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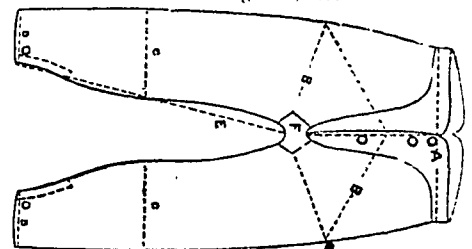
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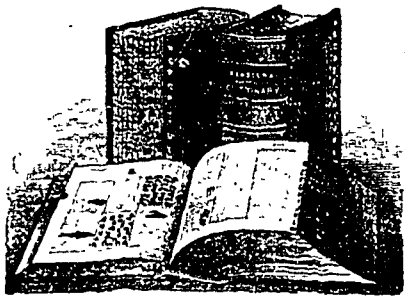
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The Selling of the Bell.

Thirty years ago, early in the first week of each Fall Term, the boys of the Commons would find a notice on the bulletin board that the "Selling of the Bell" would take place in front of the Commons the next day immediately after supper. The evening meal at the clubs never had attraction enough to make us linger long at the table. On that day supper had short shrift indeed.

There were always two parties—one upholding the custom, the other decrying it; for the bell was an old-time aid to the early rising thought to be so essential to the successful student. The idea that study before breakfast was bad for the eyes was hardly known then. He who secured the bell was to begin at the first house and ring the bell at every door until he had enough response from within to prove that the boys were awake. No wonder that in time strong opposition grew up against this custom, for the ringing was to begin at "five o'clock in the morning." But there was always a goodly number of the strongest characters who insisted that the bell must ring.

And, curiously enough, there were always several aspirants for the honors and emoluments of the bell, in spite of all the trouble entailed thereby. Getting up at that early hour was the least of the sorrows; for hardly did the ringer begin his work before he would be assailed in all the ways boys robbed of their "beauty sleep" could devise. Seldom did he wait long for a response. It usually came before he was ready, and he never knew what form it would take.

The pecuniary return for such service could be no temptation to even the most needy boy; for often the bidding would be so sharp (it was sold, of course, to the lowest bidder), as to bring but a dollar for an entire term. It was the fun of the thing; the joy of a scrimmage made legitimate by custom, and entailing no danger of being "requested to remain" therefore; the little spice of adventure, not to say danger, attendant upon each morning's rounds—these were the inducements to "buy the bell." Naturally it fell to the pluckiest, usually the strongest, boy; for it took both nerve and muscle to ring the bell, when the

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first stroke might be the signal for active hostilities.

To pay for the bell the boys were assessed nominally equally, but usually the studious ones had to bear the expense of the uproar for which they alone were responsible.

The custom was never formally abolished, but "fell into innocuous desuetude," mourned by none but a few incorrigible "digs." OLD BOY.

Murdoch and Drew.

A genuine treat was the entertainment given at the Academy Hall on Friday evening last. Mr. Murdoch's reputation filled the seats so that, in spite of bad weather, worse walking, and a rival attraction down town, the house was a good one. An additional feature was the singing of Miss Drew, contralto, who opened the programme with the song "Calvary." Miss Drew was becomingly dressed in a *décolleté* gown, and presented a very graceful appearance on the platform. Her voice is a good one, but gave unmistakable evidences of lack of cultivation. After she had responded to an encore, none too hearty, Prof. Churchill introduced Mr. Murdoch. The latter is a man far advanced in years, but with a voice evidently unimpaired by age as yet. His part of the programme consisted of the following selections, in the order named: 1. Drifting; a Poet's Reverie, by T. B. Reid; 2. Selections from Macbeth; 3. Old Mother Hubbard, a Modern Sermon (substituted for the Wonderful One Hoss Shay); 4. The Raven; 5. The Boarding School Elopement, from Dickens. Mr. Murdoch read the pieces from a music stand, prefacing each one with explanatory remarks. He appeared at his best in the selection from Macbeth, as in that selection, more than in any other, there was an opportunity for the full display of his powers. His humorous pieces might have been more happily selected. Miss Drew closed the programme with "Aufenthalt" and "Dreams."

After the entertainment was over Prof. Churchill tendered a reception to the parties at his house, to which, we believe, only a few favored theologues were invited. The new system of desig-

nating the seats, the same as in the Town Hall, is much more convenient than the old way, and we hope to see it continued.

The Senior Club.

The Senior Club held its first meeting of the term on last Saturday evening. There was a full attendance, and a great deal of interest was manifested in all the exercises of the evening. Bartlett had the voluntary. He read a paper entitled, "What May be Seen in a Day." It was the record of a day's tramp about Boston, and its purpose was to stimulate a habit of observation. It is surprising to learn what an amount of history—untold history—may hover around a spot with which we have become so familiar as hardly to favor it with a thought as we pass by. Boston is especially rich in such localities. We find them everywhere, even in the midst of her busiest thoroughfares.

After the reading of this paper the club elected Bartlett to the chairmanship for the evening, and Campbell to the secretaryship. The rest of the evening was taken up with debates and exercises calculated to test the members' knowledge of parliamentary law. The drill obtained in this respect is especially valuable. The club promises to be one of the most enjoyable features of the Senior year.

Election of Officers of the A.A.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Athletic Association the following members were elected as officers for the ensuing term: President, William Moore Crofton; Vice-President, L. D. Mowry; Secretary, W. W. Parker; Treasurer, Clarence Morgan; Executives, Stetson, Bogart, Preston, Phillips, Husted and Gale.

It is to be hoped that, with such officers, the tournament this year may excel any had in previous years. Although the outward appearance of the crumbling structure called the gymnasium is not prepossessing, still, with proper management, the tournament can be made attractive.

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We are pleased to announce to our readers that the Faculty have granted to the committee on foot-ball finances permission to give an entertainment in the school hall. This will not only be a very pleasant diversion in the term's work, but prove an opportunity to the histrionic talent of the school to develop itself. The date will be announced through our columns later.

We would like to say a word or two in these columns about the heating of the Chapel. Nearly every Sunday morning this winter the Chapel has been so cold as to be uncomfortable, making it necessary to wear an overcoat during service, and even then suffering from cold feet and other inconveniences. Now, if the first commandment here is, as it seems to be, "Thou shalt go to church every Sunday," then let us at least have a warm church to go to, and not a place like a refrigerator, where the time is passed in trying to keep warm, and the sympathies are frozen up as hard as the walls of the building. If the heating apparatus is not powerful enough for this purpose, let the authorities appropriate some of the money which the seminary controls, and put in new: but if it is owing, as we suspect it is, to the fires being started up late, then let them be made a little earlier, so that we may enjoy the morning service in a comparative degree of comfort.

While harping on affairs at the Gyn. has become monotonous, we must call attention to the manner in which the building, and especially the dressing-room, is heated. At no time since the term commenced has the building been comfortably warm. It is possible to remain in the upper story if one exercises; but when, having finished and being warm, he descends to the dressing-room there is great danger of taking a severe cold. The only way at present used to warm this room is by a pipe from the one furnace the building contains passing through the upper part of the room. This does not warm it at all.

There ought to be at least a stove in the room, so that we could think, once in a while, that we were not freezing. Every fellow who uses the gymnasium has spoken about this. If the building is not worth fixing and putting modern apparatus into, we do not see why that should be a reason for carelessly disregarding the health of the students.

Let the committee see that something is done, and done quickly.

It has always been customary to elect the manager of the base-ball nine at the beginning of the spring term. This year we desire to advocate a deviation from the established order of things. We believe that the base-ball interests demand a radical change from the financial management of previous years. There is no use to conceal from ourselves the fact that we shall have to work hard this year if we may hope for success in base-ball. All reports credit Exeter with having remarkably strong material from which to choose her nine. Add to this the great advantage which she has over us in the matter of a gymnasium suitable for base-ball practice, and it does not require much discernment to grasp the fact that we are heavily handicapped in the race for the base-ball championship. This should only encourage us to more determined efforts to develop a nine which can successfully compete with that of our rival. In view of this fact, the sooner we have a head to the financial management of the nine, the more we may hope to accomplish.

There are many advantages which would be derived from early action in this matter. First, and most important, the management would have all of this term to solicit subscriptions, and would have the opportunity to collect them whenever the fellows should have ready money on hand—at the close of this and beginning of next term. Thus financial embarrassment later in the season would be avoided. The management would also labor under the great advantage of knowing very closely the amount of money which it had to expend. In the second place, an early election would enable the management to keep a careful watch over the interests of the nine in the field, and would afford ample opportunity for the arrangement of good practice games. We feel that all who recognize the need of strenuous exertions on our part will perceive the force of our arguments on this point.

The change which we most desire to bring up for discussion, however, is, What form shall the management of the nine take? We believe that the custom which has been followed heretofore, of throwing the whole burden of, and responsibility for, the successful financial management of our teams upon one man is a pernicious one, and one from which it is impossible to obtain the best results. We are in favor of vesting the management of the nine next spring in a finance committee, to consist of three men, whose

chairman shall bear the same relation to the nine as the manager has heretofore, with the exception that he have two men to assist him in the discharge of his duties. The most important form this assistance would take would be help in soliciting, collecting and expending the subscriptions. Any one who will think the matter over carefully will see that it is impossible for one man to attend to all this and at the same time properly discharge the other duties which devolve upon the manager of our teams.

In closing, we wish to urge upon the students the necessity of two things: First, the importance of deciding upon some kind of a management immediately—we have already discussed the reasons for this; secondly, the necessity of the utmost care in the choice of a manager, or chairman of the committee, if that form of management should meet with favor. The policy of the management will in a large measure influence the work of the nine. If the management should identify itself by every act as an actively aggressive one, it would inevitably infuse a great amount of energy and confidence into the work of the nine. Canvass the school carefully, and select the best man for this important position. Don't let the election be controlled by any clique. This is a school matter, and one which should awaken the liveliest interest in every one.

Alumnorum.

Mr. Judd Hill, P.A. '86, was married Dec. 15, at Springfield, Mo., to Miss Lina Grabill.

The Rev. Thomas White Nickerson, Jr., P.A. '76, of Paterson, N.J., was married in Trinity chapel, New York City, Jan. 10, to Miss Mary Louisa, daughter of the Rev. Dean Hoffman. Mr. Nickerson was the most active in introducing the game of foot-ball at Andover.

Mr. Edward Stevens Beach, the first editor-in-chief of the PHILLIPIAN, is to be married, Jan. 17, to Miss Katharine Gertrude Hubbard, of Hartford, Ct.

Mr. Liang Shung, P.A. '82, attended the Chinese minister at the New Years reception at the White House, Jan. 2; and the society papers dilate upon the rich, embroidered costumes, especially the necklace of onyx, agate, jade and sard, reaching nearly to the ground.

William A. Kimball, P.A. '59, died quite suddenly, at Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 27, aged 45. He was the son of the late James William Kimball of Boston, a well-known layman engaged in religious work.

Myron W. King, P.S. '80, a business man of Pataka, Florida, died in his home at Apalachicola, Dec. 1.

Dr. Charles N. Shepard, P.A. '56, has given to Amherst his father's collection of minerals, valued at \$10,000.

Communications.

The notices regarding coasting, which have previously been spoken of in these columns, are not being pressed by the town authorities, and probably will not be unless there is some serious accident. Nature is certainly with us in our sports this winter. May fortune also be with us in preventing accident. We have had exceptional opportunities for skating, and now we are blest with most excellent coasting. Such exhilarating sport may blind us to the peril which accompanies it. We should guard against the carelessness which may expose our limbs and even our lives to danger. For an illustration, on Monday afternoon a double-runner, heavily loaded, started down the hill. It had got only in front of the Academy when one of the steering ropes broke. The sled was easily stopped at this point of the hill; but what if it had broken when the sled was at full speed! Going at such a terrible rate, it is very evident that some serious accident might have been occasioned by it. There are dangers from many other sources, such as collisions with teams, and frightening horses; but we believe that all these may be avoided by exercising due care, and our pleasure will be impaired by none of the many coasting accidents of which we read. Let us, then, use caution.

We think that our contributor's warning is seasonable. There has been considerable recklessness displayed by the coasters this season. It has been so long since we have had a serious accident on the hill that we are getting careless. This carelessness, unless checked, will be the cause, sooner or later, of a very serious casualty. A little more caution will not mar the pleasure of coasting, and it will add much to its safety. —Eps.

Inquiry.

The leader of the meeting this evening is O. H. Bronson. Subject: "Never man spake like this man" (John vii. 37-52). All are welcome. Come and enjoy a pleasant social half hour.

At the meeting of Christ Church parish Monday evening the resignation of Rev. Leverett Bradley was accepted, and a call extended to Rev. Frederic Palmer, of Jenkinsville, Pa. Mr. Palmer is a graduate of P.A.

Middle Class Officers.

P.A. '89 held a class meeting at the close of the noon recitation on Tuesday. The following officers were elected: President, S. E. Farwell; Vice-President, E. B. Bishop; Sec. and Treas., W. M. Higgins; Historian, F. A. Googins; Class Delegate to confer with the Faculty in regard to the Gym., C. D. Bliss; Committee on class color, J. D. Clarke, C. Morgan, and F. W. More.

Intercollegiate News.

Coxe, Yale's famous hammer and shot thrower, will return to college in March, and take a post graduate course. He will coach the Mott Haven candidates for the hammer and shot putting.

It is rumored that Wesleyan University and the University of Pennsylvania will withdraw from the Intercollegiate Foot-ball League, and unite with Williams, Amherst and Lehigh to form a new league.

One of the most popular organizations at Harvard is the Guitar Club.

The tuition at Amherst has been increased. The college has received \$60,000 during the last month to be used for scholarships.

During next term a lecture will be given every week at Cornell by some distinguished non-resident lecturer.

It is reported that Dr. Schliemann has discovered a Greek temple which he supposes to be the oldest in existence.

Almost all studies are elective at Amherst after the first term of the Sophomore year.—*Princetonian*.

In the year just ended Harvard has received \$36,024.59 for immediate and unconditional use, and \$987,551.14 for new funds or the increase of funds already established, making a total of over one million dollars.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of safety." There has been some exceedingly reckless coasting during the past week. We understand, too, that on one or two occasions bobs went over the lower hill and down past the station. This is exceeding our privileges, and will forfeit to us our right to coast at all, if persisted in.

Amherst students are put down almost at the college doors by the Massachusetts Central.

Jan. 26 is the day appointed for prayer for schools and colleges.

One of the prettiest sights to be seen now is that of a Fem. Sem. out sliding with the boys.

Some of the fellows were called out by a cry of fire at Mrs. Abbott's, on Main Main St., last Sunday night; but it was soon put out, and but little damage was done.

We have a suggestion to offer. Why not build an embankment around the north and west sides of the campus? By doing this we should very soon have a lake that would afford skating in the winter and swimming and boating in the summer.

Mr. E. N. Day, a young business man of Kansas City, tossed a penny last summer to see whether they should take their vacation at Newport or Mt. Desert.

Bar Harbor got it, and there Day met his fate, and Miss Haines of Boston won the Day. The engagement is out in the society papers.—*Exchange*.

The Rev. H. P. Beach, the salutatorian of P.A. '74, and after college graduation for three years a teacher here, is now a missionary in China. He has devised a system of phonetic characters for the very difficult Chinese language. It is a relief to the memorizing of some three thousand arbitrary characters, and has the merit, too, of short-hand. He has tried it with his theological students, and its success has led the mission to publish a small volume in the new character—a book which Mr. Beach has forwarded to our library. Mr. Beach has a Y.M.C.A. at Peking of fifty active members.

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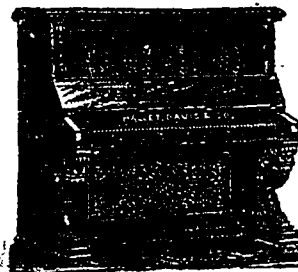
Dr. Bancroft has presented the school with a fine photograph of the victorious "nine" of 1878, and it has been hung, this last vacation, in the entrance hall with the other "nines" and "elevens."

P.S. '90 held a meeting last week, at which C. F. Perkins was elected President, G. K. King Vice-President, and H. P. Johnson Secretary.

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