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It is evident that we have formed too exaggerated an estimate of the extent to which the School was prepared to support us in our designs for the improvement of the *Magazine*. There is an improvement, but it will take two months of such improvement before we have amassed a sufficient surplus to enable us to risk an outlay which would be much greater than we originally supposed, for we have found that the smallest practicable increase would be by doubling the number of pages in each copy. We have on hand, after having paid all expenses, a balance of eight shillings, but this includes four annual subscriptions. The sale of the *Magazine* is very irregular. In one class it will go off well, and in another, for no apparent reason, the sale is lamentably small. The number of copies sold to the Upper Fifth (H.S.) and Upper Second (C.S.) leaves nothing to be complained of. The First Class and the Sixth Form support it fairly well, but the latter does not take nearly so many copies as it did some time ago. The support the Lower Fifth (H.S.) affords us is, considering its position, very small. Finally, for every copy sold in the Commercial Preparatory, at least eight are sold in the High School Preparatory. We would much rather be supported equally from all classes. No form should take less than another. It doesn't matter if they take more, but they musn't take less. There is no doubt, if this principle be adhered to, that the sale will be enormously increased. We

are afraid that in its zeal for the newly-established clubs and societies, the School is evincing a tendency to forget certain older institutions which are quite as worthy of its support, such as the Rugby F.C., the *Magazine*, and the Debating Society. The support afforded to the three has not fallen off, but it has not increased to such an extent as might have been expected. We mention this because we know that as soon as a fault is pointed out the School will immediately set to work to remedy it. You all know the school motto, and we cannot be of use to the world unless we are constantly improving ourselves and all that is connected with us.

A. J. EWART, } EDITORS.
F. WOLDE, }

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L. I. L. D. S.

JANUARY 30th, 1890.—Ewart (Major) proposed, and Brown seconded, this motion: "That members, in speaking, be not allowed to address one another by name." Long opposed, and Wolde seconded, the opposition. The division resulted in a majority of two for the motion. The chairman then called on W. Mac I. Brown to read his paper on "Mythology." In the course of an extremely interesting essay, the speaker commented on the widespread polytheism prevalent in ancient times, contrasted the Biblical and Chaldaean accounts, and concluded with a masterly sketch of Græcian mythology. Ewart (A. J.), Wolde, Long, and Dale having discussed the paper, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to the essayist, and the meeting closed.

February 6th.—Messrs. Lyons, Jones, and Chapman were elected members. Of these gentlemen, Mr. Jones is the only one who has had practical experience in debating; he being a member of two other societies. We hope too that Chapman's example will be followed by other members of the Commercial. Clarke then opened in the affirmative the debate: "Was Warren Hastings justly impeached." We are bound to say that his eloquence was rather too like Macaulay's to sound genuine. He discussed the subject of the Rohilla war, strongly condemned Hastings' conduct in regard to Sujah Dowjah, and attempted to prove the charge of corruption. Rich. Roberts replied. He offered a flat denial to Clarke's remarks, and affirmed, that out of 20 charges brought against Hastings no less than 15 were frivolous. He further endeavoured to justify him in his proceedings against the Rohilla tribes, and to defend him from the accusation of having murdered Nuncomar. On the subject being debated Long, Dale, Ewart (A. J.), Mohammud, Rasul, Braham, and Jones all spoke in the affirmative. The leaders having replied, the division resulted in a majority for Clarke by eight votes to four.

February 13th.—The following were elected members: P. J. A. Francis, Morris, and Bowler. After some preliminary business had been transacted, Dale vacated the chair to read his paper on "Ancient Egyptian Language and Literature." He commenced with a graphic account of the rediscovery of the ancient Egyptian language after it had been lost for 2000 years. He next proceeded to describe the Rosetta stone, and the method of deciphering it. He then discussed the hieroglyphic alphabet the various parts of speech, the words, and the writing materials used. Passing to the literature, he commented upon its wholly religious character, and read extracts from a translation of the Egyptian bible, etc. He concluded his essay by reading some portion of a work of travel, and a spirited hymn to the Nile. Dale had his subject thoroughly well in hand, and the highest praise we can accord it, is to say, "that it was entirely worthy of the head boy of the Institute."

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CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR.

IT has been said in several quarters that we did wrong in publishing the letter written by the so-called "Editor." We had many most excellent reasons for doing so. There is no better way of shewing the folly of writing such a letter than by publishing it. Also, we shew what is to be avoided, and how easy it is for humour to become nonsense and for a vigorous criticism to merge into a scurrilous attack. Some person was so kind as to hint that I myself had written it, and I take this opportunity of contradicting that statement. It is easy to understand a person being unwilling to believe that the letter was written in earnest, but to say the least of it, it is extremely unkind to hint that I am the only person capable of so foolish an act.

It is not generally known that Dale has gained a very valuable science scholarship, which will at Midsummer carry him off to Cambridge University. This is always the way. No sooner do we begin to appreciate a boy than others find out his worth also, and we lose him. There are some boys who are never appreciated and who can only be got rid of with the utmost difficulty, and it is, alas, to this latter class that I belong. But this only makes one the more able to estimate a person's true worth, and there can be no doubt that Dale is as good a head boy as we have ever had.

A MUCH-debated question and one which always crops up at the present time, is whether Association or Rugby is the more dangerous game. Strange as it may appear, there is not the slightest doubt that the safest game is Rugby. Originally, of course, Rugby was far the rougher, but this is now reverse. That this is so, is very easily proved. During the present winter 60 per cent. of the accidents which have occurred are credited to Association, 10 per cent to Rugby, and 30 per cent.

are unclassified. There are two principal reasons for this. The Association game is made very unnatural by the players being deprived of the use of their hands. This causes the game to consist of a series of jumps, writhings, and contortions, which are extremely dangerous, and which cause the players to appear more like a pack of gamboling monkeys than anything human. Then there is that terrible practice of charging, which is the cause of more than half the Association accidents, and until this be abolished the Association game can never rival the Rugby.

THE universal gowning of all the Institute masters has caused considerable surprise and no little amusement. There is no doubt that a gown adds wonderfully to one's gravity and dignity, but still it appears to be rather unfair to those masters who wear a degree gown, for the new gowns are exactly the same as theirs. Gowns are very nice things, but they are awful nuisances. They catch in everything that they can and many things that they can't. It takes years for a gownee to learn to shut a door without catching his gown in it. You must walk right out of the room, turn round and then pull the door to, or you may hire a small boy to follow and shut the doors for you. For the next two or three months it will be quite a common sight to see the tail of a gown sticking in the doorway unclaimed or left to be called for.

THE University College does not appear to agree with Mr. L. D. B. B. — t's classics, for they seem to have rapidly deteriorated since he left the Institute. The following passage from Juvenal, "Quis fercula septem secreto cenavit avus?" (What old man secretly had a supper of seven courses?) was calmly translated as, "What old man secretly had seven little sucking pigs for his supper? And the following from the same source is almost as good—"Utere velis, totos pande sinus" (Spread the sails and smooth all the folds of the canvas), which was rendered as, "Attend the sale, and open all your pockets."

A MONTHLY meeting of the High School was held at the beginning of the present month in the Hall. Mr. Hughes mentioned the various clubs, &c., and indicated those most worthy of support, especially the Cricket Club. The *Magazine* was spoken of in most flattering terms, and mention was made of how pleasant it would be for boys in after life to remind themselves by its pages of their youthful days. It was thought that more school news might be put in the *Magazine*, an opinion with which we cordially agree; but unfortunately, up till now, there has been a great lack of school news worthy of comment.

WE have received a letter from the Liverpool College, stating that they are thinking of starting a School Magazine, and asking us for advice and information. We wish them every success, but are afraid that they will find out, as we have done, that it will succeed whilst it is a novelty, but that it must undergo a constant improvement for it to keep up its position.

THERE is yet another society to chronicle, and that is the Instrumental and Orchestral Society, the subscription for which is 2s. 6d., and this is, considering what can be got from such a society, ridiculously small. If only the society can teach the boys to whistle in tune, or better still, not to whistle at all, it will have conferred an inestimable boon on society in general.

I KNOW it! I thought so! I smelt something in the air. The lower fifth (H.S.) have taken to swotting. Yes, it's true. I wouldn't believe it myself until four members of that form marched into a certain master's room on Tuesday last, and on being asked why they were there, answered laconically "Swot." Go on as you've begun, dear boys, and we shall actually look for an increase in the sale of the *Magazine* in your beloved form

CUSTODIUS.

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A STRANGE DREAM (CONTINUED).

WITHOUT a moment's hesitation, my heart beating with a multitude of emotions, I rushed after this strange creature. I rapidly gained on him, and hearing my footsteps, he turned and waited my approach, gazing at me with a mingled air of fear and astonishment. I breathlessly addressed him, and whilst waiting for his reply, I had time to observe his personal appearance. Imagine to yourself an ugly, hairy, unwashed little dwarf, with long and curved nails. He now began to address me in a language, the basis of which was English, but intermingled with many Russian words. I replied to his questions as well as I could, and, after having satisfied himself that I was not an enemy, he told me to follow him. After a few minutes' scamb'le over the ruins, we came to a hole in the ground, down which we went, and when my eyes became accustomed to the darkness, I saw I was in a kind of cellar. We both sat down, and the dwarf proceeded to tell me that which filled me with amazement and incredulity. It appeared that it was now about the year 1950, so that my light slumber had lasted for 60 years. During that period great changes had taken place. England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales had all received Home Rule. Canada had been annexed to the United States, Australia had revolted and had seized New Zealand, and the same process had gone on in all the colonies. The mother country, however, remained as strong as ever; but, in the year 1909, Russia, with France as her ally, on a trivial pretext, declared war on England and Germany. The army of Russia had been raised, until it was four times as great as that of any other country. England, in the most cowardly manner, refused to send any land forces to Germany's assistance, and, consequently, after a severe struggle, Germany was crushed. The united forces of France and Russia were now turned against England, which had to cope with them with an army 40 times less numerous.

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CHORAL SOCIETY.

THANKS to the kind efforts of Mr. Hughes and others of the masters, this Society makes rapid strides toward perfection. Euterpe reigns supreme in the Reading Room on Tuesday evening. There Robt. Roberts' manly bass, and A. M. Ker's angelic tenor, mingle in sweet accord; while Eastwood among the trebles, and Hay and Baxter among the altos, proclaim with the rest that "Down in a flowery dale, all on a summer morning," &c., and lament Fair Phyllis's coldness. Encouraging as all this is, yet it is a fact that many boys with good

voices have not yet joined; and we here take the opportunity of inviting all such to become members, for not only could they not do better, but "it is their duty to."

At the first meeting about 20 to 30 boys had their voices "tried." The test was, we believe, the first two lines of the National Anthem. Most passed safely through this fiery ordeal, only two being rejected. The proceedings terminated by singing the "Vicar of Bray." The following masters were good enough to be present:—Messrs. Hughes (conducting), Brown, Francis, A. J. Reed, and W. E. Reed. Mr. Book was unavoidably absent but we are glad to say that he is now quite recovered, and able to attend to his scholastic duties.

On February 4th the Society met again, when several new members joined, and the madrigal "Down in a flowery vale" was commenced. The same masters were present, with the addition of Mr. Bain. The meeting concluded by singing several well-known songs. The third and fourth meetings were held on February 11th and 18th respectively.

The Society's progress is all that could be desired, the thanks of everyone being especially due to the unflagging energy and patience of Mr. Hughes and those masters above-mentioned, without whose kindness our Society would be a nonentity.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

WHILE those of us who are gifted with a voice are raising them in song, the above important society is doing an unobtrusive, yet a very useful, work. It originated in the Commercial School, and consists mainly of boys belonging to that side of the building. Mr. Bulmer is the conductor, and Mr. Hughes plays the 'cello. Among the members, O. Laughton (secretary) plays the violin, and so also does our versatile (and volatile) friend Hay. Although some twenty boys have joined yet this attendance is hardly considered satisfactory by the "powers that be." New members are wanted, and subscriptions will be acceptable. We wish it to be distinctly understood, that those who join must possess some knowledge of music, and must not come expecting to learn for a paltry subscription.

HARRIER CLUB.

THE second run of the above club took place on Wednesday, January 22, starting from the tent. The hares were Baddeley, Martin, and Briscoe, and Littler, of the High School. The track lay through Mossley-hill, Mersey-road, Garston-road, and back home through Mossley-hill. Owing to the hounds losing the scent just after starting the hares arrived some 25 minutes before the first of the hounds. About three-quarters of a mile from home Mr. Hughes (brother of the head master) gave the order to close up and race. An exciting run followed, Crawford (C.S.) being in first, and Bowler (H.S.) second.

January 29. Briscoe and Creighton were the hares. The course was through Childwall, round Woolton, and so home. When near home, the hounds caught up the hares, Creighton being collared by J. Fraser. In the race home J. Ellis (C.S.) led the hounds, Bowler being again second. This run was decidedly the most enjoyable of the three.

February 5. The hares were A. L. Ker and Tucker, and the route lay round Aigburth. The scent being very thin, the hounds missed the track, striking another school's scent. A very pleasant run, however, followed, through Mersey-road, Grassendale, and so home. J. Ellis headed the hounds, Hay being second.

February 12.—Our "whipper-in" (Captain Hughes) was, we regret to say, unavoidably absent, owing to a sprained foot. Mr. Reed, however, undertook to supply his place, and well deserved the thanks of our club. The run was through Childwall and by Broadgreen. Near Childwall the hares were sighted, and an exciting chase followed. Finally Martin was seized by Fletcher; Brooking (the other hare being "fetched up" near Broadgreen. The hounds then trotted back through Wavertree, racing home through the park. Creighton and Brooking came in almost together, though perhaps Creighton was decimal something of a step in front.

The following masters have assisted in the starting, etc., of the hounds:—Mr. Hughes, and Messrs. Reed, Bickerstaffe, Bailey, etc.; whilst Mr. Owen took charge of the High School roll.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

RUGBY.

A MATCH was played on Saturday, February 1st, versus Liverpool College Upper School (1st XV.), at Fairfield. Our team was badly represented, having to play two short. For a first team, we are bound to say that the play was, on the whole, lamentably weak, the one or two bits of good individual play by no means counterbalancing the general lack of combination. Play was, however, pretty even until Irvine got over; the place, nevertheless, was a failure. The college men succeeded in getting over four times, the score, at the close of the game, standing thus:—College, two goals, two tries; Institute, three minors. Comment is superfluous.

On February 12th our team met Birkenhead School, on the latter's ground. We had again to play two short, being minus Fountain and Nott. That, however, did not prevent a most interesting game ensuing. The forwards too are to be congratulated on the manifest improvement their play underwent since last match. Roberts, of Birkenhead School, succeeded in obtaining a try, and also took the place, thus securing victory for his own side. The score was as follows:—Birkenhead School, one goal, four minors, to five minors.

The Sixth and Juniors played the School on February 19th. Both sides were fairly represented, and after a fairly exciting contest, the Sixth and Juniors won, scoring six goals, three tries, three minors, to one goal, one try. For the Sixth, A. J. Ewart, three tries; A. M. Ker, three; A. E. Ewart, one; A. H. Davies, one; and F. E. Marshall, one; Ker successfully placing the goals. On the other side, J. J. Williams and F. C. Fountain obtained a try each, Fountain negotiating the place kick. Mr. Ewart kindly officiated as umpire and referee.

On February 25th the Liverpool Institute played the Merchant Taylors, and a very fine game ensued. In the first half the Merchant Taylors got a goal, and the Institute a try (by Bennett). The Institute also obtained a try in the second half (Goodywin), and the final result was—Merchants, three goals, one try, to two tries, two minors. The whole Institute team, with one or two exceptions, played capitally. Getting played very selfishly, and lost the Institute a try. Why was Fountain not playing? Is it his leg that is hurt, or is it merely his feelings?

ASSOCIATION.

February 8.—Versus Newton School; resulted in an easy win for the Institute, by 8 goals to 1. The goals were obtained by Ulyett, Howard (3), Carmichael (3), and Shearer.

February 12.—Versus Warbreck College. Again the Institute were too much for their opponents. Ulyett, Carmichael, Wilkie, Fulton, and Shearer obtained a goal each. Final result: Institute, 5 goals, Warbreck, nil.

A MEETING of the Liverpool Institute Cricket Club was held on Monday, February 24th, with Mr. Hughes in the chair, at which the following officers were elected for the coming season:—Captain, Mr. A. M. Ker; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. F. E. Marshall; Committee, Messrs. A. E. Fwart, R. Goodwin, S. E. Davies, H. J. Hargreaves, N. Vickess, and E. B. H. Millard. Mr. Hughes addressed the meeting, saying that “although he did not think cricket was so important as Latin, still he thought it very important that a large school like the Institute should have a good team, and that he hoped every boy in the High School would join the club, and support the honour of the school.”

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—I presume it is well known throughout the school that a choral society has been formed, under the conductorship of Mr. Hughes. This society at first promised to be the most successful in the Institute. However, at the last meeting Mr. Hughes did not fill his position, to the great disappointment of members of the choir, and it is rumoured that he has given up the conductorship. I sincerely hope that this is not correct, for I am afraid the choir will decrease if he does not resume his position, or if Mr. Book does not succeed him. I hope these few words will not give rise to any ill-feeling, as I only wish the society to be a great success, and the only method of making it so is to get the most able conductor possible.—Yours, etc.

JUSTITIA.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—Seeing that all the clubs, which have been got up since the advent of our new “head,” are mostly pertaining to athletics, I would propose that we have a kind of lending library for the use of the boys. Another large school in Liverpool possesses a library, which is in a very flourishing condition, and I cannot see why our school should not have a flourishing one also. There was, in the days gone by, a library belonging to the school, and, in fact, the books are now lying mouldy on the shelves in the office. Hoping the boys will take this hint, and start doing something in this matter.—I remain, yours, etc.,

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To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—When, some three or four weeks ago, the Choral Society was started, it was hailed with delight, and was most actively supported. But, alas! it is quickly losing its popularity, and unless something is done, and that promptly, it will soon cease to exist. All the members well know how its numbers have perceptibly decreased, and how some of the best singers have gone. I would respectfully suggest that the promoter of the society, who has not been seen at the last three meetings, should return and take again his position as conductor, when his popularity and musical excellence would fetch back the absentees and life to the society. Hoping that this letter will not be without its effect—I remain, yours, etc.

VOX.