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Pointers

Examinations are in progress.

The Winter term ends tomorrow.

The Spring term will open Tuesday, March 27th.

Several new students have registered for the Spring term.

Students are admitted to the Commercial Department at any time.

There is no better time to enter school than the present. Write for catalogue.

Robins, bluebirds and warm sunshine indicate that Spring is near. The bicyclist is also abroad in the land.

The outlook these clear nights from the Academy observatory is beautiful beyond description. Narragansett Bay sparkles in the moonlight like a lake of silver. Beyond in the distance, twinkle the lights of Fall River like a section of the sky fallen to earth.

Miss Mabel F. Burlingame, bookkeeper at Greenwich Bleachery, has a new piano, purchased of Mann & Eccles.—Pendulum.



Miss Burlingame completed our full Commercial course in 93 and later took the course in Shorthand and Typewriting. She is well qualified for the position she has successfully held for several years, and we congratulate her upon the possession of the new piano.

The Societies

ADELPHIAN

The Philognothian society instead of accepting our challenge to a joint debate made a new proposition, naming June 1st as the earliest possible date of meeting; but this is impracticable on account of the proximity of commencement week, and so the debate has been declared off.

The program for Friday evening, March 2, included the Adelphian Star, by E. M. Brownell, a vocal solo by J. W. Carpenter, reading by P. W. Jones and a debate on the question, "Resolved, That the United States should not impose duties on imports from Porto Rico," with J. W. S. Lillibridge and C. M. Wilson on the affirmative and W. N. Collins and A. B. Cady on the negative.

We understand that the Philos are to have a debate with the Providence High School. We wish them success.

Mr. Brownell last week received a visit from a friend, Mr. A. G. Brown of Dean Academy.

PHILOGNOTHIAN

In order that our friends may fully understand our action concerning the joint debate with the Adelphians we publish the challenge in full: "The Adelphian society hereby challenges the Philognothian society to a joint debate to be held in Academy hall, April 27, 1900, the question to be chosen by the Philognothians, and each society to be represented by two speakers." The Adelphians tried to hold us to the specified date, which as every one knows is an after consideration, but on account of a debate previously arranged with the Providence High School, we could not give them a date earlier than June 1. To this they refused to agree and now they are publicly advertising that we have not accepted their challenge. Legal authority assures us that we were justified in our action.

The meeting for March 2 was called to order at 7.30 owing to the postponement of rhetorical exercises. The following program was given: Oration, by Brother Stearns; Reading, "How the Hungry Man was Fed," by Brother Higgins; Debate on the Boer question between Brothers Williams and Matthews for the Boers and Brothers Brant and Turner for England.

At the regular meeting March 9, many of our members were absent on account of sickness and committee work. After the usual program, extemporaneous speeches were given as follows: on Baseball by Brother Sault; on the Customs and Habits of Canadians, by Brother McCarroll; on the Advantages and Disadvantages of Living on Block Island, by Brother Payne.

Brother Blanchard spent the past week at home while ill with the measles. Brother Payne has recovered from an attack of the same epidemic and is now taking care of Brother Reneau who has them for keeps.

ETA GAMMA ALPHA

Our society held its usual meeting March 2, and listened to a very interesting debate on the question, "Resolved, That Poetry has a greater influence than Fiction." The case was won by the affirmative.

Last Friday evening the society gave an entertainment, including a literary program, to the ladies of the faculty. Several took part and on the whole the evening was passed very pleasantly.

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An Evening with Chopin

In spite of the storm a good sized audience was present on the occasion of Prof. and Mrs. Gray's recital on the evening of the sixth. It was the seventh entertainment in the Academy Course. The program was entitled "An Evening with Chopin," and consisted of a review of the life of this famous pianist, together with selections from his best composi-



Frederic Chopin.

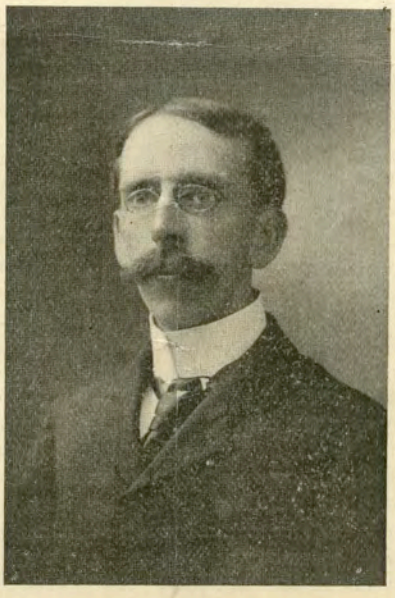
tions, given by Prof. Gray and miscellaneous vocal numbers rendered by Mrs. Gray. Prof. Gray played the following representative pieces:

Scherzo, B flat minor, Op. 31.
Nocturn, G major, Op. 37, No. 2.
Waltz, D flat major, Op. 64, No. 1.
Etudes, A flat major, Op 25, No. 1.
C minor, Op. 10, No. 12.
Polonaise, A flat major, Op. 53.
Concerto, E minor, Op. 11, First Movement.

Mrs. Gray sang miscellaneous selections as follows:

Theme and Variations . . . . . Proch
Mr. Dream Maker, ... Woodman
At Twilight, ... Nevin
The Maiden's Wish, ... Chopin
Summer, ... Chaminade

Frederic Chopin was born in 1809 near Warsaw, Poland, and died at the early age of forty. When very young he manifested a love for music, beginning to



Prof. Gray.

compose even before he knew how to commit his ideas to paper. At nine years of age he gave his first public performance and people began to talk of a second Mozart. From this time on his advancement was rapid until he came to be one of the leading composers and pianists of the age.

The times in which Chopin lived were stirring and easily developed that passion which characterises much of his music. It was his desire "to create a new era in art," as he expressed it. Did he do this? It cannot be said that any great school of pianists has arisen from him but "Chopin none the less has made his mark. He has given us a new vision and a new version of beauty. His influence is apparent in Schumann, Liszt, Wagner and the music of most living men. He is the poet of the piano. If Keats had lived and written ten years longer we might have had something like a literary equivalent to the bulk of Chopin's music."



Mrs. Gray.

Prof. Gray is making a life study of the works of Chopin. He has succeeded to an unusual degree in entering into the spirit of Chopin's music. He played exceedingly well Tuesday night. His command of the technique gave evi-

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dence of long and constant practice. His brilliant rendition of the difficult octave movement for the left hand in the Polonaise indicated a master in music.

Mrs. Gray also was at her best. Her voice was clear and true. The audience manifested its approval by generous applause.

The concert as a whole was a rare musical treat and reflected much credit on the participants.

Book Reception

Prof. Delano entertained the members of his Sunday-School class last Saturday evening in a "Book Reception." The gathering was in Rose Cottage. Each guest on being invited had been requested to represent in his dress some well known book. Some of the costumes were unique and created much amusement. Some called forth all one's guessing powers, as for instance that of Prof. Delano who appeared all covered with pictures. He represented Bayard Taylor's "Views Afoot," but no one could guess it, though it seemed simple enough after being told. In the guessing contest Miss Jennings won first prize for young ladies and Mr. Jones that for young men. The second prizes were won by Mr. Frank Reneau and Miss Gifford. The prize for the best costume was awarded on vote of the company to Mr. Bingham.

Miss Wilson represented "In Memoriam;" Miss Gifford, "Rose in Bloom;" Miss Blades, "Essay on Man;" Miss Sites, "A Woman in White;" Miss Beazley, "Stray Pearls;" Miss Coburn, "A Bow of Orange Ribbon;" Miss Howland, "Three Men on a Bicycle;" Miss Collins, "We Two;" Miss Jennings, "A Golden Horse Shoe;" Prof. Delano, "Views Afoot;" Mr. Wilson, "The Deerslayer;" Mr. Jones, "Rose in Bloom;" Mr. Stearns, "A Knight of the Net;" Mr. Porter, "Reveries of a Bachelor;" Mr. Reneau, "Book of Numbers;" Mr. Swift, "Hugh Wynne."

The guests were served to refreshments by "Tired Tim" (Mr. Brant), "Looking Backward" (Miss Blodgett), and "Reveries of a Bachelor" (Miss Sagan).

Notes

Mrs. A. A. Blodgett of Warehouse Point, Conn., visited her daughter at the Academy a few days last week.

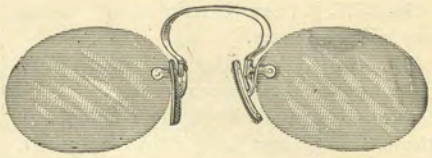
A Social was given at Rose Cottage to the teachers and boarding students last Thursday evening. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Prof. Strickland's "Twentieth Century Shorthand," second edition, is rapidly passing through the press and will soon be ready for publication.

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Mrs. W. J. Starr is recovering from a protracted illness.

Mr. Smith Quimby of Hill's Grove called at the Academy recently.

Mrs. Georgia S. Hall, class of '91, has been visiting friends in East Greenwich during the past week.

Baseball prospects are unusually good this season. Manager Collins has booked a long list of games.

Mr. R. H. Clark of Centreville made a brief visit Tuesday. He intends to return to school next term.

Miss Harriet N. Northrop, of East Greenwich, has taken up the course in Stenography and Typewriting.

Last Sunday the Principal preached at Phenix in the morning and Hope in the evening. Good congregations were present at both services.

A reunion of the East Greenwich Academy Club of Boston is to be held Tuesday evening, March 20, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. G. D. Bussey, Winthrop Center.

Mrs. Jones, the school nurse, has rendered most excellent service during the past month in giving her constant attention to those who have been ill with the measles.

A large audience was present at the temperance lecture and concert given in the chapel last Tuesday evening by Rev. A. J. Wheeler of Maine and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beveridge of Nebraska. It was under the auspices of the local prohibition committee and Dr. G. C. Soule presided.

The members of the senior class have received their new class pins. The pins are of solid gold and have the form of a triangle. The letters E. G. A. are inscribed in white enamel, one on each point, and on an elevation of green enamel in the center is the date, 1900. They are very neat and pretty.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. D. Clark, Centerville, was held in the vestry of the Methodist church of that village, Wednesday evening, Feb. 28. There was a large gathering present of relatives and friends, among whom were Principal Field, Miss Sites and Miss Griffeth from the Academy. Miss Griffeth read "A Shaker Romance" by Charles Sherman Haight. The company indicated their appreciation by the heartiest applause.

Academy interests will be given a prominent place at the Annual Conference. Friday evening the Principal is to represent the Academy at the anniversary of the Board of Education. Monday afternoon there is to be an excursion from Providence to East Greenwich which will be free to members of the Conference. A grand rally will be held in the Academy chapel, after inspection of the grounds and buildings. It is hoped that the entire Conference may take the trip.

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