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The Humours of Geography.

IN the *Magazine*, some time ago, there appeared an article describing a geography some two hundred years old, written by one, Mr. Pat. Gordon, M.A. Not two hundred, but twenty years ago, there was published in London, by the firm of Longmans, Green & Co., a geography for schools, written by a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, which I venture to assert contains some statements not a whit less absurd than those of the honoured Mr. Pat. Gordon, M.A. I do not propose to criticise the whole book, but to take some of the gentleman's remarks on Canada, and comment thereon. "Canada is divided into two rather unequal parts by the River Ottawa, lying between the parallels of 45° and 50°, and is about 1,300 miles long, and from 100 to 350 broad." What does this mean? This book was published ten years after confederation, and immediately before this statement there is a table of all the provinces of Canada, and yet the Dominion, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the latitude of Northern Italy to the Polar regions is described as "1,300 miles long, and from 100 to 350 broad" by a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. "The inhabitants in winter adopt warmer clothing, consisting of furs, &c., drive in light carriages or sleighs drawn by one horse, visit their friends and indulge in out-door amusements." The absurdity of this sentence hardly needs comment, but as Canadians we must feel proud of the unique privileges we enjoy of visiting our friends and wearing warmer clothing in winter. Then we are treated to a brief description of the various cities. The only Toronto industry mentioned is "hat and cap manufacture." London "has wide and regular streets, and handsome public buildings." So have most Canadian cities; the author, however, does not deem it needful to state that it is the principal town of Western Ontario. Woodstock "has good schools and hotels." Considering that the schools, both elementary and high schools throughout Ontario are directed by the government, it is hard to see why Woodstock is singled out for praise. Possibly the learned geographer refers to the Baptist College there, though I doubt if this was established in 1877. A list of "less known towns with at least 3,000 inhabitants" follows. These include some towns

which are so little known that, after spending three years in Canada in an occupation peculiarly fitted for communication with small towns, I have never heard of them; others, by looking up the census records of 1891, I find to have populations very considerably below 3,000. The following are some from the gentleman's list:—Bagot, Cape Sante, Edwardsburg, Egremont, Fitzroy, Gloucester, Lancaster, Matilda, St. Joseph, St. Maurice. Ask any Canadian about these towns, and you will find he knows very little of them.

Such is the mass of inaccuracy to which, after wading through information (probably equally trustworthy) on Persia, Beloochistan, China, Turkey, and all Europe, &c., a school boy is introduced. Surely some radical improvement on the ordinary text book in geography is wanted. I should humbly suggest two plans, the first would be the introduction of colonial newspapers to English readers, at present a knowledge of them is almost wholly confined to journalists, who, judging by recent articles on Canada in English papers, appear to profit by it. The second would be that every one should correspond with some one in the colonies, even if they have no friends or relatives there, they might adopt a plan somewhat similar to that suggested in the January issue of the *Review of Reviews* for studying for modern languages.

With the Editor's kind permission I shall shortly write a brief description of some points in Ontario life, especially in the smaller towns; in the meantime I will prescribe a very large grain of salt with all text books on geography.

A. P. B.

TORONTO, 29th January, 1897.

University Success.

C. H. Grimshaw has been elected to a History Scholarship of £60 per year, at Lincoln College, Oxford.

The following is a brief record of his career. He entered the school in 1887, starting in the First Form. He entered the Sixth in 1892, gaining 2nd class honours in the Junior Oxford the following year. He got a second in the Senior in 1895, and a first in 1896. He was one of three bracketed equal for the English Essay Prize in 1894; and gained the whole of the prize in 1895. He has played in the first Rugby XV for two seasons, and has been sub-editor of this *Magazine* since 1895. His is our second History success, the first being that of N. C. Miller, who gained the Hulme Exhibition in 1895. We heartily wish Grimshaw every success in his career at Oxford.

The Athletic Sports.

THE Annual Athletic Sports were held this year on Saturday, April 3rd. Owing to the large number of entries, several of the minor events were decided on the Friday, in order to prevent the proceedings of Saturday from being too tedious. There were

very close contest for throwing the cricket ball, Hall, who won, only beating Crichton by about six inches. The distance was 78 yards. The long jump was won by Evans, who cleared 16 feet 8½ inches, Crichton again coming in a good second.

On Saturday, the weather being fine, though cold, the sports commenced in the presence of a large attendance.

The races were very keenly contested, the mile, 220 yards, and the two mile bicycle race, in particular, being very fine. Crichton easily won the mile, D. Elder being second. In the bicycle race Catlow ran Gregory very close, and the latter finished, amidst tremendous excitement, about a foot in front of the former. Crichton won the 220 yards after an extremely fast race. The old boys' race was won by Beatty.

In addition to the races, there was added this year to the list of events a tug of war between teams chosen from the High and Commercial Schools respectively. This event was this year rather easily won by the Commercial School team, the High School team being much lighter than their opponents. The Challenge Cup was won by Crichton, who obtained 32 marks, and who thus holds it for the third time in succession.

The arrangements, under the able direction of Mr. Snow, worked smoothly, and the stewards, by keeping excellent order on the ground, contributed in no small degree to the success of the sports.

The following are the results of the events:—

1. *Throwing the Cricket Ball*—1st, Hall; 2nd, Crichton; 3rd, W. R. Long.
2. *Broad Jump*—1st, Evans; 2nd, Crichton; 3rd, W. R. Long.
3. *Flat Race, 100 yards (age 12-15)*—1st, Booth; 2nd, Lee; 3rd, Murphy.
4. *Flat Race, 100 yards (age 10-12)*—Watkins and Howarth (dead heat).
5. *Flat Race, 100 yards, open*—1st, Crichton; 2nd, Edwards; 3rd, Pitts; 4th, Tebbutt.
6. *Flat Race, 100 yards (under 10)*—1st, Johnson; 2nd, Wilson; 3rd, Taylor.
7. *Mile Race*—1st, Crichton; 2nd, Elder; 3rd, Edwards; 4th, Pitts.
8. *440 Yards Handicap*—1st, McNair; 2nd, Reed; 3rd, Brass.
9. *High Jump*—1st, Evans; 2nd, W. R. Long. Height, 5 feet.
10. *High Jump (under 15)*—1st, Long; 2nd, Haenden. Height, 4 feet 11 inches.
11. *Sack Race*—1st, Gordon; 2nd, Falkner; 3rd, Lawson; 4th, Helsby.
12. *Flat Race, 880 yards Handicap*—1st, Flint; 2nd, Coe.
13. *Flat Race, 300 yards (under 15)*—1st, Thomas; 2nd, Booth.
14. *Flat Race, 220 yards (under 12)*—1st, Townson; 2nd, W. Jones.
15. *Bicycle Race, 1 mile Handicap (under 14)*—1st, Turner; 2nd, Porter.
16. *Flat Race, 440 yards, open*—1st, Crichton; 2nd, W. R. Long; 3rd, Affleck.
17. *Three-Legged Race*—1st, Pollard and Davies; 2nd, Hall and Martin; 3rd, Long and Evans.
18. *Flat Race, 220 yards, open*—1st, Crichton; 2nd, Edwards.
19. *Flat Race, 220 yards (under 13)*—1st, Dutton; 2nd, Kitchen; 3rd, Thompson.
20. *Lemon and Spoon Race*—1st, Long; 2nd, Large; 3rd, Coe; 4th, Harris.
21. *Flat Race, 880 yards, open*—1st, Crichton; 2nd, Affleck; 3rd, Tebbutt.
22. *440 Yards Handicap (13-16)*—1st, Flint; 2nd, Martin; 3rd, Walker.
23. *Bicycle Race, 2 miles Handicap (over 14)*—1st, Gregory; 2nd, Catlow.
24. *Tug of War, High School v. Commercial School*—Commercial School won, 2-0.
25. *Old Boys' Race*—1st, W. W. Beatty.

The prizes were distributed on Friday, April 9th, by the Head Master, after which the school dispersed for the Easter holidays.

Many of the prizes were generously presented by the following:—The Right Hon. the Earl of Sefton, K.G., W. Rathbone,

Esq., Rev. J. Sephton, R. R. Meade-King, Esq., H. Douglas Horsfall, Esq., P. H. Holt, Esq., A. Holt, Esq., C. S. Samuel, Esq., Mrs. G. Holt, R. W. Jones, Esq., T. H. Bickerton, Esq., M.D., W. H. Watts, Esq., H. Jones, Esq., W. Oulton, Esq., F. M. Radcliffe, Esq., H. Watts, Esq., S. B. Leicester, Esq., G. Rathbone, Esq., S. Spoonley, Esq., and the masters.

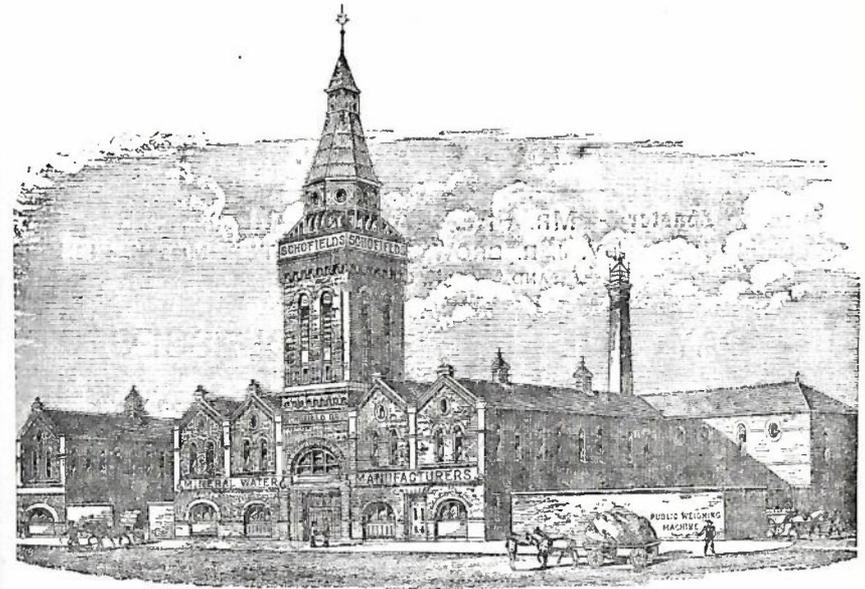
Liverpool Geographical Society Examination.

The examination for prizes offered by the Geographical Society was held in March, and the result is again most satisfactory to the Institute. As last year, two papers were set, one general, and the other special. The first prize of £5, in books, has been gained by R. Pringle, first class, Commercial School; T. Lodge, Weaver and F. Cheeseright are highly commended.

The Other Side of the Question.

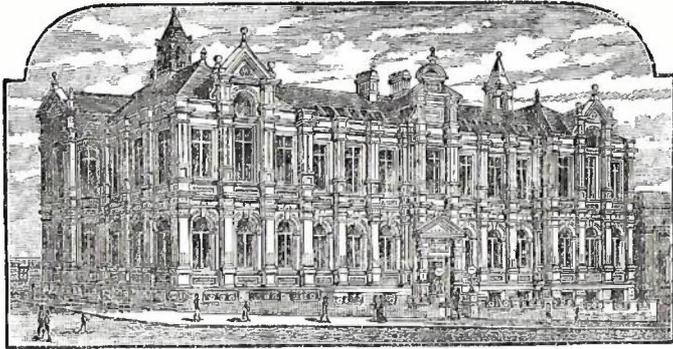
"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

THE king laid him down in his lonely chamber, where were none to obey and serve him. The jungle made the walls of his roofless palace, the beaten earth its floor. His tread alone kept open the path from his lair to the waterside, for he was the last of his race. That evening on his way home he had killed a child, black, plump, and juicy. Now, it is forbidden to kill, so the king was a criminal. Yet as he stretched himself on his side, and licked the last flavours from his jaws, he did not know that he had a guilty conscience; for in his blind judgment it was as just for tiger to slay man in the jungle as for man to slay tiger in the clearing. His realm was small, yet for the sake of his own peace he must hold it intact. So, like the Village Blacksmith, he believed he had earned a night's repose; wrongly, for he was really giving way to laziness and was neglecting to go down to the stream for his constitutional night-cap. He lay sleepily awake, and the thoughts came to him leaping one over the other. The gloomy future overleaped the happy past, and anon some after-taste of supper recalled the present. Then in jumped the memory of his last man-eating, and reflections on man's vast superiority to the beasts—as a viand. It would be hard to say whether he were now over the borderland of sleep, but still the game of thoughts went on, but less coherently than before. Things that were, he saw in places that were not; men lurked and tigers tilled. But soon, as if his lens of thought were come to a focus, the picture cleared, and objects took real and rational shape. There was the river, his river; he was watching from the edge of the cover. Now a man came walking down; the king noted that he was white and carried no shooter. It was enough. Tigers' rights must be preserved, and tigers' hunger satisfied. One mighty spring—and the moon was smiling cynically down on a disappointed monarch. This mental turmoil



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had doubtless arisen from eating rich meat and missing the glass of water. Yet the shock of sudden awaking had its effect, and, like the man in the tale, the king turned him over on his other side and fell into a deep, unbroken sleep. When the morning sun called him from slumber, he stretched, yawned (human-like), and gladly rising went down to the river-bank. There he concealed himself in the fringe of the jungle. The zeal of man for massacring the beasts had forced the king to adopt an elaborate system of forage. It was parallel with that of the angler who leaves water untouched for a time, lest the fish should become too shy. The king had not hunted at this spot for a month or more. Therefore, he had good grounds for hoping that some herd would come down to drink of the river that morning. If so, he would slay his quarry and carry it to his lair, there to be carefully stored and cured in the sun. For the old libel is not true. The tale that the tiger is a prodigal glutton was invented by some menagerie-man (Noah, by its antiquity), and has been kept up by every generation of showmen since as an excuse for exacting that monstrous imposition of three-pence extra for feeding-time. Yet I warrant the gourmand tiger always goes hungrier to bed than his owner. The tale is equally untrue if applied to the creature in his natural state. The doctrine of the survival of the fittest is understood too well in the forest for the tiger to wantonly waste his supplies. So doubt not the king's intention to store the game he was going to bag this fine morning. Yet it seemed that he was to go away empty-jawed, till at length his quick ear detected the approach of something. Assuredly it must be a man, for the hunted beasts move too lightly to be heard from far off. Yet it was not usual for man to come there. True, it was agreed by the few whites of the district that no man-eater existed in that piece of jungle. Equally true, too, that they made a point of avoiding the place—to alleviate the anxieties of the natives, they said. Yet a man it was that appeared to the watching tiger, a man tall and sandy. He was new to the place and wished to resolve the tiger myth for himself; so when news was brought of the loss of the child he determined to beard the culprit in his own haunts. Such was the chain of events which brought these two to cross ways this morning. Now, the moment the hunter stood forth, like a flash the interrupted dream came back to the king. It was the same man; he carried no gun. This time he was no illusion, begot of an undigested supper. One bound. But alas for the vanity of dreams, whether of night or of day! Two natives stand by the man, each carrying a gun. Swiftly Sandy takes one, and—the king cannot finish the tale. Jackals and vile dogs eat his flesh; his skin is set at a price; nigger babies play about his lair. O glorious name of justice poetic! That is the end of the story. There are two morals to it. If you can find one for the tiger, pray spend a little thought seeking one for man.

Chat on the Corridor.

The first of the letters published in our correspondence column touches, we think, on a matter of general importance. Our games certainly do require great efforts to keep them alive; our finances, disjointed and unconnected as they are, do not allow things to be carried on in a style worthy of our name and numbers. Since we received the letter published in this issue, a meeting has been called by the Head Master to consider this very question, and although there are many and great difficulties to be overcome before a new system is established, there is every hope that in the course of some little time matters will be put on a new basis.

The great and lasting improvement that must result is certainly worth the trouble of a little work or organisation. Speaking as an editor, we may say that we would be only too glad to include the *Magazine*, if possible, in some such general system. There might be some inducement to bring out the numbers regularly if the receipts were a little more definite and settled.

Will boys be so good as to pay for this and future *Magazines* within a reasonable time of taking it? Every month we are some shillings short in our accounts from this cause, and we begin to fear that some have fallen into the regular habit of omitting to pay their just debts to us.

Football has been so long dead that we shall not attempt to revive it here, yet a few remarks may not be out of place and date. Both teams finished moderate seasons in disaster, and as a consequence the school is now stripped bare of trophies. The "soccer" match, we understand, was lost by lack of staying power and training, and is thus the more regrettable. The most pleasant feature of the season has been the way in which the two sides of the school have combined together. The Commercial recruits have done splendid service for the Rugby Club, whilst the High School has furnished several excellent players for the "soccer" team.

Mr. Horsfall's cup was won by the Upper Second, after a most exciting competition, and the donor, the secretary, and all the supporters of inter-class football are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their efforts. We must add a special word of thanks to Mr. Horsfall for giving us the free use of his ground for these matches.

Mr. A. E. Ewart has passed in the first class in the examination for Naval Engineers, and has been appointed to H.M.S. *Druid*. We heartily congratulate him on this latest addition to his long list of successes, and are confident that he will speedily rise to a high position of trust and honour in the service.

We heartily congratulate R. Pringle on gaining the first Geographical prize, as reported elsewhere. Belonging, as Editor, to

both sides of the School, we may express especial pleasure that the prize has been won by a Commercial boy, for a little healthy rivalry between the two divisions may do much to keep this prize an Institute monopoly as hitherto.

Despite the prophets of evil, the Sports proved a decided success, and to those who grumbled at the coldness of the afternoon, we would submit that the Sports cannot but interfere with important work if held in the Summer term. The chief credit for the general excellence of the arrangements belongs to Mr. Snow, C. M. Long, and Tebbutt; and for the prizes we are mainly indebted to those whose names appear in the Sports' report.

Club Reports.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIFTEEN.

G. B. ELDER, Full-back, 8st. 8lbs.—Kicks with judgment, but is weak in fielding the ball. Tackles fairly well, but lacks power. Did very well in the Shield matches considering his inexperience.

A. C. CRICHTON, Three-quarter, 9st. 5lbs.—Very fast, but does not use his speed enough. Has greatly improved in kicking and tackling, but often spoils himself by too much dash; should refrain from stopping the game without cause.

W. R. LONG, Three-quarter, 10st. 6lbs.—The best kick in the team, and though not fast runs well, should mark his man better; has saved several matches by his fine place-kicking.

S. B. EVANS, Three-quarter, 10st. 5lbs.—Plays with commendable dash, but is erratic in his passing. Punts well, does not always get his man, but tackles vigorously when he does so.

E. TEBBUTT, Three-quarter, 8st. 12lbs.—Light but very speedy. His kicking has improved much of late. Always takes his man well. Should try to take his passes better.

H. S. BROWN, Half, 9st. 10lbs.—One of the best men in the team; very good on defence, and makes plenty of openings for the three-quarters, passes well, and plays a most unselfish game.

C. E. PIRTS, Half, 9st.—A plucky half, saves and kicks well, rather lacks finish but plays very consistently.

H. HALL, Forward, 12st 6lbs.—Our heaviest man, plays strongly and fearlessly on the loose, and often scores; very valuable player, but is rather inclined to shirk the scrums.

C. H. GRIMSHAW, Forward, 10st. 8lbs.—A very keen forward, and generally gets in front rank of the scrum; tackles with vigour, but kicks little.

T. J. WILLIAMS, Forward, 10st. 2lbs.—Works steadily, but might use his speed and weight to better advantage.

J. B. AEFLECK, Forward, 9st 10lbs.—A hard-working forward, gained his place by good play on the loose; fast and stays well, should practise kicking.

T. L. WALKER, Forward, 9st. 7lbs.—Plays keenly but rather wildly, shoves well, and will make a good forward when he knows the game better.

P. G. EDWARDS, Forward, 11st.—Only began to play late in the season, has learnt the game quickly, and in spite of his lack of experience plays a good game; hardly uses his pace enough.

C. ELDER, Forward, 9st.—Plays with spirit, tackles finely, but has a dangerous tendency to get out of his place.

P. J. ROSE, Forward, 8st. 13lbs.—Although practically new to the game at the beginning of the season, has developed into one of our best forwards. Very good on the loose and dribbles well. Plays a sterling game at full-back, but was unfortunately prevented from playing in the Shield matches owing to an accident.

C. M. LONG, Forward, 10st.—Always in the front rank of the scrum. Plays with dash from start to finish. Fairly good on the loose; lacks speed, however, and should improve his kicking.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE.

The above League match was the only one which took place this season, on account of the other school having withdrawn from the League.

The contest took place at Goodison Park, kindly lent by the Everton Football Committee for the occasion. The Institute team were:—Cross, goal; Lumby and Sadler, back; Macgranaghan, Cowley, and Williams, half-back; Gill, Heaps, Beckett, Collins, and Carruthers, forwards. The College had a particularly strong team, drawn from both Middle and Commercial Schools.

In the presence of a large number of boys and friends, the College kicked off against a slight wind. For a long time the play was of a very even character, and the game was a fast one. After twenty minutes the Institute scored by a kick from Collins. At half-time the Institute was a goal to the good. When ends were changed the College pressed more than they had done in the first half, and showed better combination than the Institute. During the last twenty minutes of the game the College managed to register three goals to their account, the play of the Institute having evidently fallen off. Cross, for the Institute, played a splendid game, and stopped many dangerous shots at his charge. Cowley at centre half did good work. The Institute forwards were not smart enough on the ball. They had many good openings of which they failed to take advantage.

The game was played in a friendly spirit throughout, and we heartily congratulate the College on their capture of the Shield. Nevertheless it is the duty of the Institute boys to make a determined effort to bring the Shield back next season.

ASSOCIATION COMPETITION.

Mr. Horsfall's Cup was played for last term on the English Cup system, the winners turning up in the Upper Second who had a very level team, with strong backs.

The draw for the first round was favourable to the Junior Clubs, four of whom survived to enter the second round. Most of the matches were closely contested, the surprise turning up in the defeat of the First by the Middle Third, who, in the semi-final, were only just beaten by the Lower Third.

In the second round the most important match was that between the Upper and Lower Second which was won by the former somewhat easily. The Final between the Upper Second and Lower Third was splendidly fought out, the Third showing that they had thoroughly earned their place, and giving the Second all they could do to secure the Cup. The full results of each round are given below.

FIRST ROUND.

Upper Second beat Upper Third by 8 goals to 1.
Lower Second beat Middle Second by 5 goals to 3.
Lower Fourth beat Lower Fifth by 2 goals to 0.

Preparatory beat Upper Fourth by 2 goals to 1.
Middle Fourth beat Upper Sixth by 4 goals to 2.
Lower Third beat Upper Fifth by 3 goals to 1.
Middle Third beat First by 4 goals to 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Upper Second beat Lower Second by 5 goals to 1.
Lower Fourth beat Preparatory by 4 goals to 0.
Lower Third beat Middle Fourth by 1 goal to 0.
Middle Third, a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.

Upper Second beat Lower Fourth by 13 goals to 3.
Lower Third beat Middle Third by 2 goals to 0.

FINAL.

Upper Second beat Lower Third by 2 goals to 0, and won the Cup.

In Memoriam.

VICTOR NATHAN,
AGED 44 YEARS,
DIED 22ND APRIL, 1897.

Correspondence.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I trust you will pardon my asking you to re-open this column, for I feel that the matter of which I write is one of pressing importance. Let me honestly deny the conception of what I am going to suggest; it is not my wish to be original in my views of this matter. I hope I do not write with the object of wasting paper or space, or with the desire of seeing my sentences in print. I trust some good may be done by putting into shape certain ideas which have been held for some time by those who take the keenest interest in our school games. It is not too much to say that under the present system, the management of the clubs (except, perhaps, Swimming) is a most depressing and wearisome task; depressing both in the immediate results and because extinction seems inevitable. There were once Lacrosse and Cycling clubs; the Debating Society is at best dormant. The two Football, the Cricket and Swimming clubs remain. Now, admittedly, our Rugger and Cricket are not flourishing, nor even satisfactory. They are only kept alive by the efforts of a few masters and boys, and seem to be dwindling rather than improving. Now, whilst we still have some clubs remaining, does it not behove us to strengthen them, lest it be afterwards said that we left the school athletics on a worse

foundation than we found them. Surely the fault of our system is that some dozen boys and a master's pocket must keep up a club bearing the school name; surely the school club should be supported by every boy in the school. We would only be following the general example of secondary schools if every boy paid a small yearly or terminal subscription. An average sub. of 2/6 a year would bring in £100. Would any parent mind spending such a sum for a year's recreation? I think not. Then a representative games-committee might be formed, and a full series of teams be run. The gain to athletics would be enormous, and the change would certainly not do any harm to school work. I trespass on your space, but I would like to impress that the matter is urgent, and that something must be done before, willy-nilly, we find ourselves without any school sports at all. That we may be spared a trial of "All work and no play" is the fervent wish of

Yours, ANT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Might I ask you, if possible, to inform me why, as I hear, German is not to be included as a subject in this year's examination for Lord Derby's Prize for Modern Languages. When I was at School, a German paper was always set, and was, as a rule, well answered. Is it because German as a subject has fallen into such a state of decay that it is feared insufficient candidates will present themselves. I should be sorry if this were so, being aware of the flourishing state of the other subject, French, and feeling convinced that in these days of foreign competition it is to a boy's advantage to make himself equally familiar with both French and German. If I am right in my surmise, I trust that in future we shall see boys more eager to learn and study a language which is not only useful but so closely connected with our own. With apologies for thus trespassing upon your space.—I am, yours,

AN OLD BOY.

[We are sorry to confirm our correspondent's fears, but the fact is that no boys in the 6th, save one who has had the Prize, have taken German this year. May we suggest that this is not necessarily a sign of degeneracy?—EDITOR.]

Editorial Notices.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of annual subscriptions from:—Mrs. Sephton, Mrs. P. H. Holt, Messrs. R. Harley (two years) S. B. Leicester, H. G. Humphreys, J. A. Peil, H. A. Scott, R. Burn, and S. Spoonley.

Since our last issue we have received the following Magazines from other Schools:—*Ipswich School Magazine*, *Pendulum*, *High School World*, *Red Man*, *Blairlodge School Magazine*, *Oakham School Magazine*, *Germantown Academy Monthly*, *City of London School Magazine*, *King Edward's School Chronicle*, *Denstonian (with Supplement)*, *Liverpool College (U.S.) Magazine*, *Plymothian*, *Birkenhead School Magazine*.