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In Fancy I Behold Her Now.

In fancy I behold her now
Attired in light and fleecy dress,
Here mid the flowers that willing bow
Beneath her foot's endeared caress.

Far sweeter than thy bloom most fair,
My loved one is, Oh flowers;
Thy brightest rose with her compare
When next she seeks thy fragrant bowers.

But, lo! through the twilight, by sad thoughts
led,
That maiden now appears—
And the rose of thy choice, Oh, bowed is its
head
And its bosom bathed in tears!

Eliphalet Pearson.

Eliphalet Pearson was born in Byfield, a parish of Newbury, in 1752. In his early youth he aided his father in his agricultural pursuits. He prepared for college at Dummer Academy in Byfield. In 1767 he entered Harvard College, from which after a successful and brilliant course he graduated with the highest honors. In the beginning of his useful career as a teacher, he taught a grammar school at Andover. He was the intimate friend of Lieut-Gov. Samuel Phillips and was by him appointed the first Preceptor of Phillips Academy. As Principal of the Academy he performed his duties with great success for eight years when he was appointed professor of Hebrew and Oriental languages in Harvard College. While there, he had conferred on him the degree of LL. D. by both Yale College and the College of New Jersey. In 1806 he returned to Andover. With several other gentlemen of note he formed the plan of establishing a Divinity school in this place. At the same time, another seminary was being founded at Newbury whose founders were of a different school of theology from those at Andover. Dr. Pearson, foreseeing that two seminaries so near each other and entertaining different beliefs, would be a means of endless strife, exerted all his great influence to unite the two and was finally successful.

To him and his colleagues we owe that celebrated "creed" which has so long been the source of theological contests and bitter controversies.

On the establishment of the seminary, he was immediately appointed to the professorship of Sacred Literature. During all this time he sustained high and important offices in a great many organizations for the advancement of education and Christianity. He had also published many learned articles. While at Cambridge he

had written a thorough and exhaustive work on Hebrew grammar.

In 1820 he moved from Andover to Harvard, Worcester county, when he died in 1826, at the age of seventy-four.

In his personal appearance Dr. Pearson was characterized by a magnificent physique, a noble and manly bearing, and a courtly mien. He was a man who impressed one as being a person of extraordinary genius. His intellectual abilities seemed almost unbounded. His wonderful mind was a "great storehouse" of knowledge. Few topics could be discussed with which he was not perfectly familiar. His resources for conversation and illustration were inexhaustible. So careful and observant was he, that, when teaching, not the slightest error passed him without correction; in fact, for literary criticism, he was considered to be without an equal. Having, beside this quality, a profound scholarship, he had the reputation also of being a teacher scarcely rivalled. By nature he was kind and affectionate, extremely polite and courteous, and in every way a perfect gentleman at heart and in deed. Many were the instances of self-sacrifice which he performed for his friends when in sickness and affliction. He could, however, when necessary assume an air of sternness which would inspire fear in those toward whom it was directed. He was, therefore, a consummate disciplinarian. "Order is Heaven's first law" was his motto. It is related that he had many means for punishing unruly pupils. One method was: he kept, during the week, an account of all offences committed, and on Saturday compelled the delinquents to spend in study a part of the holiday, proportional to the nature of the offence.

He perhaps sometimes yielded to his power of sarcasm unnecessarily. He is said to have once remarked, "I have been so long a teacher of boys that I have spoiled my temper." Like Arnold at Rugby, he was a supreme hater of all that was overbearing and deceitful, and a sincere lover of all that was honest, open and manly. He not infrequently forgave a boy who manfully confessed his guilt, when he could have saved himself from a reprimand by keeping quiet. Once when he had caught a boy in a lie, he forbade any of his friends believing anything he said for a week.

Surely Phillips Academy could not have been born under more propitious circumstances than when she was placed under the care of Dr. Pearson.

The Proposed New League.

The delegates to the Intercollegiate Base Ball Association, at Harvard's proposition, met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Saturday, February 12th. There were present Captain Willard and ex-Captain Winslow of Harvard, Captain Dann, ex-Captain Stewart and President Archibald of Yale, Captain Larkin and President Gerry of Princeton.

The object of the meeting, as all the athletic world is aware, was to take steps towards the withdrawal of the three colleges named from the old league and the formation of a new one to include only these colleges. This measure, although it had been advanced at the close of last season by Harvard, took most people by surprise.

The three captains and all present were agreed as to the advisability of the change, and drew up resolutions to that effect. Wednesday last was set as the day for mass meetings in each college to consider the measure. At Princeton and Harvard the change was agreed upon with enthusiasm and seeming unanimity. Yale decided to wait one week for mature consideration, and will meantime confer with captains of her former nines. Yale, as will be seen below, has had things so nearly her own way in the old league that it was naturally expected that she would be reluctant to withdraw. Although Harvard sided against Princeton in last fall's dispute over the Yale-Princeton game, Yale suspects that a coalition has been formed against her, and evidently desires that Columbia be admitted, if not Williams also. The *Yale News* is in favor of the change, while Captain Dann, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Stagg are even enthusiastic over the proposed association.

Captain Perry and Mr. Blackman of the William's nine and President Hariman of the Columbia team were in New Haven on Wednesday endeavoring to bring about a demand from Yale for their admission into the new league.

It may not be out of place to give a few facts about the present Intercollegiate Leagues. This was established in December 1879, between Amherst, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale. The Association refused to debar professional players, and, in consequence, Yale withdrew. The championship for '80 was won by Princeton. Yale re-entered the league the next year and obtained the pennant, winning seven games and losing one each to Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth.

In '82 Yale and Princeton were a tie for first place, but the former won the decisive game. In '83 Yale retained the championship, winning seven and losing one. Harvard and Yale were tied in '84, but the latter won the deciding game. In '85 Harvard won the championship, winning every game. Last year Yale and Harvard were again tied, but Yale, with her accustomed luck, was successful in the decisive contest.

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The students are deeply grieved over the death of Prof. Comstock's mother, and feel with regret that their sympathy is un-availing.

We, as the voice of the school, desire to express our sincere sympathy for Mr. Dilworth and his friends in the sad loss which they have sustained.

REV. JOS. COOK'S increasing bitterness in his accusations against the so-called Andover Theology, can but cause grief to his friends. When a man is so hard pushed in argument that he must descend to reflections on the character and motives of his opponents, it is time for him to quit. Unfortunate it is indeed that such disputes must arise, but surely, in this field of religious brotherhood, the ordinary parliamentary politeness should be observed.

THE past week has proved an eventful one to those interested in college base-ball. No action of the colleges in athletics for years past has created such widespread comment as the proposed withdrawal of Harvard, Yale and Princeton from the Intercollegiate Association. Although this movement may have proven a surprise to some, it is by no means a new idea, and to any one who has closely watched the course of events in intercollegiate base-ball, it must have been for some time expected. A line of demarcation has for years existed between the three larger institutions and the others of the league. The larger colleges have better and more abundant material from which to choose, and better facilities for its development. Therefore the struggle for the championship has always practically been between Yale, Harvard and Princeton, the other clubs merely contending for fourth place. The change just proposed would make a new era in collegiate base-ball. The evenness of the struggle which would result in a league composed of but Harvard, Yale and Princeton, would inevitably raise the standard of base-ball in those colleges. It would secure a more satisfactory arrangement in the schedule of games, each club having two games upon the home grounds with each of the other clubs, a thing long desired. The result financially would also prove much more gratifying. And lastly,

the respective abilities of the nines of these three colleges would be more thoroughly demonstrated than ever before. We think that when all the advantages to be gained by the change are considered, there can be but one verdict as to its advisability. We feel, however, that Yale is not going to agree to the proposition, but sooner or later, in one form or another, it must come. There is nothing to lose, much to be gained.

IN OUR editorial rambles during the past week we ran across a disgusted and seemingly discouraged Phillipian. In a gloomy prophesy concerning the outlook in athletics at Phillips, he unburdened his sorrow laden soul to us. He declared that the school is going to the dogs, and that there is not enough energy and spirit here now to make a success of anything. He pictured in vigorous terms, but in most dismal colors, our progress in athletics in the past two years. When asked to what he attributed our many defeats, he declared that the school was solely to blame: its own listlessness and lack of confidence were the only causes.

We are not prepared to fully join issues with our friend, but nevertheless are inclined to the belief that his dismal forebodings are not entirely without foundation. From the *Exonian* we glean the fact that candidates for their nine are hard at work and have been for some time. Through its columns an appeal is made for a new catchers cage, the old one having been worn out by constant use during the fall and winter. There is but one interpretation for this,—our old antagonist is preparing in time for the struggle with all her accustomed zeal and energy. And how are we preparing to meet the result of all this preparation? Are we not all of us, either submitting in discouragement, or confidently discussing the wonderful merits of the nine we are to put in the field? There can be no doubt but that, with the material we have from which to choose this Spring's nine, an excellent team ought to be secured. But good material won't make a good nine unless backed by abundant practice and energy. But few nines in the National League had better material than the Boston team. What, then, was the reason of their low standing? Experts attribute it to listlessness and lack of energy in the field. The old saying "if gold rust what will iron do," applies here, we think.

Our defeats in the past surely call for extraordinary exertions in the future. We must redeem ourselves. We feel that the base-ball men are fully cognizant of this fact, and in Captain Knowlton we have the utmost confidence, feeling as we do that he is the only man who can lead us to victory, though we are not acquainted with his plans for preliminary practice. But what we want to see, and what will be the surest harbinger of success, is a spirit of unity and determination in the

whole school. Let each one contribute every cent that he is able for the support of the team; and let the manager see that the team have every advantage which can be afforded them in their practice, both in improved appliances and good teams to play against; and, lastly, may the candidates for positions on the nine work faithfully and conscientiously. If this be done we feel that the result at the close of the season will be most gratifying.

Alumnorum.

H. A. Jaggard, P. A. '82, Yale '86, is a Freshman in the Troy Polytechnic School.

George C. Bayless, ex-P. A. '81, has been elected Mayor of Binghamton, N. Y., after a hot canvass, by a majority of 283, reversing the political standing of the city.

H. L. Grant, '84, is studying medicine at Baldwinville, Mass. He has a pleasing character sketch in the *Cottage and Ready Record* of that place, entitled "Deacon Snoper's Mistake."

Mr. W. A. Bunton, a graduate of Phillips-Andover in 1863, Harvard 1867, has been calling on some of the boys the past week with a handsome illustrated work on the Great Cathedral.

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The Senior dramatic entertainment will be held about March 15th. "All in Aid of Benson" will be presented.

Principal Bancroft and Professor Graves attended the meeting of the Merrimack Valley Congregational Club on Monday evening.

One of the Preps says his girl is like brown sugar—Sweet but unrefined.

Can it possibly be that she lives in Andover?

On April 9th, the Amherst Glee Club, consisting of seventeen voices in addition to quartette, banjo, etc., will give an entertainment at Town Hall.

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association of Phillips Exeter Academy was held at the Hoffman House, New York, Saturday Feb. 19, '87.

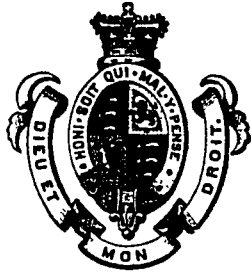
It may afford inveterate flunkers some encouragement to know Henry Ward Beecher's college record. His average grade at Amherst was but 57 on a scale of 100.

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Ex-President White, of Cornell, in addressing the students of that university a few days ago, said:—"We constantly have these two things: a vast number of young fellows running about the country, doing almost anything, and doing it ill; and, on the other hand, a considerable number of places looking almost in vain for somebody to do the best work."

Mr. Gladstone expresses himself as "utterly deploring whatever tends to displace a classical education for those in any way capable of receiving it, and strongly disapproving all efforts in that direction." John Bright, on the other hand, declares that "the study of the ancient languages is not now essential to education, so far as the acquisition of knowledge is concerned."—*Ex.*

SAYS I AND SAYS HE.

Says I to the Deacon, says I,
"This talkin' about probation
An' sendin' the Andover folks so high
Is a serious aggravation
To peaceable people tryin' to do
As we'd like to have done to us.
It seems to me, don't it seem to you
They're makin' a terrible fuss?
Lawin' an' prayin' don't agree.
"That's so, that's so," says the Deacon, says he.
—*P. D. in Boston Journal.*

The following resolution from the Manchester, Eng., court records for Oct. 12, 1608, is probably the earliest record of foot-ball:—"That whereas there hath bene heretofore great disorder in our toune of Manchestr, and the inhabitants thereof greatly wronged and charged makings and the amendinge of their glasse windows broken yearlye and spoyled by a companye of lewd and disordered p'sons vsinge that unlawful exercise of playinge with the foteball in ye streets of the said toune, breaking many men's windowes and glasse at their pleasures, and other greate enormyties. Therefore wee of this jurye doe order that no maner of p'sons shall playe or vse the foteball in any street within said toune of Manchester subpaend to euye one that shall no vse the same for euye time xijd."—*Princetonian.*

Years ago, some of the Phillips-Andover Academy boys, contrary to the rules in such cases made and provided, except in the case of actual brothers and cousins, were in the habit of calling on some of the Abbot Female Seminary girls, representing to the teachers that they were their near relatives. The ruse was discovered, and on one evening half a dozen young men sat in the seminary parlor for an hour, waiting for the girls whom they had summoned, but who did not appear. The next morning after prayers, Uncle Sam Taylor, the principal of the Academy, with a comcal twinkle, requested "the young gentlemen who interviewed the parlor chairs at the Seminary" on the evening before, to meet him at his study, intimating that if they did not appear, their names would be called the next morning. There was great curiosity among the boys to know who the culprits were, and the current question was: "Who is brother to a seminary girl?" and echo invariably answered: "Nary girl."—*Springfield Union.*

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