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Editorial.

A GAIN, the event evoking most interest during the past month has been in connection with J. H. Grace, and it is with very great pleasure indeed that we have to congratulate him on obtaining an £80 Scholarship to Peterhouse, Cambridge. It must be confessed that it was scarcely a matter of surprise to anyone to hear that he had obtained it, for we have all learned to look forward to the result with certainty whenever Grace goes in for an examination. A great change was made in the Commercial School last month by the departure of Mr. Parry, the Senior Master in the Preparatory School. We feel sure that we are expressing the feelings of those who were more intimately connected with him when we say that it is with sincere regret that we learn of his leaving us, and that we wish him all success in his new vocation. Elsewhere, will be found an account of a presentation made to him by his former pupils. Mr. Bain takes his place as Senior Master, with Mr. E. J. W. Harvey, who formerly helped Mr. Ewart in the laboratory, as his Assistant. A High School Choral Society has been organised, with Mr. Book as its very able conductor, and already its average attendance is as high as fifty. With regard to Athletics, we would like to see Commercial Boys take a greater interest in the Football Club; there are at present only four, and we are sure that if only they would join with the High School, there would be no doubt as to who would get the shield next year. The last issue of the *Magazine* sold very well, there being only about twenty-five boys in the High School who did not take a copy. We ordered an edition of six hundred copies, and at twelve o'clock on

Wednesday we had not a single copy left. By the kindness of Mr. Sharp, we are enabled to announce that our Christmas Number may contain a photograph of our Head Master. This, we think, is a unique departure in School Magazines, and we hope that it will be cordially supported.

Debating Society Notes.

OCTOBER 1st, 1891. The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held on this date, J. H. Grace presiding. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, J. N. J. Wood and Ferguson were proposed and unanimously elected members. The Secretary then proceeded to read the rules; after which, the Chairman called upon W. H. Chisholm to read his paper. Having apologised for not treating of his original subject (the Chilian War), he went on to read a most interesting and amusing account of his recent holiday experiences in Ireland. He described Cork harbour and city, and treated at some length of Blarney Castle and the famous "Blarney Stone," quoting some verses of the poem which made it famous. He then gave an account of Glengariff and its picturesque neighbourhood, and detailed some most unpleasant adventures of his on the way home from Queenstown. He stated that having been to Ireland, he was more than ever strengthened in his Liberal principles, and concluded by describing the generally deplorable condition of Irishmen in the parts which he visited, and demonstrating the deleterious effects of various recent Conservative enactments. On discussion being invited, Wolde spoke, and after the chairman and essayist had each said a few words, a very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Wolde, seconded in a very able speech by H. E. Long, was passed to Chisholm.

October 8th. A meeting was held on this date, Mr. Snow very kindly presiding. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Coomer and Broad were proposed and unanimously elected members. Wolde then proposed his amendment to Rule II, which was carried *nem con.* The Chairman next called upon R. Burn to read his paper on "What England has done for India." He first briefly reviewed the circumstances leading to the English occupation of India, treating of the disintegration of Aurangzebe's empire, the French antagonism to England, and the exploits of Clive and Hastings. He touched upon Cornwallis's services, as well as those of Lord Wellesley, in the matters Suttee and Thuggee, and of Lord Dalhousie. Having spoken of the Indian Mutiny, and its most important outcome, in coming to present times, he treated of reforms accomplished by us in (1) Judicial Administration; (2) Education; (3) Means of Communication; (4) Religion, and, in conclusion, briefly reviewed all these. Burn's paper came up in every way to the high expectation generally formed of it, and adds one more to the benefits he has conferred upon our Society. On discussion being invited, Braham, Wolde, Philips, and Marshall spoke, the latter proposing a vote of thanks, which was carried with accla-

mation. After the Chairman had said a few words, Burn replied. A very hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Wolde, seconded by Philips, was accorded to the chairman, who suitably responded. The meeting then adjourned.

October 15th, 1891. A meeting was held on this date, J. H. Addinsell presiding. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, H. L. H. Millard, J. H. Eastwood, and J. N. J. Wood, on the motion of D. D. Braham, seconded by A. J. Ewart, were unanimously elected whips for the Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms (H.S.) and First Class (C.S.) respectively. Pugh, proposed by Eastwood, seconded by Bowler, was also elected a member. A. J. Ewart then opened in the affirmative in the debate: "Ought the burden of taxation to be borne by the rich alone?" He first treated of our various methods of taxation, and demonstrated the injustice of the income-tax. He stated that an ideal taxation would fall upon (1) luxuries, (2) law, (3) probate, legacies, etc. After dealing with each head in turn, he concluded by emphatically stating that we are governed in the interests of the rich alone. D. D. Braham replied. He made a vigorous attack upon Ewart's arguments, and asserted that a system of foisting taxation upon the rich would be most unfair. He maintained that in the main, the possession of wealth showed honesty, thrift, and industry; and poverty, in the main, wastefulness and idleness. He asserted the carrying out of the proposal was tantamount to robbing the sober and industrious for the drunken and idle; that the proposal was harmful, and that its effect would be to impoverish the country by making riches undesirable. On discussion being invited, Wolde spoke for the affirmative, and Marshall and Harvey for the negative. After the leaders had replied, a vote was taken with the following result:—Affirmative, 6; negative, 13.

October 22nd. A meeting was held on this date, D. D. Braham in the chair. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, J. B. Lumgair was proposed and unanimously elected a member. The Chairman then called upon Wolde to read his paper on "Dean Swift." He briefly traced the course of Swift's life up to his residence with Sir Wm. Temple, and then gave a short account of his relations with Stella, Vanessa and Varina, and treated of his political opinions and actions which, he stated, were largely influenced by his being so zealous a churchman. He then followed his life up to his appointment, in 1713, to the Deanery of St. Patrick's, Dublin, and treated of the *Battle of the Books*, and the *Tale of a Tub*. Resuming, he spoke of his work in Ireland, and the famous *Drapier Letters*; as a specimen of Swift's prose, he selected a passage from the *Argument against the Abolition of Christianity*; and in dealing with his poems read *The Dean's Manner of Living*, the epigram on the Dublin Magazine, and selections from the verses on his own death, and one of his *Odes on Stella's Birthday*. In conclusion, he begged his audience, instead of considering Swift's manifest faults, to look rather at his virtues, and spoke in warm praise of his sincere religious feeling, his purity and integrity of life, his warm love for his friends. On discussion being invited, Marshall, Millard, Harvey, Baddeley, and the Chairman spoke; Wolde then replied, and the meeting adjourned.

Chat on the Corridor.

THE news of Grace's scholarship has come as a surprise to most of the school, but not to us who knew him; we always felt sure he would do something big, and his recent performance has fully borne out that idea. Setting aside the fact that he thinks Grace played it rather low in not telling him he was going up, the average small boy is fairly well pleased with the result, particularly as it has brought him two half-holidays; three in fact, as he pointed out to us, if you count Sunday afternoon; and as the upper forms are in a state of much jubilation, and the middle forms smile approval, it would seem as if Grace's successes, coming one after the other as they did, ought finally to satisfy his rapacity. So we offer him and Mr. Owen, (*ça va sans dire*) our heartiest congratulations; it is, we know, one of many more triumphs for the former, and for the latter still one more feather for his already well-decorated cap.

While Grace as a present pupil has been holding up the prestige of the good old school, Twemlow, an old boy, has been doing likewise by getting a Modern History Scholarship of £80 at Christ Church, Oxford. Twemlow entered the Commercial School in 1880, and in 1885 was moved as a scholar to the High School. After a very successful career there, he left us in 1885 for University College, Liverpool, on a Christopher Bushell Scholarship. From there he graduated B.A. (London) in 1889, and early this month obtained the scholarship we spoke of above. We congratulate him heartily, and trust that his Oxford career may be as successful as were his school and previous college courses.

Elsewhere we publish an account of the presentation to the Rev. Wm. Parry, on the occasion of his retirement from the School. Mr. Parry has done faithful service as Superintendent of the Commercial Juniors for many years, and leaves universally regretted. Of the assistance he gave the *Magazine* in his department we cannot, indeed, speak too highly. His place is taken by Mr. Bain, the well-known and popular assistant English master, who will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Parry, not only in all matters of work, but also in the help we feel sure he will give the *Magazine*.

We see, with very great pleasure that our old friend and school-fellow, Harvey (we sincerely beg his pardon, we mean Mr. Harvey), till lately laboratory-assistant, has obtained a Junior Mastership on the Commercial side of the building; we heartily congratulate him, and hope that in donning the *toga virilis*, he does not mean to put a stop to the help he has always given us in the Debating Society and elsewhere.

Readers of Anstey's *Accompanied by the Flute* will know what we mean when we say that a pang of dread and anxiety shot through us the other Thursday when we missed him who erst discoursed sweet music on the duleet penny-whistle, our Misenus, whose cheering strains led us

on to greater feats of gymnastic powers. The exercises dragged their dreary length, and still no flute-player with gladsome pipe, and ho! the weary waiting! Had anybody emulated Duilius, we thought? No; it couldn't be; and so, sick at heart, we turned us once more to twisting our bells and putting the bar behind our backs.

We note that in the Commercial School, Coomer of the First Class has been selected Laboratory Assistant, in succession to Mr. Harvey; with the exception of A. J. Ewart, this post has always been held by Commercial School boys, at least as far back as our readers will remember. Grace, as a Commercial boy originally, is considered to have reflected great credit upon his school and masters, and we are sure we only give voice to the general opinion, when we express the hope that the Commercial may long continue to send up its yearly quotum of mathematicians to the High School. Nor in the Athletic line is it behindhand; for not to mention its Football, Lacrosse, and other Clubs, the Tugs-of-War have been renewed with great enthusiasm, and Mr. Bickerstaff is endeavouring to form a Swimming Club for the winter, an effort which, we trust, will meet with a most cordial response. We would further mention that the Cycling Club has just closed a fairly successful season, the prize for good attendance having been won by W. H. Tooby (fifteen runs).

"Why won't parents let their sons play football?" is the constant cry of perplexed captains and secretaries just at present. The usual answer would be, we suppose, "Because we are afraid of accidents!" But if only we could get hold of that *rara avis*, the unbiassed parent, we venture to think he, or she, would admit that accidents in boys' teams are almost, if not altogether, unexampled; we mean, of course, accidents of anything like a serious nature, for surely no truly English game is without its healthy element of roughness, which always must entail a little knocking about; but, admitting that, what is there in football, we should like to know, which meets with such strenuous objection? We don't wish to offend, but we think that a great many more boys are yearly made mollycoddles of, than need be, and this surely is not as it should. We invite those parents who, happening to read this, have conscientious scruples against football, to come down to the field, just once, and see what goes on there; we almost think they might be induced to change their views.

We would call special attention this month to two articles—one on the study of English, the other on Football. Both, in our opinion, are necessary, and, coming from the source they do, both are worthy of notice. The study of English is, of course, a much debated question, and we fear there is an appalling amount of ignorance upon the subject. The article we publish this month ought, we think, to dispel some of that ignorance, and, at least, clarify the views of those who do know something. If this should be the case—and surely there is ample reason for hoping so—the writer and ourselves will feel amply repaid for publishing it. On the other hand, too much cannot be said at this time

on the all-important subject of Football; we therefore commend the article on that subject most strongly to all our playing readers, and trust that they will always bear in mind those golden rules upon which our contributor descants so eloquently.

As many of our readers no doubt know, the number of Queen's Prizes to be given in the Science and Art Exams. is now greatly limited. In order that this may be made publice throughout the schools, we make the following extract from the current *Science and Art Directory* :—

A small number of Queen's Prizes of books, instruments, etc., are given to those who do best in the Advanced Stage of each subject, or in the Second or any Higher Stage of Mathematics, provided they are registered students in a school under the Department, and have received from a qualified teacher at least twenty lessons, within the two preceding years, in the subject in which a prize is claimed.

We beg to apologise for having omitted A. E. Baddeley's name from the list of those who were distinguished in Mathematics in the Junior Oxford in our last issue. He was the fifth boy in England, and came after W. G. Fryer, who was second.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following annual subscriptions to the *Magazine* :—Mrs. W. B. Worthington, Mrs. Wolde, Miss Konermann, Miss Parkinson, Mr. V. Addinsell, Mr. J. Borthwick Dale, Mr. A. H. Caldicott, B.A., Mr. F. C. Garrett, B.Sc., Mr. Robert Hampson, Mr. H. E. Long, Mr. A. B. Wolesley-Lewis, B.A., Mr. Richard Burn, Mr. W. McI. Brown.

Hints on the Study of English.

IN the boundless wealth of thought and knowledge embodied in the literature of your country, there awaits you, English boy, an inheritance fairer than the richest champaign, more precious than hoards of gold. To this inheritance, your title is indefeasible, and, if only you sue your claim by assiduous preparation, your succession is assured.

Let not, however, this phrase (assiduous preparation) suggest to you any hint of possible regret. The labour you "delight in physics pain," and it were doing a despite to your patrimony to make a forecast of your toil. "Sound in head and with divine affections bold," you will "drink the air before you," and feel the while that your progress comes near the purposes of life.

Your studies in English must, doubtless, have a two-fold view—first, to gain acquaintance with the means by which the treasures of your incomparable inheritance are to be transferred to you, and next to learn the use of means by which you may, some time hence, convey your own estate, enriched by your thought and toil, to inheritors after you.

Among many kinds of preparation necessary to prepare you for appreciating what is best in English literature, you most require a

training in your mother tongue, for, however well it may have served you hitherto, be assured, that in the hands of greatest men and serving highest uses, it has powers you do not know as yet. Without a knowledge of the means and methods of expression you are not prepared to perceive the beauty and skill in pictured landscape, you can but imperfectly share in the exaltation of good music, you miss the grandeur and the awe inspired by some fine temple; so in a similar way, for want of a knowledge of the instrument a writer uses, much of his thought will be obscure to you, much power lost, much beauty unperceived. In this short paper, however, nothing more can be attempted than an approach to the threshold of so large a subject.

It is of great importance that your attention be directed to the sources of English in the fourteenth century. In the writings of the monk of Gloucester, of Dan Michel and Richard Rolle, of Langland and Barbour, of Wyclif and Chaucer and Gower (most of which have been edited for the Early English Text Society and others, by Prof. Skeat and Dr. Morris), you may find the body and the life of youthful English. Our language was then recovering from the main it suffered under Norman supremacy, rising more vigorous in the liberty of a simpler accidence and freer syntax. In such sources, for the native element of our tongue, and in the classic languages for some thousands of imported words, you will pursue your search as far as possible into the original signification of words, in order that you may distinguish the natural from the accreted sense, the proper from the vicious use, and in the clearer vision this pursuit induces, all future reading will acquire for you a higher value. There is, beside, a constant pleasure in being able to perceive a neat precision in the use of words.

But a language is not made by a mass of words alone, nor do words form its most essential part. It possesses, as all living organisms do, that distinct property of life,—the power of assimilating material to itself. The life of a language is in its grammar, and before words can serve the purposes of speech they must be subjected to its formative energy to shape their forms and function, and to plan the modes of their relation.

Now, passing by for the while the functional development of words, it may be said that on your judgment of the inter-relations of words and clauses, not less than on the precise meanings of terms, depends the import of whatever you read. A distinct effort on all occasions to mark relational words and realize their exact value becomes a habit of the greatest good. One might in fact apply the form of a common proverb thus,—watch well symbolic words: presentive words will always of themselves secure attention.

There are three modes of exhibiting word relation in English. First, it makes spare use of a few inflexions (the scanty remnant of the large inflectional system of the ninth and tenth centuries); next it uses largely a great number of relational particles and auxiliary verbs gaining by them a wider range and finer graduations of inter-dependence than can be got in synthetic languages. Lastly, English depends much on mere position or collocation; but not to such an extent as seriously to limit the freedom of sentence-structure or spoil the rhythmic quality of prose.

For the study of relational words you cannot be better guided than

when advised to seek instruction at those sources of modern English mentioned before, for it is important to note how completely the whole body of relational words is native to the language. And though, in early writers, relations are not set with the best precision, yet the earliest stages of development are there; and thence you must start to explore the improvements in the use of symbolic words, by which during four centuries obscurities of construction have gradually given place, through a constant striving after clearness, to the lucidity of latest English.

Of the various directions in which the study of English may lead you, two paths only have here been indicated, viz., to examine the precise import of words, and the relations with which they are combined. Your entrance on this study is by them, and without intermission or deviation you must pursue them to the end. Of course much else will be needed, but without their sure guidance you can never attain a worthy knowledge of what above has been called your incomparable inheritance,—the wealth of English literature.

Football Notes.

RUGBY.

A MEETING was held in Mr. Ewart's room on Friday, October 2nd, at 4.30, to consider the formation of a second team. Mr. Ewart presided over an attendance of 31. Before the commencement of the business the Chairman explained that every one present was supposed to become a member of the club; upon this, several boys left the room. The names and classes of the remainder being taken, not including the members of the first team, it was decided to elect a captain. A. Ashcroft, proposed by Orford, received thirteen votes, and R. Adamson, proposed by Grundy, six. The meeting then terminated. The following masters were present, in addition to the Chairman:—Mr. Snow, Mr. Caldicott, and Mr. Wolesley-Lewis.

A practice game was played on Wednesday, October 7th. About thirty-two turned up, and by mixing the teams fairly equal sides were arranged. Mr. Wolesley-Lewis very kindly undertook the refereeing and coaching. F. E. Marshall also kindly lent his assistance at threequarters on Ashcroft's side.

Another practice was held on Saturday, October 17th, to which, owing no doubt to the extremely damp nature of the day, only twenty-six turned up, including four old boys—A. E. Ewart, F. E. Marshall, L. Wallace, and Stoddart. During the first half Mr. Snow refereed, and A. J. Ewart took his place at half-time.

Wednesday, the 28th, was a magnificent day for a practice. For the first time in the season the ground was dry; but only twenty-eight fellows turned out. Mr. Ewart refereed, and Mr. Wolesley-Lewis, who was unable to play, very kindly coached them.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE versus WATERLOO OLD BOYS.

Played at Waterloo, on October 3rd.

The Old Boys, having won the toss, elected to play with the hill. Ker kicked off. A good return having been made, the Old Boys began to press, and within ten minutes had scored a try, which Rylands successfully negotiated. Tries followed in quick succession, and at half-time the score was 3 goals 2 tries to nil. The Old Boys kicked off, and now the Institute played up better, but our forwards were altogether outplayed, and only once did we gain a footing in their "25," when Ker intercepted a pass from Rylands, and after a long run more than half-way down the field, was eventually grassed. Finally, the Institute were badly beaten by 4 goals 8 tries to nil. For the Old Boys, Woodward, Crump and Rylands were especially prominent. For the Institute, Nott, Ker, Armour, and Marshall played well, the first-mentioned being particularly worthy of praise. The Institute played F. C. Crump of the Merchant Taylors' School, and two second team men, and were even then a man short.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE versus LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (M.S.)

Played at Sefton Park, on October 21st, Mr. Ewart acting as referee.

The College kicked off amid a perfect deluge. An indifferent return having been made, scrummages were formed at the half-way flag. The Institute gradually pressed their opponents. W. A. Jones, from a pass by Ker, ran very strongly on the left, and looked like scoring, when he unfortunately slipped. After some good kicking by the College backs, Nott made his appearance, and signalled it by clearing grandly. Our forwards gradually worked the ball to the College line, and Miller eventually scored a good try, from which Jones placed a good goal. Even play ensued for a time, till at length the Institute hemmed the College in, but owing to the bad heeling-out could not score. The College then broke away, but only scored a minor, Fall and Dale saving admirably. The Institute then pressed, and continued to do so until half-time, but could not score. Just before half-time A. C. Marshall had to retire, having damaged his wrist, and the Institute led by 1 goal to 1 minor.

The Institute started, and, playing only fourteen men, were badly pressed, but the backs rose to the occasion and tackled grandly. Ker, Jones, Nott, and Fall, being especially good. Some good kicking by Ker and Fall removed the danger, but only for a time, for the College pressed, and at length scored an unimproved try. Armour, Ker, and Ewart broke away, and some splendid play between them ensued. Taking the ball from his own line up to that of his opponents, Dale, after a good run, got over near touch. The kick failed. From the drop-out, Fall returned well, and exchanges ensued between the backs, Fall having the best of matters. Soon after the whistle sounded, leaving the Institute winners of a hard and rough game by 1 goal 1 try (8 points) to 1 try (2 points).

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

The Second Team have played two matches this season and have lost them both. The first was on Wednesday, October 21st, at Sefton Park, against the Parkfield School. The day was fearfully wet, and as some of the team had only played once before, they were considerably handicapped; nevertheless, considering that they were playing a Shield team, they did well, when they were only beaten by a goal and a try to nil. On the following Saturday they met the Upper School of the College at Fairfield. The ground was fearfully boggy, and it was very difficult to run. Nevertheless, Crichton played up very well, tackling well and going well into the scrummages. The College men were all very much bigger than the Institute's, yet, if they only practice more and play well together, there is no reason why they should not defeat them next time. The final score was:—Institute, nil; College, 2 goals, 4 tries.

The following subscriptions have been received since our last issue:—

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The following are the fixtures for November:—

FIRST TEAM.

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| Saturday, 7th .. | Birkenhead School .. | Birkenhead. |
| Wednesday, 11th .. | Merchant Taylor's School .. | Crosby. |
| Saturday, 14th .. | Crescent Rangers "A" .. | Fairfield. |
| Wednesday, 25th .. | Waterloo High School .. | Home. |
| Saturday, 28th .. | Ashford House "A" .. | Away. |

SECOND TEAM.

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| Wednesday, 4th .. | Liverpool College (U.S.) .. | Home. |
| Saturday, 14th .. | Merchant Taylor's School .. | Home. |
| Wednesday, 25th .. | Waterloo High School .. | Waterloo. |

ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14th, a match was played at Waterloo against the Waterloo College, which resulted in a victory for the Institute by 2 goals to 1. Considering that this was the first match of the season, nothing could be more satisfactory.

On Wednesday, October 21st, a match was played at Stanley Park against the First Class, which was defeated by 5 goals to 2.

On Wednesday, October 28th, the return match was played against the Waterloo College, and resulted in the defeat of the College by 6 goals to 2. W. Neale obtained 2 goals, A. Graham and J. Garnett 2, C. Neale 1.

During the month the Institute has scored 13 goals against 5 to their opponents.

Presentation to the Rev. William Parry.

AS was mentioned above, a well-known master of the Commercial School, the Rev. Wm. Parry, superintendent of the Preparatory Department, has just left the Institute to devote himself wholly to Church work. A number of the boys, wishing to give Mr. Parry a testimonial, subscribed together, and made Mr. Blundell their treasurer. Mr. Hughes thought that books would be the most acceptable form for the testimonial to take, and his advice was followed. The presentation took place at the singing hour, in the Lecture Hall, on the afternoon of Monday, October 19. Mr. Hughes presided, and briefly referred to Mr. Parry's long connection with the Institute. The following address, drawn up, was then read by W. F. Lodge:—

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE,

MONDAY, 19th Oct., 1891.

DEAR SIR,

We, your late pupils, desire to express our regret at your departure from the Liverpool Institute, and to ask your acceptance of these books as a token of our respect and esteem. We also wish you success in your new career.

T. L. Porter, W. F. Lodge, J. Little, L. G. Anthony, F. H. Thornton, A. E. Atkinson, J. A. Leece, O. Pedersen, A. Little, H. T. Dunn, C. B. Hooper, D. Stewart, D. C. Barry, H. W. McCay.

This was also signed by Mr. Bain (the new superintendent), on behalf of the other boys in Mr. Parry's department. Then Porter (Upper Sixth), J. Little (Lower Sixth), Thornton (Upper Seventh), and Pedersen (Lower Seventh), made the presentation for their respective classes. Each boy read a suitable inscription, written by Mr. Bickerstaff in the books. Mr. Parry then, in replying, congratulated them upon their new chief, Mr. Bain. He thought Mr. Bain would be better liked, perhaps, than he had been himself. The ceremony was concluded by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and by Weigall giving three cheers from the platform.

List of selected works:—Bacon's Essays, Macaulay's Essays and Poems, Wordsworth's Poems, Cruden's Concordance, Green's Short History of the English People, Spencer's Sociology, Essays of Charles Lamb, Leigh Hunt, and William Hazlitt, in a case, Sydney Smith's Essays, and Paley's Works.

Choral Society.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A HIGH School Choral Society has been formed, under the conductorship of Mr. Book, and already numbers upwards of sixty members; the following masters also kindly consenting to help:—Messrs. Francis, Eaves, Snow, Wolseley-Lewis, Caldicott, and Storrs. Meetings are held every Tuesday, at 4.30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall, a collection of a hundred Rounds, Catches, and Canons, published by Boosey & Son, being used just at present. At the first meeting, on Tuesday, October 13th, Nos. 59 and 6 were practised, and altogether some ten pieces have been learnt during the month. At the meeting held on October 27th, Mrs. Sephton and niece (Miss Cooper), and Mr. Hughes, were present throughout the practice, and expressed themselves greatly pleased. If only Mr. Book's energy and enthusiasm be met with a cordial response from the members, a very prosperous future may, we think, be prophesied for our Society.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

Practices are held in the Lecture Hall every Thursday, at 4.30, but the want of good bass voices is very greatly felt. Mr. Bain would be very glad if some boys out of the First Class would join the Society.

Obituary.

In Memoriam.

JOSEPH PORTER,

DROWNED AT SEA, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1891,
Aged 15 years.

ALBERT CHAPMAN LEACH,

DIED OCTOBER 16TH, 1891,
Aged 10 years.

PERCY WYNNE SIMON,

DIED SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1891,
Aged 13 Years.

WALTER BROOKING,

DROWNED AT SEA, AUGUST 20TH, 1891,
Aged 15 Years.

THE very saddest task possible has fallen to our lot this month—that of recording the death of four schoolfellows. Porter, who was a pupil of the Commercial, left us to go to sea, and was drowned on his first voyage, in the wreck of the barque *Fiji*. Simon died very shortly after term began; and Leach, under circumstances of peculiar sadness, but a fortnight ago; while the news of Brooking's death reached us only very lately. On behalf of our schoolfellows and ourselves we offer our very deepest sympathy to the parents and friends of these boys in their very sore trouble.

Chess Club.

A MEETING was held in Mr. Eaves' room on October 4th when the following officers were elected:—Hon. Secretary, J. N. J. Wood; Hon. Treasurer, A. E. Baddeley; Committee, H. E. Williams, P. J. A. Francis, P. Nickson and F. W. Hinde.

On October 13th, a match was played against the North End third team, it was lost by 5 games to 2. Mr. Burton and Hinde winning their games.

On October 20th, we played Kirkdale Y.M.C.A., the match ended in a draw, $2\frac{1}{2}$ games each. B. Wood and Nickson winning their games and Hinde drawing his.

On October 23rd, we met Hudson's Chess Club, and lost the match by $5\frac{1}{2}$ games to $1\frac{1}{2}$. B. Wood won his game and Mr. Eaves drew his.

The following are the fixtures for November:—

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| Monday, 9th .. | Imperial 3rd .. | .. | .. | Away. |
| Tuesday, 17th .. | Kirkdale Y.M.C.A. | .. | .. | Home. |
| Tuesday, 24th .. | North End 3rd .. | .. | .. | Away. |

Lacrosse Club.

THE first match of the season came off at Sefton Park on Saturday, October 24th, it was against the Sefton 2nd. The weather proved fair and there was a good turn out. The ball was centred soon after the commencement of the game and very quickly taken into the Sefton lines, a goal being the result. About ten minutes after, the Sefton also scored a goal. The rest of the afternoon's work resulted in the Institute's winning two goals which were disallowed. The score eventually remaining 1 goal each.

The fixture cards are now ready price 2d., and may be had of A. Wilkie in the High School, and C. King in the Commercial, to whom intending members may give in their names. The subscription is 6d. The ground is in Sefton Park.

The following are the fixtures for November:—

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| Saturday, 7th .. | Emmanuel .. | .. | Newsham Park. |
| Saturday, 14th .. | High School v. Com. School | Home. | |
| Saturday, 28th .. | The Liverpool Y.M.C.A. | Home. | |

Football Season.

NOW that the Football Season is once more in full swing, it would not perhaps be amiss to recall some of the essential points of the game. As in most things the secret of success is combination, and without it victory is well nigh impossible. A dashing run, a brilliant piece of dribbling may evoke applause from the spectators; but it is the steady, hard-working, shoulder-to-shoulder play which wins the day. This style of play can only be arrived at by constant unwearied practice, and by playing every game as if it were the final round for the Schools' Shield. Play then for your side and not for yourselves, and pass before and not after you are collared. When tackling go low, and go hard, and if you can, tackle from the side. Never run back; but if too hedged in to run forward, pass or kick—a timely punt into touch often relieves a hard pressed side. Let the forwards work together with the ball at their feet, not kicking too hard, and thus giving the opposing backs a chance, but remembering always the golden rule "Keep well on the ball." Let not the half-backs be too ready to cry "Heel out, you fellows, heel out," but let their energy be expended in telling the forwards whereabouts the ball is, and in which direction they ought to shove. The game should be advanced towards the enemy's goal by every scrummage, and it is especially dangerous to heel out in one's own twenty-five. As regards kicking—kick into touch when possible, and run up as far as you can before doing so. The full-back should stand near enough to prevent a running opponent dodging him, but not so near as to allow a ball to get behind him. The new rules say there is no dead ball, and consequently it must be well held before a scrummage can be formed. The Second Team must remember that they are training to supply the First, and, therefore, should do all in their power to play strictly according to the rules, and not get slack or demoralised. It is a most hopeful and healthy sign of the increased interest taken in the football this year, that there is never any difficulty in getting the full number to turn up and play, and that everybody appears in the school colours, which gives a much more sportsmanlike appearance, and prevents confusion between friend and foe.

If only the present enthusiasm will continue, and unselfishness and combination be the motto of the players, there is every reason to hope that they will do extremely well, if not the very best.

Double Acrostic.

A N ingenious contributor sends us the following, the answer to which we will publish in our next issue. We shall also be very pleased to announce the name of anyone who sends an answer to it before next month:—

That best of sages whose untimely fate,
Ungrateful Athens mourned, alas! too late.
The lov'd disciple whose historic pen
That sage's words of wisdom gave to men.

1. The shire where England's crown was lost and won,
2. The welcome sign which proved the waters gone.
3. Of nightly lectures oft the dreaded scene.
4. The far-famed bridge of Hadria's island queen.
5. The highest prelate of the English Church.
6. The highest object of the sage's search.
7. The fairy sound which mocks the human voice.
8. The sport of fools and Adam's fatal choice.

Library and Reading Room (C.G.).

THE Library and Reading Room having started afresh, have a fair number of Members on the books. If more Members can be obtained, a number of new books will be added to the Library.

The Debating Society has been abandoned in consequence of the bad attendance of the Members.

All boys wishing to join the Library and Reading Room, the objects of which are to provide good reading in place of the "penny horribles" which so many boys read, will please give their names to Mr. Graham, or to the Secretary, G. S. Brownbill, of the Upper Third Class.

Government Science and Art Examinations, 1891.

The following are the results of the May Examinations. We have obtained 43 Queen's Prizes, and 2 Gold Medals and 699 Certificates.

MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.

| | H.S. | C.S. | |
|------------------------|------|------|----|
| Advanced Firsts .. | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| ", Seconds .. | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Alternative Seconds .. | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Elementary Firsts .. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| ", Seconds .. | 6 | 23 | 29 |
| | | 44 | |
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THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY.

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|------------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Advanced Firsts .. | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| ", Seconds .. | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Alternative Seconds .. | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Elementary Firsts .. | 4 | 20 | 24 |
| ", Seconds .. | 24 | 98 | 122 |
| | | 164 | |

MATHEMATICS.

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| Mr. E. J. W. Harvey obtained a Second Class in the Honours Examination. | Advanced Firsts .. | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | ", Seconds .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Elementary Firsts .. | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| | ", Seconds .. | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| | | 55 | | |
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| | Third Stage Firsts .. | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | ", Seconds.. | 3 | 1 | 4 |

MATHEMATICS—*continued.*

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| Second Stage Firsts .. | 3 | 18 | 21 |
| Seconds .. | 10 | 11 | 21 |
| First Stage Firsts .. | 22 | 24 | 46 |
| Seconds .. | 12 | 67 | 79 |
| | | 183 | |
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MECHANICS.

T. H. Creighton obtained a First Class in the Honours Examination.

J. J. Fletcher, A. E. Ewart, W. N. Frazer, and D. D. Braham Second Classes in the Honours Examination.

| | H. | S. | C. | S. |
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| Advanced Firsts .. | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Seconds .. | 5 | 5 | 10 | |
| Elementary Firsts .. | 1 | 18 | 19 | |
| Seconds .. | 17 | 48 | 65 | |
| | 98 | | | 49 |
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PHYSIOGRAPHY.

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| Advanced Seconds .. | 7 | 14 | 21 |
| Elementary Firsts .. | 3 | 31 | 34 |
| Seconds .. | 19 | 76 | 95 |
| | 150 | | |
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The Annual Subscription to the " Magazine " is 1s. 6d., post free, and is payable either at the Office, or to the Editors in the High School, or to J. N. J. Wood in the Commercial.

The Editors will be pleased to receive the names of New Subscribers.

F. Cheeseright, in the Commercial School, distinguished himself very highly: he obtained a First Class in the Fourth Stage and First Class in the Third Stage in Mathematics, an Advanced First in Mechanics and Advanced Seconds in both Practical and Theoretical Chemistry, Magnetism and Electricity, and in Physiography.

BOOKKEEPING (Society of Arts).

Only nine boys in England passed in the First Class, and the following eight were of the Commercial School :—

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| A. E. Baddeley, | A. Brotherton, |
| E. Griffiths, | E. P. Hatfield, |
| R. Jones, | E. Morris, |
| J. N. J. Wood, | B. Langley. |
| Second Classes .. | .. 2 40 42 |
| Third Classes .. | .. 0 7 7 |

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