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Glee Club Concert.

The audience which greeted the Glee Club and Banjo Quartette, on the occasion of their concert last Tuesday evening, must have proved a source of great gratification to those organizations. Not for some time has any school entertainment been arranged and carried out with such entire success; indeed, the only unfortunate feature of a very fortunate undertaking was the inability of Mr. Martin to sing on account of illness.

The singing of the Glee Club was a revelation, even to those members of the school who had heard them before; and the thorough enjoyment of their efforts by the audience was fully attested by the enthusiasm with which the various numbers on the program were greeted. The solos of Messrs. Hollister and Perrin were very pleasantly rendered; Messrs. Evans and Poole also contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening, by their fine singing.

The playing of the Banjo Quartette was exceedingly well received. It would be difficult to praise their work too much, and the audience evidently thought so. Messrs. Eyre and Williams distinguished themselves in their solos, and fully deserved the hearty applause bestowed upon them.

Mr. Evans' happy effort was encored, and he responded with "Little Dog." Mr. Hollister and the Club did not take warning from the encores of their predecessors, and sang "Over The Bannister," in such excellent manner that they were compelled to come out again. Their second effort was "Clementine,"

"George Washington" was followed by the "Raven," after which Mr. Martin and Club rendered "Lauriger" and "Ching a-Ling." This they followed, at the demand of the audience, by "Chinese Song." Mr. Eyre's banjo solo was warmly applauded, and that gentleman compelled to give further evidence of his skill. Mr. Perrin and Club sang "Hüttelein," in which they were encored: "Tarpaulin Jacket" was likewise encored and was followed by "Bug-Pipe;" "Bzt, Bzt;" "Black Brigade." Mr. Williams followed with a banjo solo, which was encored with enthusiasm. The programme closed with a waltz from Vogel, which made many think of happy times gone by.

All seemed surprised at our boys possessing such musical talent. The entertainment was by many called the best we have ever given. Although the club was to considerable expense, it came out ahead.

The Tournament.

Saturday, the day appointed for the tournament, proved to be quite pleasant so far as the weather was concerned but the walking was a characteristic of an Andover spring. A large company of spectators had assembled at the gymnasium and by two o'clock, the advertised time, everything was in readiness to begin. The only thing which interfered in the least with the happiness of any was the empty gallery but the anxiously awaited ones who were to occupy it arrived in the middle of the afternoon and remained until the end of the tournament. After a selection by the orchestra, which was from Haverhill, the event of the afternoon began.

Light weight wrestling. The contestants were Housman and G. F. Smith, Elmendorf being downed by Housman in the prelims. After time had been called twice the two men were given a hold. Smith neatly put Housman on his back after a few seconds. In the second heat, Housman succeeded in downing Smith after quite a little tussle, so making a fall for each. In the third round came the sharpest struggle of all. But Smith finally succeeded in putting Housman down and so was accorded the prize.

Middle weight wrestling, L. D. Mowry, Dennison. This was one of the most prettily contested events of the whole tournament. Neither of the men seemed to be afraid of the other and the way they started in bespoke a brisk and exciting contest. Such it certainly was. Both men were exceedingly limber and quick but Mowry proved a little the better by downing Dennison in the first two rounds but not without a sharp struggle, thus winning the medal.

Middle weight sparring. Luce and Thomas each tried for the medal in this event. In the first round both put in some heavy work. They were well matched but Luce appeared to have a little the advantage in this heat. In the second, Luce seemed a little winded, but nevertheless went at it with a will. Thomas brought the first blood, hitting Luce upon the cheek. Luce wished to pay him back and after a little quick work time was called. Both men seemed to have about an even thing and a third round was required to settle the event. Luce seemed to have the advantage in this round although Thomas' glove again brought blood from Luce. Luce was declared the victor.

Feather weight wrestling was between Germer and Peirce. The first round closed without any brilliant work on either side. Yet this round and the other two as well were characterized by some rather peculiar and laughable situations. In the next two rounds Germer succeeded in putting down Peirce so winning the event.

High jump. This was contested by Grant and Housman, Grant winning. Housman was by far the easiest and most graceful jumper, but Grant made the highest jump and so was awarded the prize.

Light weight sparring. The medal of this event occasioned a most lively struggle. Both Day and Northrup the contestants seemed determined to win and they followed this determination throughout the three rounds which it took to decide the contest. Hard hitting characterized the whole affair and Northrup for a part of the time had a bloody face. Nevertheless he did some excellent work. It was an even contest throughout, but Northrup apparently had the best of it and was awarded the medal.

Indian clubs. The exhibition of clubs was very fine and was regarded by many as superior to that of last year's tournament. Although Sheldon was so much the inferior of Hutchins in stature, nevertheless he gave an excellent exhibition and was awarded the prize.

Selections from the orchestra now filled the intermission, and now the competitors for the prizes in the last half of the program were filled with new zeal as they saw the Fem. Sems. filling up the seats of the gallery. It is reported that all but four were present and those four — but we will continue with our article.

Fence vault. Neither Housman nor W. S. Mowry were able to clear the fifteenth pole so the event was declared a tie.

Rings. Chanute and Peirce were the contestants. Both were very good, but Chanute was more graceful and quicker, and as he gave a better exhibition received the medal.

Feather weight sparring was marked by no very brilliant work. Germer had a sure thing from beginning to end, and so was declared winner.

Parallel bars. Lyman was the only contestant, Hamilton entering only to make the event interesting. Both made an excellent showing.

Tumbling. This was a very closely contested event. All three did some excellent work and it seemed doubtful who

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It seems to be the general opinion of the boys that the tournament Saturday was the best for years. We feel that its success and excellence was largely due to Mr. Crofton and Mr. Machale, and that to them thanks are rendered by all.

TO THE PHILLIPPIAN:—

Two, at least, of the articles in last week's PHILLIPPIAN were doubtless written to disprove the arguments which I offered in an article of two weeks ago. If this was their aim it seems to me that they have fallen far short of their object. In fact, they have made a decided failure. If I made any startling statements, the case in hand needed them. Judging from the first contribution, U. V. W. seems to have found the facts so startling that he was unable to contest them. In the year of '85, Harvard, I understand, had no eleven. Harvard in the year '85 won the championship in base-ball without losing a single game. No one said anything about '85-6. I merely mentioned the circumstance in my last article to show that, even in college, the fewer the things calling for the support of the students, the better each can be attended to. If this is true in a college the size of Harvard, how much more is it true in a fitting school. The next point in the article seems to infer that because Yale has successfully supported a nine, eleven, and eight, Andover can do the same. In coming years, when the two departments of Phillips shall contain as many students as Yale College now has, such an argument may hold good, but not until then. The mere fact that Exeter gave up boating is in itself an absurd reason why Andover should, of course, unless the attendant circumstances be considered. Apparently this is just what U. V. W. failed to do. We know, to our sorrow, what Exeter has of late accomplished on her own campus and on ours. Therefore, should we not profit by the experience of others. When the time comes that we have complete success in our base-ball and foot-ball, then is the more proper occasion to introduce a new branch, but not until then. It is the plan this season to play with none but "crack" teams, and for this purpose plenty of funds will be needful. There is just about a certain amount that can be raised in school; there is just a certain amount of support in the school. There,

fore, I ask every true Phillips man, should we not bend all our energies to one end, and that to win back our laurels from Exeter? Our own school interests should be considered, even before those of Yale. Is it for the interest of the school to adopt this scheme? I believe it is not. If you agree with me, then do not give it your support.

X. Y. Z.

Andover, March 13, 1887.

TO THE PHILLIPPIAN:—

There appeared in the last number of your excellent paper an article reflecting on the proposed change of Inquiry to Y. M. C. A.

Judging from the tone of the article one would be safe in wagering that he is not a member of Inquiry, displaying as he does a lamentable lack of knowledge and an asinine stupidity in dealing with a subject of which he evidently knows but little. Fellows familiar with the work of Inquiry know too well that something is lacking. A young man recently said to the writer, "I don't feel at home in Inquiry, I wish we had a Y. M. C. A." What is to be done under these circumstances? One can't sit idle. If Inquiry doesn't supply sufficient religious impetus, we must have something that will.

The association aims for individual work, devotional meetings, Bible study, development of missionary spirit, and maintenance of inter-collegiate relations. The Y. M. C. A. in Phillips Academy could settle the perplexing reading room problem, and many other lines of work could be utilized which are not now employed.

The very fact of this question coming up every year shows its vitality and the desire of the fellows.

Moreover, we need here in Andover, the seat of progressive theology, the moral force and impetus which springs from association with others. When this is accomplished we will no longer send delegates on the sufferance of the Y. M. C. A. convention.

R. E. P. L. Y.

EDITORS PHILLIPPIAN:—

As was said in the editorial on Inquiry in the last issue of the PHILLIPPIAN, the question whether we shall have Y. M. C. A. at Andover is upon our minds.

The name does not amount to much. It is the work which the society will do, opposed to what it now does. It is a great argument for it that almost all the colleges in this part of the country have adopted it. Since it has been taken up by our best colleges, and after we graduate we shall become members of this association, why should we not enjoy its benefits while we are at Old Phillips.

The Y. M. C. A. must, by necessity, exclude us from some of its advantages as long as we remain as we now are; but it shows a great deal of Christian spirit in inviting us to all its conventions.

FRIEND.

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should receive the award. The judges decided that Lakeman should be the fortunate man.

Horizontal bar. This was still more closely contested. All four of the men gave a very pretty exhibition, and all were so good that it must have been quite a task to decide. Graves was awarded first prize and Walcott second.

Hitch and kick. This closed the event for the afternoon. Merrill apparently had a sure thing for he won without much trouble.

After some music Mr. McCurdy announced the prizes and then closed a most successful tournament. After giving some of the Phillips cheers and one for the Fem. Sems. the fellows formed in line and marched outside to the tune of Sammy St.-ng, voting this tournament a most pleasant one in every particular.

TO THE PHILLIPPIAN:

I was much pleased with your editorial of March 15th, in favor of retaining our present name of "Inquiry." It seems to me that we should be throwing away some of the most pleasant associations of our past in making the change. There is always a class of fellows who have no appreciation for the venerable, but prefer, by all means, the tinsel of the new. An eternal "kicker" will always find something to complain of. Are we maltreated by the Y. M. C. A? No, but we may be, say these objects. The idea that that order will ever grow so narrow-minded and selfish as to insist on having nothing to do with a virtual chapter of their own ranks, because, forsooth that chapter isn't serving the Lord in a certain arbitrary uniform, with buttons to match. It seems to me that if we are very anxious to serve the cause, we can find plenty to do. If we have not this spirit of zeal, we are to blame. The name will never do the work.

TRUE BLUE.

School Meeting.

ANDOVER, MASS., March, 17, '87.

On motion of C. G. Carter, seconded by Aldrich, a collection was taken to make up the deficit of the reading-room committee.

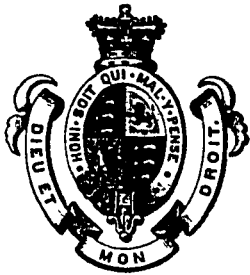
On motion of C. G. Carter, seconded by Eyre, the president was instructed to appoint a committee of three to wait upon the faculty and see if they would substitute in study hours, Saturday afternoon, the 26, for Tuesday afternoon. The following constitute the committee, C. G. Carter, Pool, and C. K. Bancroft.

J. W. GRIMES, Sec'y.

Alumnorum.

Desmond Fitz Gerald, P. S., 1863, afterwards Deputy Secretary of State of Rhode Island, now Superintendent of Boston Water Works, was in town a few days ago to revive the associations of his school-days.

Rev. Samuel Hopkins, clergyman and author, who died recently at Northampton, was a graduate of P. A. 1823, being a classmate of Hon. James C. Alvord, Osgood Johnson, afterwards Principal of the Academy, President Stearns, of Amherst, President Woods, of Bowdoin, Edmund Quincy, the author, and N. P. Willis, the poet.



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Dr. Bancroft will lecture in the People's Course at Stratham, N. H., during the vacation.

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It is expected that old creeds will be subverted where so many persons are turning over-And-over.—*Boston Transcript.*

The vacation at Abbot Academy will begin to-day and end on Tuesday the 29th. the very day ours begins. This looks like a conspiracy.

Miss Abby Lawrence Peirson, of Salem, has presented to the chapel church a very handsome silver salver in memory of Mrs. Harriett Lawrence Ropes, who died in Andover June 6, 1880.

It is said that a dead-lock was caused in the meeting of the Intercollegiate base-ball league last Friday, by each representative voting for himself for president. Some three hours were spent in this way.

The Winkley Lectures for '86-'87 will be given at Bartlett Chapel, March 28th to April 1st. The general topic is, "The Relation of Civil Government to the Church, historically and legally considered." It is much to be regretted that the Academy vacation will prevent so many of the boys from attending.

Some pathetic verses, inscribed to "Dear Dad," and evidently the outpouring of a woe-bidden soul, were picked up on the campus. We have space for the first one only:

Exams. have passed
But I did not,
My only mark was
This round spot, O.

JUDGE HOAR'S FUNNY BLUNDER.— Judge Hoar, one of the legal lights at the trial of the Andover professors, is said to be an absent minded man. He is also said to be a little harsh and abrupt at times. As the story goes, he listened intently to the argument of Professor Dwight yesterday, and with the others went to lunch. His mind was full of creeds and heresies and legal phrases as he proceeded slowly to the dining room. His friends noticed that he was rather preoccupied, and watched him closely.

Close to the hat rack is a large mirror reaching to the floor. Judge Hoar carelessly placed his hat on the rack, and lowering his head and muttering and gesticulating to himself, turned abruptly and saw a figure in the mirror. He paused a moment and waited for the other fellow in the mirror to pass. The other fellow did not pass, and the Judge shouted abruptly: "Is'nt there room enough for you to pass?"

His friends burst into laughter, and the Judge himself, soon realizing that he was the victim of a huge joke, joined in the sport.—*Boston Record.*

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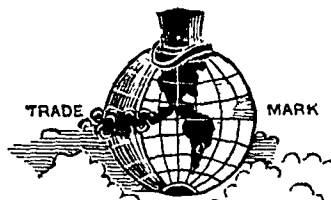
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