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## Communication.

### Editors of Phillipian:

As the spring and fall terms are naturally more adapted to outdoor exercise and sports, so in the winter one naturally turns to the indoor exercise, which is more and more becoming the exercise of the mind in literary pursuits. For this end chiefly was the Philomathean society founded in 1825, and has during these many years faithfully done its work. Several years, however, have passed since such enthusiasm as should have prevailed, and now, if the proposed plan for debate between Exeter and Andover should be carried out, it is the more necessary that during this term Philo should be prosperous.

PHILOMATHEAN.

### Editors of Phillipian:

Many inquiries have been made about the lockers in the gymnasium, and I would like to have you mention through your columns how we shall be able to obtain them. The gymnasium is used more this term than either of the other two, and more fellows would come up if they had places in which to keep their gym suits, instead of having to carry them to and from the gym. every time they take exercise.

JIM.

### Editors of Phillipian:

We, among others, have seen in the last number of the PHILLIPIAN a communication concerning the formation of a Natural History Society. A number besides ourselves are interested in the subject, and we think that there are enough to make a successful society. We therefore take the liberty to announce that all those who are interested in forming a Natural History Society in this school will meet in Society Hall at 7 P. M. on Monday, Jan. 19.

EDMUND J. WOODMAN,  
LOUIS H. PORTER,  
J. D. SORNBORGEN,  
J. A. POWELL.

### Editors of Phillipian:

The new method of making up lessons, introduced by one of the Professors, has met with the hearty disapproval of every one concerned, and it is to be hoped that it will be abandoned. When, through some good excuse, a fellow has missed a recitation, it seems scarcely just to

compel him to spend a full hour of his afternoon's recreation in making it up. The other Professors are content with only a few minutes, and I see no reason why all can not be.

E. W.

## Philo.

The first regular meeting of the Philomathean Society for this term was held Friday evening in Society Hall, with its new President, Powell, in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by McClellan, after which the President made a short speech of thanks for the honor conferred upon him and solicited the best support of the society. Next came roll call and then the house was opened to miscellaneous business, and the names of Messrs. Lowe, Lippenov, Hedges and Christian were proposed for membership. It was decided, on motion, to invite these gentlemen to join the society. The secretary next read a letter from Thompson, '91, resigning his position of First Mirror Editor. The resignation was accepted by the society, and Third Editor Bumstead was elected to fill the vacancy. On motion of Neale, Perkins, '92, was chosen third editor. An extempore by McLaren on the subject, "Why the Selectmen of the town were right in prohibiting coasting on the streets," followed. The address was delivered by Phillips. His subject was, "The Prime Idea in Education." O. M. Clark chose for his declamation the "Legend of Bernardo del Carpio," which he rendered very creditably.

The debate was next in order, the subject of which was resolved That the Irish Party is right in deposing Parnell from its leadership. The affirmative was led by Hyde and the negative by McDonald as substitute for Woodman. While the vote on the merits of the question was in progress the president appointed the following to assist the affirmative: Messrs. Vaill, Neal, and R. M. Lester, and to assist the negative Messrs. Moré, Bennett, and Perkins. There spoke from the house McClellan, and Phillips for the affirmative, and for the negative P. R. Lester, Moré, and Perkins. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested throughout the debate. The leaders were very well prepared and did well. The president decided with the negative, but the decision of the house was given in favor of the affirmative. The number of votes before the debate was 33; affirmative 25, negative 8. After

debate 21; affirmative 11, negative 10. The subjects for the next four meetings were then chosen amid much hilarity on the part of the society, which is to be hoped will be a less prominent feature in future.

## Lecture by Stanley.

Last Thursday evening about thirty fellows availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Henry M. Stanley lecture on "What has been done in Central Africa during the past few years." After being introduced as unquestionably the greatest explorer of the age, he began his discourse with a synopsis of the events leading to his first great expedition, namely, the one in search of Livingstone. He then described how, with a force of two white sailors whom he soon lost and about two hundred natives, he carried out the laborious task. By mere accident he found Livingstone at Ujiji but, unable to persuade him to return to Europe, Stanley departed only again to see him in the capacity of his pall bearer at Westminster Abbey. Next he gave a description of the expedition in which, after facing innumerable dangers and hardships, he explored Victoria Nyanza and followed the Congo from its source to the Atlantic. This last exploration culminated in the founding of the Congo Free State.

After a few years of rest he was again called to penetrate the heart of Africa and, if possible, rescue the Egyptian officer, Emin Pasha. He graphically described their forced march up the Congo, their terrible struggle through the great primeval forest of Africa, the rescue of Emin Pasha in the Lake region and finally their march to the Red Sea. The remainder of his lecture was devoted to an egotistical defence of his actions and words in regard to the destruction of the rear column of his last expedition. He concluded with a very pleasing comparison of Africa as it now is and as it was twenty-five years ago.

## Harvards Three Year's Course.

As is well known, when the plan of a three years course at Harvard was recommended to the Overseers by the Faculty last year, they refused to consider with the latter until further information was given. This has been done and the *Crimson's* comment ed-

itorially on the proposed change, is as follows:

The proposition to reduce the number of courses necessary for the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Harvard has come up again with more prominence than ever. At the meeting yesterday, the Overseers considered the reports of both the majority and the minority of the Faculty, concerning the change. It seems that a majority of this body advocate the shorter course. We have read the arguments of the majority. We admit that the average age of Harvard freshmen is too great, and that men are unable to get through a professional education until too late in life. We admit that all this is true, but we see no necessity for the change proposed. If men are now able to get better preparation before they enter college than formerly, this is so much gained toward education, and is not a reason for compelling all men to hurry through their college life.

We understand that the plan proposed will not influence the present standard of American scholarship, we do not intend to argue that we fear for the reputation of our college.

The present plan is well enough as it is. The method which has been in vogue during past years needs no change, and it is only necessary to do away with a certain amount of red tape in order to accomplish just what is proposed for those men to whom the change would apply most strictly. Men can now, if they please, finish work in three years or even three and a half years,—in which case they must wait for their degree until Commencement, which is no great misfortune,—and moreover they can, by proper management of courses do the work of the senior year at college, and of the first year at a professional school in one year. And many men have done, and are doing these things. It is only necessary that these methods should be made known and be better recognized by the governing bodies. If the total amount of work to be done is no more, we cannot see why the present method is not the better. It is not right to force a majority of the students to complete their college work in a short time, in order to influence the work of those who intend to enter a professional school. By the present method the old institutions are maintained, and, with a simple act of the executive, all the proposals of the new method can be accomplished.

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We regret to announce that Mr. Taylor has been obliged to resign his position as managing editor of the PHILLIPIAN, as he leaves the Academy to-day to accept a very lucrative situation in business with his father. We are glad to know that he intends by studying evenings to keep up with his class in order to be able to graduate with them in June and enter Williams College next fall. Mr. Taylor's relations with the PHILLIPIAN board have been most pleasant, and we feel that in losing him the PHILLIPIAN loses one of its warmest supporters. We trust that he may have the very best success in the business which he is to undertake.

Mr. G. S. McLaren, '92, was elected to take Mr. Taylor's position, and we bespeak for him the very best support of the entire school.

We would say in reply to the communication concerning lockers in the gymnasium that they can be obtained by applying to the Greene brothers who room there and have charge of them. About twelve fellows can be accommodated, and the first there will be first served. There are also a few more, which, although looked, no one seems to claim, and the keys cannot be found. If any fellow holds a key and has not yet claimed his locker it is hoped that he will do so at once or return the key so that some one else can have an opportunity to hire it.

It is seldom that any one has cause to complain of the actions of the Fac-

ulty in any respect, and yet the communication of E. W. in another column seems to us a very timely one. Most of the make-ups as usually conducted are quickly settled, and it does seem a waste of time for one to be obliged to spend an hour over one. We feel with E. W. that a man's knowledge of the subject might be found out in a much shorter time, and the make-up still prove satisfactory to both teacher and scholar.

We are glad to see by a communication in another column that some action has been taken in respect to forming a Natural History Society, as an auxiliary to the school. Some of the teachers have expressed their approval of it, and we see no reason why it should not be successfully organized. The work of such a society will be the study of Natural History, and the benefits of such a study given to the members in the form of lectures, discussions, etc., while it may not have a direct bearing on our school work, still it would be a profitable recreation; and the mental effort in such a direction would add much to our general development. We would urge every fellow interested to give his support to this effort to re-continue a society which has been conducted successfully during years that have passed.

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Phillipiana.

Mr. Pette will train the candidates for the base-ball team.

King, P.S. '91, was called home last Wednesday through the death of his grandfather.

William G. Schaufler, M.D., P.A. '82, Amherst '87, College of Physicians and Surgeons '89, and recently house-physician in the New York hospital, Professor elect of Surgery in the Syrian Protestant College of Beirut, was married Wednesday to Miss Eleanor, daughter of Rev. Thomas H. Hawks of Springfield. Dr. Schaufler is the son of Rev. Dr. H. A. Schaufler of Cleveland, and sometime missionary in Ausiria, and grandson of Rev. Dr. W. G. Schaufler, the eminent missionary in Constantinople.

Curtis, P.A. '90, is running well at Yale.

Holmes, McDuffee, and N. B. Burr are the Andover men trying for the Yale Freshman crew.

Farwell is able to be up again.

About thirty fellows with Prof. Graves attended Stanley's lecture in Haverhill on Thursday evening.

The *Bluntonian* has been discontinued for the present.

Plummer, ex-P.A. '92, is attending school at Saltsbry, Penn.

Jones and Drury, ex-P.S. '94, have left Shef. Jones is in the steel business in Pittsburg, Pa.

All entries for the athletic tournament must be handed in to Knapp, '92.

Hollister, P.S. '90, has lost the use of his eyes.

Quite a number of students have begun to take boxing lessons of Mr. Dole.

There are about a dozen candidates for pitcher's place on the team.

Case, '94, has been appointed temporary captain of the Freshman nine.

About one-half of the Senior class at Exeter are going to Yale. The class numbers 63.

The U. S. government is putting up a \$100,000 gymnasium at West Point. When will our turn come?

There is excellent skating now on Rabbit's Pond and the meadow.

Sawyer has returned to school, and has almost recovered from his accident.

Masury, who has been suffering from a severe cold since last term, has taken up his work again.

Among the many candidates for pitcher on the Harvard nine Veazie, P.A. '91, appears as a special.

The Exeter catalogue or 1890-91 has appeared. The name of Charles Everett Fish, A.B., is added to the list of the faculty as principal. The tuition fee, with a Gym fee of \$2 added, has been increased to \$77. The membership is 356, a gain of eleven over last year.

It is reported that the next Yale-Harvard boat race will be rowed on the Connecticut river at Springfield, Mass.

Blaine is the only college graduate in Harrison's cabinet.

Yale's graduates number 13,444, one-half of whom are living.

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Tickets for Stepniak's lecture on Nihilism will be on sale at the Andover Bookstore on Monday, Jan. 19th. Tickets 35 cts. with reserved seat 50c.

#### College News.

About seventy men have presented themselves as candidates for the Yale Athletic team.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper of Yale has not yet officially accepted the presidency of the new Baptist University at Chicago, but will doubtless do so soon.

A matched contest is talked of between Sherrill of Yale, Lee of Harvard, and Cary of Princeton, the distances run being 50, 100, 150, and 220 yards, for the inter-collegiate championship of America.—*Sun*

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Dartmouth has just conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon Chas. E. Fish, principal of Phillips Exeter Academy.

#### Notices.

Y. M. C. A.

Meeting to-night at 6.45. Subject, "Constant fellowship with Christ." John xv. 4. Business meeting. Leader, White.

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