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Northfield.

Our hearty and sincere thanks are due to the religious societies that so kindly sent us to Northfield. It may not be amiss, therefore, to publish a short report of our visit, and we hope that from this report, seconded by the increased devotion of the men who went, the Christian work done this year may in some degree repay the debt we owe for the privilege.

The Sixth Annual Conference of college students at Northfield has passed, yet its uplifting and inspiring influence will be felt as long as the world shall stand. Scores and hundreds of active, whole-souled men had the inestimable privilege of coming under the influence of such men as Dr. John Smith, Dr. Harper, and others, but above all of coming into close contact with Dr. Moody.

Some of the P.A. men whom we expected to see at Northfield did not put in an appearance, yet the men who were there had an experience which will ever be a pleasant memory with which they would not part. The following men were present all or a part of the time: A. Bumstead, J. Ogilvie, E. W. Bancroft, L. Ziepprecht, R. H. Duncan, and G. E. Lake.

We were not so favored as last year in regard to rooms, for we had to make ourselves as comfortable as possible in a large room with ten or twelve strangers. Three of us made the trip from Boston together, and on the train met and made many friends, one of whom gave us a most interesting account of his work in Burma, India.

The ten days at Northfield passed by only too rapidly. All the bright, happy days were filled to the uttermost. The mornings and evenings were devoted to religious work. The afternoons were taken as a time for rest, or spent in admiring the scenery of this most beautiful New England town, or in watching the athletic sports in front of Marquana Hall. Many pleasant recollections gather round the base-ball field and the tennis courts. The celebration of the 4th of July was as enthusiastic as in any of the former years. The midnight raids on Yale, situated at Weston Hall, served to keep the boys from getting too much sleep.

The addresses, by men fully as well known as any of those present last year, were especially noticeable by their high tone of Christian piety and

consecration. Among others the following well-known speakers may be mentioned: Dr. John Smith of Edinburgh; Prof. Thompson, Drs. Harper, Judson, Munhall, and A. J. Pierson, Rev. A. L. Phillips, Evangelist H. L. Hastings, President Bashford of Ohio Wesleyan University, and Prof. W. G. Moorehead. The Y.M.C.A. work was ably set forth by Ober, Mott, Speer, and J. C. White, earnest workers in that branch of Christian work. Personal work and consecration were the two main points emphasized.

The spirit of the meetings was strongly missionary, but as Mr. Phillips said "Jesus Christ knew no foreign field" no one branch of the work was given undue prominence. The missionary meetings, as of old, were held on "Round Top" at 7 o'clock each evening, and formed one of the most impressive services of the day. Mr. Mott was in charge, and Mr. Speer, Dr. Munhall, and J. C. White acted as his assistants. Rev. Mr. Phillips spoke in an earnest manner for home missions.

Bible study this year was under the charge of Mr. L. W. Messer of Chicago and Mr. R. E. Speer, instructor in the English Bible at Princeton.

The singing at the meetings is always a marked feature of the conference. Prof. D. B. Towner and wife were present this year; also Miss Fox of New York, Mr. E. Cathcart, and Mr. Sankey.

The influence of these meetings has been and ever will be of greatest value to college men. No Christian student can afford to lose the opportunity of attending this yearly convention, and we hope and trust that there will be a larger delegation of P.A. men go the coming summer than ever before, and we believe that the Christian work will receive a strong impulse from the earnestness and zeal of the men who go from year to year.

G. E. LAKE.

Phillips' Opportunities for Literary Improvements.

For the benefit of the many new fellows who have entered the school this year we print short sketches of the different literary societies connected with the Academy.

PHILO.

The Philomathean Society is the literary organization of the school, and is one of its oldest societies. It was founded by Dr. Horatio B. Hackett,

Dr. Ray Palmer, Dr. John F. Stearns, and Dr. Wm. Newell. The minutes date back to 1825. The purpose and aim of the society is perhaps best stated in one of the articles of its constitution: "Improvement in argument, eloquence, English composition, and parliamentary law." The constitution provides for a regular corps of officers. The meetings are held in Society Hall on Friday evening of each week. The program comprises debates, essays, readings, declamations, and orations. The *Mirror*, a publication of this society, appears once a term. This gives its members an opportunity for writing stories, poems, and grinds, and for making cuts. There is also a library, owned jointly by this society and the Society of Inquiry, which is accessible to members of these organizations. It contains eight hundred volumes, many of which are standard works.

The society has been in the habit of giving at least two public entertainments during the year, one of which is sometimes in the way of a lecture by some popular speaker. Most of the Means and Draper prize men have been members of this society, and all attest the good they have derived from it.

SOCIETY OF INQUIRY.

The Society of Inquiry, founded in 1833, has been during its 58 years of existence the centre of the religious life of the school. There is scarcely another religious society in the schools and colleges of the land that has had so long or so bright a record. From the lips of alumni and from the signs which we see here we are assured that Inquiry presents the most favorable field for religious work. We feel convinced, too, that we are upon the eve of a remarkably prosperous year. The large number of students and the marked interest shown in the two meetings held thus far give us reason to hope for a year of exceptional religious interest. We therefore invite the active co-operation of all the new members of the school, and hope for a large attendance at the regular Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

At this time, when the attention of new students is being called to the different features of the Academy, including her societies, we should like to mention this one. Although not old, like Philo, nor of a religious character, like Inquiry, yet it fills its

own sphere in our school life. Its object is the study and discussion of scientific subjects, not in the dry manner of the class-room and text-books, but by means of personal observation and a free interchange of ideas. That it is of benefit to its members may be seen from the interesting program pursued last spring. That it is here to stay may be known from the fact that it has stood the many trials which a new society always has, and has successfully resisted the prejudice that is always strong against a new school organization. We are confident that it merits the support of all the students who are interested in any branch of natural history, and we hope that any who are, or who think they might become interested will at least attend the first meeting.

The organizer and president, E. J. Woodman, has retired from that office, and A. G. Robinson, P. S. '93, has been elected. Woodman, however, will continue active work as curator. Our program last term was good, but our plans for this year include a much better one, broader in its scope and fuller in its details.

Athletics.

Although it is too early in the season to form any idea of our athletic prospects, nevertheless a general summing up may be made of the material which remains over from last year's teams. Of the foot-ball men there are only two, or possibly three, who will play this year, so there is a large number of positions open to new men. If everyone will come out we may hope for a strong foot-ball team, but it will only be obtained by the hardest kind of work. Only one man of those who represented us in tennis against Exeter last fall has returned thus far. Of last year's athletic team several good men have returned, and consequently our outlook in this line is a little brighter. Four of the base-ball team are here, and with them as a nucleus something may also be attained in that line.

School Meeting.

The school was called to order Tuesday by President Quimby, for the purpose of appointing a reading room committee. On motion of Weyerhaeuser, the following committee was elected: Hooker and Sheldon, '92; Stone and Ziepprecht, '93; O. M. Clark, '94.

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The PHILLIPIAN extends a hearty welcome to the old students of Phillips, also to the many new fellows among us.

The Academy begins the one hundred and fourteenth year of her career with an enrolment of nearly four hundred students (about sixty more than at the corresponding time last year), which is but one of the many indications of an unusually prosperous year. As the old fellows stand upon the threshold of another year's intellectual effort, they can, to a great degree, realize the opportunities that are before them for mental growth. When the new students become acquainted with the routine of the school life they will be fully convinced that Phillips is a fitting school in the truest sense of the term, and that the preparation for college life is all that can be desired in the completeness of its instruction.

Outside of the prescribed course of study, which is second to nothing in importance, there are occasions for development in various directions. The Society of Inquiry feeds the spiritual life of the school. Its influence for good permeates the whole academic life, and does much towards raising the standard of morality; one but needs to go there to find friends that will be sincere in their friendship in the everyday life of the school.

For literary work Philo is able to furnish a great deal. There is no doubt that the career of many a famous public speaker or writer has sprung from the privileges offered by the drill received in taking a prominent part in the varied program that is conducted there every Friday evening. The Mirror gives scope enough for all who are inclined to use the pen,

and its offers are worthy of consideration.

The Natural History Society is a place where a spare hour can be spent with much interest and profit. The students who are the leaders of the society have spent much time in the study and personal investigation of the subjects, and a meeting rarely passes by without being profitable to all who attend.

The Reading Room, which will soon be open, is always stocked with very desirable reading matter.

To all who are musically inclined the Glee and Banjo Clubs furnish many attractions.

Our athletic associations are open to every student. Too much cannot be said to urge all who have ever accomplished anything in this line, or who have good physiques and think they can do something, to join them; for there is always need of strong and vigorous young men in this part of the school life.

We hope that all of the new fellows who are interested in any of the school societies mentioned above will feel free to join them, and they will receive a hearty welcome.

It is of vital importance to every young man on the threshold of life that he should learn well the cardinal precept—economy. We urge the lesson of this important doctrine with great earnestness upon the students of the Academy, because experience has taught us that it invariably inspires faith and confidence in one's family and friends. With reference to this we are glad to say that members of the school will find in a majority of instances that the tradesmen of Andover are invariably courteous and reasonable with the students, and it is their studious endeavor to keep large and fresh supplies of precisely the kind of furnishings the boys need. Conspicuous among the dealers in Andover, we are happy to say, is Mr. P. J. Hannon, the tailor to the Academy. He is square and honest in every transaction; his great popularity with the students is sufficient evidence of this. We have it on good authority that last year alone he furnished twice the amount of clothes to members of the school than that of any other individual tailor. He gives special attention to the cut and style of college men's clothes, and is consequently better equipped to satisfy the Phillips trade than any other local tailor. When you are down town step in and see him. He is always glad to welcome the students, and will give you better style, fit, and price than any tailor within a reasonable distance. He is agent for Troy Laundry, and keeps a clean and fresh line of gentlemen's furnishings.

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The Seminary opened to-day with an increased enrolment.

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Roger Conant, ex-P.A. '92, expects to enter Columbia, which opens on Oct. 6.

Emerson, class. poet of F.A. '90, spent a day or two in town recently.

J. Williams, P.A. '91, is spending a few days in town.

The Banjo Club trial took place on Tuesday.

Parker, P.A. '93, has taken the agency for Townsend's Laundry.

Turner, of last year's base-ball nine, has entered Technology.

The advanced French class has begun "Madame de la Seiglière."

Prof. Ryder conducted the services on Sunday in the Chapel.

Several of last year's foot-ball men have entered Williams.

Four of last year's base-ball men have returned to school.

Abbot Academy commenced last Thursday with an increase of about thirty students.

An unusual amount of tennis material has entered the Academy this year.

Dean, of Harvard, has been playing on the B.A.A. team during the summer.

The Butterfield house has started a banjo club, with Cowin, P.S. '93, as leader.



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ful season. The playing was much
sharper and quicker than it generally
is at the first of the season, and every
man seemed to have his mind made
up to do his best. We hope that the
fellows will not get discouraged when
they think that they are not going to
get on the first eleven, and that they
will bear in mind that although they
may not play against Exeter, yet they
will do the school almost as much
good by playing hard on the second
eleven.

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school, the proportioned enlargement
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Class Meeting.

At a class meeting of P.A. '92, held
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son and Fales were elected vice-Presi-
dent and Secretary, respectively.

Notices.

INQUIRY

Prayer meeting to-night at 6.45
o'clock in Society Hall. Subject,
Come and See. John i. 39. Leader,
Parker.

PHILO.

The first regular meeting of the
Philomathean Society will be held in
Society Hall on Friday evening at 7
o'clock. The program will be as fol-
lows:

Extempore, McLaren.

Mirror, Geo. Nettleton, 1st Editor.

Declamation, L. M. Bennett.

Debate on the subject: Resolved,
That the President of the United
States should be chosen by a popular

vote.

Affirmative, Williams; negative
Parker.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the
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