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Dining Hall Communication.

To the Editor of the Phillipian:

As some important changes are soon to be made in the conduct of the Dining Hall it seems advisable at this time to call the attention of the school to the proposed improvements as well as to the conditions under which the Hall was established and the place it was intended that the Hall should fill in the life of the school.

For a great many years the problem of providing satisfactory table board under acceptable conditions has been a most pressing one with the trustees. The old plan which left the matter entirely in the hands of the private houses was subject to constant and severe criticism; and as the school increased in numbers this criticism grew more intense. public and in private, in conversation and in print, students and faculty alike voiced the opinion that the greatest need of the Academy was a Dining Hall in charge of the authorities of the school. The late principal Dr. Bancroft, frequently stated that in his judgment the crying need of the school was such a Hall. Because of the lack of special funds for this purpose the trustees hesitated, but finally in view of increasing pressure it was voted to appropriate funds for this purpose. The old Brick Academy was accordingly completely remodeled and transformedinto a most attractive Dining Hall fitted out with the best obtainable equipment.

The trustees had several objects in view, but first of all it was their desire to furnish, practically at cost, wholesome, substantial food, at a reasonable price and under attractive conditions. In addition it was hoped that by bringing together in this way boys from all classes of the school, a better school spirit and a closer fellowship among the boys would result. Still further it was hoped that the hall would furnish opportunities for a limited number of deserving boys to to earn their board and in this way materially assist themselves in meeting the regular expenses of the school. To help further these ends it was decided to leave the general supervision of the hall to a committee chosen from the trustees, the faculty, and the students, but the majority of whom should be from the students.

For two years and more the hall has been in operation and numerous problems have beset the management. In view of the novelty of the undertaking most of these problems could not have been foreseen. The greatest of these have sprung from the marked increase during the past two years in the cost of supplies and the natural difficulties involved in the attempt to meet the wants of boys of widely different tastes and means. Similar problems have confronted other institutions which have recently undertaken similar tasks, notably Yele, Harvard, Dartmouth and Exeter. The scheme which was finally decided upon for the current year has been considered by the first three institutions mentioned the most satisfactory to all concerned, its strongest feature lying in the opportunity which it offers to each student to secure either high or low priced board as he That there are valid objections to this scheme cannot be denied and the committee are at present considering the wisdom of asking the students to express definitely their preference for either the present plan or for a table at a fixed charge of five dollars per week.

In the management of the hall it is the definite aim of the committee as well as of the trustees to meet so far as possible the wants of the individual students and to supply their actual, not fancied needs. This has proved a most difficult task. That it is possible however, to do this the experience at both Yale and Harvard amply proves, and every effort will be put forth to bring about the same results here. It has long been felt that an . experienced woman in charge of the dining room could do much to make the board more attractive and that she would at the same time be far better able than anyone else to hear the suggestions of the boys and take necessary steps to adjust difficulties and remove causes for complaint. Early in the winter term an experienced woman was engaged for this purpose. Illness at the last moment compelled her to give up the under taking. As it was hoped that a little later she would be able to fill her engagement, no further appointment was made. Recently it was found that the woman in question could not be counted on and steps have accordingly been taken to secure another person for this position. It is expected that the right person will be engaged within the next few days, and the committee are firmly convinced that under this plan the dining hall can be made attractive to the majority of the students in the school.

To secure the best results a hearty cooperation on the part of the school at large is needed. Those who are familiar with the old conditions realize that the loss of the hall at this time would be a serious loss to the school at large. It is earnestly hoped therefore that the committee may have the united support of the student body in their efforts to render more attractive and more efficient an institution which was called into existence by the demands of the students themselves, and which can render if properly supported a most important service in the life of the school.

> Signed, THE DINING HALL COMMITTEE.

Forum.

At the last regular meeting of Forum this term, which will be held Friday evening, the officers for the Spring term will be elected. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be present.

Gymnastic Contest.

Saturday night the champion gym contest took place. Five silver cups were awarded as prizes, three for the first, second and third places in the all around gym contest, and two for the winners of the boxing and fencing matches. Badges were also given for the first, second, and third places of each event of the gym contest. The first prize for the all around gym championship was carried off by Betteridge, the second by Holden, and the third by Gates. The fencing cup was won by A. Merritt, while E. A. Dillon secured the boxing cup. The boxing contests were the most interesting events of the evening.

The events were run off in the following manner.

I. Boxing contest.

First bout between Dillon and O'Donnell, decision given to Dillon.

Second bout between Merritt and Taylor, decision given to Merritt.

Third bout between Tsai and Marsh, decision given to Tsai.

Fourth bout between Kilpatrick and Clough, decision given to Kilpatrick.

II. Exhibition on the horse. Gates first, Betteridge second, Holden-third.

III. Fencing contest.

First bout between Reynolds and A. Merritt, decided in favor of Merritt. Second bout between R. B. Hall and Cooper, decided in favor of

Cooper. Third bout between Daniels and Waugh, decided in favor of Daniels.

IV. Exhibition on the horizontal

first, Reed second. Betteridge Gates third.

V. Semi-finals in boxing. First bout between Kilpatrick and Merritt, won by K. Merritt.

Second bout between Tsai and Dillon, won by Dillon.

VI. Exhibition on trick rings. Betteridge first, Gates second, Holden third.

VII. Semi-finals in fencing. Bout between Merritt and Cooper, won by Merritt.

VIII. Exhibition on horizontal bars.

Betteridge first, Holden second, Kingsford third.

IX. Boxing finals.

Bout between Merritt and Dillon. Cup awarded to Dillon.

X. Tumbling.

Holden first, Reed second, Betteridge third.

XI. Final fencing.

Bout between A. Merritt and Daniels, cup to A. Merritt.

XII. Stag dance.

Judges for the gymnastic events, Mr. Keep, Mr. Poynter, Mr. Richards. Judges of fencing, Mr. Brooks, Prof. Forbes and Mr. Brewster.

Judges of boxing, Mr. Gelas, Mr. Richards and Mr. Peet.

Timer, Dr. Page. Scorer, Cushman.

Calendar.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball—Squad, gym, 1.00; battery, gym, 4.00.

Picture of captains, leaders and asistant leaders of gym classes, gym,

Inter-class gym contest, gym, 2.15. FRIDAY

Philo, Society hall, 7.00. Forum, Archaeology building, 7.00.

Musical Clubs' Trip.

The musical clubs gave their annual concert at the Dellafield-Colvin School in Boston last Saturday night. The members had a very good time and much regret was expressed that it was the last trip of the clubs.

The program was as follows:

I Mandolin Club — Pot-Pourri from "Woodland"

"Our Leader" (encore)

II Banjo Club-"Darkies' Wedding" "Coat of Arms" (encore)

III Glee Club-"Drinking Song"

"Honey I Want You Now" (encore) IV Mandolin Club-"Sultan's Dream" "Toastmaster" (encore)

V J. M. Howard and Glee Club-"Ma Onliest One"

"Drink to Me Only with Thine. Eyes" (encore)

"Domine Salvam Fac" (encore). VI Banjo Club-"A Kentucky Smile" "At a Colored Tea-Party" -(encore) Finale—"Old Andover is Champion"

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M. I. T. Wins Chess.

Andover was defeated by the chess team from M. I. T. in the Archaeology building on Saturday by the score of 3 to 1, W. Beinecke being the only winner for Andover.

At the first table Lourie of M. I. T. won from Loomis of Andover. At the second table W. Beinecke of Andover won from Hewins of M. I. T. At the third table Ternan of M. I. T. won from F. Beinecke of Andover. At the fourth table Morey of M. I. T. won from Wallace of Andover.

Inquiry.

Last Sunday evening Inquiry held a very good meeting in So-S. S. Day led with ciety Hall. "Our Need of God" as his subject. J. M. Howard will lead next Sunday.

Musical Club Elections.

At a recent meeting of the Banjo and Mandolin 'clubs, Lowell Mead Chapin, '06, of Chicago, Ill., was elected leader of the Banjo club, and Preble Wilson Blake, '06, of Amesbury, leader of the Mandolin club, for next year.

Mr. Robert E. Woods of the South End House in Boston spoke last Sunday afternoon at the Academy Vesper services. He gave a brief outline of the object of the University Settlement and the work done by that organization.

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Editor for this issue

There will be a very important meeting of the Phillipian board at 12 o'clock next Friday noon in the PHILLIPIAN office.

Examination Schedule.

The following is a list of examinations for the rest of the week. The schedule for next week's exams will appear in the Saturday issue.

THURSDAY

- 8.15, Greek II, Mr. Poynter, Sci. 1.
- 9.15, Greek III, Mr. Poynter, Sci. 1.
- 10.15, History IV, Mr. F. W. Stearns, Sci. 1.
- 11.15, History D, Mr. F. W. Stearns, Sci. 1.
- 11.15, Geometry B, Mr. Lynde, Arch. Bldg.
- 3.00, Algebra III, Mr. Eaton, Sci. 1. FRIDAY *
- 8.15, German II, Dr. Newton, Sci. 1.
- 9.15, German C, Mr. Keep, Sci. 10.
- 10.15, Algebra IV, Mr. Eaton, Sci. 1.
- 10.15, Greek II, Prof. Benner, Sci. 10. 11.15, Algebra IV, Mr. Eaton, Sci. 1.
- 11.15, English B, Mr. Scheffy, Sci. 10.
- 11.15, Greek I, Prof. Benner, Sci. 10.
- 11.15, Greek II, Mr. Poynter, Sci. 3.
- 11.15, Am. History, Mr. Freeman, Arch. Bldg.
- 2.00, English II, Mr. Scheffy, Sci. 1.
- 3.00, Geometry B, Mr. Lynde, Sci. 10.
- 3.00, Latin C, Mr. Poynter, Sci. 1.

- 8.15, Geometry II, Mr. Eaton, Sci. 1. 8.15, Greek Comp. II, Mr. Poynter,
- 9.15, German B, Mr. Keep, Sci. 10.
- 9.15, English I, Mr. Dorey, Sci. 1.
- 9.15, Latin Comp. II, Mr. Allen,
- Sci. 10.
- 10.15 Greek Comp. I, Mr. Poynter, Sci. 10.
- 10.15, German II, Dr. Newton, Sci. 10. 11.15, English II, Mr. Scheffy, Sci. 1.
- 11.15, Latin Comp. C, Mr. Allen, Sci. 10.

The last meeting of the Philomathean society for this term will be held on Friday night. There will be no regular program rendered, as the officers for the ensuing term will be elected.

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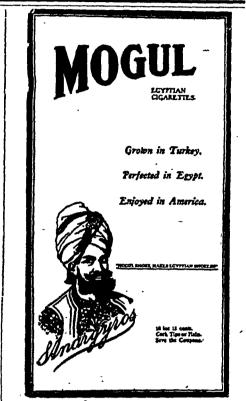
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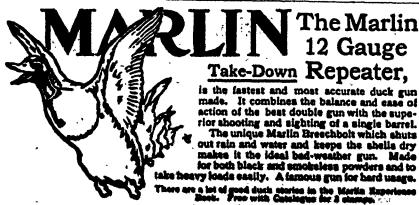
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