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## A Plea for Modern Languages.

THE other day I heard Robinson, of the Lower Fifth (the same Robinson who carried on such an animated discussion on the top of a 'bus with Brown and Jones), declare that German was soft, and he didn't see the use of doing it. Now I am sure that all who know anything of German will agree with me that it is certainly not soft, but very hard, almost as hard as Proposition 47, which we declare so often we can "floor," though I think it oftener floors us. But I am not so sure that there wouldn't be many who would agree with Robinson that there wasn't much use in learning it, and so I thought, since Brown, who so doughtily defended Latin, has left, that I might try to show that there is some little use in learning modern languages. Of course, when I talk of modern languages, I mean French and German, for happily, perhaps, we are not at present asked to learn Russian, Dutch, or even Chinese.

Robinson would probably say, "What is the good of learning French and German when I shall be going into an office when I leave school, and in a year or two shall have forgotten all the French and German I ever knew?" Well, if you are going to do that, perhaps it isn't much use learning them, though I am not so sure of that, for probably French idioms and German strong verbs are almost as good for developing the brain as Football and Gymnastics for the muscles. But I hope there are very few boys who, when they leave school, set to work at once to forget all they ever learnt. No one can spend all his time in an office, and I hope to show that modern languages out of work-hours are decidedly useful.

In the first place, there is the great world of literature which is opened out to anyone who learns a new language. Translations are but little use; they give us but feeble echo of the living words of a great author, in most cases, and at the best can give but an

inadequate idea of the real work, while they often give us quite a false and distorted one. Then, too, translations are not always to be obtained, and so if we depend on translations we are shut out from a great portion of the more modern part of foreign literature. I have mentioned the advantage obtained from the ability to read a foreign language first, because it is, I think, the most important, and fortunately also far the easiest part of the subject. Anybody who makes any use of his opportunities at school can learn to read French and German with comparative ease, even though he may never be able to talk or to write with facility. But the advantages of being able to read these languages are practical as well. For those who are going to devote themselves to science or medicine, to classics or mathematics, a knowledge of French and German is of the utmost value, for without such knowledge it is impossible for the scholar to keep up with the most recent discoveries and researches. Then, too, there is the greater insight into the manners and customs of a people which a knowledge of their language affords. The reading of a German newspaper will tell an intelligent reader far more about the national life and character than pages of geography or travels. And if this be true of reading, it is ten times as true of speaking. Unfortunately our time at school is so limited, and our interests so divided, that we can few of us hope to attain to any great facility in speaking a foreign language. But even here we can learn to speak French, at any rate, quite well enough to allow us to travel all over France without difficulty, and to obtain infinitely more advantage and enjoyment from our travels than we should do if we were ignorant of every language but our own. And surely in these days of cheap travelling everyone must look forward to going abroad some day.

These are only a few of the reasons which make it advisable to learn French and German at school. I say at school, for it is very difficult, after we are once started in a business or profession, to find either time or energy to begin learning languages, though by no means so difficult to keep up and extend a knowledge of what we have already begun. Other reasons there are, but I have already trespassed enough upon your space and patience.

Before I close, though, I should like to utter a word of warning against various "systems" which crop up from time to time. These systems vary in most of their features, but in two respects they have a strong family resemblance, namely, that every other system is wrong, and they alone right, and that by using them "a perfect mastery" of a language may be obtained in a period of time ranging from a fortnight to forty-eight lessons.

Don't be misled by any such systems. There is no royal road to the acquisition of a language, any more than there is to any other branch of knowledge; and though such a system may give you a few stock phrases, which you can repeat like a parrot, it can never give you the insight into the life and essence of a language which you can obtain by the, perhaps dull, but well-tried routine of grammar and translation.

### Literary and Debating Society

A MEETING was held on October 5th, Mr. C. M. Jones in the chair. There was an attendance of sixteen, including four old boys. Nine new members were elected. On the proposition of Mr. P. J. A. Francis, seconded by Mr. N. C. Miller, Mr. G. Bell was elected as editor to co-operate with Mr. N. C. Miller. Private business ended, Mr. P. J. A. Francis opened in the affirmative the debate, "Should women have an equal franchise with men?" He repudiated the notions of women's apathy, want of intellect, and want of time for politics, and tried to prove the fallacy of thinking of family dissension as a result of woman's suffrage. He argued that women taxpayers should be represented, and should have the suffrage,—because they were often placed at a disadvantage as tenants,—because they had wrongs to be righted,—because they would have great influence for good in matters affecting education, sanitation, etc. Mr. Banks then replied in the negative. He denied that women took, or ever would take, an interest in politics; Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Davies, and others named were only exceptions; only a very small minority of women had any desire at all for the suffrage. Owing to the lateness of the hour only two members took part in the discussion, namely, Messrs. F. Wolde and H. E. Williams, both of whom made eloquent speeches for the affirmative. After the leaders had replied, the votes were taken, with the result:—Affirmative, 6; negative, 5. The meeting then adjourned.

On October 12th, a meeting was held, Mr. C. M. Jones presiding. Nine new members were elected. Upon a proposition of Mr. A. P. Banks, it was resolved that the Commercial School Correspondent of the *Magazine* should be elected by the members of the First Class themselves. A Committee was then formed for the purpose of directing the Society's entertainments. Five members were appointed for this purpose:—A. R. Book, Esq. (as chairman), Messrs. C. M. Jones, N. C. Miller, G. Bell, and P. J. A. Francis. Three whips were then elected:—Messrs. C. H. Grimshaw, C. M. Long, and R. Dale. As the opener in the affirmative had not yet made his appearance, Mr. N. C. Miller opened in the negative the debate, "Is vivisection useful and necessary?" He denounced the practice as cruel and inhuman, exemplifying his statement by many vivid descriptions. He attempted to prove its uselessness by the fact that most so-called discoveries by vivisection [*e.g.*, the circulation of the blood] were in reality nothing of the kind. He also stated that Pasteur's treatment of hydrophobia, and Koch's so-called cure for consumption, both the results of vivisection, had proved failures. He enlarged on the dangerous effect vivisection must have on the minds of those who practised it. Mr. B. J. Wood, who had arrived during his opponent's speech, then replied in the affirmative. He denied Mr. Miller's statement that vivisection was morally degrading, and that the circulation of the blood was not discovered by it. He declared that little progress would have been made in medical science without vivisection; as for

cruelty, the life of a dumb animal was not to be compared with that of a human being. A lively discussion ensued, in which Messrs. A. P. Banks and H. Eggington supported the affirmative; Messrs. G. Bell and P. J. A. Francis the negative. After the Chairman had spoken, and the leaders replied, the votes were taken, showing 5 for the affirmative, 6 for the negative. Thereupon the meeting was adjourned.

A meeting was held on October 26th, when Mr. C. M. Jones presided. The subject chosen by vote for impromptu debate was, "Ought corporal punishment to be permitted in schools?" Though the attendance was small this subject elicited a very spirited discussion. The chief arguments urged against corporal punishment were:—It is cruel; has a hardening effect on the boy who suffers the punishment, and a degrading effect on the master who administers it; also that it is liable to produce in the boy a spite against the man who inflicts the pain. It was urged in favour of corporal punishment that some punishment is needed in schools; that this causes pain without doing injury; and is in most cases effectual, where a verbal rebuke would have no effect. Finally, that the old proverb, "Spare the rod, spoil the child," is perfectly true. Messrs. H. W. Wallace, J. B. Tayler, A. P. Banks, G. Bell, C. M. Long spoke for the negative; Messrs. W. L. Collins, J. D. Lamb, R. Dale, J. D. Crichton, H. Eggington, and P. J. A. Francis supported the affirmative. The Chairman also spoke in favour of corporal punishment. The voting was as follows:—Affirmative 7; Negative 4, showing a victory for the affirmative. The chairman subsequently adjourned the meeting.

### Chat on the Corridor.

IT is our pleasing duty to inform our readers that a profit was made on our last issue. To be sure, the amount is very small, only 8s. 6d., and if it were not for the advertisements we should have instead a large deficit. It is disheartening to think that after all our appeals we should be dependent on our advertisements. It shows that many boys have not done their duty. Indeed, the sale in the Commercial School, and several forms of the High School, was very unsatisfactory. This ought not to be so. If the Magazine is worth keeping up at all, why not support it? It would be a disgrace to our School if the Magazine were to fail owing to lack of support. If every boy in the two schools would only buy a copy, we should soon clear off our debt. Surely this is not too much to expect.

We must congratulate the members of the Football Club on the splendid beginning they have made. They have won three matches already, which is a great improvement on last season, and we hear that all the players turn up regularly at the practices. This is a

very good sign, and is, perhaps, a result of the article in our last issue: "The Body Politic." The Football Club seems to be taking its place as the principal club in the School. Our readers will find that plenty of space has been given to football in "Club Reports."

If we are right in our conjecture that the regular attendance of the football team at practice is due to last month's article, we wish it would have somewhat the same effect on the members of the Debating Society, and cause them to come regularly to the meetings held every Thursday. The reports from the Debating Society are most discouraging, the number present at each meeting being wretchedly small. The Secretary states that not a single boy in the Commercial School is a member. Why should this society be so badly supported? The list of debates and papers arranged for this season is very interesting, and one would think it ought to appeal strongly to every member of the society.

It will be noticed that there is no report from the Chess Club this month. The members do not seem to be so enthusiastic as they were last season. They have been defeated in both the matches they have played so far. It is a pity this club is not better supported. Last season it was one of the most prosperous and successful in the school.

We have to apologise to Lloyd and Pearson because last month we omitted their names from the list of those who passed the Senior Oxford Local Examination.

We were surprised one day last month to see two boys in the Sixth playing that silly game with chestnuts which has been so popular lately among the Lower Forms. We are sure our readers will agree with us that it is a very childish way for boys in the Sixth to pass their time.

A distinguished Old Boy of the Institute, Mr. R. A. Sampson, M.A., late fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge (Third Wrangler in 1887, and First Smith's Prizeman, 1890), who recently held the Isaac Newton University Studentship at Cambridge, has been appointed Professor of Mathematics at the Newcastle College of Science.

Institute boys will be surprised to learn that one of our best scholars, who has recently left us for Oxford, was ignominiously turned out of the room when he wished to enter for his Responsions Examination. It will be at once asked, "What had he done?" We answer that his only offence was that *he had not on a white dress tie*. He had carefully provided himself with an ordinary tie of spotless whiteness, but that would not suffice; he was not allowed to enter. Fortunately, there was a shop near where he was able to provide himself with the necessary dress tie, after putting on which he was permitted to take his seat for the examination.

We intend for the future to have an article on "Our Contemporaries" in every issue of the *Magazine*. It ought to interest all our readers to learn what sort of Magazines other schools have. Any member of the Debating Society may have the loan of any of the Magazines we receive from other schools, on applying to either of the Editors.

The names of the following boys were omitted from our lists of those who have gained Certificates in the Science and Arts Examinations:—**THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY, First Stage**—J. B. B. Booth, G. A. Cain, J. Coulton, W. Davey, E. H. Harris, J. Hide, A. C. Holbert, A. Holford, J. Hoxason, F. W. Jones, G. M. Jones, W. C. Kynaston, R. Lawson, G. Ledger, A. Marsh, G. Marsh, A. Morris, W. A. McRory, R. B. Parry, A. Padmore, J. V. Quilliam, D. J. Roberts, W. Shaw, J. A. Sinclair, F. H. Storey, A. M. Tayler, C. H. Thomson, E. Tyrrell, A. Whitford, J. G. Williams, P. White.  
**MATHEMATICS, First Stage**—W. G. Kirkbride.

**ADVERTISEMENT**—An Institute Football Jersey going cheap, 1s.; pretty good condition; 16 inches round the neck; length 23 inches.

### Club Reports.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

IT is now nearly mid-term, and there has been sufficient time to form an opinion of the Football team. We have played four matches, three of which have been won and one lost. This result, however, does not give an accurate indication of the merits and demerits of the team, but puts a far too favourable face on the true state of affairs.

To begin with, our backs, contrary to the general expectation, are much better than the forwards. They run well, and have a good knowledge of the game, but the passing is very weak, and the "picking up" wretched. The forwards are terribly bad. They are only fairly heavy, but they make matters worse by not packing properly, not getting the ball in the scrums, and, when they do occasionally get it, by not heeling out quick enough. The halves, too, might let the three-quarters have the ball a little sooner. We have lost, by the way, one of last year's halves in R. Dale, who has decided to go forward because his eyesight is defective and he cannot see the ball distinctly. We have secured an excellent substitute, however, in W. L. Collins, who commenced well by scoring two tries in the match against the Old Boys.

If the above faults are to be removed, we must have plenty of practices, but, unfortunately, owing to the arrangements concerning our ground, it will be a matter of difficulty to arrange them. We will certainly do our best to get as many as possible, but the members of the club must remember that they must do something to back us up, and this they can do by turning up in large numbers.

### FIRST FIFTEEN MATCHES.

A match with Liverpool 3rd, which ought to have taken place on September 30th, was scratched.

A match with Waterloo High School ought to have taken place at Sefton Park on October 11th. Our team all dressed in good time, but the Waterloo High School did not turn up. It seems that they mistook the ground and dressed on their ground, and waited for us. We got up an impromptu practice, there being about twenty present.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL 3RD XV.

Played at Sefton Park on Saturday, October 14th. This being the Institute's opening match, considerable interest was felt in the result. The start was delayed till 4. Squires won the toss, and played with the wind. After the kick-off play settled down about mid-field, our forwards holding the scrums with ease. Several attempts were made to get away, but these proved fruitless. At length, after much scrummaging, Collins passed out to Squires, who cleared and dropped behind the posts. On the ball being brought out the try was converted. Shortly after resuming, Liverpool had a free kick awarded them nearly in front of the goal. They did not succeed in making use of it, however, the ball striking the upright. Nothing further was done before half-time, when the score stood:—Liverpool Institute, 1 goal; Liverpool 3rd, *nil*. On re-starting the ball was carried into the Liverpool "25," and a lot of loose kicking followed. From a throw out Collins made a fine run, but was unfortunately called back. The forwards were now heeling out splendidly, and the halves had plenty to do. With the exception of a free kick awarded to Liverpool, which did not lead to anything, nothing further was done by either side, and at call of time the Institute succeeded in beginning their season well with a victory of 1 goal to *nil*.

The following team represented the Institute:—

Full back, Owen; three-quarters, Langdon, Humphreys, and Squires; halves, Brettargh and Wood; forwards, Cheeseright, C. M. Jones, Crichton, Dale, Richards, Bell, Shaw, Hawkes and Collins.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

Played at Crosby on Wednesday, October 18th. Squires won the toss, and the Merchants kicked off towards the school. Play settled down about halfway, and a series of scrummages resulted, from which the Merchants got the ball nearly every time. Some good runs were made by our opponents' three-quarters, but they proved of no avail owing to the excellent tackling of the Institute. Squires got in from a throw out of touch, but the try was disallowed, as the ball was not thrown out from the right place. At half-time neither side had scored. On re-starting, the Institute forwards, who had been playing badly, pressed the Merchants and obtained the ball

a little oftener. Several good runs were now made by our three-quarters, Beatty especially playing well, breaking through four or five of his opponents at a time. At last Langdon, from a smart pass, got in near the touch-line, and Squires converted with a magnificent kick. After this the Merchants pressed, but their efforts proved fruitless, and when time was called the Institute were left victorious by 1 goal to *nil*.

The following was the Institute's team :—

Full-back, Humphreys; three-quarters, Beatty, Squires, Wood, and Langdon; halves, Brettargh and Thompson; forwards, Cheeseright, Dale, C. M. Jones, Crichton, Richards, Bell, Hawkes, and Shaw.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE, U. S.

Played at Fairfield on Wednesday, October 25th. The match commenced in pouring rain, which stopped in a short time, leaving the ground in a very boggy state. At the outset the College showed their superiority, their forwards, being heavier and one man more than the Institute's, having complete mastery of the scrums. The College scored in the first ten minutes, but failed to convert the try. The same one-sided game continued, and at half-time the College had added two more tries to their score. After half-time the Institute played up considerably better, and for a long while nothing was scored. At last one of the College men got in and scored their fourth try. After this the Institute lost courage, and the College got in once more before time was called, thus winning the match by 1 goal 4 tries to *nil*.

The following was the Institute's team :—

Full-back, Humphreys; three-quarters, Beatty, Squires, Wood, Langdon; halves, Brettargh and Collins; forwards, Cheeseright, Dale, C. M. Jones, Crichton, Richards, Bell, Hawkes, and Shaw.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. OLD BOYS, 3RD XV.

Played at Sefton-park on Saturday, October 28th. Squires having won the toss, the Old Boys (three short) kicked off, and play immediately settled in their "25." The Institute commenced work at once, and after a few scrummages Langdon ran in and Squires converted the try. The same style of play continued, and in a short time Squires got in twice, both the place kicks failing. The Old Boys now played up a little better, but did not do anything against the superior strength of the Institute. Collins now got the ball quickly out of the scrum, and, eluding our opponents' half, ran up the field and scored the fourth try for the Institute. After half-time the Old Boys pressed, but soon fell off, and before call of time the Institute were able to add three more tries to their score; the try-getters being Gardiner, Collins (a second time) and Humphreys. The Institute thus won a most tame and one-sided match by 1 goal and 6 tries to *nil*. The only improvement to record was in the heeling out, while the number of unconverted tries testifies to the weakness of the Institute at place kicking.

The following was the Institute team :—

Full-back, Fall; three-quarters, Beatty, Squires, Humphreys, Langdon; halves, Collins and Wood; forwards, Cheeseright, Dale, C. M. Jones, Richards, Gardiner, Hawkes, Shaw, and H. T. Long.

#### SECOND FIFTEEN MATCHES.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE 2ND v. WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL 2ND.

This match was played at Sefton Park on October 18th, Mr. Pridmore kindly refereeing. The Institute lost the toss, and Thorley kicked off. The School at once pressed hard, but they were prevented from scoring by the good tackling of F. P. and F. B. Cox. Shortly before half-time our opponents got in at the corner, but failed to convert the try. On resuming, the Institute three-quarters got some very good runs, but failed to score. The superior weight of the High School team told, however, on our fellows, and they were able to add another goal to their score before time was called. Thus the Institute were beaten by 1 goal 1 try to *nil*. For the Institute, Raleigh and the two brothers Cox played well as three-quarters, while Thorley and Samuel were very sharp at half. F. S. Howarth was also conspicuous among the forwards.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' 2ND.

This match was played at Crosby on October 28th. Bell kicked off for the Institute, and play immediately settled down in the Institute's "25," but the superior strength of the Merchants overcame the Institute's defence, and a try was scored in the first few minutes. The same uninteresting and uneven play continued till half-time, when the Merchants had got in five times, two of the tries being converted. The same game continued after half-time, and although the Institute played manfully, the School scored five times more, and won eventually by 5 goals 5 tries to *nil*. For the Institute, Raleigh, F. B. Cox, and F. S. Howarth played well.

Team :—Full back, F. S. Howarth; three-quarters, F. B. Cox, Hope, Raleigh, and F. P. Cox; halves, Samuel and Brown; forwards, Bell, M. F. Howarth, Thompson, Owen, W. R. Long, Askwith, Williams, and Frimston.

Members are again reminded that they should pay their subscriptions as soon as possible to the treasurer, Mr. Snow, or to the secretary. Attention is also called to the fact that three members of one family may join at the reduced subscription of two shillings each. The following are the matches arranged for the month of November :—

#### FIRST FIFTEEN.

Wed., Nov. 1	Waterloo High School	..	..	Home.
Sat., Nov. 4	New Brighton 3rd	..	..	Away.
Wed., Nov. 8	Wallasey Grammar School	..	..	Away.
Sat., Nov. 11	Parkfield Old Boys	..	..	Home.
Wed., Nov. 15	College (U.S.)	..	..	Home.

Wed., Nov. 22	Birkenhead School	..	..	..	Away.
Sat., Nov. 25	Liverpool 3rd	..	..	..	—
Wed., Nov. 29	Waterloo High School	..	..	..	Away.

## SECOND FIFTEEN.

Wed., Nov. 1	Parkfield	..	..	..	Away.
Wed., Nov. 15	Merchant Taylors'	..	..	..	Away.
Sat., Nov. 18	College (U.S.)	..	..	..	Away.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. COLLEGE COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

This match was played at Stanley Park, the College winning by 2 goals to *nil*. At the commencement the Institute pressed and had slightly the best of the game, but in the second half the College forwards played much better and attacked vigorously. The Institute forwards did not follow up hard, and were not at all together. Our goal-keeper was in good form, stopping several good shots, and Williams at centre half was decidedly good. We hope to see a great improvement all round shortly.

W. H. PRIDMORE.

## HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

A meeting was held on October 10th, in Mr. Brown's room, when the following were elected officers for the coming season:— Captain, G. Herivel; Treasurer, Mr. Brown; Secretary, Shaw; Sub-Captain, Manning. The subscription was fixed at 1s. The ground is in Sefton Park, where there is practice every Saturday. There was a match fixed to be played with the Commercial School on Wednesday, October 18th, but it was postponed owing to the unfavourable state of the weather.

## COMMERCIAL SCHOOL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

The following officers have been elected for the coming season:— President, the Head Master; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Bain, Harvey, and Steadman; Captain, H. D. Ward; Sub-Captain, W. Currall; Secretaries, Mr. Blundell and B. H. Martin. The subscription is 4d. per season. The officers hope that for the credit of the school many boys will join, and attend regularly all the practices.

A match was played between the High School Preparatory and the Commercial Preparatory on Wednesday, October 25th. The boys played a good game, and at half time the result was Commercial School, 1 goal; High School, *nil*. Rain then began to fall heavily, and the game had to be discontinued.

## CRICKET CLUB.

Owing to the energy of W. L. Collins and J. L. Hawkes, the deficit in the Cricket Club accounts has been made up, and the Club is once more solvent.

W. SNOW, *Hon. Treas.*

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE SCHOOLS MAGAZINE CLUB REPORTS 22 23

At a committee meeting held on Oct. 18th, Mr. Ranndrup in the chair, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Liverpool Lacrosse Club, for the kind permission to use their ground for the home matches of the Institute Club; and ten members of the Liverpool Lacrosse Club—Messrs. E. Baker, H. Davidson, E. W. Elliott, S. Jackson, W. Jackson, W. A. McCubbin, A. Monkhouse, L. Oulton, H. L. Roxburgh, and W. H. Roxburgh were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents.

On Oct. 18th, a match was played at Wavertree against Hulme Grammar School, and resulted in a win for Hulme Grammar School by 24 goals to *nil*. The Institute were altogether over-matched by the Manchester boys, who, in addition to playing excellent Lacrosse, had considerable advantage in size and weight. In spite of the large score against them the Institute defence at times played very well, and throughout worked hard.

On Oct. 21st, the Institute played the Birkenhead Juniors at Wavertree, and won by 8 goals to *nil*.

It is particularly to be hoped that many more boys will join the club, so that a good team may be got together for the Junior Schools Competition (under 15) next term.

## WINTER SWIMMING CLUB.

The winter Swimming Club will resume its practices at Pier Head Baths on Friday, November 3rd, at 4.50 p.m. All boys are invited to join. There is no entrance fee. Intending members should give in their names to Mr. Bickerstaff as early as possible. Members will be admitted to first-class bath on payment of three-pence.

J. G. WILSON.

## HARRIER CLUB.

The above Club will have its first run on Wednesday afternoon, November 15th, starting from the Institute Pavilion, Sefton Park, at 2.45 prompt. It is desirable that all boys who do not take an active part in Football, Lacrosse, &c., will enroll their names as members and attend the meets regularly. A register of attendance will be kept. There is no entrance fee. Mr. Bickerstaff will be pleased to receive the names of intending members, High and Commercial Schools.

## Our Contemporaries.

WE have received the following Magazines from other schools:— *The Sphinx*, *The Crucible*, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *King Edward's School Chronicle*, *The Mill Hill Magazine*, *Ulula*, *The Portcullis*, *The Academy Monthly*, *The Ellesmerian*, *The Bromsgrovian*.

*The Sphinx* is the organ of University College, Liverpool. It is a large Magazine, published monthly, price 6d. The October issue contains a portrait of Professor MacCunn, and articles on the

Liverpool Autumn Exhibition, on *Catriona* (Mr. R. L. Stevenson's last book), on "The First Taste of Winter," and on "Students' Songs." There is also a very amusing Examination Paper to be set before candidates for the editorship of *The Sphinx*.

*The Crucible* comes from Colorado, U.S.A. This is the first time we have received a copy, and we hope it will not be the last. It contains a number of articles copied from various papers and periodicals; also several highly interesting personal remarks on the professors and students. The following extracts, which are nothing if not American, will illustrate our meaning:—"The only time Professor Whitman was seen during the summer he was bestride a large brown horse, wearing a jockey's cap." "E. L. Williams now sports a horse and buggy." "Professor Beardsley and family are now at home on Tenth Street."

*The Academy Monthly* also comes from America, and is nearly as interesting as *The Crucible*. It contains several very personal remarks, and some old jokes.

*The St. Edward's School Chronicle* has only four pages, and no cover, yet the price is 6d. monthly. Think of this, ye Institute boys who object to paying 2d.

*The Mill Hill Magazine* is published six times yearly, price 6d. Last month's issue contains a very amusing so-called Natural History Paper on "Carcharidæ, or Landladies;" also an interesting article on "Student Life in Paris."

*The Bromsgrovian* is published twice a term. Last issue contains an article on Darwin's *Origin of Species*.

*Ulula* comes from Manchester Grammar School, and is, in our opinion, an ideal School Magazine. The price is 2d. It contains a humorous poem on "Columbus," and a very good paper on "John Keats."

*The Portcullis* comes from Warwick; *King Edward's School Chronicle* from Birmingham; and *The Ellesmerian* from St. Oswald's College, Ellesmere.

Nearly all the Magazines we have received contain accounts of their various Prize Days, and long Cricket Reports.

In Memoriam.

THOMAS ERNEST JONES: DIED 20TH OCTOBER, 1893,  
AGED 19 YEARS.

Editorial Notices.

There are now two Editors of the Magazine, N. C. Miller and G. Bell. All communications must be accompanied by the writer's name, though this need not necessarily be published. Contributions and Secretaries' Reports should be written legibly, on foolscap, on one side of the paper only, and should be sent in at least ten days before the end of the month.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of annual subscriptions from Mr. Storrs, Rev. A. H. Caldicott, and J. D. Crichton.