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Many sample copies of these first issues are being sent out to the Alumni, former students and friends of the Academy. We already have a long list of subscribers but there are many others whose names should be sent to us and who should take an active interest in their Alma Mater. The paper surely will be worth the price, 25 cents a year. Let the subscriptions continue to come in.

Entertainment Course

The first entertainment in the course will be given Friday evening, October 27, by Livingston Barbour, B. O., Professor of Rhetoric, Elocution and Oratory in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. His subject will be Nicholas Nickleby. He will give a dramatic interpretation of this famous book, impersonating 14 characters. The coming of Mr. Barbour is a special favour to us and the Academy hall should be packed.

We are planning to give seven entertainments this winter, all of the first quality. The price of season tickets, if we can sell 200, will be placed at $1.00. Single admissions will be 25 and 35 cents. Let the people rally and support us in this endeavor to provide the best talent.

The second entertainment probably will be a concert in November by the Jubilee Quartette of Tuskeegee Seminary, Mr Booker Washington's school, and the third will be an Artistic Entertainment by Mr. S. M. Spedon of New York, editor of Talent, to be given Dec. 12. Others will be announced later. *Apply at the Academy office* for tickets with reserved seats.

The Societies

PHILOGNOTHIAN

At the regular meeting, Oct. 6, two new candidates, Messrs Clark and Turner, were initiated. Mr. Clark on account of illness received very mild treatment, but Mr. Turner was not so fortunate. It was a very cloudy night yet he saw stars. He said he had heard of wars and rumors of wars but had never fully recognized their exact meaning before. Also he furnished the Philos with some very beautiful "vocal chords." In Bro. Clark there is inherited Philo blood, his father, Mr. T. W. D. Clark, being a member in '68. After the initiation Bros. Geo. Ames of Vineyard Haven and Wm. Herman of Brockton made some inspiring remarks which were much appreciated by the society.

Bro. Turner gave a very interesting discourse at Rocky Hill, Sunday night, Oct. 8. His theme was from the sixth chapter of St. Matthew. A large congregation was present.

One thing is certain,—the Philos never put their candidates for membership on exhibition before the Principal's door. Neither do they harbor them in barns.

ADELPHIAN

The Adelphian Society has received the following communication:—The "Philognothian Society" do hereby "chalenge" the "Adelphian Society" to play a game of football.

The above is the first proposition of this nature that has been brought up for the consideration of the societies for many years. It is one of the ways in which new material may be discovered, from which to form the school team.

Mr. Oliver Rose is at home this fall, but expects to return to school this winter.

Mr. C. M. Wilson recently purchased a 35 foot sail boat of Pawtuxet parties. Mr. Wilson is very proud of his new possession and feels almost tempted to challenge the winner of the international race.

Rhetoricals

Notwithstanding the heavy storm a good sized audience was present at Rhetoricals Friday evening, Oct. 6th. The following program was rendered:

"In Port," . . . . Alice M. Gurnsey
Miss Irene Howland.
"Gasper Becerra," . Henry W. Longfellow
W. H. Church.
"Young America," . . . . * * *
F. M. Toolin.
"Sandalphon," . . Henry W. Longfellow
Miss Hattie C. Blades.
"Dreyfus," . . . . Edward Markham
C. M Wilson.
Piano Solo, "Bolero," . . . . Lack
Miss Annie I. Thomas
"The Value of an Idea," . . Wm. C. King
H. V. Bingham.
"An Old Man's Story," . . . * * *
Miss C. M. Coburn.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1899

Early Days

In an old, musty and moth-eaten book in the possession of the Academy appears the following entry dated October 8th, 1802:

"Ethan Clarke, William Arnold, Mathewson & Mowry and Peter Turner, all of East Greenwich in the County of Kent and State of Rhode Island, and Ray Greene and Elihu and Christopher Greene, all of Warwick in the County and State aforesaid—anxious to promote the happiness of posterity, and to continue the blessings of a free and equal government, which this Country enjoys in as great a degree as any other nation; and believing that well conducted Seminaries of learning in which youth may acquire knowledge, with the advantages of places of public worship to incline their minds to morality and religion, are the most probable means to effect their design—have associated for this (as they consider) laudable purpose, and have purchased a lot of land in East Greenwich, containing One Acre and Twenty Rods, upon which they intend (with the assistance of others that may be equally disposed to promote the good of mankind) to erect a building about sixty feet long and thirty feet wide, two stories high and convenient for the accommodation, and, when properly regulated, suitable for the instruction of a considerable number of youth, in such branches of education as may be thought most for their advantage. They also please themselves with the idea, that such an institution will be productive of the important advantage to East Greenwich and vicinity of introducing a settled Minister of the Gospel to preach in the Meeting-house which is now so seldom improved.

"The elevated situation, upon which this building is intended to be erected, its vicinity to the lot upon which the Catholick Congregational Society Meeting-house stands, the cheapness of living and ease of accommodating boarders, all conspire to make this place agreeable in a Town, the healthful air of which is thought to be exceeded by none. This place being central in this State and possessing so many advantages will induce many persons to place their children here for education, where they can visit them with convenience and be frequent spectators of their improvement."

The clear, concise English, the elegant style of its script, together with its age and subject matter, make this an exceedingly valuable record. The copy is signed by Nathan Whiting as secretary and by fifty-nine share holders. The shares numbered one hundred and were worth $35.00 each.

In the Spring of 1803 a charter was obtained from the Legislature incorporating the Association under the name of the "Proprietors of the Kent Academy." It appears by the records that there was much irregularity in affairs previous to 1839. Sometimes there were no meetings of the Corporation or Trustees (which was an executive body appointed by the Corporation) for three or four years together. We fail to find the exact time when the first term commenced but probably it was in August or September of 1803.

The Corporation of the Kent Academy continued to hold the property and to conduct the school until 1840 when the Providence Conference appointed a committee to take into consideration its adoption by the Conference. At the session of 1841 the committee reported favorably and the Conference appointed trustees to take over the property and establish the "Providence Conference Academy." The school continued under this management until July 5th, 1884, when it was transfered to a new Corporation, "The East Greenwich Academy." This action with various amendments has continued to the present time.

Academy Notes

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. D. Clark of Centreville, called Wednesday, October 4, and took dinner.

Rev. Norman Plass, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, visited the school one day last week.

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Mr. G. H. Waterhouse, who writes for Harper's Weekly and Recreation, visited friends at North Cottage one evening a week ago.

Chapel exercises are conducted by the teachers as follows:—Monday morning, Principal Field; Tuesday, Prof. Strickland; Wednesday, Prof. Delano; Thursday, Prof. Trafton; Friday, Rev. Mr. Coleman.

Once a week Prof. Gray gives instruction in sight singing to all the boarding pupils and to as many of the day pupils as care to join. The class meets on Thursday evenings for half an hour.

The Principal attended the Fall meeting of the Providence Methodist Social Union Wednesday, Oct. 4. It was a very large gathering.

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The address of the evening was given by Rev. S. M. Dick on the subject, "The Modern Church; Her Methods and Successes."

Many pleasant words have been spoken concerning the first issue of our paper. The mechanical work is done by W. J. McClure, Main Street, East Greenwich, than whom there are few better printers in the State.

Rev. Myron D. Fuller, pastor of the Baptist church of Block Island, preached before the East Greenwich Baptist church Sunday, Oct. 1. The next morning he visited the Academy, conducted devotions and spoke to the students. We hope he will come again.

The prayermeetings have been very well attended so far this term. They are held Sunday and Wednesday evenings in the Mathematical Room, are led by one of the teachers and are participated in very generally by the students. Several have expressed publicly the determination to lead Christian lives.

The Sunday School held its first session for the term October 1. The time of meeting has been changed from the afternoon to the morning, at nine o'clock. So far the new plan works well as it gives all a chance to obtain needed quiet and rest in the afternoon. A quiet hour is observed from five to six o'clock in the afternoon.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu of Auburndale, Mass., and Rev. L. B. Codding of Woonsocket, made a call last Monday. They conducted devotions and both delivered very interesting addresses to the students. The Bishop, who is a member of the Corporation, made a thorough inspection of the School and expressed himself as well pleased with its working.

Among recent visitors are the following:—Rev. M. B. Wilson and Mr. C. A. Coburn of Little Compton, Rev. J. H. Nutting of Howard, Miss Ellen Johnson of Franklin, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wood of Centreville, Prof. H. E. Drake of Providence, Mrs Elma C. Gibbs of Watertown, Mass., Mrs. Viola C. Winslow of Boston and Mrs. G. W. Turner of Fall River.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 3, a reception was given to the faculty and students in the vestry of the M. E. church by the Epworth League. It was a most enjoyable occasion. The room was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and National flags. After an hour spent in social intercourse the paster, Rev. F. W. Coleman, welcomed the new teach-

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ers and students in a few well chosen words. The principal replied for the school after which refreshments were served by the members of the League.

Foot Ball

The East Greenwich Academy football team played its first game for the season Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7, 1899, against an eleven from the High School and Town of North Attleboro, Mass. The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

E. G. A.		N. A. H. S.
Soule,	c.	Noyes
Wilson,	l. g.	Hall
Swift,	l. t.	Wise
Turner,	l. e.	Black
Brant,	r. g.	Osgood
Rotch,	r. t.	Foster
Williams,	r. e.	Peckham, Clark
Collins,	q. b.	* * *
Sault,	f. b.	Cumming
Clarke,	l. h. b.	* * *
Savery,	r. h. b.	Derry

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N. A. H. S.,	0

The main features of the Academy's game were the two runs of Rotch and Sault. Clarke's touchdown and Collin's tackling were also evidences of the good work of the team. On the whole the game was a brilliant success and the Academy ought to be proud of its football eleven for the season of 1899.

Commercial Department

Geo. R. Swan and H. S. Reneau of E. Greenwich, and Howard W. Sherman of Wickford have begun the course since our last issue.

Miss Grace L. Jeffers does not return to complete her course, having been called to a fine position in the office of the Glasgo Yarn Mills in Conn.

Miss Irene Nelson, who won the Stenography prize last spring, has been called by her mother's illness to leave her position in Providence and go to her home in Taylor's Falls, Minn.

Introduced this term: Another new Franklin typewriter; a new Typewriter Instructor from the Thibodeau College, Fall River; a new Letter Writer and Speller from the Cleveland Business College; Commercial Law by the lecture plan.

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