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BETWEEN this number of the *Magazine* and our last issue a space of about twelve weeks has elapsed, and it may be said that in that time more has happened than in any other given twelve weeks of the year. The breaking-up day (about which a notice will be found in another page), and the holidays are alike things of the past. The School has again met, but, in the High School especially, “quantum mutatus ab illo,” and once more we start the year. And the *Magazine* also, let us announce, starts the year—this time under exactly the same Editors as before; and further, the said Editors would nearly go off their heads with delight and be evermore grateful were their readers to make up their minds to increase the *Magazine's* circulation. Not that they are by any means forgetful of the improvement in that respect shewn last year, but still out of a school of at least 900 boys it seems reasonable to expect, say 600, to take a copy; as it is, however, 450 was the maximum reached last term. To turn from the Liverpool Institute *Magazine* to School matters. We spoke a little above of change in the High School. That is manifest by the appearance of three new Masters in our midst—Messrs. Snow, Caldecott, and Lewis; of course this is neither the time nor the place to make any further remarks, and we only ask permission to accord them a very hearty welcome in the name of our readers. We publish elsewhere a graceful tribute to Mr. Kennedy's arduous labours in our midst, written by a talented old boy, who has

but lately left us for Cambridge; we feel sure that the sentiments expressed in them will have the hearty concurrence of all our schoolfellows—past and present—who at any time received instruction from him. The clubs generally, we believe, are in a fairly prosperous condition, although, of course, many changes have necessarily taken place. In the Football Club, A. M. Ker's place has been filled by A. J. Ewart—good old Jim; while E. B. H. Millard, the painstaking and thoroughly capable secretary, has been succeeded by J. E. Gething; the names of other officers will be found in the "Football Notes." We may hope, we think, for at least as good a season as we had last year, but our chances for the shield look, it must be confessed, somewhat black; however, there is no saying what hard work, pluck, and patience will do, and there is no need to croak until the end. Of most of the other clubs and societies notices will be found on subsequent pages, but we may say here that out of so many clubs, &c., to choose from, each boy could select at least one to which to devote himself, either Football, Harriers, Rambling, or Debating. The visits of the classes to the Gymnasium mark an entirely new feature of our school life, but, as they are more fully noticed elsewhere, we shall say no more about them here. And, lastly, there are the results of the Oxford. A senior list marked with such successes as those of Long and Grace, together with a junior list so uniformly brilliant, must be an intense satisfaction to the "powers that be;" and so far as we can see, the outlook for next year is very hopeful. A more detailed notice will be found in another column, and as this is the last piece of news worthy of remark it only remains—after wishing all our schoolfellows a most prosperous year in every sense—for us to sign ourselves once more,

F. WOLDE,
H. C. HILTON, } EDITORS.

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L.I.L.D.S.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 1890.—A meeting of the Society was held on the above date, A. J. Ewart presiding. The members present in addition to the Chairman were—Braham, Clark, A. E. Ewart, Francis, W. O. Jones, Marshall, Mohammed, Morris, Rasul, Roberts and Wolde. After the minutes of the last meeting (May

2nd) had been read, and had received the Chairman's signature, the following were proposed and unanimously elected members—Addinsell, Baddely, Cheeseright, Creighton, Curphey, Fletcher, Frazer (T. A.), Grace, Gething, Halim Harris, Hilton, Jones (C. M.), Lloyd, Youns.

Wolde was then unanimously re-elected joint-editor of the *Magazine*, proposed by Roberts, seconded by A. E. Ewart. Roberts (proposed by A. E. Ewart, seconded by F. E. Marshall) and Cheeseright (proposed by F. E. Marshall, seconded by Mohammed) were elected "whips" for the High and Commercial Schools respectively.

After it had been decided to retain the same time and evening of debate, the meeting adjourned.

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CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR.

PRIZE DAY this year, if it be not too late to speak of it, was a marked success. This was due, chiefly, it seemed, to the introduction of songs and choruses in the place of certain recitations to which no one ever listened; and it was agreed, on all hands, that everything went off with much more éclat than heretofore. Then, too, the presentation to Mr. Kennedy made it singularly interesting to all, but especially to those in the upper forms. As we said, the whole affair was a grand success upon which Mr. Hughes and the other masters who gave their assistance, are much to be congratulated. We shall look forward with increased eagerness to 'Emancipation Day' of next year.

We were very much delighted to see the large number of boys who attended the preliminary meeting of the Debating Society. It shows a highly cultivated intellectual state when boys will stay an hour or so after school to taste with others the delights of literary pursuits. Besides, it will look so well when you are all great men to have your biographer writing some such passage as this 'at an age when other boys were content to whip the top, or knuckle the marble, when others were hurrying home to a sumptuous meal, or making the shades of Blackburne Place resound with yells, the subject of our sketch was sitting deeply debating the merits of Oliver Cromwell, or gravely discussing some mighty question.' Pretty, isn't it?

In another part of the *Magazine* our readers will find an article entitled "Another Visit to Vyrnwy." We inserted it mainly on the ground that anything concerning Liverpool ought to be of interest to Liverpudlians. The article is necessarily somewhat short and sketchy, but for all that we have the boldness to publish it, and the fact that it is written by a schoolfellow will, we hope, make it appreciated.

The Latin verses inscribed to our former classical master must, we think, be well thought of by all our readers. Not only do they, of themselves, form a good piece of composition in elegant Latin but, we feel confident, they are the more expression of the general feeling and as such, it is sincerely hoped, will prove gratifying to our old friend and master, Mr. Kennedy.

We let the following extract from a local journal speak for itself. It will be scarcely necessary to tell our High School readers that the boy mentioned in it is a schoolfellow of ours, of whom we have ample cause to feel proud:—"September 13th, 1890,—On Wednesday last, a young lady who was bathing in the river, having got beyond her depth, called to her friends who were at some distance off. Before they could reach her a youth named Rodney Jones, eldest son of the Rev. M. L. Jones of Poole Road, Egremont, swam to her assistance and helped her into a place of safety. Great credit is due to the rescuer, who throughout acted with commendable promptitude and courage." It is also worthy of notice that Jones belongs to the Commercial School Swimming Club.

We still find a lack of suitable original contributions to the *Magazine*. One would have thought that after our impassioned appeal of a few months ago, at least 50 per cent. of our schoolfellows would have stepped forward and said "Editor, here is my little contribution; take it, you are welcome." And then we would have shed a little tear, and clasped them to our bosom, and inserted every one of their contributions, with big initials in the righthand bottom corner, and everybody would have been happy. But no, the prospect doesn't seem to tempt them, and so we regretfully pass on to the next paragraph.

We now proceed to give as detailed results as we can of the late Oxford Local Examinations, omitting the third class and pass lists in both sections:—

1. SENIORS.—First Class—H. E. Long, J. H. Grace. Second Class—T. H. Creighton; J. J. Fletcher; A. M. Ker; L. Zagury.

2. JUNIORS.—First Class—F. M. Baddely; R. L. Curphey; E. W. Harradine; P. J. A. Francis; C. M. Jones; D. D. Braham. Second Class—A. P. Banks; A. E. Ewart; E. Wilding, Cheeswright, Morris, Cundliff, Barlow, Nelson, Flett.

As will be seen the names are not, by any means, in order of merit, nor we fear are all inserted. Circumstances beyond our control have prevented the list being as full as we could wish, but if any very serious errors have been committed, it is comforting to think that someone will fall heavily upon us before our next issue.

Appropos of the Latin verses, we quote a few lines from a song, entitled "Classics," as she is pronounced," which may amuse some of our readers who are of a classical turn of mind:—

Gaining honours in Litēris.
Græcis et Latinis.
Not an easy thing I fear is,
Though not difficult to miss.
I must read the Hippolytus
Of the famous Euripides.
With some odes of Theocritus,
And three books of Thucydides.
Of the Latin's sage, Tacitus,
With his charming Annāles,
And as lively as St. Vitus
Horace's famed Epodes.

And so on through five more verses; we have no space for more.

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* * We are now prepared to receive annual subscriptions which have fallen due, Will Secretaries of Clubs, &c., kindly see that any matter which they wish inserted is in our hands at least a *week* before date of issue, otherwise we find it extremely difficult to publish it.

The visits to the Myrtle Street Gymnasium are an entirely new and eminently popular feature of our school life; and the "Gym" day is throughout the school looked forward to with eagerness. We notice, however, that those who have attended Mr. Alexander's classes before have an immense pull over those to whom class gymnastics are quite strange. We would, therefore, advise the latter to pocket their pride, and seek instruction from some of the old hands; they may be assured they will never regret having done so.

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· VIRO ·
· DOCTISSIMO ·
· PROBISSIMO ·
ALEXANDRO M. KENNEDY, A.M.,
· OBSERVANTLE ·
· CAUSA ·

A D faciles aures, elegi, vos ite, magistri;
Verbaque honorato ferte legenda viro.
Quæ quanquam misisse pudet, quia parva videntur,
Tu tamen hæc calami percipe verba mei.
Da veniam scriptis, quorum non gloria nobis
Causa, sed affectus officiumque tuum.
Nunc levis hæc meritis referatur gratia tantis,
Detque memor pectus vota suprema tibi.
Nunquam pigra fuit nostris tua gratia rebus;
Nec tua munificas arca negavit opes.
Utile discipulis exemplar tute dedisti,
Auxilium vitæ fertque feretque diu.
Moribus et monitis impigre fingis ephebos;
Laudibus e tantis laus tibi summa fuit.
Sæpe puer fido repetet tua munera corde;
Usque laborantes exstimulare soles.
Pro quibus optandi si nobis copia fiat,
Tam bene pro merito commoda mille precor.
Det deus in longum felicem ducere vitam,
In placido portu quo vocat alma quies.

V. C. H., M.

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LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE CYCLING CLUB.

ALL club runs have stopped from September 25th. It is rumoured (but not, however, officially announced) that the Harrier Club, which many will recollect was so successful last half is to be restarted. If this be so, it is to be hoped that many will join.

ANOTHER VISIT TO VYRNWY.

SOME time ago a capital little article appeared in the pages of the "Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine" entitled, "A Visit to Vyrnwy," and as the works have made much progress since the appearance of that article, it is our intention to supplement it by a further account.

During the course of our holidays we found ourselves staying at the little Welsh town of Bala for a week or two. It seemed to us a capital opportunity of paying a visit to our city's future reservoirs, and after a few minutes' conversation with Mr. William Owen, the genial host of the "White Lion," we realized the pleasant fact that we were jogging along in a trap, driven by an exceedingly Welshy Jehu, en route for Vyrnwy.

The way for the first eight miles or so is almost uphill, and such hills too! The whole distance, we believe, is fifteen miles, of which the last seven are decidedly the easiest to travel along. The road winds like a white ribbon, as it were, along the green hill-side; above rose the hill, to a height of six or seven hundred feet, and below stretched the green valley, dotted here and there with browsing sheep. The day was as perfect as it well could be, and in the pure delight of the delicious air and lovely scenery, we almost forgot the vagaries of Pious Æneas and the woes of Medea, or only remembered them in a dreamy kind of way, which served to enhance our enjoyment.

At last we leave the hills, and have a clear run of four or five miles to the head of the lake. The lake itself is a fine piece of water, and the fact that we suddenly come in full view of it doubles the pleasure of the drive to us, at least. From the top of the lake to the embankment is a distance of fully four-and-a-half miles; the hotel about which we have heard so much lately, being situated close to the lower end. As we drive quickly along the lake-side, it seems strange to think that eighteen months ago all that is now water was fields and houses; and, we believe, that although ample compensation has been made, yet the inhabitants of the "drowned" village are still most grieved. The next business is, of course, to inspect the embankment. This stretches across the lake at its lower end, and to our inexperienced eye looked as if it would stand a second deluge. It is built of stone (quarried in the neighbourhood), and presents a most handsome and massive appearance. Through it the overflow and what is termed the "compensation to the river" is allowed to escape, and quite a large body of water flows down its further side like a miniature Niagara. Beyond the embankment lie the workmen's temporary dwellings, and the enormous cranes. Of the hotel we shall say little; it has so recently been described in the leading newspapers, that it will be merely necessary to remark that, while fully realizing the expectations one would form of it, at the time of our visit it looked in a highly unfinished state, owing, doubtless, to the grounds being in a state of chaos.

The next object of interest was the straining tower. This lies midway between the embankment and the head of the lake, on the right-hand side looking up. Its object is, of course, to strain the water before it enters the pipes and flows to Liverpool. Every piece of machinery in it is connected with a huge bell, which will give the alarm if anything chanced to go wrong.

The whole place, indeed, is deeply interesting, from the lake itself to the smallest piece of workmanship, and if any one who knows anything about engineering, he would find everything there twice as fascinating. As it is, we have neither space nor time to remark anything further, but will conclude by saying that, if any of our readers chance, at some time or other, to be within twenty miles of Lake Vyrnwy, they should make strenuous efforts to get there, and inspect for themselves things which so nearly concern Liverpool and her inhabitants.

 FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the first General Meeting of the above A. J. Ewart was elected Captain with F. E. Marshall as Sub-Captain. The Committee are A. E. Ewart, Bredin, A. C. Marshall, and R. V. Nott.

This Football Season promises to be a very successful one. Mr. Caldecott has given us some very good help in getting boys to join, and also in other matters. Mr. Lewis has also promised to do what he can to help us. We have got a good many matches arranged and shall always expect a good number of boys up on our ground, cheering us on to victory!

J. GETHING.
HON. SEC. AND TREASURER.

 ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

ON Monday, July 21st, an open rehearsal took place in connection with the above Society, and the whole performance reflected great credit on the originator. A large gathering speedily assembled to hear the music that could be rendered by a society yet in its infancy. It is needless to say that none were disappointed, as when both master and boys throw their hearts into a scheme it is sure to be a success. The performers mustered in almost total force, and thus showed the great increase in members, and these not "sleepers" but all "workers." Among others who were present at this rehearsal were Mr. Sephton and party. To see their ever-respected late master take an interest in their musical attempts seemed to stimulate the efforts of the boys. The rehearsal was opened by a few words from Mr. Hughes, in which he expressed his entire sympathy in the work which was so rapidly developing under the conductorship of Mr. Buhner. Although only an institution for juniors, yet the whole music was drawn from good composers, thus showing that the society was aiming at much higher things than mere trivialities. The style in which the several pieces were rendered showed a great deal of careful preparation on all sides. Masters Robinson and Nye contributed solos, which gave great promise of brilliant performances in the future. No mention of the Society was made by the directors, however, but we will hope that it was merely an omission. Altogether the meeting was a decided success, and every one went away well pleased with the music. In order to render the Society a still greater success, it is necessary to have more members. Boys who have a reasonable knowledge of music should certainly take advantage of such an opportunity for improving themselves, as such a training is of very great value.

SWIMMING CLUB.

THE competitions instituted by the Humane Society among schools have largely increased in popularity, and as there is one medal offered to each scholastic institution, the pupils have every opportunity of acquiring most useful knowledge as to how to rescue a drowning person, and also to win the medal for the year. On Tuesday, July 22, this display in connection with the Liverpool Institute Commercial School took place at Cornwallis Street, in the presence of Mr. Hughes, head master, and a large number of assistant masters and scholars. In this competition skill in manœuvring the dummy is taken in conjunction with the time in which the contestants take to land the object. In the first trial, when the body is visible, six boys competed, one succeeding in landing the object in thirty-one seconds. In the second trial the object is sunk, but the spot is indicated. The competitors then dive in turn, and after bringing the dummy to the surface, as before, land it. The shortest time—42 2-5th secs. was made by G. Roberts, who had been second in the first trial. In the third trial, the body is sunk in a spot unknown to the competitors who dive into the water, search for the object, and having located it, bring it to the surface and land it. In this trial Roberts was again first, doing the required feat in 48 2-5 secs. His total for the three trials was 126 2-5th secs., he was therefore declared the winner for the year. The dexterity of this boy in manœuvring the body was very marked, and the care he showed in keeping the head out of the water while swimming to the side was very commendable. The second boy, T. Martin, was also very smart, he making use of both teeth and hands to draw the dummy ashore, the time being 151 3-5th secs. J. Robertson was third with 157secs., G. Smith fourth with 174 3-5th secs., and H. D. Copp fifth with 205 2-5th secs. A similar competition took place on the following Tuesday at noon among the boys of the High School.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,—At the risk of appearing somewhat tedious to your readers, I would refer you back to your July issue, in which you will recollect a letter appeared, signed "Thruo Medicinalis." In that letter your correspondent (who seems to me to be a somewhat wrong-headed and dogmatic individual) made certain statements which alike cast a slur on our late head-master, the Rev. J. Sephton, and upon Mr. Hughes. He bases his remarks upon the unwarrantable assumption that the Institute boy is, or rather was, at the time of writing, a pale-visaged, spiritless creature, who, by arduous attention to his studies, is reduced to a state of lamentable emaciation in which his parents glory. Can anything, I ask, be more absurd than this? Were your correspondent merely to raise his eyes, he would be at once disabused of his foolish opinion. The Institute boy is not overworked; he has too great an idea of his value in the world to leave it prematurely. And, besides, were he set work beyond his strength (which, be it recollected, your correspondent implied), I doubt very much if he would do it. It is not only absurd—it is positively wrong of "Thruo Medicinalis" to allow such stuff to be circulated, and I fail to see the force of your publishing it. It is the very thing to make the idlers of a class cease what little work they have been in the habit of doing for fear of an early death by brain fever! While such movements as the visits to the Gymnasium, enlist all my sympathy. I feel I must, in duty bound, enter a protest against such a wrong-headed theorist as your correspondent.—With profuse apologies for taking up your valuable space, I am, gentlemen, yours truly,

FIAT LUX.