the club a firm foundation to start with. First, we must have some definite aim in view. By this you must not understand simply success in obtaining a place among the first eight men who shall represent the school, but far more important is it for us to have a challenge to look forward to, that we may feel that we are bound by a compact which it will be a disgrace to break. The consciousness of having a challenge will, we trust, in some measure rouse what little energy there is in the school to promoting an interest in the academy which should be unflagging. When we obtain this, which we consider our first move, then we will endeavor to do our duty to the school by producing as good a crew as the material in the academy will afford.

We desire it distinctly understood that no individual will be slighted, and that no one will hold a seat in the crew unless he honestly deserves it. It is thought the discipline we shall get on the river next spring will not be adequate to fulfill all that may be desired, so we have come to the conclusion that the sooner the fellows go into training the better result will be had in whatever contests we participate. To do this it is necessary that we have some apparatus in the gymnasium suited to developing a certain class of muscles. What kind of apparatus has not yet been decided but information has been asked of a gentleman who is well up on such matters, and his reply is now awaited. We do not expect a very unanimous support this year from a financial standpoint but it is felt that if one success is gained it will go a great way towards furthering this branch of athletics next year, and if we are straight forward in our ways we shall gain the help and approval of the school.

Exchanges.

We turn with pleasure to our pile of exchanges this month to find them of great interest in many particulars. Each one seems to have felt the happy influence of the season and visibly expanded under it. Especially is this true of the larger exchanges, the college "lits," all of which are well worth reading. Among them and in the foremost rank is the *Harvard Monthly*, which has not thus far found its way into the reading room. This paper will be found to contain articles of high literary merit. It may be of interest also to know that *Sempers P. A.* '84 has a contribution in the last number. All the exchanges will shortly be placed in the reading room where they may be seen.

Alumnorum.

Prof. Comstock was confined to his home several days last week by illness.

G. Howard Strong, P. S. '81, is to be married at St. John's Church, Bradford, Pa., January 12, to Miss Anna McIntosh.

Geo. E. Downes of Canton, Stephen Swift Taft of Palmer, and Samuel C. Darling of Haverhill, old Phillips boys, are in the Massachusetts legislature.

Alfred I. du Pont, P. S. '82, was married to Miss Bessie Gardner at St. James Church, Philadelphia. He is engaged in the famous du Pont powder company.

Dr. Bancroft lectured at Lawrence Dec. 20, and at Lee, N. H., Dec. 30. He also made an address in Music Hall, Boston, on forefathers' day, the principal speakers being Gov. Robinson and James G. Blaine.

Professor Comstock and Mr. Lloyd spent the vacation in New York and vicinity. Professor Coy was at New Haven, Mr. Eaton at Worcester, and Mr. Beirwirth at Cambridge. The other members of the faculty remained at Andover.

Frederick S. C. Bartlett, P. A. '71, Harvard '75, a lawyer of Fairhaven and a member-elect of the Massachusetts legislature, in which he had served one term, died Dec. 26, leaving a widow and two children. His father and a younger brother were also Andover scholars.

The venerable and Right Reverend William Bacon Stevens celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Protestant Episcopal bishopric of Pennsylvania January 4. When he was consecrated the whole state was his diocese; now there are three dioceses, each presided over by Phillips Andover men, and his five counties contain more ministers and churches than the whole state in 1862.

Charles Short, L.L.D., professor of Latin in Columbia College, died in New York Dec. 24. He graduated from this Academy in 1840, and was afterwards a teacher here. There is a picture of him, and a sketch of his life, in Harper's Weekly for Jan. 8. He had been president of Kenyon, one of the American revisers of the New Testament, and one of the editors of Harper's Latin Lexicon.

Phillipiana.

The poet Whittier has just completed a long historical poem.

Perhaps the Seniors need a reminder concerning their plug hats.

Delancy has gone to the Institute of Technology in Boston.

Toboggan slides have been constructed at Yale, Princeton and Harvard.

Ann Arbor was the first American institution to introduce the co-educational system.

Two fellows from the Middle entered the Senior class at the beginning of this term.

The Scientific course at Amherst, which was suspended two years ago, has been resumed.

Morgan, who was in the late railroad accident, was one of the very few whose baggage was uninjured.

The sophomore and freshman classes at Yale wear a piece of black crape as a token of mourning for the death of Watkinson.

There were some Academy fellows in one of the trains which met with the accident on the Boston and Albany last week.

A private class in the Hawaiian language has been formed by some '88 and '88 S. men; a Sheff. Junior is the instructor.—*The News.*

The editor-in-chief of this journal ended his vacation in Bradford Academy. The fellows will please excuse all errors in the paper this week.

Morton, P. S. '87, was a passenger on the train which was so badly wrecked at Springfield, Mass. last week. He escaped with the loss of his baggage.

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We understand that Wilde's New Year's resolutions took the form of what he meant to do in the gym. this term. It would be a good thing if a few more good resolutions were made and observed to this effect.

"If you are a quiet, honest citizen of New York, how did these skeleton keys and brass knuckles happen to be found in your pants' pockets?" asked Judge Duffy of a hard looking case. "Were those things really found in my pants?" asked the prisoner, incredulously. "You know very well that they were." "Well, Judge, the only explanation I can offer is that during the scuffle me and the policeman who arrested me must have changed pants. We were very much excited at the time."

The boys who remained in Commons during vacation enjoyed a very pleasant Xmas through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Marland, who did all in their power to make the day pass pleasantly. Besides preparing a suitable dinner, the company was graced by the presence of Mayor Abbott and family of Lowell, and also Judge Poor and family of Andover who contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the boys. The kindness shown and interest taken in the boys by Mr. and Mrs. Marland ought to be and no doubt is fully appreciated.

We are convinced that there is a genius among us. In proof of which we offer the following unique contribution from the versatile pen of one of our regular correspondents.

Tis night,
In Andover.
The moon is overcast—
Bully for the moon
Lycurgus and Opedeldoc.
Two cats—
Thomas cats—
Appear upon the woodshed roof.
Lucurgus with tail unfurled and high uplifted
to the air, comes on with back upbent and
yawls portentous.
Ditto as to Opedeldoc
You immortal gods, look on!
They buckle to!
Spit!! Spit!! Spit!!!
Biff!!!!
Hark!—
A window is uplifted, and a wild eyed youth
appears with the fell instrumental of destruction
in his hand—
Bang!!
Scamper Lycurgus and Opedeldoc from the
woodshed roof crying:
"Saved!!"
"Saved!!!"
But the youth—Oh where was he?
Kicked clear across the hall into the next room,
carrying with him the debris of a chair, a
mirror and two doors.
The "fell instrument of destruction" was—
A musket!!
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