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A GAIN, the magazine has changed hands, Messrs. Phillips and Ker resigning the position which, for a year, they have held so ably and so well. At a meeting of the L.I.L.D.S., held on October 20, they tendered their resignation, and the present editors were subsequently elected. Their resignation, and especially that of Mr. Phillips, will be universally regretted: but we trust that the support which was given them will also be extended to us. Especially in the matter of literary contributions would we appeal to our supporters. We hope that we shall have a large increase in the number of contributions to the paper, as they are greatly needed.

Since the last issue of the magazine, the Debating Society and the school generally, has sustained a heavy loss—we allude to the removal of Burn from the Institute to Christ Church College, Oxford. After reflecting great credit upon, and bringing great honour to, the school for many years, he succeeded in obtaining the fourth place in the open competition for the Civil Service of India. His removal from the school is felt by every one, and especially by the Debating Society, the chairmanship of which he held for three years with so great ability. He leaves the school with the good wishes of all, and the hope that he will be as successful in the future as he has been in the past.

We are glad to say that the prospects of the Football Club, which, at first, did not look very bright, are now looking up. Several patriotic Old Boys, including an old International and several county men, whose

interest in their "Alma Mater" is still strong, have taken the matter up, and have given great assistance. We hope after this, that the boys of the school will not allow the only interest taken in the club to be that of Old Boys. It is certainly disappointing to find in a school of 1,100 boys less than 40 joining the club. If only a reasonable number joined and played, the team would certainly be the finest in Liverpool, and would, without doubt, obtain the much-coveted shield. We think that, perhaps, some of this is due to the apathy of the masters in general towards the game. It is a great pity that not more than one master ever watches the game. We think that the game should be encouraged by the whole school.

Passing from this subject to the kindred subject of athletic sports, we do not see why an attempt to hold them should not be made. We are certain that many Old Boys would be very glad to lend a helping hand. As the Institute is the only public school without them, we hope an effort will be made in this direction.

In conclusion, we hope that we will have the support of the whole school, in order to make the Magazine a complete success.

W. A. ARMOUR, } EDITORS.
A. J. EWART, }

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L. I. L. D. S.

September 24th, 1889.—An extra-ordinary meeting of the Society was held on the above date. Creighton, Fletcher, Richard Roberts, Hay, Robert Roberts, and Christophers were elected members. Armour was elected a member of the Committee, in the place of Mr. Barnett, who had left. After fixing Thursday as the day on which the meetings were to be held, the meeting terminated.

October 3rd, 1889.—The fifth session of the Society was opened on the above date, when there was a very large attendance. The following new members were elected:—Wolde, Braham, T. G. Millard, Galley, Ahmad, and Rasul. Burn then read a most interesting paper on "Hinduism." He gave an exhaustive account of the history, worship, theology, and other aspects of the religion of India. He also touched on the sacred literature of the Hindus, including the hymns of the Veda, extracts from which were read. Buddhism and Brahminism were compared, and the worship of Vishnu and Shiva was also discussed. Caste and its effects, and the feasts of the Hindus, were described. An extract from Mr. Moir Williams's book closed a most able paper. A slight discussion on the paper then took place, in which Dale and Inman took part. Long proposed, and Armour seconded, a vote of thanks to the essayist. After Burn's reply, the meeting terminated.

October 10th, 1889.—On this date the members of the Society to represent the Society in the approaching debate on "Republicanism" were chosen, namely: Long, leader, Dale, Armour, A. J. Ewart, and Phillips. Zagury then read a paper

on "Paris and its Exhibition." In an interesting account of the subject, he remarked on cafés, absinthe, theatres, boulevards, etc. An account of the Exhibition and its exhibits was also given. The Eiffel Tower was described and the war exhibits and the fountain mentioned. A short discussion followed, in which Armour, Long, and Dale took part. After Zagury's reply the meeting was adjourned.

October 17th, 1889.—The subject for this date was a debate on "Should the Hours of Labour be limited by the State." Armour opened the debate for the affirmative, and asserted that the long hours in force in many trades tended to injure the health of the workman, and that compulsory shorter hours would produce more work. He also maintained that the State limitation of hours of labour was recognised in the factory acts, and that he was only advocating an extension of this. He also dealt with objections to his view of the case. Dale for the negative expressed his approval of the factory acts, but held there was a great difference between adults and children. He considered the proposed change would interfere with the freedom of the individual. He also maintained that the State was not competent to undertake the proposed duties, and endeavoured to demonstrate the absurdity of laying down general rules as to the hours of labour. A most interesting discussion then followed, in which Braham, Wolde, Chisholm, and Long supported the affirmative, and Phillips, Robert Roberts, and Hay, the negative. A. J. Ewart acknowledged objections to both sides, but inclined strongly to the affirmative. On a division six votes were given for each, and the debate was decided in favour of the affirmative by Ewart giving his casting vote in its favour. After the division, Phillips and Ker resigned the editorship of the Magazine. All attempts to get them to withdraw their resignation proved fruitless, and W. A. Armour and A. J. Ewart were elected editors. The meeting then terminated.

October 24th, 1889.—The subject for this date was a paper by Clark, on "Rats." In an able paper, he touched upon the varieties or rats in England. Several anecdotes were related by the essayist to show the different manners and habits of rats. An account of the water-rat and its difference from the land-rat, was also given. An extract from Horace closed an instructive paper. A short discussion then took place, in which Christophers, Long, Ewart, Hay, Dale, and Armour took part. After the essayist's reply, the meeting terminated.

HON. SECRETARY.

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TEN DAYS A-WHEEL.

THERE is one way to spend a holiday, which, above all others, is at once instructive, amusing, and invigorating. This way is bicycling. Having made up our minds to "do a tour" on our "Swift" No. 2, we proceeded to get everything ready. The preliminary step is, of course, to get the machine in good running order—to see that the bearings are properly adjusted, that they are then well oiled, that the chain is quite clean, not forgetting to polish up the machine in such a way as to make it look as good as new. For clothing we took a nightshirt, a pair of knicks., a pair of stockings, a bottle of Elliman's embrocation (in our opinion, an indispensable), and a comb. These sundries we rolled up in a piece of American cloth, and the roll strapped on the handles. Above the roll was strapped a mackintosh cape (another indispensable). Thus equipped we started on our journey at 7 50, on a certain Monday morning in July. Before we begin a description of the

tour, we may as well say where we were going to. Our route lay along the high-road to London, as far as Colleshill (105 miles), then on to Warwick (another 15 miles). The latter place we intended to stay at for a few days. At 7.50, then, on a certain Monday morning in July, we started, full of doubt as to whether we should ever reach our destination, this being our maiden trip. We trundled along the well-known road through Broadgreen, Prescott, and Warrington, to Knutsford: then we launched out into the unknown. We reached Knutsford about 11 a.m., and stopped for a bite of bread and cheese. We made another start about 11.30. The weather had been threatening all the way, but we had no rain. The roads, however, were washed with recent showers, and were so clean that the machines picked up scarcely any dirt; and the wind being behind us, it was a real pleasure to ride, the roads being most level. It is 20 miles or more to Newcastle-under-Lyme from Knutsford, and we reckoned to arrive there about 1.30 or 2 p.m., but, alas! our hopes were dashed to the ground when he arrived at a certain little town, by name Talk-o'-th'-Hill. The distance from here to Newcastle is seven miles, five miles of which is up hill—villainously so. The roads are wretched, the footpath no better. The heavy rains had made little water courses down the middle of the road, to say nothing of brickbats, boulders, &c. which rendered riding delightful, it being a great exercise of ingenuity and patience to drive the machine up hill without dropping into one of the delightful little "mountain rivalets," and to steer clear of the numerous obstacles in our way. Sometimes our ingenuity failed us; then it was a case of starting again—so a delightful variation, considering the condition of the road. Arriving at the top of this delightful five-mile hill, we automatically dropped into a wayside inn. There we encountered an old man who was evidently not very well acquainted with "them two-fangled boicycles." He had started from Congleton "about sax this marning," the distance "be about saxteen moil;" but then, you know, he had stopped "wanst or twice" upon the road. He asked what time we started; we told him, at eight o'clock. This was about 2.30 p.m. He supposed as how we "'ad coomed about twanty moil?" Having answered his question as to where we had come from, he exclaimed, "You've coomed a' the way from Liverpool this marning! hanged, if I doon't tell my ou'd 'ooman that when oi gets whaum this e'en!—mere stripling of youths, too," &c. We left him expressing his astonishment in more or less incoherent phrases, and proceeded to Newcastle, a distance of two miles, and down hill, in order to satisfy the cravings of the inner "mere stripling of youths, too!" Newcastle is a curious town, with one main street, and is built on the side of a hill. Being Monday, the town was not very busy; but being on the outskirts of the Potteries, it is generally rather lively. We put up at the "Castle," where we had an excellent dinner; and having, also, an excellent appetite, we soon disposed of it. Our journey now lay along the eastern side of Staffordshire, down a beautiful bit of country known as the "Trent Valley," the route lying through the picturesque little town of Stone, and the road past Stone carrying us along the foot

of a well-wooded hill, and alongside a very beautiful vale, covered with fields of waving corn. Travelling through Cannock Chase district, we neared Rugeley. Just about two miles from the latter town, the rain, which had been threatening all day, came down like the proverbial "cats and dogs." So we put on the pace and sailed into the hostel yard of the Shrewsbury Arms, more like drowned rats than bicyclists. Being about time for tea, we attacked the extraordinarily large joint of beef, such a joint as can only be found in country inns, and we made a very perceptible difference in the size of that joint. After stopping at this antiquated town for an hour and a half, we started at seven o'clock, intending to make Lichfield, and put up there for the night.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE INSTITUTE AS IT IS.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—It seems to me that the gentleman who wrote the letter on this subject, which appeared in your last issue, is either a clever young blade with not much "go" in him, as sports go, or, he is one of the big fellows of the school, who thinks that it is awfully jolly sad to think that the old place should not be what it ought to be, but really, you know, it is not my fault." In either case he might have kept quiet on the subject. Is not the Institute case the same as any other school in the kingdom? Are not all boys "pushed," to become "proficient in mental acquirements?" Is not the average age of every school more or less diminishing? Cannot clever fellows also be athletic fellows? I venture to say that in nine cases out of ten those clever boys who do not patronise athletics to some extent, are generally an ultimate failure. Cannot a Balliol scholar stroke the Oxford boat, or captain an XI.? The best scholar (with one exception) that I ever knew has been captain of his college XI. ever since he has been at Oxford, and plays for his county. He is also a good and energetic football player, and, what is more, never lacked that "public spirit" which seems to be so wanting in the Liverpool Institute. Does the writer of the letter really mean that the average Institute boy aims no higher than peg-tops and marbles in his recreation hours? I suppose a boy of 15 years of age is old enough to go in for athletic sports. I know a school with barely 100 boys in it, where young fellows are "pushed," to become "proficient in mental acquirements," to the same extent as at the Institute; in this school the average age of the football XV. was certainly not more than 17½ years, nevertheless, it proved superior to most, and equal to other school football XI.'s around it. Its cricket XI. last season won every school match, and played the county club in which it was situate, making a draw of it very much in favour of the school. It is certainly not patriotic to persuade boys that they are "too young for athletic sports." Nothing could be more ridiculous. I suppose a school-boy of 18, forsooth, is just getting old enough to patronise athletic sports, and when he gets to that age, he thinks that "really, you know, athletics are much too much trouble, you know, and really I cannot be bothered with them." The author of the letter, in my opinion, would have done much better to have left it alone. Perhaps he is the unfortunate who was seen swelling (?) down Bold Street with the clay pipe in his mouth. If so, I am sorry for him. I trust sincerely he is not one of the bigger fellows; if he is I advise him to keep quiet about the letter, and endeavour to rouse the school to a better frame of mind. Let him remember what the Duke of Wellington said, "The Battle of Waterloo was won in the playing fields of Eton."

Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space a second time.—I am,
yours, etc.,
OLD BOY.

OF course, the subject of primary importance, and about which most has been said, is the resignation of Mr. Sephton. The opinion universally expressed is one of profound regret, and it is very generally felt that it is impossible for us to get anyone who could give such universal satisfaction, or who could be so eminently well suited for the post, as is our present head-master. Those who desire it, will be afforded an opportunity of giving practical evidence of how much they value and esteem him, who has, for so long, and with such unqualified success, watched over our morals and discipline.

A VERY determined effort has been made by a number of Old Boys to arouse amongst us that enthusiasm for football which is so general amongst most other Liverpool schools. We wish them every success, more especially as their effort has taken the very practical form of sending us a number of subscriptions, a list of which will be found in our football notes.

WHEN talking with a person the other day, he expressed the opinion that the present sixth would never do much, giving as his reason the somewhat astonishing statement, that the cleverer the sixth the more rowdy it was, and that the present sixth was a very quiet one. Think of that, you rowdy ones. No longer any need to study the classic muse, no longer any need to obtain the ineffable satisfaction of being able to prove that two points at a distance infinity are co-incident, no longer any need to pass your afternoons in an atmosphere redolent of all the most horrible stanches imaginable. No, all you have to do to establish a reputation for cleverness, is to imitate the behaviour of our ancestors at a period so remote that they had not yet got rid of their tails. I think it will be admitted by even the most rowdy ones that the theory is hardly in accordance with the facts.

A CERTAIN form in the school had lately to write a French composition on the late schoolboy strikes. I happened to see one of the compositions, and I have formed such a high opinion of the writer's literary skill and translating ability that, as the composition is very short, I will quote it in full. It is as follows:—"La grave dans Liverpool commença dans Rue Beaufort. Les élèves allèrent à l'école dans le matin mais ils refuserent rendre à l'école dans apres midie. Ils desirerunt moindre jonc et plus borné heures." (They desired less cane and shorter hours), "ils trouverent qui un soucre bateau décharait et je pensé ils se jouit." (They found that a sugar ship was unloading and I think they were glad.) "Ils evidentement la pens plus mieux qui l'école." (They evidently thought her better than the school). "Les grèves (strikes) ne sont pas très bon pour de école. Parceque ils la donné un mauvaise mal nom." The above is *bona fide*, and is copied word for word and accent for accent from the original composition.

A JUNIOR has written to me asking me to let him know which is the best crib to "Caesar." Now I call this downright annoying. Why should I be considered an authority on the subject? I have always held (in theory) that the use of cribs is a very nefarious habit. I must really refer him to his Latin master, who will doubtless give him all the latest information on the subject, and who perhaps may lend him one of the many cribs of mine which have been confiscated.

I HAVE received the July and September numbers of the "Atom," the journal of the South Shields High School. In it there is some very fine humorous poetry, written in orthography after the style of Artemus Ward. Perhaps I am mistaken but I think it is rather too clever to have been written by a boy. I should be glad if there was some one in the school with the same talent and willing to exercise it for the good of the magazine.

CUSTODIUS.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—This match, the first of the season, was played at Sefton Park, on October 9th. The Grammar School turned up two short, but we managed to supply them with two men to make up their team. For some time after the commencement of the game the Grammar School kept us in our own 25, and succeeded in scoring first—a try by Pooley—no goal resulting from the place. After this, however, the forwards played up better, and by half time we had scored 2 tries to Wallasey's 1. In the second half we had considerably the best of the game, and finally won by 5 tries to 1, all the place kicks failing. The tries were obtained by Chisholm (2), Armour, Ker, and Wallace. For Wallasey Luya played very well, his kicks into touch greatly helping them. Team—back, F. B. Wallace; three-quarter backs, Chisholm, Ker, and Gething; half-backs, Armour and Golding; forwards, Grant Buck, Pulford, Goodwin, E. B. H. Millard, S. G. Millard, Bennet, and Vickess.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. ASHFORD HOUSE (A TEAM).—On October 12th, we went to play Ashford House, at Birkenhead, but, owing to the wet, only 9 of our team turned up, and 11 of their's (mostly 1st team). They, however, lent us a man, and we decided to play. The game resulted in a disastrous defeat for us, as we were completely over-weighted in the forwards, and a one-sided game resulted in a win for Ashford House, by 3 goals 5 tries to nil. Chisholm, Pulford, and Bennett played very well, the latter running very strongly, but could not get past their backs. Team—Three-quarter backs, Chisholm, Ker, and Wallace; half-backs, Golding and Vickess; forwards, Pulford, Goodwin, W. L. Ker, Bennet, and another.

ON Wednesday, October 23rd, we had a practice game, about 17 aside turning out. Mr. F. Chambers, of the Old Boys F. C., was up, and gave us a very good coaching. He especially told the forwards that if they wished to play well they must dribble more and not pick up the ball so much, which advice I hope the forwards will remember. We had a most enjoyable game, which lasted about an hour and a half.

ON October 26th we met our old rivals, the Royal Institution, in Sefton Park. Kenion started for the R. I., and shortly afterwards a try was obtained by W. L. Ker, after a good dribble by the forwards. A few minutes after A. M. Ker scored, both place kicks failing. When we were close to the R. I. lines, Kenion picked up a bad pass to Bennett and ran straight through, no one being able to stop him, a goal resulting from the place. Shortly afterwards he repeated this performance, no goal resulting. At half time the score stood—Royal, 1 goal 1 try; Institute, 2 tries. However, after the re-start we played up, and Golding succeeded in getting over the line. Chisholm kicking a goal. Bennett afterwards, by very good runs, obtained two tries, Vickess converting one into a goal; and a few minutes before time Chisholm got over near the touch line, no goal resulting. For the R. I., Kenion was by far the best man; and for us, Chisholm played well, tackling splendidly. Armour and Golding also showed up well, keeping the three-quarters busy with their passes. Team—F. B. Macphail; three-quarter backs, Chisholm, Ker, and Bennett; half backs, Armour and Golding; forwards, Pulford, Goodwin, E. B. H. Millard, Wallace, W. L. Ker, Vickess, A. P. Ker, and A. E. Ewart. We played one short.

ROYAL INSTITUTE (2ND) v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL (2ND ?).—This match was played at Wallasey, on October 30th, and resulted in a disastrous defeat for the Institute by 6 goals 5 tries to nil. The Wallasey team was nearly wholly composed of 1st team men, and had the assistance of F. B. Jones, who plays three-quarter back for New Brighton 1st.

L. I. F. C.

A T a meeting of Old Boys, Officers, and Members of the Club, held on Friday, October 11th, in Mr. Ewart's room, an influential board of Vice-Presidents was elected, who have promised to subscribe to the funds of the Club and to interest themselves in it in other ways. A large number of 1st and 2nd team matches have been arranged, and it is hoped that the Club will meet with the hearty co-operation and support of all boys who are not physically incapacitated.

The following are the newly-elected Vice-Presidents:—

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All boys are invited to help on the Football Club in every possible way, and it is hoped that with the hearty support of all we may wrest the Challenge Shield from its present holders.

E. B. H. MILLARD, Hon. Sec.

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O. B. F. C.

VERSUS NEW BRIGHTON.—This match was played October 6th, at Fairfield, and resulted in a well earned victory for the Old Boys, by 1 goal 2 tries to 1 goal 1 try.

VERSUS LIVERPOOL.—Played at Aigburth, October 12th, and resulted in a draw—Liverpool, 3 minors; Old Boys, 1 minor. The Old Boys played well, but were unable to score.

VERSUS RUNCORN. Played at Fairfield, October 19th. This match was very strongly contested, and ended in a victory for Runcorn by 2 goals 2 tries to 1 try.

VERSUS ROCHDALE HORNETS.—Played at Fairfield, October 26th. The Old Boys were severely handicapped by the absence of Wood and Goold. The result was a win for Rochdale Hornets by 2 goals 2 tries to 1 try (O'Dwyer).

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