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THE Winter with its many amusements is about over, and now we see preparations being made for the base ball season. If you come across a number of boys talking, and you should stop to listen, you would find that they were giving their views on the merits of different players, or were talking of other matters pertaining to base ball. We hope that our base ball team may have as great success as our football eleven, and, if possible, may again defeat the Freshmen.

THE Missionary Society at the "Home" a short time ago conceived the idea of getting up an entertainment for the benefit of the Y Mission, in securing it new seats. The Society set about carrying out its plans, and the Glee Club and other members of the school have seconded its efforts. The entertainment will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on the evening of March 6th, and will consist of two farces, several songs by the Glee Club, etc. It is believed that it will be well worth going to, and we trust that all friends of the School and Mission will give the entertainment their most hearty support.

ON the 20th the School held its patriotic exercises in honor of Washington's Birthday. The primary and intermediate departments came down stairs and united with the other departments. As usual, their contribution to the day's entertainment was the most interesting, the "Meeting of the Nations" showing great care on the part of both teachers and pupils in its preparation. The Glee Club sang, and four pieces in honor of Washington were spoken by down stairs boys. Dr. Scott and Dr. Cook each also spoke, and Rev. J. G. Reed closed, as he had opened, the exercises of the day with prayer. Quite a number of the friends of the boys were present in spite of the weather, and all seemed to have enjoyed the occasion.

A WALK TO HIGHTSTOWN.

ON the 24th of January four members of the Five-Mile Club took a tramp to Hightstown. They were "Ma," "Solomon," "Simon," and "Uncle Josh,"—or "Josh," for short.

"Ma" went because he wanted to see Peddie Institute and a friend in it, and also to gratify his insatiable desire for seeing a new section of country; "Solomon" went to see some friends in the Institute—"Jerusha," especially, it is believed; "Simon" went because "Solomon" did, and of course "Solomon's" friends were "Simon's" as well; "Uncle Josh" went to make up the even number so desirable on a walk, and was eager to go because Peddie Institute is coeducational.

Such were the boys and such were the reasons for their undertaking the tramp. The weather was rather mild for January and the roads were muddy in the middle of the day, so the Club decided to start early, at 7 A. M. Permission to go was secured from the principal, and the housekeeper was interviewed as to getting an early breakfast. The Club retired with the great weight of an early rising upon its mind. "Josh" secured all the alarm clocks in the house and set them for the next

morning at intervals of 20 or 30 minutes apart. Whether this was to secure his own early rising or had in it a malignant idea of keeping the "Bowering" awake in those unearthly hours cannot be definitely stated.

The next morning dawned. "Ma" was up early looking at the weather and his watch, and calculating on how many more minutes he could spend in bed before he would have to get dressed. Solomon was up early too, and skipped down stairs to get a shirt from the laundry. Of course the laundry was not open so early, and so poor Solomon was kept on a hop going down every little while until he got his clean biled shirt at last. Simon slept peacefully until Solomon called him. Josh was awake half the night attending to his clocks. After they went off, he had to wind them up again so that he would not sleep too long! At last 6 o'clock came, the hour agreed upon as the time for waking. Excepting Simon, the Club met in the hall on their way to call each other.

About 6.30 the Club sat down to breakfast. This was soon dispatched, and then came the usual bother of actually starting. The morning was cloudy, and so the weather had to be discussed. Ma said that though he did not believe it would rain he would take his old umbrella as a mascot. That made Simon want a mascot too. Then the hat question was up for debate. A dip is such a plague on a walk, and both Solomon and Simon had hats of that order. "Borrow caps," suggested Josh. Happy thought! Sned and Saratoga were roused at once, and Solomon and Simon were soon ready in their borrowed finery. Then the Club was off just as the 7 o'clock whistles were blowing.

Ma, who had a pocket map and a general knowledge of New Jersey, was the leader. The plan was to go to Jamesburg, see the State Reform School there, and then go to Hightstown by the train which left Jamesburg about 11 A. M. Ma thought it would be a good idea to follow the Raritan River Railroad to Milltown and then strike for Jamesburg. The Club, therefore walked out to the terminus of the road on Commercial Avenue.

The tracks of a railroad like the R. R. Railroad

are not the most pleasant to walk on, but it was the original plan to take them, and as the Cranbury Turnpike did not look better and did not lead to Jamesburg any way, the Club started boldly down the railroad. The track had not been laid a year and had been put down in the cheapest manner, with no ballast and little grading. To look down the road and see the crazy curves of the rails would make any one smile.

When the Club was half way to Milltown the clouds broke, the sun was rising, and there was a really beautiful view on both sides of the road as they went round a curve.

With the enjoyment of nature's beauties and the sense of freedom from all restraint, the Club was in high spirits, and sang and laughed and cracked senseless jokes in a giddy style. A high trestle just before they reached Milltown cooled down their ardor for a few minutes. Solomon stalked on ahead in dignified silence. Simon was afraid to cross, and Ma and Josh were only too glad of an opportunity to talk big and hang on to some one, so taking Simon on each side they crossed after Solomon. All heaved sighs of relief when they arrived safely at the other end.

Milltown had no station building, only a platform. After taking a drink at a fine spring near the station, the Club started on. The post office was found after some pumping of infantile Milltowners, and there some postals were mailed to let friends know where the Club was.

Milltown is only a small place, but has a large mill or two and numerous hotels, and is withal a rather pretty town in some respects.

On a hill, back of the school house, the road parted. Two men were standing near the forks and the Club asked them which was the best road to Jamesburg. The directions were complicated as to both, but taking the one which seemed the least difficult to understand, the Club followed the left hand road which was also the better, if not the shorter, from what could be judged. They walked and walked, and the road began to get soft as the sun thawed it. Judged by the time and speed since starting they thought they had gone 8 miles, and that was the distance to Jamesburg, according to Ma's map, which, by the way, had only the

railroads on it. At length the blacksmith's shop mentioned in the directions appeared and the sign post near it said 5 miles to New Brunswick, and did not say anything about Jamesburg; and Jamesburg was only three miles from Milltown when they left the latter place. A native was interviewed, who said: "Five miles to Jamesburg; go to your right." The Club then wished they had taken the other road from Milltown.

Half an hour later another native was seen roosting on a fence. "How far to Jamesburg?" was asked. "Five miles." Still the Club walked and *tempus fugit*. Then two small boys were met and questioned. They said something about the Rhode Hall the Club had heard of so often already, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and about Jamesburg. Whether the $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles was to Rhode Hall, to Jamesburg, or from Rhode Hall to Jamesburg was not certain. The Club was getting weary, and the chances of catching the train at Jamesburg, much less of seeing the Reform School, were slim. But soon Rhode Hall was seen. Rhode Hall was a tavern with several houses about it.

A short distance beyond it a farmer in a wagon was met and was asked how far it was to Jamesburg. "Four miles." How the Club's spirits sank. Ten minutes later, another farmer was asked the same question. "Five miles!" Despair seized the Club, even though the ludicrous in the answers was appreciated. Then a carriage with a woman and four or five children passed and to the old question, the woman answered " $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles." The whoops and yells of joy must have astonished the good lady. Soon the cross roads were reached and the sign boards were examined. The sign on one side of the road read "1 mile to Jamesburg;" the sign on the other side, " $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Jamesburg."

There was a fine large house on one of the corners, set well back from the road and surrounded by a fence having thick square posts. The Club perched on these posts and meditated—and rested. It was 10.30 and the distance to Jamesburg—if there was a Jamesburg—was uncertain. The 11 o'clock train could not be caught probably, so Ma advised the Club to walk on to Hightstown. The plan was finally agreed to, although

the Club would rather have gone to Jamesburg and waited for the next train, even if it were well on towards night, or have taken the risk of having to walk any way than to go the eight miles. Ma thought it was to Hightstown right then.

Cranbury was five miles distant, and the Club made up its mind to stop there for dinner. Simon and Josh were very tired and it was after 12 when the Club reached Cranbury. On the way the Club amused itself by munching corn and trying to solve the problem given by the sign posts one of which said: "To Rhode Hall, 2 m. To Cranbury, 3 m.;" and another "To Rhode Hall, 3 m. To Cranbury, 3 m."

Cranbury was a pleasant town and the Club enjoyed its stay there. They learned that it was only two miles further to Hightstown, instead of three as Ma imagined. The bakery was visited and a few rolls and crullers were purchased, and then something was wanted to drink. The baker said there was no milk to be had, and of course soda water was out of the question. Cider was suggested. "That's the stuff!" exclaimed some of the party. They entered a grocery, but the old lady attending said they had no cider and did not believe any could be had in the town; but if they were thirsty she would give them some water, which she thought would be better for them than cider. The Club was given seats and had a jolly meal in the little grocery on rolls and crullers, together with some butter and a can of salmon they purchased there. The kind reception and good dinner revived the spirits of the Club and they again started on their journey with renewed energy and grateful hearts.

But the next two miles! The mud was the deepest the Club had found. It took them over an hour to walk the two miles, and they were about exhausted at their journey's end. A boy was met on the way. He was a friendly chap, and the Club had a lively confab with him. He was a Peddie Institute fellow, on his way to Cranbury, and consequently was interesting. He was interested in the Club also, and certainly he might will be, for they were an odd looking gang as they sat in a row on the culvert, with muddy shoes and rolled up trousers.

Hightstown was reached at 2.10 and Peddie Institute "at last at length"—to use Cicero's phrase—was close at hand. Its tower had been seen ever since Cranbury had been left. Now the Club braced up and walked two abreast, looking as spruce as they could to undergo the inspection of the Institute fellows—and girls. Boldly they marched up the front walk, up the steps and on the high porch. "Ma" rang the door bell with a flourish. Not one of the Club flinched under the embarrassing examination they received from the lads and lassies; even opera glasses did not make them more than blush. A gentleman, who the Club afterward learned was Principal Slaught, relieved their mental agony by calling them off of the porch and having their friends hunted up for them. They found out later that the front path and the porch were sacred to the "South Wing" and that the boys' entrances were either under the porch or at the side of the building.

The Club's friends were glad to see them, and after the mud and grime had been washed and brushed off, introduced them around. Professor Slaught was most kind, taking them over the main building and through the pretty new building, the Longstreet Library which has a science department on the second floor and an observatory attached. A museum was also on the second floor and had a very fine collection of minerals, of which Prof. Slaught seemed justly proud. After the Principal had completed the tour and had left a most pleasant impression upon the minds of the four "Rats," the fellows showed them other things about the main building and took them over the town.

Everything having been seen, the Club sat about in the fellows' rooms and listened to and told stories of school life and larks. As can be imagined, this was jolly work, and the Club upheld the honors of the "Trap" to the best of their ability, and having Josh along they did well of course.

Ma and Josh went back to New Brunswick by the 5.24 and were escorted to the station by the other two members of the Club and their old and newly made friends. Ma and Josh longed to accept the invitation to stay over with Solomon and

Simon, as the cordial, pleasant way in which they had been treated made them wish to stay longer; and they had not seen the "South Wing" either. But duty was duty, so the Club broke up and Ma and Josh were soon in New Brunswick again, while Solomon and Simon stayed and had a time most gorgeous. They saw the "South Wing," or its inmates rather, and said——. But that is not the business of the Club, nor had it anything to do with the Club's walk to Hightstown.

TAU RAMP.

THE RECEPTION.

THE "Trap" held a reception at the "Trap" on the evening of Feb. 5. It was the first time anything of the kind had been undertaken by the boys there, as the traditions from 'way back do not state that the boys had ever held one before.

The house was all thrown open and was prettily decorated with flowers and plants. The committee took special pains with the dining room, which had been cleared for dancing. The decorations were appropriate, being made up of tennis and lacrosse rackets, base ball masks, a banner and a flag or two upon the walls, and a foot ball hung from one of the chandeliers. Our old friends, Washington and Lincoln, also were there, having come up from the school for the occasion, and seemed to look down rather more approvingly upon the scene in the dining room than upon the larks in the school room, which they have to endure "when the Prof's and the 'Rats' do play."

At 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and an hour later dancing was begun. The old dining room then looked decidedly gay and more pleasant than ever before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant—even at meal time. The bright young faces and feet tripping to the music of the piano, violin and cornet made a picture long to be remembered. Refreshments were served at 10.30 and then dancing was resumed until 12 o'clock.

Most of the boys left their rooms open, with lights burning and everything fixed to look its best, and many of the guests took the opportunity of inspecting them. This feature of the evening seemed to be enjoyed even if dancing was the main attraction, and certainly it was a pleasure to

the boys to show off their quarters and possessions.

The evening was most pleasant to all concerned and will doubtless be handed down to succeeding generations of "Rats" as "*the* dance we had when and where here in the year the Grammar School beat the Freshmen at foot ball."

The committee on the reception was J. H. Seberger, H. D. Harder, W. B. Collier and W. H. Stilson.

The patronesses were Mrs. E. H. Cook, Mrs. J. S. Clark, Mrs. Clarkson Runyon and Mrs. W. R. Newton, to whom the "resident students" are most grateful for their kindness.

Y. M. C. A.

A YOUNG man employed in a London business house saw his companions ruining their future prospects by fast living, and, wishing to save them, he invited them one night to spend the evening with him at his room. They accepted, and it is said that the Young Men's Christian Association was the outcome of that visit.

So we see that the object of the Y. M. C. A. even when first organized, was to lead young men to look away from those things which lead them down to ruin, and upon those things which lead them into a higher and nobler life. And this is the object of Y. M. C. A. work to-day.

To draw young men from influences which create in them evil habits and desires is perhaps the most prominent phase of Y. M. C. A. work; in fact all other branches of the work are auxiliaries of that object, for the games, gymnasiums and other attractions are designed to draw men and boys from the saloons and other such places, and the evening classes, in almost every study, are designed to show them the higher life to which education is the door. And they have Bible classes and prayer meetings, and even prepare men for evangelistic work.

Now, it is very evident that something like this is needed in schools and colleges. And so, to fill this need, a Y. M. C. A. has been organized in this school. It is doing some good, we believe, but hardly enough. Do we appreciate the privi-

leges and responsibilities we take upon ourselves when we join? As members, we ought to stand by the Association and help to broaden its influence, for the more work we do for and in such an association, the more benefit we receive from it ourselves.

Certainly all Christians need some work that they can do among their fellows. Perhaps one of the greatest faults among men of the present day is that of keeping their religion for Sunday and not taking it with them into business.

Now the Y. M. C. A. offers us the chance to show our colors and to express our opinions about religious subjects, but we do not appreciate the privilege. We must remember that when we identify ourselves with a society we are in duty bound to support it. Now quite a number of active members show up at the meetings very seldom, and the meetings are consequently less interesting.

Now, let us turn over a new leaf and see what can be done to improve our Y. M. C. A. We can make it very lively if we choose, and the only question is, do we choose?

The subjects and leaders for the Friday evening prayer meetings will be:

Friday, Mar. 6—Subject, "Purity." Leader, Prof. W. H. van Allen.

Friday, Mar. 13—Subject, "God's Reward to those who Read His Word." Leader, George Janeway.

Friday, Mar. 20—Subject, "Aggressive Christianity." Leader, George Ludlow.

Friday, Mar. 27—Subject, "Intimacy with Jesus." Leader, R. K. Painter.

The following are the subjects and leaders for the Wednesday evening prayer meetings at the Home:

Wednesday, Mar. 4—Subject, "Helpers, not Hinderers." Leader, F. E. Tilton.

Wednesday, Mar. 11—Subject, "Our Enemies." Leader, W. Ballagh.

Wednesday, Mar. 18—Subject, "The Wonderful Powers of Love." Leader, H. G. Cooke.

Wednesday, Mar. 25—Subject, "Sowing All the Time." Leader, F. Schneider,

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PROPOSITION.

PROPOSITION I.—THEOREM I.

If Dr. Cook=Natural Philosophy, then will the electric clock ring.

Hyp.—Let D. C. place a chair directly under the clock and erect a \perp by standing upright on the said chair. Let D. C. remain \perp for half an hour or while the Geometry class is trying to recite.

To prove.—D. C.=ringing of the electric clock.

Proof.—Draw a line connecting Lewiston, Me., with Brunswick, Me., run D. C. over this line and shove him into Bowdoin, keep him here for four years, or until D. C.=4 y.

But 4 y.=Prof. in Natural Philosophy.

\therefore D. C.=Prof. in Natural Philosophy (ax. 1.).

\therefore D. C.=ringing of the electric clock. Q. E. D.

PERSONAL.

THE mystery of the bell.

PUT down those snow balls!

WHO were sick on the 16th?

CLAWHAMMER coats and low-necked dresses.

THE walk out Hamilton street is very pleasant.

WILL you go to M—— to-night?

No, to windy.

THERE has been a number of changes since the third of February.

DR. COOK complimented the school on its high standing last month.

"I HOPE the tellers will see to it that the names are spelled correctly."

IT is dangerous for anybody to put their head out of a window at the "Trap."

LAST month a debating club was established in Leal School. It is known as the Delta Beta.

SEVERAL of our boys seem to like to be noticed, as they very often stand in the middle of the floor.

FROM the sounds which issue from No. 19, the inmates must play "paddle cake, paddle cake, etc."

IT would seem that some of our boys would prefer having beds in the class rooms instead of desks,

THE question has been changed from "What did you get for Christmas" to "What did you get in examinations."

THEY say there are to be no more "free feeds" given by the C. E. societies, so some of the "Trap" boys are in mourning.

TAKEN from a chemistry student's note book:

Ex. I.—"Tried to light Brunsen's burner, but Brunsen's burner wouldn't work. Experiment failed."

A. R. BRIGGS, '90, who was for half a year in Leicester Academy, Leicester, Mass., has passed the entrance examination and has entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.

A PRAYER.

"Jove most glorious, great, dark, cloud-collecting, dwelling in the Classical air, thou who so greatly afflictedest me by keeping me up late so many a night, grant that thy son may not flunk in his examination, but may get through aright."

Thus prayed a student on Feb. 2d, and—made a bad flunk.

SQUEAKS.

Query.—If I should "flunk" in all my exam's would it be a coincidence?

Ans.—Yes, but it would not be a singular one.

Uncle P.—Prof., how can I draw a straight line through a triangle?

Prof. N. Y.—You must work that out yourself, P.

Uncle J.—Prof., how do you translate this Greek sentence?

Prof. N. Y. (hastily)—You must translate it by your own unaided efforts. It will do you more good that way.

A rap at Ma's door. Ma—Who's there?

Voice outside—Me.

Ma (sarcastically)—Who's *me*? This is a grammar school, and we are supposed to study grammar.

Voice outside—Are you going to open that door or not? I want to fill those lamps.

Ma opening up for Alec, (apologetically)—Oh, excuse me, I thought it was "Solomon."

The biceps of the three angles of a triangle meet at a point.

Prof. in Cæsar class—What is P. M. the abbreviation of?

Bright scholar—Post Master.

The Huns "wore skins."

"It makes me feel bad to see the boy who ain't woke up."

N.....—Who was Jacob?

W....—The father of Lot's children.

After the proposition had not been demonstrated:

The great "Would Be," raising his hand—I didn't see that, Professor.

Prof.—Neither did I.

"All sit a-round square in your seats."

"Wooly" says Y—is a band of iron.

A pun: If a fellow is promised a yacht for a prize, he "yacht" to do good work.

"Wooly" says they are not so "barberized" as to have gas in Minneapolis. We suppose he means that they have electric lights.

Prof.—Do you know anything about the bell, "Saratoga?"

"Saratoga"—Yes.

Prof.—What?

"Saratoga"—That the clapper is gone.

Prof.——————!

"Has the second bell rang yet?

Dr. C. says that a certain choir he once heard seemed to sing "One Sweetly Solemn Thought, etc., as:

One sweetly solemn thought!
Come! stew me o'er and o'er.

The word "unhungry" was used by Prof. N. Y., so it must be all right.

A member of the history class the other day stated the fact that some old notable "would not call for aid until he was killed!"

"How are you going to prove angle C O D equal to angle B O D when it ain't?"

When may a young man escorting a young lady be called a chaperon?

When he seems to be merely to be a chap-around.

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