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Editorial.

AS only a fortnight has elapsed since our return to school, many events have not happened, and consequently there is not much school news to chronicle, except what took place before the Midsummer holidays, and after the issue of the July number of the *Magazine*, and we are afraid that accounts of events which happened in July will seem rather stale news to our readers. The Debating Society and Football Club have already held their preliminary meetings, and we have no doubt that both these institutions will be as successful as formerly. It is particularly gratifying to note in connection with the Debating Society the readiness of our old boys at the University and elsewhere to attend and give papers. As regards the Oxford Local, we have this year failed to secure the top boy; but, as was said in the last *Magazine*, we were not justified in expecting to head the list. Braham is to be congratulated, however, in obtaining the third place. This month's issue we hope will come up to that of former years. The classical controversy still continues, but with this rejoinder of "Anglo-Saxon" we trust the discussion will be closed. A full report of the Oxford and the Prize Day will be found in this month's issue. The sad duty falls to us to record the death of a school-fellow of ours, who has died at the age of sixteen. The article entitled "School" we commend to the notice of all, and for those who care to look, there is a moral behind it.

This month we commence a new volume of the *Magazine*, which has gone on with uninterrupted success for six years. When it was first issued it was a small, coverless, eight-page *Magazine*, and its sale was almost limited to the higher classes of the school. It has increased double in size, a handsome cover has been added, and the average circulation is about seven hundred. What we want to make clear is

this, that as there are about a thousand boys in the school, between three and four hundred do not buy a *Magazine*. Such a thing must not be allowed to exist if the *Magazine* is to pay its way, and there is no reason why everyone should not buy a copy. We trust our readers will not be too critical, as it is no easy matter to follow in the steps of two such editors as our immediate predecessors.

Prize Day.

THE annual meeting for the distribution of prizes and certificates was held on July 29th. The chair was taken by Mr. Wm. Crosfield, M.P., the President of the Institute, and there was a large attendance. After the singing, by the boys, of "Forty years on," the Chairman delivered his opening address. He referred to the past history and progress of the school, and said that the two portraits which hung in the Lecture Hall were those of the late Mr. William Rathbone and of Lord Brougham. Mr. William Rathbone was well known as one of the greatest philanthropists in Liverpool during the century; while Lord Brougham, though of wider celebrity, was not of greater usefulness. To a great extent the origin of the Institute was due to the interest in education of Lord Brougham and his contemporaries. The standard of middle class education had now, however, he said, advanced greatly from what it was at that time. He referred to Lord Brougham's interest in the realm of literature and of scientific instruction, and said that among the earliest adjuncts of the Institute, in his own memory, were poly-technic exhibitions. He spoke of the work in experimental science, and in this connection mentioned that the assertion of Dr. Dionysius Lardner—that he would eat the engine of the first steamer which would cross the Atlantic—was made from the platform of the Institute Lecture Hall. Concluding his address, the chairman congratulated the boys on being able to display an honourable rivalry with other schools in cricket and football matches.

"Ye Mariners of England" was then sung by the boys, the solo being admirably rendered by Mr. Book.

The Head Master then presented his annual report. He made mention of the successes of J. H. Grace in the Oxford Local Examination, in obtaining a valuable Mathematical Scholarship at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and in the London Matriculation; and in the Oxford Local, and other Examinations the school fully maintained, if it did not surpass, its usual standard. He then remarked on the encouragement which the County Councils had recently been giving to various institutions carrying on secondary education, and said that our City Council had been as generous as any in this respect. At the same time he deprecated the tendency for education to fall into the hands of government and official bodies, and added, that he could scarcely conceive a better method of governing a school than that at present in vogue at the Institute—a body of public

spirited men with a special interest in education, as directors. In conclusion he referred to the loss that would be felt in the retirement of the Secretary, Mr. Charles Sharp, after a valuable service of twenty-six years.

The prizes were then distributed by the chairman, and in this part of the proceedings a novel feature was introduced—the presentation of the prizes to the pupils of the Girl's School, Blackburne House, for the first time at the Institute annual meeting.

"The Vicar of Bray" was then sung, after which, Wolde recited "An Incident of the French Camp," from Browning. This piece was very successful, Wolde's style of rendering being excellent. A. Colquhoun then gave Burns' "Honest Poverty;" his expression and dialect were well received, and being called upon for an encore, he repeated the last verso. In the "Hunting Song" which followed, H. T. Evans rendered the solo. W. A. Sleigh then recited "The Boy and the Angel," from Browning. The scene from *The Merchant of Venice*, describing the negotiation of the bond, was next recited; A. C. Marshall took the part of Shylock, and H. E. Williams and J. D. Crichton represented Antonio and Bassanio, respectively. Marshall was the best of these, but imperfections may be accounted for by the short space of time in which the scene was prepared. This concluded the programme of recitations and songs, during which Mr. Bulmer had charge of the musical arrangements.

A vote of thanks was then, on the motion of Mr. R. W. Ker, accorded to the chairman, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

Literary and Debating Society.

JULY 25TH. The annual general meeting of the Society was held on this date, Mr. J. H. Grace in the chair. The following reports were read and confirmed:—The Treasurer's, which showed a substantial balance in hand; the Editor's, which, although otherwise very satisfactory, showed a serious financial deficit; and the Secretary then gave his report as follow:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me very great and unfeigned pleasure to lay before you the Seventh Annual Report of your Society's work and condition. While I have no phenomenal improvement to record, I honestly think we can look back upon a Session in which the solid and satisfactory improvement of last year has been more than maintained. While we cannot be blind to certain faults which need summary and instant correction, nor disguise from ourselves the fact that our improvement and general condition is not anything like what it might be, we may at least rest satisfied that there has been distinct progress rather than retrogression, and that in all important respects the Society is normally healthy. I hope to show, in the details I shall now present, as briefly and as lucidly as I can, the general state of the various branches of its work.

Our syllabus card will, from an æsthetic point of view, bear comparison with all of its predecessors, and with no wish to be invidious may surely claim at least equality from a literary standpoint. Twenty out of twenty-one meetings announced have been held, and all the items have been got through with unusual regularity, only two coming on out of their proper place, and but three failing

altogether. Of the twenty subjects brought under our notice eight were treated of in debates, the remaining twelve by papers. One prominent new feature was an excellent lecture on lyrical poetry, by Mr. Burton; no successful was this innovation, that the precedent should, in the best interests of the Society, be followed next Session. The analysis of the papers and debates is as follows:—

I. PAPERS.

- (a) *Scientific.*
 1. Food and Digestion Mr. A. J. Ewart.
 2. Earthworms Mr. J. Howard Addinsell.
- (b) *Literary and Biographical.*
 1. Dean Swift Mr. F. Wolde.
 2. Sir Humphrey Davy Mr. E. J. W. Harvey.
 3. De Quincey Mr. D. D. Braham.
 4. "Realmah" Mr. H. E. Long.
 5. English Lyrical Poetry Mr. J. Burton, M.A.
 6. The Classics in their relation to Education Mr. L. D. Barnett.
 7. Two Victorian Poets. Mr. E. J. Phillips.
- (c) *Miscellaneous.*
 Holiday Reminiscences Mr. W. H. Chisholm.
- (d) *Historical.*
 What England has done for India .. Mr. R. Burn.

II. DEBATES.

- (a) *Political.*
 1. Is an immediate reform in the direction of greater equality necessary in our system of Taxation? Negative majority, 17.
 2. Are Trade Unions dangerous to public welfare? Negative majority, 2.
 3. Ought the English Church to be Disestablished? Negative majority, 9.
- (b) *Historical.*
 1. Is the statement that Henry VIII was the last real King of England true? Decided for negative by Chairman's casting vote.
- (c) *Social.*
 1. Ought the Class System to be abolished in railway travelling? Affirmative majority, 9.
 2. Ought Museums and Art Galleries to be opened on Sundays? Negative majority, 6.
 3. Are Boarding Schools better in their general effect than Day Schools? Affirmative majority, 8.
 4. Can any circumstances justify a man committing suicide? Negative majority, 6.
 5. Is Patriotism on the decline? Negative majority, 4.

There was also what may be best described as a "discussion" opened in a short paper by Mr. F. Wolde, on the subject, "Is classical learning made of too great importance in this country?" The voting on this occasion gave a majority of four to the negative. From this analysis it will be seen that in Section I, literary and biographical subjects largely predominate; in Section II, social. We might here express our heartiest thanks to all Old Boys and Masters who have given us assistance. Speaking for those whose experience goes back three years and more, I may say that I have never listened with such pleasure to any papers given in this Society as I have to that of Mr. Long on Sir Arthur Help's book, "Realmah," or to Mr. Barnett's on "The Classics in their relation to Education;" or to Mr. Phillips's "Two Victorian Poets"; while of all compliments deservedly paid to a distinguished old boy none was more graceful or pleasing than Mr. Snow's presidency on the night of Mr. Burn's paper; nor must we omit Mr. Burton's valuable testimony to the solid good sense and literary appreciation of the Society in his excellent lecture on lyrical poetry, an occasion which was further made memorable by our president, the Head Master, taking the chair. In this connection I cannot pass over the name of one old boy, Mr. F. E. Marshall, whose constant attendance and vigorous speeches have been alike a striking

example and no inconsiderable factor of success; the very heartiest thanks of the whole Society are due to him for his patriotism throughout the Session.

The members on the books number this year 68, as against 65 last year; these consist of 23 honorary members, as against 18 last year, and 45 proper, as against 45 last year; although these figures would appear to show that the number of proper members has remained stationary, this is not really the case, as 6 members formerly counted on the list of proper members were elected honorary members on the 12th November, 1891; the list of proper members must consequently have received an addition of 6 to make up the deficit.

Our average attendance has maintained and, to an infinitesimal extent, even increased the wonderful rise made last session; compared with former years it stands thus:—

In 1886-7	the average attendance	reached	15
1887-8	"	"	15
1888-9	"	"	13
1889-90	"	"	16.8
1890-91	"	"	22.1
1891-92	"	"	22.52

We have therefore once again beaten, though this time narrowly, all former records. If this gratifying increase is due to any one cause, I should trace it more than ever to the greater interest shown by the upper part of the school in the Society; partly, no doubt, though not so much, I am convinced, as last year, it is due to the action of the whips, whom I now desire to thank most cordially for their labours.

Coming to the actual working of the meetings, I find that a great advance has been made in the matter of impromptu speeches, the speaking is intrinsically better, fewer members rising merely to remark that they have nothing to say, a fact which, though apparent enough from their subsequent words, would have been sufficiently patent to the meeting had they kept their seats; the speakers, too, are more numerous, and it is gratifying to observe that the meeting is less and less content to let all the talking be done by some four or five regular orators. The behaviour varies from fair to good, and there is less reason to complain of that murmur of conversation which so disturbed the meetings of last session. Another evil, however, still remains, I mean the general exodus which takes place after the close of a paper, or the leaders' speeches in debates; this, except of course in the case of gentlemen who live at a distance, is in the highest degree impolite; I trust that no such breach of manners will be perpetrated next session. There is a tendency noticeable in other clubs and societies to encroach on the Literary and Debating Society; thus the Chess Club, not content with one night out of six a week, appropriates, it would seem, four, and for some time seriously retarded and interfered with our meetings, and on more than one occasion the Committee of the Football Club saw fit to fix a mass-meeting on Thursday evening, thus nearly wrecking three of our meetings. Am I overstepping the bounds of reason when I ask the secretary and committee of those bodies to remember that during the winter months Thursday is absolutely sacred to the Literary and Debating Society, and if they must encroach on its time, at least to be courteous enough to consult its officers. As one of your officers is on the staff of the *Liverpool Institute Schools' Magazine*, I need only say that your best interests have always been consulted in that periodical to your full satisfaction it is to be hoped.

One suggestion I should like to make to my successor is, that the debates with other Societies, unavoidably suspended during my term of office, should be restarted, and that it would also be an advantage if, in addition to meeting those two other unions, a debate could be arranged between the Liverpool Institute Literary and Debating Society and that of some neighbouring schools.

My report would be quite incomplete without some reference to the Annual Entertainment, which we had hoped would take place long before this. Various causes have unhappily combined to make postponement necessary, but I think you have full reason to rest satisfied that the performance of 1892 will be in no way inferior to its predecessors, and that you will have a handsome balance of which to dispose next October.

Looking back over the session I see some cause for regret, some faults yet to be corrected, and some imperfections to work at, but in the main we have passed

through a session of steady progress and honest good work of which we may justly feel proud; we may then with full confidence look forward to yet another session of progress and prosperity, in which the Society may extend its horizon and widen its influence, and become more than ever a factor for good in the school.

In conclusion I must thank you very heartily for the patient hearing you have given me. In a very few moments I shall have ceased to be your Secretary; let me then say that when I was elected to this post, two years ago, while deeply sensible of the honour done me, I looked forward with some misgivings to taking up duties which the excellence of my predecessor made it doubly hard for me to fulfil at all adequately. Your unchanging goodwill towards me, and valuable co-operation, have shown me that those fears of failure were groundless. Though you can never have a secretary such as Mr. Long, it is no small gratification to me to know that during my term of office the Society has made definite progress. Making full allowance for what I fully believe was in 1890 an awakened interest, I ascribe this progress to the unanimity with which all the officers have worked; let but this unanimity continue, and success in all branches is ensured. Meanwhile I shall always regard the Society with the greatest gratitude and affection, and do all in my power to further its interests. I have spent the happiest hours of a very happy part of my life here, and I am sure that to those who come under its influence it does no small share in the work which shall fit them "to perform justly, skilfully, and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war."

The officers for the ensuing session were then elected as follows:—Chairman, F. M. Baddeley; Vice-Chairman, C. M. Jones; Secretary, H. L. H. Millard; Treasurer, S. Fall; Committee, P. J. A. Francis, B. J. Wood; Editors, F. M. Baddeley, A. P. Banks. The rules were then read by the retiring secretary, and unanimously passed. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Wolde and Grace was passed, on the motion of F. M. Baddeley, seconded by Mr. E. J. W. Harvey. This being replied to, brought the meeting to a close. Thirteen members were present.

September 20th.—A special general meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. H. L. H. Millard, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, resigned the secretaryship on the plea that the Football Club gave him enough secretarial work. On the motion of R. J. Ewart, seconded by C. M. Jones, D. D. Braham was unanimously elected in his place. S. Fall having left the school, R. J. Ewart was then elected Treasurer on the motion of C. M. Jones, seconded by F. Cheeseright. The meeting, which consisted of twenty-seven members, and was not too orderly, then adjourned.

Chat on the Corridor.

THE holidays are over at last, and we are some way into the new term. We hope every one has enjoyed his holidays, no matter where he was, and that each boy returns back like a giant refreshed, eager for the fray, for as we all know, this is the term when the steady grinding is done, not spurting, such as takes place before the Oxford or the May examinations, but a good steady plod. Then, again, the Christmas holidays will be here so soon, that this term will soon be over. The school building has come in for various alterations, among

others, being painted right down, and the floors of the rooms have actually been washed. The football and other clubs are starting again with great activity, and we hope they will meet with all the support that they deserve.

It is with very great regret that we have to chronicle the resignation of our Secretary, Mr. Charles Sharp. Mr. Sharp joined the Institute in 1866, having previously occupied the position of secretary to the Pharmaceutical Society, London. We have no hesitation in saying that much of the success which has attended the Institute has been due to the excellent manner in which its business arrangements have been carried out. Mr. Sharp is well known in Liverpool as a brilliant and versatile lecturer, and a very clever actor. We wish him every success in whatever sphere of life he may choose. The Directors have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Harold Whalley (who succeeded the late Mr. Fowler as Treasurer), to succeed Mr. Sharp as Secretary.

We heartily welcome the following gentlemen as new masters on the Commercial side:—Mr. L. A. Thomas, B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, formerly master at Blair Lodge School, Scotland; Mr. J. H. Raundrup, B.Sc., Victoria University, formerly master at Appleby Grammar School; and Mr. A. J. McKinney. The two first-named gentlemen are required consequent on the addition of two extra classes to the Commercial School, and Mr. McKinney succeeds Mr. Sharps, who has taken a position in the office.

The Annual Entertainment of the Debating Society will take place this term on October 11th, when *The Rivals*, of Sheridan, will be played. As was stated in the last number of the *Magazine*, the performance had to be unavoidably postponed, but we are quite sure that when it does take place, judging by last year's entertainment, it will not be the fault of the performers if the Hall is not crowded with an enthusiastic audience. We cannot too strongly impress upon every boy that his aim should be to make the entertainment a complete success.

"Hail, coming season of delight." Such are the touching words of Miltspcare—or Shakeson—I really forget which. However, let us seize on them as our motto for the coming Football Season, for one sees in it the clever expression of one who would have traversed the seas on every kind of steamship to ensure his partaking of that "delight." Surely, he is indeed and in truth an English boy, or as the English are generally called the Sea's Sons, who seases on the golden opportunity now set before him!

In J. H. Grace, who leaves us for Peterhouse, Cambridge, the school loses one of its most brilliant scholars. Grace's whole school career has been a series of continued successes. He entered the Sixth Form as an Exhibitioner from the Commercial School in 1888. After gaining three medals for Mathematics from the Science and Art Department, he was in 1891 placed first in the Senior Oxford Local

Examination. In the same year he gained a First Class in the Seventh Stage Mathematics of the Science and Art, having previously gained a First Class in each stage uninterruptedly—a unique performance, as regards the Institute. In October, 1891, he was elected to a valuable Mathematical Scholarship of £80 a year at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and in June, 1892, was placed tenth in the Honours of the London Matriculation. For the last twelve months he fulfilled the office of Chairman of the L. I. L. D. S.

Appropos of the L. I. L. D. S., that Society and the school in general has to deplore the loss of F. Wolde, who leaves us for St. John's College, Oxford. No one can forget the energetic and most capable manner in which he fulfilled the arduous duties of Secretary of the L. I. L. D. S. and Editor of the *Magazine*.

Everybody wishes the above-named every success, each at his own University.

The following Honours have been gained since the last issue:—J. B. Dale, scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, has obtained First Class Honours in Mathematics in the London Intermediate; S. R. Christophers and J. Hay have respectively gained the Gold and Bronze Medals at University College for Elementary Anatomy and Physiology in the First M.B. Examination. They have in addition been appointed Junior Histological Demonstrators.

Now that the winter is coming on, we most strongly urge the claims of the Harrier Club. What is the reason of the lack of enthusiasm in it? Compare the first meet which took place and any one that took place last winter. At the first one there were about three hundred boys, and twenty or thirty masters present; last winter an attendance of a dozen was considered wonderful, and two or three faithful masters (all honour to them) turned up regularly, although often at great inconvenience. We once happened to be there ourselves at one meet, and there were half-a-dozen boys (and those small boys) and two masters, Messrs. Bickerstaff and Bailey. For all boys who do not care to play football, and there are many such, and yet desire exercise of some sort, running is the very thing. It is preferable to football in this respect, that the exercise does not consist of running here and there, with sundry spurts, the chance of being hurt is *nil*, and you can drop off whenever you like. Surely those persons who profess such an interest in athletics can at least find time to turn up occasionally. This may seem rather hard on some, but we feel so strongly on the matter that we are compelled to speak as we do.

It is always a pleasure to us to record any ceremony which shows the good feeling which exists between masters and boys in the school. Connected with the School are several societies and clubs which have in no small degree helped the boys to exercise their mental and physical powers. Of all these, perhaps the most successful, in point of numbers at least, is the Commercial School Swimming Club, in which Mr. Bickerstaff takes a deep interest. Last term its membership had

reached 178 boys, being the largest swimming club in Liverpool. Under Mr. Bickerstaff's care hundreds of boys have learnt the useful art of swimming, and last term the members of this club thought that they should show to Mr. Bickerstaff how grateful they felt for the interest he took in the success of the club, and the time he spent in teaching them to swim. Consequently each member was asked to subscribe a small sum, and the result enabled the Committee to purchase fourteen handsome volumes, which were presented to Mr. Bickerstaff by the head master in presence of the whole school assembled in the hall. Mr. Bickerstaff, in accepting the books, made a few suitable remarks, and a ringing cheer from the boys terminated a very pleasing ceremony.

Although the Institute this year has not obtained the top boy in all England in the Oxford Local, yet it will be interesting to know that L. D. Holland, of Kingswood School, Bath, who has obtained that position, was a former pupil of this school. While in the Commercial School he obtained a Scholarship to the Kingswood School, Bath, where he has been ever since. This school obtained the top boy in 1887, the last time the Institute missed it.

In connection with the Oxford Local, the Institute boys have again come out splendidly in Bookkeeping. Out of 77 successful candidates in all England 41 belong to the Institute, which fully maintains the high standard attained in the Society of Arts Examination in April last.

It is very evident that there are a number of boys in the higher classes who, when they leave, have a number of books which are often never touched after school days are over, and yet which they would be prepared to sell at a reduction. At the same time, some boys when they get into higher classes, and require new books, would be very glad to get them second-hand. We, therefore, propose the following plan, which we hope will be advantageous to both parties:—All boys having books to dispose of, if they desire, can hand in a slip of paper to the editors with the name of the book, their name and address being written on it. We will file all these slips, and anybody desiring a book, if he wishes, can come to us and we will tell him whether such a book is on sale. If so, we will put the intending purchaser and seller in communication, and let them make their own arrangements. It must be clearly understood that we will not receive any books, simply slips, and, as the loan companies say, "strict secrecy observed." We only undertake this in regard to books of a substantial kind, and we will not be bound to receive a slip when the book in question is one which is almost unsaleable.

School.

THERE is no period in one's existence which stands out more prominently and presents higher food for reflection in later life, together with invaluable opportunities of peering into the inmost thoughts of the mind before it has become subjected to that ever-increasing be-

wilderment of affectation—before it has suffered in its originality from outward influences—than schooldays. The schooldays themselves—that is the process of school, its routine, its masters, its games, will all impress themselves to variable extents upon our different memories; but the boys we have met there form a constantly present picture, different views of which we are regarding every day,—the former presenting a mass of extremely interesting and exciting circumstances, but the latter affording us the study of the developments of many different types of human nature—a development to which we were also subject and therefore not cognisant of in others. A single form in a school contains generally several types; there is the ambitious boy who is always endeavouring to beat his fellows in every possible manner; there is the lazy and dull boy—these admirable attributes seldom being separable—who appears to think schooldays unbearable rot, but resolves to bear them, at any rate for as short a time as possible, with as much fortitude as his grossly-injured spirit will permit. Then there is the boy who can neither be characterised as dull or lazy—who, can, at times, display a considerable amount of time in attacking difficult and intricate subjects, but at other times is quiescent and vacant over even the most commonplace and easy subject; he appears to suffer from lapses of vitality, and merges almost into the lazy youth, yet distinguishable, however, from such by some redeeming feature. The way some of these youths desire to spend their time in school is not always in accordance with that establishment's thoughtfully arranged code of study; they strive to improve that code by the infusion of subjects more highly conducive to a world-wide knowledge than the mere acquirement of sciences and languages. This world-wide education is consummated in the yellow-backed, artistically, but not always naturally illustrated "dreadful." If such a soother of souls, promoter of homicidal ambitions, and highly moral instructor can be introduced during some specially difficult or dull subject, it greatly adds to a student's temporary comfort, and encourages him with the hopeful thought that there is more in life than the declension of *dea*, or the intricacies of an algebraical problem. As he grows more and more absorbed in his secondary educational occupation, the future of his career dawns gently upon him, until at last he imagines himself, with two or three comrades of kindred disposition, on the prairies of the far West, surrounded by an interminable expanse of country. They are seated round their camp fire, and after a hard day's ride are in that state of semi-mental torpor which immediately precedes heavy slumber, when suddenly a horrid yell pierces the stillness of the night, almost freezing the marrow in the bones by its weird sound; and, peering through the scarcely uplifted haze of sleep, they behold themselves surrounded by a band of powerful, ferocious-looking Indians. Being possessed of undaunted courage, firm self-possession, and supernatural strength, but a short time elapses before they have stretched a dozen or more of those wild men on their last resting place. Suddenly another sound is heard, not quite so weird as the first, but yet sufficiently loud to attract the wanderer's attention, and our noble hero is persuasively requested by bribes of overtime to give an account of the Battle of Waterloo, having special reference to the relative positions of the contending armies at

that time. Now this creates a most unfortunate conglomeration in our friend's cranium, and he is not quite sure where the Indians laid in ambush at that encounter, and if so, whether they succeeded in surprising the enemy. During the reflective period which follows, and is attended by silence on most people's part, the hapless youth is consciously preparing for himself a copious collection of those irritating forms which require to be treated to a dose of 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, thus reaching an abnormal size, and then gradually resolved until they assume their natural magnitude, which they sometimes very reluctantly consent to do, especially when hurried.

SQUOZZER.

The Oxford List, 1892.

SENIORS.

HONOURS LIST.

FIRST CLASS.	SECOND CLASS.	THIRD CLASS.
D. D. Braham, 3rd.	P. J. A. Francis, 2nd.	A. E. Baddeley.
A. P. Banks, 14th.	C. M. Jones, 4th.	
E. W. Harradine, 26th.	H. E. Williams, 5th.	
	W. G. Fryer, 12th.	
	F. M. Baddeley, 28th.	
	F. Cheeseright, 35th.	

PASS LIST.

P. G. Adams.	P. S. Couldrey.	B. Langley.
F. J. Bradburn.	W. L. Ker.	

DISTINCTIONS.

b. = Bracketed.

<i>Arithmetic.</i>	<i>Mathematics.</i>
W. G. Fryer, <i>b.</i> 4th.	D. D. Braham, 2nd.
<i>Religious Knowledge.</i>	C. M. Jones, 8th.
A. P. Banks, 21st.	W. G. Fryer, 10th.
E. W. Harradine, <i>b.</i> 30th.	F. M. Baddeley, 13th.
H. E. Williams, <i>b.</i> 83rd.	A. E. Baddeley, 14th.
<i>English.</i>	F. Cheeseright, 16th.
A. P. Banks, 4th.	P. S. Couldrey, 18th.
D. D. Braham, 10th.	H. E. Williams, 21st.
F. M. Baddeley, 14th.	B. Langley, 24th.
<i>English History.</i>	<i>Mathematics and Physics.</i>
A. P. Banks, <i>b.</i> 4th.	W. G. Fryer, 1st.
<i>Geography.</i>	F. Cheeseright, 3rd.
F. Cheeseright, 3rd.	C. M. Jones, 5th.
<i>Political Economy.</i>	<i>Chemistry.</i>
A. P. Banks, 2nd.	W. G. Fryer, 1st.
<i>Latin.</i>	C. M. Jones, 3rd.
P. J. A. Francis, 33rd.	<i>Responsions: Exemption in stated subjects.</i>
A. P. Banks, 36th.	A. P. Banks
E. W. Harradine, <i>b.</i> 40th.	P. J. A. Francis.
<i>French.</i>	E. W. Harradine.
A. P. Banks, <i>b.</i> 13th.	<i>Exemption in French.</i>
P. J. A. Francis, <i>b.</i> 34th.	A. P. Banks.
	D. D. Braham.
	P. J. A. Francis.
	H. E. Williams.

JUNIORS.

HONOURS LIST.

FIRST CLASS.	SECOND CLASS.	THIRD CLASS.
P. Fisher, <i>b.</i> 12th.	C. G. Barkla, <i>b.</i> 18th.	D. W. Auld,
F. K. Hyde, 15th.	J. F. Carmichael, <i>b.</i> 23rd.	C. D. Cobb.
A. E. Worgan, 20th.	{ A. J. Penston, <i>b.</i> 59th.	H. Eggington.
G. Bell, 23rd.	{ E. Tebbut, <i>b.</i> 59th.	H. G. Johnson.
B. J. Wood, 29th.	O. T. Williams, <i>b.</i> 67th.	H. J. Pearson.
N. C. Miller, 53rd.	E. Burn, 94th.	W. Roberts.
C. H. Stewart, 61st.	H. A. Roberts, <i>b.</i> 97th.	W. J. Roberts.
	R. J. Ewart, <i>b.</i> 100th.	W. H. Wiswall.
	T. F. Pugh, <i>b.</i> 117th.	

PASS LIST.

FIRST DIVISION.		SECOND DIVISION.
J. B. Affleck.	J. L. Hawkes.	W. H. Wallace.
A. Blair.	T. C. Hill.	E. Warburton.
E. T. Chamberlain.	H. Hind.	T. R. West.
W. C. Dixon.	R. Jones.	H. Yearsley.
J. E. English.	R. S. Kissock.	
L. Eyre.	J. B. Lloyd.	
A. L. Finch.	A. McTaggart.	A. C. Armour.
S. E. Francis.	H. V. Pennington.	E. C. Cartmel.
C. H. Grimshaw.	P. J. Rose.	S. Fall.
W. I. Ham.	H. A. Scott.	J. D. Lamb.
R. Harradine.	J. B. Tayler.	
	W. Thompson.	

DISTINCTIONS.

<i>Arithmetic.</i>	<i>Mathematics.</i>
{ G. Bell, <i>b.</i> 9th.	B. J. Wood, 1st.
{ B. J. Wood, <i>b.</i> 9th.	A. E. Worgan, 2nd.
{ J. B. Tayler, <i>b.</i> 12th.	P. Fisher, <i>b.</i> 3rd.
{ A. E. Worgan, <i>b.</i> 12th.	F. K. Hyde, 6th.
{ P. J. Rose, <i>b.</i> 21st.	E. Tebbutt, 7th.
{ P. Fisher, <i>b.</i> 23rd.	C. H. Stewart, 17th.
{ A. MacTaggart, <i>b.</i> 23rd.	C. G. Barkla, 19th.
{ C. G. Barkla, <i>b.</i> 27th.	H. G. Johnson, <i>b.</i> 20th.
<i>Religious Knowledge.</i>	W. H. Wiswall, 24th.
W. J. Roberts, <i>b.</i> 25th.	O. T. Williams, 26th.
{ J. B. Affleck, <i>b.</i> 80th.	H. A. Roberts, 27th.
{ F. K. Hyde, <i>b.</i> 80th.	A. J. Penston, 31st.
H. Eggington, <i>b.</i> 93rd.	J. F. Carmichael, <i>b.</i> 35th.
G. Bell, <i>b.</i> 152nd.	<i>Applied Mathematics.</i>
<i>English.</i>	C. G. Barkla, 1st.
{ P. Fisher, <i>b.</i> 2nd.	P. Fisher, 2nd.
{ F. K. Hyde, <i>b.</i> 2nd.	A. E. Worgan, 3rd.
E. Burn, <i>b.</i> 41st.	<i>Chemistry.</i>
J. F. Carmichael, 43rd.	{ H. A. Roberts, <i>b.</i> 6th.
P. J. Rose, <i>b.</i> 58th.	{ C. H. Stewart, <i>b.</i> 6th.
N. C. Miller, <i>b.</i> 63rd.	F. K. Hyde, <i>b.</i> 8th.
G. Bell, <i>b.</i> 68th.	P. Fisher, 10th.
A. E. Worgan, <i>b.</i> 94th.	J. F. Carmichael, 12th.
C. H. Stewart, <i>b.</i> 137th.	A. E. Worgan, 15th.
H. Eggington, <i>b.</i> 142nd.	B. J. Wood, <i>b.</i> 17th.
<i>English History.</i>	R. B. Cobb, 22nd.
P. Fisher, 6th.	<i>Mechanics and Physics.</i>
<i>Geography.</i>	P. Fisher, <i>b.</i> 1st.
F. K. Hyde, <i>b.</i> 1st.	B. J. Wood, 3rd.
P. Fisher, <i>b.</i> 8th.	A. E. Worgan, 4th.
	C. G. Barkla, 5th.

Club Notices.

FOOTBALL CLUB.—The closing meeting of this club for the season 1891-2 was held in April last, Mr. Hughes presiding, during which Mr. Snow, the Treasurer, read his report, showing a very satisfactory balance. J. Howard Addinsell, the Secretary, in reading his report, stated that the club laboured under a great disadvantage in being without its own ground, but that this to a great extent had been overcome by the kindness of the Old Boys' and Royal Institution Football Clubs in lending the use of their grounds. He then touched upon the fact that practices had been regularly held and well attended, and that although the number of matches lost exceeded that of those won, it was accounted for by reason of the comparatively small number of matches played with schools. He also attributed the success of the club in general to the unflagging interest with which the masters, especially Messrs. Ewart, Snow, Wolsley, Lewis, and the Rev. A. H. Caldicott regarded it; and in conclusion he tendered his warmest expressions of thanks on behalf of the club to the masters and old boys who so energetically supported all its efforts. The following officers were elected:—Captain, W. L. Ker; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Snow; Hon. Secretary, H. L. H. Millard. The meeting then terminated.

A meeting was held in Mr. Ewart's room on Thursday, September 22nd, in the presence of an attendance of thirty-one. The following masters were present:—Messrs. Ewart, Snow, Stowell, Thomas, and the Rev. A. H. Caldicott. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the rules were read, and the officers were elected. In addition to those Vice-Presidents of last season, the following were added:—The Rev. J. Sephton, M.A., Mr. Storrs, Mr. Brown, F. E. Marshall, and J. H. Addinsell. W. A. Jones was then elected Sub-Captain, and the Committee consists of A. C. Armour, R. J. Ewart, J. Dale, and H. C. Squires. The meeting then adjourned.

In order to secure a successful season, it is necessary that all members and intending members should send in their subscriptions at once to the Treasurer, Mr. Snow, or the Secretary, H. L. H. Millard.

High School Swimming Club.—The Annual Swimming Competition of the High School Club was held on Wednesday evening, July 20th, at Cornwallis-street Baths. This being the first time the events were open to the public, only a fair audience attended, though the proportion of ladies was rather above the average at such gatherings. The chair was taken by Mr. William Crosfield, M.P., president of the School, who was supported by Mr. Thomas Crosfield and the Head Master. The handicapping was very efficiently done by Mr. D. Eaves, and the starting by Mr. E. B. Ewart. There were six judges to help in the arduous duties of decision. The Club Championship, a ten-length event, was very keenly contested, the winner, W. Woodward, being deservedly cheered for his performance. A one-length contest for boys who have learnt to swim since the last competition was won by A. Carter. The prize for swimming under water was awarded to W. E. Gething, who almost completed two lengths. The two-length handicap was a longer event, H. W. Davies being the fortunate first

arrival. For the neatest dive, W. Woodward took the prize; and in the diving for objects, F. Reid was successful. A four-length handicap was won by W. A. Sleigh, who received 28 seconds' start. The most interesting event of the evening was the competition for the Humane Society's medal and certificate for life-saving exercises, and here, again, W. Woodward stood well out from his fellows, completing the requirements in 2 minutes 26½ seconds. The prizes were silver medals in all cases, and in no event was a second prize given. The proceedings concluded with a polo match between the High School and Commercial School.

Commercial School Swimming Club.—The competition for the medal offered by the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society was held on Tuesday, July 19, and was very cleverly won by J. Douglas, in 2 minutes 19¾ seconds, a particularly good performance. On the following Friday, the boys of the Commercial School had their Annual Swimming Competition, and showed considerable skill in the water, reflecting great credit upon the tuition given in swimming by Mr. Bickerstaff. The ten-length Club Championship was an excellent race, the winners being Clarke, who takes the silver medal offered by the directors, and Martin, a gold medal given by the club. In the two-length race, Slater won the gold medal, and Bell and Griffiths silver medals. In the four-length handicap, W. K. Williams took the first prize, J. E. English and T. Douglas being second and third respectively. The one-length race for beginners was won by Bayliss (1), Land (2), and Softley (3). In the Preparatory School race, Miller was first and F. R. Scott second. For the benefit of the competitors who had not been successful, a consolation race followed, which was won by Gleave. For the longest plunge, Carruthers was awarded a medal, and in the diving for objects contest, Bentley received a similar honour.

The members of the club will meet as usual on Tuesday and Friday, at 4.35 p.m., at Cornwallis-street Baths, until October 31st. Members are requested to attend the practices as often as possible.

A Socratic Dialogue.

(REVISED VERSION.)

Dramatis Personæ:—GHOST OF SOCRATES. ANGLO-SAXON.*

ANGLO-SAXON. Away, restless spirit, I am weary, and would rest.

Socrates. Nay, listen. I come not to trouble, but to comfort you.

A.S. What! After you have but lately so attacked and misrepresented me?

Soc. Not so. 'Twas I that was misrepresented. How strange that persons so familiar with my whole life should so distort my utterances! 'Tis ever thus. How oft doth party spirit lead astray from truth.

A.S. You lift a heavy weight from off my mind. To fall under the ban of your displeasure were punishment indeed.

Soc. That should not be. If what you say you think is true, be heedless of all weight of authority, firmly, boldly advocate your cause,

* See *L.I.S.M.*, Vol. vi, No. 8.

for sure and certain as the sun's daily round, truth will out, and right will triumph.

A.-S. Something within me confirms your utterance. But may I, then, ask what your real opinions are?

Soc. I came to tell you. Know, firstly, that far from despising modern civilisation and progress, we ancients look on it with awe and admiration. Much there is that is bad, but more, far more, that is good. Worthless men are frequently richly rewarded, but the lights of science, art, and literature also receive their well-merited honours; whereas we honoured the rogues, and despised, or even murdered, our best and worthiest.

A.-S. Socrates, Christ, Hypatia, and the martyrs of the middle ages, all have left their names written in blood on the roll of progress. But they and you, at least, showed us how men, aye, and women too, could die for their opinions.

Soc. Remember, also, that I ever opposed useless speculation and philosophy. We should study and acquire knowledge for its own sake, and in the hope that eventually it may be of use to one's fellowmen. Self-knowledge is the key to personal power and excellence.

A.-S. Then you do not despise science, but would, instead, be in favour of teaching it in all schools?

Soc. Despise science! I was one of its first advocates, and now-a-days, when you are dependent upon science for the happiness and comfort of your life, for your freedom from plague and pestilence, nay, even for your daily bread, how much more ardently should you study and admire its manifold mysteries. Truly, everyone should be taught the elements of modern science, else how can they see and understand the countless applications of scientific knowledge to their daily life.

A.-S. By-the-way, you speak in English, not in Greek. Is it so that I may understand you?

Soc. Not so. We shades all speak, when speak we must, in English. It is the most cosmopolitan tongue, and our foreknowledge tells us that it is the predestined language of the future.

A.-S. Would you, then, support the study of Latin and Greek?

Soc. Aye. For men, for specialists, for students of language, but not for school-boys. True it is that you should know the history of language, but no school-boy can hope to discover it for himself by learning a smattering of two from the dozens of extant ancient languages. He must take for granted what the specialists tell him in simplified and abbreviated form; and though it galls me to confess it, I must admit that Hebrew, Sanskrit, and Arabic are far more important from this point of view, and, indeed, for the whole study of human progress, physical, moral, and intellectual.

A.-S. Don't you think it was rather conceited to say that you and your fellow-classes had laid the foundation of all knowledge?

Soc. It would have been had I said so, but I never even dreamt of saying it. It is true that I and my *confrères* dropped a few pebbles on the site of the foundation of human knowledge, but the future builders rejected them nearly all as untrustworthy. Every new fact adds to the foundation of knowledge, and theory, by its deductions, builds these up

into a composite whole. The two works proceed simultaneously, and neither will ever be finished.

A.-S. Were your race the first, then, to call down beauty and wisdom from the side of God to dwell with man?

Soc. We added a little to them, I hope, but the beginnings of beauty and wisdom are lost in the mazes of antiquity. Their origin must have been ages before our time.

A.-S. (*Hands Damon's letter to Socrates.*) Were you ever troubled with productions of that kind?

Soc. Damon never wrote that. He was a true and well-bred gentleman.

A. S. No; that is an assumed name. It was written by *Anon.*

Soc. Good. I see. You will take no notice of it, I hope?

A.-S. I did not intend to.

Soc. That is right. Curs like this oft barked at me, but cold indifference soon checked their ardour, and, one by one, their yapping ceased.

A.-S. I wish to ask you, whilst I have the chance, did such a city as Troy ever exist?

Soc. No. The relics of certain buried, prehistoric, semi-barbarous cities that Schliemann has discovered at Hissarlik have nothing, and could have nothing to do with Troy. The history of Troy is as fabulous as your modern author's *King Solomon's Mines*. Indeed, some future people may believe as sincerely in the truth of that novel as many of you now do in the story of Homer.

A.-S. I think not. We grow more sceptical every day. But must you be going? I had much more to ask you.

Soc. Indeed I must. Shakespeare and Thucydides are giving a social reunion, and I wish to be there early, so as to have a chat with Faraday and Newton before the older ones arrive.

A.-S. I should like, if possible, to shake hands before parting.

Soc. 'Twere useless to attempt it. [*Socrates hesitates, and then, bending forward, imprints a kiss on Anglo-Saxon's forehead. Anglo-Saxon shudders and draws back, but then, recovering himself, returns the embrace. A violent fit of trembling seizes him, Socrates vanishes, and—*]

Then I awoke. Was it a dream or a vision? I know not, but those who know Socrates best shall decide which is the false and which the true account.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM C. MILLINGTON,
DIED ON BOARD THE SHIP "BLENGFELL," IN THE
ALBERT DOCK, HULL, AUGUST 15TH, 1892.
AGED 16 YEARS.