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Opening Day at the Academy

A bright day greeted the students and their friends as they gathered in the familiar chapel for the exercises of Opening Day. Sept. 12th, 2 p m. was the time. Prof. Gray opened the service with an organ voluntary. Rev. J. S. Bridgford of Hill's Grove read the Scripture and Rev. E. F. Smith of Wickford offered prayer. Principal Field announced the hymn beginning "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" which was sung with a will, and then introduced Rev. S. M. Dick, Ph. D., of Providence, who delivered an inspiring address on "The Century's Call To Duty." Mrs. Gray brought the exercises to a close with the rendering of Handel's "Come Unto Me" from the Messiah.

Academy Notes

Mr. C. H. Raymond was recently called home to attend the funeral of his grandfather.

Miss Roes is teaching in Wilbraham Academy and Miss Lathrop is residing in East Greenwich.

Mr. J. H. Carpenter, wife and daughter started last Tuesday on a month's trip to visit relatives in Illinois.

The Senior and Junior classes are unusually large this year. The former numbers nineteen and the latter forty-four.

Mr. S. M. Beale, Jr., '94, took dinner with us one day last week. He was on his way to Philadelphia, where he is to enter on a medical course.

The Principal preached in Centreville M. E. church, Sept. 24th. Rev. Joseph Cooper of Scituate is the new pastor of this church. He entered upon his duties last Sunday.

The first Senior Reception was a great success. It was held Saturday evening, Sept. 16th, in the Academy dining room which was very tastefully fitted up for the occasion.

Two of the resident ministers are now boarding at the Academy,—the Rev. F. W. Coleman of the Methodist church and Rev. J. W. Williams of the Free Baptist church.

The dirt pile at the rear of the Academy is being rapidly removed by Road Supervisor Reynolds. This will make a great improvement in the general appearance of the campus.

A delegation from the Free Baptist Church are to go to Norwood next Friday evening to assist in some special services in the Free Baptist Church of that place.

Rev. S. D. Anderson of the First Baptist church has resigned his charge. He left last Tuesday for New Haven, where he is to take a post-graduate course in the Yale Divinity School.

Rev. D. A. Whedon, D. D., President of the Board of Directors, conducted Academy affairs this summer until Sept. 1st, when the new Principal took charge. He will reside in East Greenwich this winter.

Dr. F. D. Blakeslee, former Principal, was inaugurated President of Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, last Saturday. It was an enthusiatic gathering and the prospects indicate a very successful year.

As usual we expect to give a course of lectures and entertainments this winter. Plans are not yet sufficiently advanced for publication but the course will be first-class in every respect and should receive the widest patronage.

Prof. A. F. Blakeslee, of last years's faculty, spent the summer on the yacht Millie. He is now taking post-graduate work in Harvard. Prof. Sibley is teaching in the Free Academy, Norwich, Conn. Both recently made brief visits to East Greenwich.

Football prospects are not as bright as they have been some years, but still a good team has been organized and the boys are getting down to hard practice. The first game of the season is to be played next Saturday with the Cranston High School team.

Among the visitors on opening day we noted Mr. Isaiah Snow of Truro, Mass., Mr. S. M. Higgins of Wellfleet, Mass., Mrs. B. A. Trafton of Taunton, Mass., Mrs. G. F. Sagan of East Glastonbury, Ct., Rev. C. H. Ewer of Providence, Rev. F. J. Bartlett of Davisville and Rev. R. W. Churchill of Apponaug, besides many others from East Greenwich and vicinity.

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Introductory

The "Academian" herewith makes to the public its best bow. Is there room for it? We believe there is. Its purpose is to give news and notes which will be of interest to the large circle of friends of East Greenwich Academy. It will also stand for a wider cause—that of Christian Education. It believes with Mrs. Jameson that "the true purpose of education is to develop to their fullest extent the capacities of every kind with which the God who made us has endowed us."

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Better Times

The cheering report comes from everywhere that bettter times are at hand. Business men are more hopeful, and a spirit of buoyancy pervades all classes. The schools are feeling the effects of the revival, and are opening with a larger enrolment than for several years.

East Greenwich Academy opened Sept. 12th with nearly every room taken and a total attendance at the end of a week of 123. This gives promise of a very successful year of work. The students as a class are very orderly and refined, and evidently are determined to make the most of their opportunity. Warwick, at public expense, sends nearly twenty. The town of East Greenwich also pays the tuition of its High School pupils, thus enabling a number to secure the privilege of study at the Academy, who otherwise probably would be deprived of the same.

The New Faculty

In a future issue we hope to publish cuts and brief biographical sketches of the new faculty. Their names are given here:

Rev. Ambrie Field, Principal.

Theron C. Strickland, Vice Principal; Commercial Department.

Miss Anna M. Starbuck, Preceptress; French, Normal and English.

Charles C. Delano, Greek and Latin.

Gilbert H. Trafton, Mathematics and Natural Science.

W. L. Gray, Director of Music; Piano and Organ.

Miss A. Jennie Cox, Art.

Mrs. Mary A. Strickland, Stenography and Typewriting.

Mrs. W. L. Gray, Voice Culture.

Miss M. Elsie Sites, German and English.

Miss Bernice Griffeth, Elocution.

W. J. Starr, Steward.

Mrs. A. E. Jones, Matron.

The Secondary School

In a recent tract bearing upon this subject Rev. B. P. Raymond, D. D., LL. D., President of Wesleyan University, gives utterance to some very forcible truths. The work of the Seminary, he says, is very important in its bearing upon the scholarship of the Church. The years from fourteen to nineteen determine the intellectual habits of the student. He will never undo what he has done in these years. If a boy does his work in an inaccurate and slovenly way in a Seminary he is not likely ever to do it in an accurate and painstaking way. He will carry with him to College fixed mental habits. The College must build upon the foundation already laid, foundations which cannot be changed .... German scholarship of which we hear so much is accounted for in part at least by the thoroughness of the work done in the gymnasia..... We are all learning of the German scholar. We are having an awakening as to the importance of secondary education and the importance of this revival must reach those who are responsible for our Seminaries. It ought to be possi-

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ble for an educator of the first rank to find ample compensation and ample scope for his life's work and ambition in a mastership in a secondary school. There may seem to be more glory for the giver in endowing a "college" than a mere "school" but it is by no means certain that the latter would not be of at least equal beneficence to the community. The secondary school and the school-master are the foundation of all higher education and no pains and expense can be too great for making that foundation as perfect as possible.

The Societies

Each one of the three Societies in school has elected a reporter and will furnish notes regularly for publication in this column.

ETA GAMMA ALPHA

This Society has changed its place of rendezvous from the reception room in the dining hall to the Principal's parlors. Here we are found doing solid work every Friday evening.

Possibly Miss Howland can give points as to the proper posture to be assumed when knocking for admittance at the Principal's office.

A wonderful and most original subject is to be debated next Friday evening.

Miss Jennie Howland, graduate of the class of '99, and a most zealous worker in our Society, is now pursuing a course in Boston University. We wish her all success and joy in her new surroundings.

We note with pleasure that our Brother Philos have among their members some who are talented as street singers. We also wish to state that we are good authority on remedies for strained vocal cords.

ADELPHIAN

The Adelphian Society met the first Friday night of the term to collect its forces for another year of hard work.

Mr. N. W. Littlefield, a former student of the Academy and an Adelphian, is in the cotton business in Georgia.

Another Adelphian, Mr. Sam'l Beale of the class of '94, and a graduate of Brown, class of '99, has recently begun a course of study in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Last Friday evening was wholly given up to initiation, and notwithstanding the rain a thorough dose of sprouts was administered to Messrs. Savery and Brownell.

Mr. Harold L. Madison, a member of the class of '97, is now a Junior at Brown. Mr. H. S. Bergen a '98 man is secretary of a prosperous business house in New York City.

Following is the literary program for Friday, Sept. 22:

Duet, "My Old New Hampshire Home," . . . . . Messrs. Carpenter and Bingham

"Adelphian Star," Editors, ... Messrs. Wilson and Collins

Address, Adelphian as a Society, ... J. W. S. Lillibridge

Harmonica-Piano Solo, . . . J. W. Carpenter

Declamation, "Ulysses S. Grant," President McKinley's speech at the dedication of Gen. Grant's monument, . W. T. Reynolds

Debate, Resolved, That the evidence brought forth justified the conviction of Dreyfus. Affirmative, H. F. Powers; Negative, C. L. Swift. It was a close debate and was won by the negative.

PHILOGNOTHIAN

The Philognothian Society held its first meeting Sept. 15th with a membership of eight. Though the members were few they were true and tried owing to the glowing success of years gone by. It was pleasing to note the interest shown by them as they met together to plan the work for the coming year. The Philos are meeting with their usual success in choosing for new members the ones whom they believe to be the strongest men of the school. Let us in the future look to God for help and guidance as we have in the past, for "The

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fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."

The regular weekly meeting of the Society was held Friday, Sept. 29th, and the following program was carried out: — Singing and prayer followed by general business. Initiation of two candidates for membership, Messrs. Higgins and Brant. Oration by Bro. Porter; subject, Ought the sale of ardent spirits for use as a drink be prohibited by law? The question for debate next Friday will be, Resolved, That the United States has more cause for pride than shame.

Another Philo, Bro. Cutler, has gone to join the ranks at Wesleyan. Bro. Dodge has also taken up a course at Brown. Bro. A. J. Morrison has recently accepted a position as salesman with the firm of G. H. Taylor & Co. of Providence. Bro. Kelly is attending the Rochester Business Institute.

There were two tramps found in Madison's barn early last Saturday morning. When questioned as to their whereabouts they said they believed that they had joined the Adelphians.

Rhetoricals

The first Rhetorical of the term was given Friday evening in the chapel before a good sized audience of students and their friends. The following is the program:

The Elf Child, James Whitcomb Riley
Miss Alice W. Churchill.
Piano Solo, Sonata in F major, Last Movement, ... Mozart
Miss Daisy Arnold.
Air Castles, Translated by Collin . . . . . D'Harleville
Miss Sarah N. Gallagher.
The Old Fisherman, ...
Miss Laura Bridgford.
Vocal Solo, Vulcan's Song, . Gounod
Mr. H. V. Bingham.

'89 Calls for '98

A call for a book-keeper came by letter to our commercial department a few days since from Ernest H. Burdick of the commercial class of 1889, now a manager in the Providence office of the J. C. Hall Company, general bank and commercial stationers. Nathaniel G. Hendrick, of La Fayette, R. I., class of '98, was immediately named and took the position. The place is a good one. Mr. Burdick, who has had nine years experience with various books and book-keepers, wanted a boy with an E. G. A. training in preference to any other. Let our friends notify us whenever a good opening occurs. We often have just the young person to fit it.

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John 3-16.

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