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THE most important piece of school news which we have to chronicle is, of course, Long's success in the Cambridge, and his election to the valuable Albert Scholarship. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, and hope that this success may be the precursor of many others, both at University and in after life. In the announcement of Dale's Scholarship, last month, it appears that we defrauded him of half his rights, since he combined mathematics with natural science, and held up the Institute's reputation as one of the finest schools for the teaching of mathematics in England. Long's success is, however, due more to his classics and languages than to his mathematics, and so we may feel all the more proud of him for winning us less wanted laurels. In another column will be found another letter dealing with the proposition of a School Library, mooted last month, and showing how another Liverpool School has started a similar institution. We thank the writer for his kindness, and the interest he has shewn in the proposal. We find that the unfortunate delay in the bringing out of last month's *Magazine* has visibly affected the sale. As we have printed a day or two before the beginning of April, we trust that the most welcome Easter holidays will in no way diminish our receipts. We are glad to see the formation of a Bicycle Harrier Club. If all accounts of the members be true, it beats the other Harrier Club "all to nothing," and that is saying a great deal. The Commercial School is also to be congratulated upon the formation of a Choral Society, which has already has as great encouragement as the one in the High School. By this time, one may suppose, we have become reconciled to losing the shield; and although we lament our defeat, yet, all things considered, we made a very plucky stand indeed, and have very little reason to be ashamed of ourselves. The subscriptions towards the Cricket Club do not come in as fast as the indefatigable Secretary, Mr. F. E. Marshall, would like, so hurry up, ye who would wield the willow, and pay like men.

Finally, we wish all our readers a very pleasant holiday, and hope that they may return sound in body and mind, ready for the examinations;

and last, but by no means least, more than ever resolved to invest their money in this incomparable pennyworth of high-class literature.

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

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L. I. L. D. S.

February 20th.—J. B. Dale in the chair. H. E. Long opened in the affirmative the debate, "Should the House of Lords be abolished?" He said that the House of Lords was an anomaly, and that it was ridiculous to have hereditary law-givers. The bad attendance and lack of interest of the members in all matters not directly affecting their own interests was pointed out. He also shewed that the House could only offer a temporary opposition to the Commons. Braham denied Long's statements about the Lords, and maintained that it acted as a check on the Commons. After the question had been discussed and the leaders had replied, a substantial majority was declared for the affirmative.

February 27th.—Mr. L. D. Barnett gave a paper on the "Comic Theatre of Greece." Beginning with a lucid exposition of the meaning of the Comic Theatre, he gave the history of the various branches of it. He then described the apparatus of the Greek stage, and concluded by a clever and ingenious analysis of the more celebrated Greek dramas and dramatists. After discussion, the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the able essayist.

March 13th.—Debate, "Ought Municipal Elections to be conducted on Political Lines?" H. E. Long opened in the affirmative. He condemned the present state of municipal elections, and affirmed that they were bad, inasmuch as they were conducted on a half-and-half system. He further maintained that if it were right to conduct general elections politically, it was also right to conduct municipal elections similarly. He asserted, too, that the general lack of interest in municipal elections was due to their half-and-half carrying out. A. J. Ewart replied. He endeavoured to controvert Long's arguments, showing the abuses of the present system, and demonstrated the benefits which would accrue were municipal elections conducted on an entirely non-political basis. Wolde spoke for the affirmative, while W. O. Jones, Lyons, Mohammad, Braham, and Morris supported the negative. After the leaders had replied, a vote was taken, which resulted in a decided majority for the negative.

March 18th.—On the above evening certain selected members of the L.I.L.D.S. opened, in the affirmative, the debate with the Y.M.C.A., "Ought the Parliamentary Suffrage to be extended to single women and widows?" A. J. Ewart led on the affirmative. He shewed the unfair way in which women were treated, and held that they had as good a right to vote as men. He anticipated in a very clever way several arguments of his opponents, and ended with an impassioned appeal to grant to man's faithful companion her lawful rights. Mr. Westlake opposed. He asserted that by granting suffrage to women they would be raised out of their proper sphere, and shewed the dangers resulting therefrom. During a very able speech he greatly lamented the loss of his notes. Braham then supported Ewart on the ground of tyrannising over women. Mr. Jones, for the negative, argued the question in its biblical aspect. Armour shewed that women's suffrage had been successfully tried in America, and saw no reason why it should not be adopted in England. After a number had spoken for the Y.M.C.A., Wolde affirmed that those women who had the same responsibilities as men should also have the same privileges, and that as the women's vote was unrecorded, so the opinion of a large section of the community was unrecorded also. H. E. Long, in an admirable speech, declared that as men's suffrage was not manhood suffrage, so women's suffrage would not be

womanhood suffrage, and further demonstrated the fallacies of several of the opponents' arguments. After the leaders had replied, a vote was taken, when it was found that the L.I.L.D.S. had won by a majority of nine. Throughout the debate great courtesy was shown by the chairman (Mr. W. J. Reed) and the members of the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society.

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CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR.

THERE is one point on which many people seem to be under a misapprehension, and that is about the opinions expressed in this magazine. We would like it to be distinctly understood that all that is put in this paper is, or is intended to be, the expression of the general opinion of the school. The articles that appear in *The Magazine* are not to be taken as representing our minds. We are merely the medium through which the school utterances find definite expression. In our private and in our editorial capacity we are totally different beings. So that in future we hope that anyone whose corns have been accidentally trodden on in this magazine will vent his wrath on the school and not on the editors.

ABOUT as fine a piece of ruffianism as can well be imagined occurred the other day in the 6th form. As is well known, that class is not *always* a model of good behaviour, but this exceeds every former occurrence. It seems that one boy who is anatomically inclined brought three dead kittens to school to hand over to a friend for dissecting purposes. This by some means leaked out, and certain boys, whom I needn't mention, didn't rest until the miserable animals were shaken on to the floor, when they were thrown about the room, to the infinite delectation of the noisier members of the form. Finally, the irate owner rescued them in a most dilapidated condition. As we said, it was the most outrageous outbreak that has been heard of for some time past.

POLITENESS is not exactly a virtue, but it will do instead of many. It is a famous lubricant for oiling the wheels of life, and the amount of friction and unpleasantness which it saves is extraordinary. It is not what we call a necessity, but nevertheless it is well worth the small amount of trouble it takes to acquire it. The above scenes would never have occurred if its use had been more prevalent. Now, boys, supposing you try it, and see if we cannot get rid of those little roughnesses and angularities which are so unpleasant to refined and sensitive people (or kittens).

REALLY there is now quite a demand for back numbers of *The Magazine*. A correspondent wishes for two copies of each issue of *The Magazine* prior to January, 1889. He will give twopence apiece for them if they are in good condition. We have not got any of those issues, but if any of our readers have any and apply to the office of this paper, or to the Editors, we will put them in communication with the person mentioned.

ACTUALLY the school seems to be waking up after our comment on the lower fifth last month. What with the boy who sacrilegiously expressed his intention to Mr. Owen of bisecting an *angel*, and the boy who drew a map of the *Untied States*, we may look for great things in the future. Our friend who rendered "*Femina nautam aqua lavat*" as "*The woman washes in the sailor's water*," runs the above very close indeed. But perhaps the last "takes the cake"—"*Il faut donc se serrer le ventre*" ("*Tighten your waistbands, on account of hunger*") "*We must raise the wind.*"

PRAISE is very sweet to us, and especially so when accompanied by something tangible. Hence we take this opportunity of thanking the well-known master who has praised us in so impartial and beneficial a manner, and who has backed up this with a practical evidence of how much he esteems *The Magazine*.

As the fruits of Long's success in the Cambridge, we received a holiday on Friday afternoon, which most of us appear to have enjoyed very much. The

Oxford is not very far off, and I, for one, am looking forward to another of these pleasant little holidays. We must just keep our eyes on Long and see that he works his very hardest, for we are not going to be defrauded of our prospective holiday to suit his convenience.

Two meetings have been held since our last issue, in the Lecture Hall. The first, which consisted of High School boys only, took place on Friday, March 7th. The Head Master announced his intention of increasing the length of the Easter holidays, a piece of news which was received with thundering applause. He spoke, further, of the much-debated cap question, stating that, although the directors had sanctioned the proposition, a suitable pattern had not yet been fixed upon. On the second occasion (Wednesday, March 26th) the entire school was assembled. In the course of his remarks Mr. Hughes formally granted a holiday for Long's successes, referred to the question of absence and lateness, and stated that he hoped a school cap would be a *fait accompli* in not many weeks' time. He referred in flattering terms to *The Magazine* also.

We wish just to mention another club, the report of which we did not receive until too late. The prime mover is Mr. W. J. Reed, and it is called the Rambling Club. Its object is to take walks in the neighbourhood of Liverpool and to see that principal objects of interest. Walks have been taken, on different occasions, through Birkenhead Park to Wallasey and Leasowe, and Bidston, where the ramblers were taken through the observatory. Another time an excursion was made over the "City of Paris" steamship. We have every sympathy with this club, and wish it unqualified success.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

WITH regard to the Choral Society, although the conductor, Mr. Hughes, has come back, the numbers are still falling off. On the 12th inst. the Madrigal and the Rounds were sung, as usual, there being rather a poor attendance. It has been rumoured that the small boys, whose voices are needed as trebles, feel shy, so it is hoped that the members will exert themselves to bring them to the meetings. At the next meeting there was a new piece tried, entitled "Gipsy Life," in which there are solos for the different voices. On the 18th "Gipsy Life" was again tried, and the solos were sung. Robert Roberts (the mighty bass) sang splendidly, and did credit to the society. The soul-stirring tenor also sang a solo, as did our good-natured and complaisant Waite. P. J. A. Francis and Queen both sang well. At this meeting Mr. Hughes, remarking on the small number of members present, suggested that the society should either be given up or amalgamated with the Commercial society; for as the C. C. S. is composed chiefly of trebles and altos, this would be very advantageous. Either way, the members ought both to attend themselves and to try and induce others to join.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

SINCE our last issue this society has been progressing steadily, though, we are sorry to say, not in the number of members. It has been diligently practising the "Dead March," and can now play it fairly well. The attendance is hardly up to the mark, but we hope that it will improve. At the meeting on the 17th instant, Mr. Bulmer not being able to be present, his post was admirably filled by Mr. Bain. The secretary having both forgotten to come himself and to bring the music, the society was not able to play over a new piece called "Musical Moments," so that the "Dead March" was practised once more. After it had been rehearsed twice, the members had the pleasure of listening to the solo "I dreamt I dwelt in Marble Halls," played by Robertson, and also to that familiar song "See-saw," which was played by Harris; Marshall, after some persuasion, played a waltz. On this occasion there were three new visitors, Messrs. Bickerstaffe, Parry, and Reed, all of whom were very pleased with the performance.

CYCLING CLUB.

ON March 12th, there was a paper chase to Woolton, and then home through Garston and Cressington. Captain Hughes acted as pace maker. The scent was poor at first, but from Woolton it became much better. About half-a-mile from home the hounds raced in and found that the hares had been in for half-an-hour. Over a dozen took part in the run.

MARCH 19th.—The hares, Leech and Waite, were allowed three minutes' start. They were caught at Garston, after about five miles had been covered at full speed. A very enjoyable run was then made to Hale, and from thence home. Considering the amount of solid enjoyment and exercise that can be got from these runs, we do not think that the club is supported as well as it might be, and we shall be very glad to see some recruits.

HARRIER CLUB.

FEB. 26th.—A run took place on this date from our cricket ground, Sandown Park, Wavertree. The hares were Jones (W.O.), H. Hargreaves, and Taylor. The scent lay "thick and hot" out of Wavertree, through Mr. Thompson's park at Broadgreen, over the fields to Childwall, and so back to Wavertree. The very last part of the trail lay through Picton Road, thus subjecting the hounds to a deal of good-natured chaff. At Sandown Lane the run home began, Fletcher (H.S.) and Creighton (H.S.) being first and second respectively.

March 5th.—On this occasion the competition for the promised medals was held. Only those boys were allowed to compete who had run at least three times. The number of competitors was thus 28, and all were handicapped according to age. Sewell started first and Wolde last, being 15 minutes behind the former, and 30 seconds behind Creighton, who was next to scratch. The trail, which had been previously put down by the hares, Mr. W. J. Reed and Fletcher, lay through Knotty Ash, Old Swan, and West Derby. Many of the hounds missed the trail, and although this was in a measure their own fault, yet it was very rough on such fellows as Martin (C.S.), etc. Creighton, who was soon overtaken by Wolde, ran almost the whole of the distance (7 miles). After a sharp run in, Creighton was entitled to the 1st medal, Wolde to the second, while the third is to be competed for hereafter. We heartily congratulate the above on their success, and trust that the third prize will be carried off with as much eclat as were the first two. We cannot close the last report of this club for the year without offering our most sincere thanks to Captain Hughes for his untiring kindness throughout the entire eight runs. Only we members can fully appreciate his efforts on our behalf, but we can assure the whole school that we are unable to thank him sufficiently for all he has done. His presenting the medals, and giving up his Wednesday afternoons are only part and parcel of his general kindness and good nature. We know that every member, hare or hound, will cordially echo these sentiments of ours. Lastly, we would thank, in the name of the club, all masters and others who have shown interest in the various runs; and if we do not mention them by name it is not want of inclination but rather want of space.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

RUGBY.

MARCH 5TH, 1890.—The Liverpool Institute played Wallasey Grammar School at Sefton Park. The game was, throughout, very one-sided, and resulted in a victory for the home team by nine goals, seven tries, four minors, to nil. F. E. Marshall obtained five tries for the Institute, A. J. Ewart four, J. E. Gething two, and A. E. Ewart, and Marshall, R. J. Ewart, Rishton, and A. P. Ker one each. WATERLOO High School met the Liverpool Institute on the former's ground. The result was a win for the Institute by two goals and one try to one goal and a

try. The tries for the Institute being obtained by Fountain, Bennett, and Goodwin, while the goal for the opponents was got from a free kick.

LIVERPOOL Institute versus Merchant Taylors' (shield tie) played on the ground of the Waterloo Football Club. The match resulted in a victory for the Merchant Taylors by two goals, seven tries, and four minors to one try and one minor. After a splendid run of Fountain's, Gething (J. E.) obtained the try for the Institute. A. M. Ker, A. J. Ewart, and especially Fountain played capitally, and were seen to great advantage, while Colville, Rogers, and Williams appear to be the pick of the Merchant Taylors.

ASSOCIATION.

FEBRUARY 6TH, 1890.—The Liverpool Institute played the return match with Warbreck College at Aintree. In spite of some disadvantages, the Institute backs defended well, and after about 20 minutes' play, J. Carmichael sent in a grand shot, which completely beat the home custodian. In the second half Shearer and Fulton on the left, and Carmichael on the right, soon carried the ball to the College goal. After this the College scored twice, the Institute, however, winning by five goals to three goals.

MARCH 1ST.—The Institute again encountered Newton School, at Rock Ferry. In the first half Newton School scored twice, and again in the second half. When time was called they were the winners by three goals to nil. In spite of their poor representation, they played up remarkably well, the best men being J. Carmichael, Shearer, and Fulton playing forward, Wilson at half-back, and P. Carmichael at back.

MARCH 5TH.—Liverpool College versus Liverpool Institute, on the latter's ground. Although the Institute had the best of the game in the first half (Fulton scoring a goal by a grand low shot), yet in the second they had very hard lines in not scoring, as the ball was before the College goal continually. The result was a victory for the College, after a most exciting contest, by five goals to three. The best men for the home team were undoubtedly Shearer, Fulton, and Carmichael.

It must be added that Mr. Bain kindly officiated as referee in the first two matches we have recorded, his decisions giving universal satisfaction.

ACCORDING to our usual custom we append a few notes on the season's play and the players. The season was opened with a first-class team, but at winter we lost three of our best forwards—both the halves and the full back. As may easily be imagined this disorganized the team to a great extent, causing us to be beaten by two goals to nil by the College, and also by a goal by the Birkenhead school, though in this latter match we were without Fountain. After this we played better, as witness our victory over the Waterloo High School. The last match of the season was against the Merchant Taylors' for the shield. In spite of our having being reinforced by our former captain in the forwards, we were ignominiously beaten by two goals seven tries to one try. The try was obtained from a fine run by Fountain, Ker failing at the easy place. Fountain played capitally throughout. The Institute were completely disorganized, and played in a very lazy and desultory fashion. It was a very silly idea to think that our three three-quarters could cope with the four of the Merchants'. It neutralized the only advantage we had over them. Forward, they were at least twice as heavy as we were, and considering their magnificent form, there can be no doubt that they will eventually obtain possession of the coveted trophy.

The first player of course is the captain, Ker. As a player he leaves nothing to be desired, and is undoubtedly the crack centre of the schools; but as a captain he is very weak and lacks that power of combination which is so necessary in a football captain.

Fountain is a really good all round man. His running, kicking, and passing are excellent, but he will persist in collaring big men high, and in consequence sometimes get knocked about. It has also been said that he runs faster with one leg than with the other, but however this may be he fully deserves for speed his cognomen of "Pigeon."

Goodwin, as a forward, is first-class, but as a three-quarter he is very weak. Whenever he gets the ball he never misses an opportunity of losing his legs.

Bennett has not played in his present position for long, but he already shews signs of making a rattling good half.

Nott.—Dear little Dicky; how he does play! There is not much of him, but what there is plays with a dash and vigour that is rarely equalled.

A. J. Ewart has not played often, and is too well known to need comment. He is commonly called the "Skyrocket," because he goes off with a rush, and is apt to knock you over if you get in the way.

Marshall is, for his size, one of the best forwards we have ever had. He is not very big, but he plays with a vigour which throws men twice his size and strength completely into the shade.

A. E. Ewart is rapidly coming on as a forward. He, however, lacks judgment, and frequently through this nullifies his own efforts.

G. F. Gelby does not do much, but what he does, does well. Gething does a great deal, and as often as not does it badly, chiefly owing to selfishness. At the latter part of the season, however, he has shown a great improvement.

Millard is a very steady man, and puts in a lot of hard work that is rarely noticed.

Baxter, W. L. Ker, McPhail, Vichess, and Wilson have all done their best, but owing to their small size not much could be expected from them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

SIR,—In the March issue of your Magazine, you remarked that 60 per cent. of the accidents that have occurred during this season in football are attributed to Association, and only 10 per cent. to Rugby; but we wish to point out to you that for every Rugby team in England there are at least twenty Association teams. From this fact, and another, namely—that Rugby is rapidly decreasing and giving way to Association, we are inclined to think that the latter is the safer game of the two.—We are, dear sirs, yours respectfully,

A RUGBY AND AN ASSOCIATION PLAYER IN THE
LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE TEAMS.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—I am much obliged to you for shewing me the above letter. I can easily understand your reason for doing so. How nicely "yours respectfully" rolls off his two extraordinary statements without an atom of proof. Rugby—Association—1—20—Rugby is rot. Pretty, isn't it? How sad to have to destroy the self-complacency which evidently engendered that demonstration. But I was ever ready to sacrifice duty to inclination—beg pardon!—inclination to duty, and I will do so now. There is no doubt that in Lancashire, numerically, the number of Associationists is greater than of Rugbeites, but the Rugby clubs are quite as important, and the interests involved are quite as great as of the Associationists. In Yorkshire, Rugby is everything and Association is comparatively no where, and it is the same in the South of England. Where, then, are the myriads of Association players? Are they hidden away securely in some unknown corner of England? or, are they not creations of your own vivid imagination? So "Rugby is rapidly decreasing," is it? I must really take a note of this, for it is a fact which no one but yourself has yet perceived. Why will you make such silly statements without ever finding out the facts? Can you not see that you are making clearer the fact (which is already plain enough) that you are a stupid ignoramus? Now, don't you dare to attack Rugby again, or you'll get it warmer next time.—
Yours, etc.,
RUGBEITE.

P.S.—Excuse me, but I must really correct you on one point. It is customary in the English language to use for the comparative of safe—safer, and not *safest*.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—As far as the Institute is concerned, the shield is now over and done with, and it is a great thing that I am writing to you. This year we were played in the first round against the Merchant Taylors, and were beaten by them. Last year it was the same. The year before we were played against them in the second round and beaten. Before that again we were played in the second round against Waterloo, which was then practically the strongest team, and the year before we were played against them in the first round and beaten. Out of a total of seven shield matches which we have played, two have been played on our ground. Once, and once only, have we had a fair and impartial referee. And yet, in the face of these facts, it is said that the shield contests are conducted fairly. The Old Boys talk a great deal about not appearing to favour the Institute, a thing which nobody ever accused them of; but they seem to forget justice in their anxiety about appearances. They talked a great deal at the beginning of the season about helping the F.C., but, with one or two honourable exceptions, that promise has not been redeemed. It is easy to talk; anyone can; but the rub is when a little personal inconvenience or the pocket comes into the matter. There can be no doubt that, taken as a whole and gauged from this point of view, the interest taken by the Old Boys in the School is practically nil.

Yours sincerely,

JUSTITIA.

[We cannot agree with our correspondent's remarks, and we think his complaints somewhat imaginary. ERS. L. I. S. M.]

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

SIRS,—I am very glad to give you any information I can about our Lending Libraries at Liverpool College. Of those there are two—one for the use of the Middle School in Shaw Street, the other for the Upper School in Lodge Lane. The former was started about two years ago, the latter only last year; and both have turned out a great success.

At Shaw Street we had the advantage at the start of a good collection of old books—belonging to a former Lending Library in connection with the College, which had been allowed to go to decay—to select from. Amongst these we found editions of Scott, Jane Austen, Dickens, and many other books adapted for our purpose, which we catalogued and made available; and our Library now numbers well over 1000 volumes. At Lodge Lane we possess about 300 books so far, and the total is growing by “leaps and bounds.”

The subscription at Shaw Street is 1/- a term. At Lodge Lane the amount is fixed for the present—we hope to reduce it soon—at 2/-, and we have an average of more than 60 subscribers.

Fiction, of course, goes down the best, but our stock by no means consists exclusively of novels. Henty is distinctly first in popularity, Jules Verne a good second, whilst Manville Feun, Clark Russell, Louis Stevenson, Edna Lyall, are in pretty constant demand, as well as such old favourites as Mayne Reid, Ballantyne, Cooper and Harrison Ainsworth. Thackeray, George Meredith, and the “higher fiction” generally, you will find, rather a drug in the market.

As to practical details of working—we find it better *not* to have the catalogue printed, at any rate for the present. It is written out and displayed in a frame in a convenient place, letters and numbers being added corresponding to the position of the books on the shelves. Subscribers in getting books out fill up a slip with their own names and the letter and number of the book wanted. These slips can be filed at eleven on Library days—Tuesdays and Fridays, and the books are issued after morning school. The letter and number of each book issued are entered on a list under the day of issue and opposite the borrower's name. Books are issued one at a time, and may be kept a fortnight. The whole system is as simple as possible, and works well.

I shall be glad to give any information on the subject I can. Hoping, if you determine to establish a Lending Library for the use of the Institute Schools, you will meet with every success.—Yours truly,
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