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Editorial.

THE April number of the *Magazine* appears somewhat earlier than usual on account of the Easter holidays occurring at our customary time of publication. But so many events have happened during the last two or three weeks that we find we are not at any loss to obtain—it is to be hoped—interesting matter to occupy our increased space. Among other notable events, of course, the competition for the Liverpool and District Schools' Challenge Shield has been foremost, and we feel very sorry that we can, in this number, but give an account of the matches in the first and second rounds, in which the Institute played the Merchant Taylors' and the Waterloo High Schools, respectively. We will only remark, in passing, that the continued appeals on all sides for boys to turn up at the matches have at last, as was seen in both of the above matches, been successful. It will be seen from the various reports, that the school clubs and societies are progressing favourably. The newly formed library is, we hear, also in fairly flourishing circumstances; but we should like to have heard that the call for members out of the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms had been responded to more eagerly. In another column is a letter from an old boy making an offer of £5 towards forming a school library. To this we can but say that, if everybody had as generous a spirit as our correspondent, we would soon have a very prosperous library indeed, and we sincerely trust that the liberal offer of 'Old Boy' may find many imitators. The Debating Society has had a very good month so far, and we are assured that the Annual Entertainment—which, by the way, has been postponed until the summer—will be quite as great a success as previous entertainments of the L.I.L.D.S. have been. We are glad to say that the circulation of the March issue of the *Magazine* attained the somewhat unlooked-for number of over 650 copies. By this fact we think we are justified in supposing that the *Magazine* has permanently taken its place in the Institute as its organ of school matters.

Debating Society Notes.

A MEETING was held on February 26th, A. J. Ewart presiding. On this occasion Braham contributed a paper on "Socialism." He devoted his remarks first to a consideration of the injustice of Socialism; second, to the impracticability of the Socialistic programme. He also shewed the unfairness of State Socialism, but stated that he had no objection to the formation of small communities on such principles. He further gave arguments against the carrying out of free education; the enactment of an eight hours' bill; land nationalisation and State railways; and affirmed, in conclusion, that Socialism was a sham, a snare, and a delusion. The members being apparently unwilling to speak, the chairman gave a resumé of the history of Socialism. E. J. W. Harvey, Roberts, Marshall, A. E. Ewart, Wolde, Baddeley, followed. The chairman again spoke, condemning in strong terms Braham's speech and those of some of his followers. Braham then replied and the meeting adjourned.

There was also a meeting on Thursday, March 5th, A. J. Ewart in the chair. F. E. Marshall opened in the affirmative the debate, "Has the present Government's Irish Policy been, on the whole, productive of good?" Having compared this Government with its predecessor, he stated that good had, in the first instance, been done by the refusal to grant Home Rule. He highly praised the Coercion Bill, the Irish Land Act, the Technical Instruction Act, the Light Railway Scheme, and the Land Purchase Bill. He next treated of Bye-Elections, and strongly condemned the conduct of some leading Gladstonians, notably Sir W. V. Harcourt. Having spoken of Mr. Balfour's tour through Ireland, and Mr. O'Brien's imprisonment, he closed by recapitulating the benefits conferred upon Ireland during the present Chief Secretary's rule. Wolde replied. He considered many of Marshall's arguments wholly beside the question. He harshly criticised Mr. Balfour's policy, and after glancing at the deplorable condition of Ireland at the present day, asserted a connection between it and the party in power. He dealt with evictions, giving instances, and hotly denounced the conduct of the Irish magistrates and police. He further treated of the arrest of various Irish members, and stated that the result of this was most disastrous to the country. He concluded by accusing Lord Salisbury's Government of causing misery to Ireland, alienating its representatives, and failing in its chief objects. A very lively discussion then ensued, in which Roberts, A. C. Marshall, and Braham supported the affirmative, and E. J. Harvey, A. E. Ewart, and W. O. Jones the negative. After the chairman had spoken, and the leaders had replied, the vote was taken with the following result:—Affirmative, 12; negative, 15.

A meeting was held on March 12, A. J. Ewart presiding. The football meeting, held on the same night in Mr. Caldicott's room, unfortunately spoiled the attendance at the Debating Society. E. J. Phillips read a most excellent paper on "The Poetry of Robert Herrick." He spoke of Herrick's early life, his college days, and the years spent as a Devonshire vicar, and briefly passed over the chief events of his life up to his death. He then very ably criticised Herrick's poems, and read

characteristic selections, including the "Hymn to Ben Jonson," a quotation from his poem on "Country Life," and his affectionate address to "His dear Native Place"—London. He next treated of the inconsistency of Herrick's verse, the pessimistic tone of his later works and its probable causes, the note of strong individuality which pervades all his writings, and other points. He closed a most admirable and enthusiastic paper by emphatically asserting the indestructibility of true poetry, and by shewing where Herrick's verse possessed this lasting element. A brief discussion then took place, in which Wolde, Braham, Roberts, and the chairman took part. After Phillips had replied, a very hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of Wolde, seconded by Roberts, unanimously accorded him.

Chat on the Corridor.

I AM not going to sing the praises of the footballers, because after such play as was exhibited against the Merchant Taylors' this would be superfluous. I don't wonder at them having felt rather conceited when they arrived at school the following morning with marks of warfare on their pretty faces. Some praise is doubtless due to the "bawlers," for they really worked hard, and being among them myself, I feel they should be encouraged, for their throats—if they were similarly constructed to my own—did not assume their normal condition for days after. If lemons be provided for "shouters" at the final match I feel sure a lot of fellows will turn up—perhaps some with sticks which, by-the-bye, are very useful persuasives for keeping back an excited crowd.

The Cricket season is fast approaching, and it is to be sincerely hoped that Institutionians will hold their own once more with the neighbouring Schools. Surely there are a lot of "sloggers" amongst those rushing forwards! I'm not a "slogger," but I have seen and felt what one can do. A few years ago the School possessed some bowlers who were always "dead on" the wicket, and why shouldn't such fellows exist now? If the fellows took it into their heads to form a really good club I'm certain they could "lick" most local teams.

Tugs of War are very popular at present, probably because of the natural laziness of boys in general, and those who lie on the ground while pulling, in particular. It is a pretty sight to see about thirteen or fourteen "under twelve's" pull the Sixth across the line; but it is still more so to hear these youngsters solemnly declare they were only ten. I'm a wicked fellow though; I rejoice to see the rope break, and the boys get their proper allowance of rest after such healthy hard work.

The First Class has at last awakened, and sixteen of its noble members have proved their muscular superiority over any other Commercial sixteen that can be mustered. Of course, next to the First comes the Middle Fourth. Some intimations of the formation of a C.C. for junior members have reached us, and we hope that such a club will be established, as it would doubtless be a source from which many brilliant cricketers would emanate.

Those who are learning Greek should be helped to perseverance by Mr. Gladstone's address to the Eton boys on Saturday, 14th, in which he said : " That experience, no less than reason, convinced him that for the efficient performance, of the greatest functions, the ancient culture, and especially the Greek culture, was the best, the strongest, and the most elastic that could possibly be devised." Surely these remarks by the most cultured veteran that England possesses will be respected, and be an encouragement to all.

We cannot help confessing the fact that we felt a thrill of pride on reading the kindly notices of the Press concerning the *Magazine*. The *Daily Post* said :—

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.—The monthly *Magazine* issued by the above school has recently undergone considerable improvement. It has been enlarged by the addition of several pages, and is now published with a cover. The contents of the last issue are bright and interesting, and the hope of the editors that "no effusions from captious critics" will be received has been doubtless inspired by a well-grounded confidence in the merits of the number.

The *Courier* said :—

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE SCHOOLS MAGAZINE.—The March issue of this commendable school journal is replete with interesting indications of the literary life of the schools it represents. Reports of the proceedings of the debating society, an excellent little essay on "Cramming"—to which it need hardly be mentioned, the author, being a schoolboy, is adverse—the commencement of "An Old School Story," and notes on football, the harrier club, chess club, choral and orchestral societies, cycling, and matters purely academical, make up a number thoroughly representative of the various matters in which the pupils are interested, while it affords evidence of being very capably edited and energetically conducted.

Porcupine said :—

"**THE LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE SCHOOLS MAGAZINE.**"—The pluck and enterprise of Institute boys has always been proverbial in Liverpool, and everyone will congratulate them upon their latest departure in the form of literary effort. The *Institute Magazine*, which makes its appearance this month in a new and improved shape, is a periodical in which the schools and all concerned with it cannot help but take an interest. It contains some very characteristic little papers, and, besides, has interesting notes on those pastimes which are of greatest importance to boys of all ages and conditions. The *Magazine* is a very pleasant testimony to the abilities of those who conduct it, and is likely still more highly to develop that spirit of good-fellowship which is one of the most striking and one of the most characteristic qualities of Institute boys.

Since the editors have had such an enormous influx of queries, they propose opening a column for the answering of such, provided that questions be of sufficient general interest.

We were lately told by one of our classical scholars that : " They followed up the laws of the country lying down." He didn't say whether they caught them or not. It is extremely probable that at the present day the law would have followed these people up according to Section 16 of 7 and 8 Victoria c. 108,

We received, rather late, the gratifying intelligence that Mr. R. Burn, of Christ Church, Oxford, has been elected as one of the five to play for his University against Cambridge in the forthcoming Chess Match.

Liverpool and District Schools' Challenge Shield.

FIRST ROUND.

INSTITUTE *versus* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

ON Wednesday, March 4th, the Institute played off their first Shield Tie with the Merchant Taylors, at Waterloo. Ewart (having lost the toss as usual) kicked off carefully against a very heavy wind. No return having been made, a series of scrimmages were formed, in which we had slightly the advantage, gradually carrying the ball towards the Merchants' lines ; but they, aided by the wind, recovered the lost ground by kicking. Leigh got over our line close to touch, but was tackled by Gething, and in the maul which ensued the latter won. Nothing but minors were scored up to half-time. After the restart, as before, but now helped by the wind, the Institute worked the ball into the Merchants' quarters ; then heeling out, Nott passed to Gething, who cleverly ran in close to touch. In spite of the gale, Marshall converted the difficult place. The Merchants, playing nine forwards against our eight, pressed us hard ; but Jenkins, by splendid tackling, prevented Rogers from getting off. Rousing up, the Institute were pressing their opponents back again when the whistle went, and a grandly contested game ended in a glorious win for the Institute, by a goal to three minors.

Every member of the team played excellently, and to mention one would be to mention all.

On the same date,

The College beat the Wallasey Grammar School,
The Waterloo High School beat the Royal Institution,
The Birkenhead School a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

INSTITUTE *versus* WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was played on our ground on Wednesday, March 11th. During the first half our whole team played wretchedly, there being absolutely no combination ; and when Waterloo scored a goal our chances looked rather black. After half-time we seemed to wake up a little, and A. J. Ewart ran in from the half-way flag ; F. Marshall converting the try into a goal. From a maul, with two of the Waterloo, Creighton obtained a second try. Then A. J. Ewart got in again from a pass by Gething. A. E. Ewart got in, but the try was disallowed. From a good pass by Nott, Gething ran in. In the last three cases Marshall's converting powers were at fault. The final score was Institute one goal, three tries, two minors, to Waterloo one goal.

Too much praise cannot be given to W. L. Ker, whose splendid punting went a long way in securing our victory.

On the same day, the College beat the Birkenhead School.

An Old School Story.

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FOR the next fortnight or so, he lived a sort of dazed existence, keeping off the attacks of hunger by what he could pick up, as well as by doing a few odd jobs. During this time he had been constantly on the move, but now his shoes were worn out, his clothing threadbare, and he began to feel the necessity of procuring some satisfactory employment. In this the Cad was, for the first time in his life, fortunate, and he obtained a temporary position as light porter at a railway station. As he had proved a willing and efficient worker, he was offered, at the termination of his employment, the post of porter at a smaller station at some distance away. A new life seemed now to open before him. True, the work was hard and the pay was small, but it was possible to live on it, and there were chances of advancement. The station, though on a main line, was but a small one. To the south, about a mile away, was a signal-box, and just here was a loop-line, on which luggage trains were sent whilst the twelve or four o'clock express dashed by.

One day, a little before four, a luggage train passed through the station, and, as was usual, stopped and took up one of the three porters as far as the signal-box, where the train was shunted on to the loop line, and the porter returned to wait for the passage through of the express. As soon as he had returned, the station-master asked him if all were clear, when his face suddenly became a ghastly white, as he faltered out that he had left the points down, so that, unless they were raised, the express would dash round the loop where the luggage train was standing. A glance at the clock showed that it was three minutes to four; the express was due at four prompt, and the signal-box was a mile away.

Without a moment's hesitation, the Cad threw off his coat, jumped on to the track, and started to run towards the loop line. The others gazed after him helplessly for more than a minute, and then, when it was too late, began to make preparations to stop the express. Before they had done anything, there was a rattle, a roar, and the express dashed through the station, it being a little before its proper time. Meanwhile, the Cad was running along right in the path of the engine. Although he had not been running more than a minute and a half, he seemed to have covered miles and miles, and his goal seemed further off than ever. The perspiration was running down his face, his breath came in heavy gasps, and yet he struggled on. He heard a hoarse roar, the ground trembled beneath him, and he knew that his effort was all in vain, for the express was close upon him.

With a madness born of despair, he made no effort to get out of the way of the engine, but remained as before, still running on the track. There was a second's pause, whilst the engine seemed to gather impetus to crush him to pieces; then came, in rapid succession, a cry of horror, a wild shriek, a dull thud, and all was over.

When first the engine-driver had caught sight of the Cad he had whistled for the brake, and as soon as the catastrophe had taken place

he reversed the engine. The train went slipping and grinding along for more than half a mile, and then came to a stop just in time to avert a collision. The reason for the Cad's self-sacrifice was at once perceived, and a party started back to the scene of the accident. They soon found him; the engine had first knocked him down, and then the entire train had passed over him. It was a sickening spectacle, and the most hardened and selfish were moved at the sight of the body of the man who had given his life to save theirs, literally torn into fragments.

No one knew his proper name, so they buried him under a plain stone, with the simple epitaph:

Died 5th January, 18—. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life to save those of his fellow beings."

THE END.

Football Notes.

RUGBY.

ON February 28th we met the Birkenhead School F.C. at Birkenhead. On account of several of our opponents' team turning up late, we played thirty-five minutes each way. After several scrummages, Bosier intercepted a pass intended for F. E. Marshall, and outdistancing all his opponents, got in and kicked a goal. At half-time, Birkenhead School was leading by 1 goal to nil. Then the Institute brightened up, and after an unsuccessful drop kick by Jenkins, A. E. Ewart got over, and a goal resulted. Soon after restarting, Gething got the ball, and after running with his usual great speed, got in between the posts, another goal resulting. F. E. Marshall then dropped twice unsuccessfully, but just before time he ran in and kicked a goal, the Institute winning by 3 goals 3 minors to 1 goal.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

At the beginning of the season our team was rather weak, and in our first match we were beaten by the Merchants by 3 goals 2 tries to nil. Then we beat the Ashford House "A" rather flukily by 2 goals to 3 tries, and also beat the Wallasey G. S. by 3 goals 5 tries to nil. Then we suffered defeat from both Birkenhead School (3 goals 4 tries to nil) and Liverpool College U.S. (3 goals 2 tries to nil), though it is only just to say that against both we played partly a second team; we were also two short against Birkenhead School. We then began to get into form, and from the end of October to Christmas we carried all before us; beating Royal Institution twice (5 goals 6 tries to nil, and 2 goals 9 tries to nil). Waterloo High School were beaten by us (1 goal to nil), and College U.S. (1 goal 1 try to 2 tries). We also drew (in our favour) with Merchant Taylors' 3 minors to 1 minor.

After the holidays, not having played for nearly two months, and three of our forwards being away, we played College U.S., and were beaten by 2 tries to nil. With a weak team we drew against Ashford House "A" (1 goal each). We then romped over Waterloo High

School to the tune of 7 goals to nil (Marshall converting every try). When we played the Merchants for the third time we were without one of our halves, and were beaten by 3 goals 1 try to 1 minor. Continuing our bad form, we played Birkenhead School (without our captain), and just managed to win by 3 goals to 1 (Marshall kicking the goals). Then we pulled together with a vengeance, and beat the Merchants in the Shield-tie by 1 goal to nil (a splendid performance); and falling off again, only beat the Waterloo High School, in the second round, by 1 goal 3 tries to 1 goal. Thus we are left in the final.

In all we have won twelve matches; lost four (College U.S. two, and Merchants two)—the first match with Birkenhead School cannot be called a first team match because of the number of second team playing, and we being also two short—and have drawn two. We have scored 28 goals, 81 tries, a total of 115 points; against 12 goals, 13 tries, or 49 points scored by our opponents. Our tries have been obtained by J. Gething (16), A. J. Ewart (14), F. Marshall (12), A. E. Ewart (4), R. Nott (3), F. Creighton (2), C. K. Wilson (3), A. C. Marshall (1), W. L. Ker (1) and G. Littler (1). F. E. Marshall also dropped a goal. It should be distinctly understood that try-getting is no criterion of a player's true worth, for Jenkins, Lloyd, Kanthack and Bredin, are all as good and useful as any on the list of try-getters, and it is also unlikely that the full-back will get a try.

SECOND XV.

The second team commenced rather badly, but thanks to the unflagging energy of Messrs. Caldicott, Lewis and Snow, have so improved that they are now the best in the schools. The forwards play fairly well together; the halves are quite up to the average; but the three-quarters don't play well enough together, and don't pass enough.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

A. J. EWART (captain) plays forward, and is one of the best in the schools, tackles very vigorously, good scrummager, sprints well, but gets rather rash on the loose; weight 10st. 6lb.

F. LLOYD plays forward, and is "burly and strong," tackles capitally, has learnt the game with wonderful rapidity, is a good scrummager; 10st. 8lbs.

KANTHACK (forward). Slow but steady, a good scrummager, and tackles well—was a great acquisition; 10st. 4lbs.

F. CREIGHTON (forward) is a compact forward, works hard in the scrums., dribbles well, but is rather rash; 9st. 4lbs.

A. E. EWART (forward), long and wiry, good on the loose, sometimes plays well, but is apt to shirk the scrums.; 9st. 6lbs.

F. BREDIN (forward), a good scrummager, tackles well, but is rather inclined to be lazy; 9st. 1lb.

F. MACPHAIL (forward), a good scrummager, played full-back during first part of the season, and did his duty right well, tackles capitally; 9st.

C. K. WILSON (forward), light, but plays energetically; has improved greatly, but is rather inclined to "take it easy"; 8st. 4lbs.

S. FALL (full-back), small but reliable, tackles capitally; 8st.

R. V. NOTT (half), diminutive but sturdy, tackles well, and is always on the ball; passing might be improved; 8st. 2lbs.

A. C. MARSHALL (half), much improved lately, but not perfect yet, tackles well, but is rather slow at times; 8st. 4lbs.

J. GETHING (three-quarters); fast runner, cool and reliable, tackles well, plays a good saving game, but might pass more; 10st. 6lbs.

W. L. KER (three-quarters), light, but a capital centre, a good kick, tackles well, and passes well to his wings; 8st. 7lb.

W. JENKINS (three-quarters), "little and good," tackles splendidly, good drop, and is always in the right place; 8st. 9lb.

F. MARSHALL (three-quarters), hands off and passes well, not very fast, tackles well, good kick, but is occasionally rather erratic; 9st. 6lb.

ASSOCIATION.

February 25th. A match was played on this date versus St. Luke's Juniors at Lower Breck Road. After a very even game, we were beaten by four goals to three goals. Our goals were obtained by Roberts, Rigby and Morrow. J. Carmichael deserves great praise for the way in which he played.

March 11th. The return match against the St. Luke's team was played on their ground, and again resulted in a defeat for the Institute by two goals to nil.

On February 28th, the second team played Breckside, and won by two goals to nil. Our goals were obtained by Owens and Mayberry.

March 11th. The second team met that of Kirkdale Institute on our ground. The match resulted in a draw, two goals being scored by each team. Neale kicked both our goals.

Tugs of War.

IN the handicap contests which have been taking place in the School yard, in view of the approaching sports, the following teams were drawn to oppose each other in the first round:—

LOWER FOURTH (17) and LOWER THIRD (24)

UPPER FOURTH (15) and SIXTH (11).

UPPER THIRD (19) and MIDDLE FOURTH (16).

UPPER FIFTH (18) and LOWER FIFTH (14).

The LOWER THIRD beat the LOWER FOURTH somewhat easily.

The UPPER FOURTH defeated the SIXTH after some good pulling.

The contest between the UPPER THIRD and MIDDLE FOURTH was very even and required three trials to decide the superiority of the UPPER THIRD.

The UPPER and LOWER FIFTHS were also well matched, but eventually the LOWER FIFTH won.

IN THE SECOND ROUND

The LOWER THIRD beat the LOWER FIFTH after a well-sustained pull, the former evidently much heavier than their opponents.

The UPPER FOURTH beat the UPPER THIRD after a well-contested pull.

FINALLY,
The LOWER THIRD defeated the UPPER FOURTH, after a strong effort on
the part of the UPPER FOURTH to prevent defeat.

From the Commercial School we have not received a full account of
the "Tugs," but we understand that the FIRST CLASS has retrieved its
honour, and that next to it comes the MIDDLE FOURTH.

Orchestral Society.

THIS Society still holds practices, which have necessarily become more numerous and prolonged on account of the very hard work which has to be gone through before the twenty-fifth of this month. Of course this entails a great deal of trouble, and we think that Mr. Bulmer should be duly thanked for the work he has instigated. The chief items of Wednesday's programme will be :—Trio by Haydn, for Violin, 'Cello, and Piano; Andante from Mozart's Eighth Quartet, for three Violins, Viola, 'Cello, and Piano; 'Cello Solo, by F. Laughton; Violin Solo, by W. E. Wheldon; two Songs ("The Children's Home" and "Sailing Homeward"), by Evans. Since Evans has popularised himself so much by his services at the Cathedral and other churches, we do not doubt that his singing will prove a great source of attraction. A considerable part of the programme will consist of concerted pieces of Chamber Music, by Mazas and Pleyel. All the music is of the highest style, and chosen with a view to training the taste of young players, and of giving them a fair help on the way to those grand compositions of the great masters so much loved and enjoyed by all persons of taste and culture.

Swimming Clubs.

HIGH SCHOOL

THE Swimming Season commences after the Easter Holidays, on Monday, April 13th. The subscription, as for the last season, when there were seventy members, is one shilling. This amount is necessary in order that suitable prizes may be provided for the winners in the competition which will take place at Midsummer. There were four valuable prizes given last year, among them being one for the best swimmer of those who had learned during the season. As the pastime is healthy and delightful, and a useful accomplishment, and as one of the objects of the Club is to teach swimming to those who are ignorant of the art, all non-swimmers should support the Club well.

In addition to the prizes mentioned, there is a medal and a certificate offered by the Humane Society for proficiency in life-saving exercises. It is worth while for all who can swim to practice, with the object of gaining the prize; for although only one can receive each, all who try gain a knowledge and proficiency which they otherwise could not have gained, and which may prove to be the means of saving human life.

Members will be able to enter the first-class Plunge Bath at Cornwallis Street on practice afternoons—Monday and Thursday, from 4.30 to 5.30, at half-price, threepence, and upon all other occasion at four-pence.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

The above Club will hold its first practice at Cornwallis Street Saltwater Baths, on Tuesday, 14th April, at 4.35 p.m. Intending members should give in their names, together with the annual subscription of one shilling, to Mr. Bickerstaff, as early as possible. Members requiring the Club swimming drawers must pay one shilling extra.

The objects of the Club are to teach and encourage the art of swimming among the boys of the Commercial School. The Club practices are conducted under the personal superintendence of Mr. Bickerstaff. It may be some encouragement to non-swimmers to state that sixty members were taught the noble art last season. Club members will be admitted to first-class plunge at half-price, viz., threepence.

PRIZES :—Gold and silver medals, and also the Humane Society's silver medal and framed certificate (awarded for proficiency in swimming exercises with reference to saving life from drowning) will be competed for in July.

Upper Fourth (C.G.) Debating Society.

WE have received the following report from the Secretary of this newly-formed Society.

February 26th. On this date a meeting was held in Mr. Graham's room, when H. Wilson was elected president; E. Harriman, vice-president; H. Nicholls, secretary; and J. Macaulay, Treasurer.

March 2nd. A meeting was held on this date, when the following debate was opened by H. Wilson (affirmative), "Is the character of Cromwell to be condemned?" He spoke of all the monasteries, cathedrals, and large buildings Cromwell had destroyed, which could not be replaced. E. Harriman (negative) said that Cromwell had done a great deal of good in many ways. The votes were:—Affirmative, 4; Negative, 4. T. Jones presided.

March 9th. A meeting was held on this date, when E. Harriman read a paper entitled "European Guides." H. Nicholls presided. At this meeting we were glad to see such a good attendance of members.

We are sorry to say we have not more members. We should like every boy in the Upper Fourth Class to become a member of this Society.

Owing to pressure on our space, we have been compelled to hold over the notices of the Harriers, and the Chess and Cycling Clubs, and Choral Society.

Correspondence.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

DEAR SIRS,—I see a letter, signed "Intending Member," in the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*, dated February, 1891, in which "I. M." makes a valuable suggestion, viz., the forming of a Library for the Sixth and Upper Fifth, or, better still—infinitely better—a Library for the whole School. What I desire to say is, that I should be delighted to see this letter carried into effect, and I for one would be a willing donor of £5.

Yours faithfully,

"AN OLD BOY."

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—Pardon me for writing on what is rather a trivial matter, but one which I think ought to be pointed out. In the report of the lecture on "Carnivorous Plants," in the L. I. L. D. S. Notes, three mistakes in spelling are present, "Dronaer" should be *Dionea* (Venus' fly trap); "Entricularia" should be *Utricularia* (bladder wort); and "Serracenia" should be *Sarracenia*. You might have known how the compositor would have revelled over the opportunity of misspelling such words. How delighted he must have been when he found that he had done you. Again pardon me troubling you with so small a matter, but you see, unless I pointed them out, it might be thought that the mistakes were mine.

Yours, &c.,

A. J. EWART.

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The following is a list of annual subscribers to the *Magazine*:

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The subscription from this date to Midsummer is 6d., post free.

The Editors will be pleased to receive the names of new subscribers.

As the "Magazine" costs considerably more than its published price, they look forward with extreme anxiety to the issue of their financial report, which is handed in on the 1st of May to the Debating Society.