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“**W**HY is the L. I. S. M. dropped?” is a question that may well have occurred to many. The present Editors would return answer that it need not be dropped, that it ought not to be dropped, and that if they can possibly avoid it, it will not be dropped. We intend to make a new effort, and a stronger one than was made before. We should like it to be clearly understood that we do not intend this to be a VI. Form Magazine, but a School Magazine. To make it such we need the hearty co-operation of all in both schools. By this we do not simply mean that everyone should buy the paper, but should endeavour to write some article for it.

We may certainly with confidence look forward to the continuance of the Magazine in its present form, but with that only we should not be satisfied, and if the sale of this number exceeds by anything considerable 400 copies, we shall certainly take into consideration the advisability of enlarging the size to twelve pages.

It will be observed that the style of contents is slightly altered, and we hope for the better. We desire to have as much real School News in the paper as possible, and in this matter especially we beg the assistance of all. We intend also to endeavour to have two leading articles in each number, a scheme which we trust will meet with the approval of our readers. In conclusion we would just mention that it has been thought well to abolish the system of the sale of the Magazine by delegates, and it can now be obtained only from the Editors, and Messrs. Ewart, Wright and Brown.

W. McI. BROWN,

H. E. LONG,

Joint Editors.

The Honour List of the Oxford Local Examinations, which was published on September 12th, was the cause of great pleasure to a few and of disappointment to several, as the new method of dividing the list into four divisions was to all appearances instituted to relieve the number of 1st class certificates instead of the 3rd class. However, the number of passes this year has exceeded that of any previous year, and it is a great credit to the school that both the prizes presented by Lord Derby have been taken by two of its scholars. In the Science and Art Examinations also, the Institute has been well represented, gaining 786 certificates.

As regards the out-door sports of the School, it must be very gratifying to the captain of the cricket eleven that although the losses are in the majority, the proportion of successes is much greater this year than last. We may

mention as showing the improvement in our cricket, the number of our 1st team victories during the last three years : 1885, 1 ; 1886, 4 ; 1887, 6. Another satisfactory event is that this year for the first time we have had a regular second team, playing a considerable number of matches, of which they won a good many. Now, however, that the cold days and short evenings have commenced, the cricketers have retired and the football players are coming forward, but, as the season is not yet properly commenced, we can only wish that the club will have a successful season, and be able to make a good appearance in the contest for the Shield next March.

L. I. L. D. S.

A MEETING of this Society was held on September 27th, R. BURN, in the chair.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, W. McI. BROWN made a statement as to the finances of the L. I. S. M. The debate was adjourned.

H. R. ARMSTRONG having taken the chair vacated by R. BURN, H. E. LONG opened in the affirmative a debate on "Are the Welsh farmers justified in refusing to pay tithes?" He announced that while maintaining the Welsh farmers justified in refusing to pay tithes, he did not approve of cruelty to those appointed to collect them. He held it as his opinion that it was justifiable to disobey a law if bad, and remarked on the minority of the Church in Wales.

R. BURN for the negative, gave a short and interesting history of tithes. He thought the Welsh farmers' resistance unjustifiable because of its illegality. He argued that armed opposition is always illegal, and instanced reforms which had been brought about by peaceful agitation, among them, the Franchise Act.

JENKINS, DALE, BROWN and WILLIAMS, spoke for the affirmative, and MILLARD and ARMSTRONG, for the negative. After the Leaders had replied, the division resulted in the success of the affirmative by ten votes to seven.

A meeting was held on October 4th, R. BURN, in the chair.

After the reading and confirming of the minutes, A. INMAN was

elected a member. In the adjourned debate on the L. I. S. M., H. E. LONG brought forward a series of resolutions, the main points of which were carried, providing for a printed number of the L. I. S. M.

J. B. DALE then read a paper on "Astronomical Researches of the 19th century." He expressed his intention to deal chiefly with the Solar System and touched at some length on the different theories concerning the sun. He then explained the Spectroscope and Kirchoff's experiment. He also commented on the discovery of new planets, of Mars' satellites, and of water in the atmosphere of Venus, and made some remarks on Nebulae.

LONG, MILLARD, LUMGAIL, BROWN, PHILLIPS, WILLIAMS, and BURN took part in the discussion, and after the essayist's reply, the meeting was adjourned.

A meeting was held on October 11th, R. BURN, in the chair.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, G. S. R. DICKSON, was elected a member.

W. McI. BROWN opened in the affirmative a debate on "Has Gunpowder been a benefit to mankind?" He began with a short history of Gunpowder, and mentioned its uses for blasting, and its superiority over other weapons in hunting. He thought it of great benefit in war, and said the velocity of sound was determined by its use.

V. C. H. MILLARD for the negative, said the fact that Gunpowder was used for the destruction of men's lives showed it was not beneficial, and that the evil done by it far outweighed the good. He said that Gunpowder in war was a distinct disadvantage, both as regards expense and expedition, and compared ancient and modern weapons.

BARKER, INMAN, WILSON, KER, CHISHOLM, WILLIAMS, and BURN, spoke for the affirmative; LONG, WALLACE, DALE, and LUMGAIL, for the negative; and SPENCER and TAYLOR, neutral. After the Leaders' reply, the division resulted in the affirmative being carried by 8 to 6.

A meeting was held on October 18th, R. BURN, in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and W. McI. BROWN, gave notice of a motion.

A. J. EWART read a paper on "Adulterations." He intimated that he would limit himself chiefly to foods and medicines, as the subject was of so extensive a nature. He described the various adulterations in flour, milk, sugar, tea, cocoa, coffee, quinine, butter, and other substances. He also pointed out how some of the adulterations could be detected, and considered adulteration in medicines to be the most serious case.

MILLARD, WILLIAMS, CHISHOLM, WILSON, KER, BURN, LONG, BARKER, and TAYLOR, made some remarks, and the essayist having replied, the meeting was adjourned.

THE SECRETARY,

L. I. L. D. S.

THE SACRIFICE OF THE SERF.

FAST across the Russian forest, and across Cracovian plains,
While the sleigh-bells ring so merrily, hanging from the loosen'd
reins,

A noble count and his lady ride;
And he thinks each star that shines afar,
Less bright than the eyes of his bride:
So their laughter floats upon the night wind
To the serf called Ivan, who rides behind.

What else is borne upon the wind, from forests in the rear,
That strikes the flush from paling cheek, and stuns the list'ning ear?
"Ah! master, lash your horses,—the howl of the wolf, I hear!"

Through the dark fir forest ringing,—yells as of hellish hate—
Comes the sharp fierce bark of the galloping wolf,
The long hoarse howl of the hungry wolf,
The horrid snarl of the tireless wolf—the voice of angry fate.

Ah! horses, strain your sinews now—ye need no lash, ye know
The sound that strikes your shudd'ring ears, the war shout of your foe:
With strained neck and fear-spiced hoof, they whirl the rocking sleigh;
The count still wields the needless lash, the lady bows to pray,
And whispered accents from pale lips, to "Jesu! Mary kind!"
Float past the serf called Ivan, who stands on the rest behind:

Who spake unto his master—"We one or all must die;
For the wolves are closing round us, I hear their gathering cry!
Swear by the God above us, my wife and children all
Shall be cared for in the cottage against your castle wall!"
His voice shook; on his features there shone a light divine—
"And I will go unto the wolves, and give my life for thine."

His master turned and grasped his hand—"This moment thou art free,
But God and all the saints forbid, a man should die for me:—
Oh God! my wife!" he droop'd his head, as one in mortal pain;
His white right hand still grasped the serf's, his left was on the rein.
The serf called Ivan forward bent, and kissed his master's hand,
Then, lightly leaping from the sleigh, fell on the frozen land.

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Brightly shine the lights of Cracow—rings the watchman's sudden bell;
Open fly the gates of Cracow, by the steadfast sentinel.

Trembling halt the panting horses, in the refuge that they find,
Streams their hot breath past the night lamps, while their hoofs the
pavement grind.
Count and countless, kneeling, weeping, breathe a sad regretful prayer—
“May our God forget us, when we first forget the oath we swear!”

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Still amid the Russian forest, where the serf died for his lord,
Stands the monumental sculpture, ever pointing heavenward :
Still unto the stately marble, dying suns their glory lend,
Where in characters of gold,
This fair legend yet is scrolled—
“Greater love than this hath no man, that he dieth for his Friend!”

WITH THE CREAM OF THE INSTITUTE.

ONE evening, having nothing particular to do, I took it into my head to pay a visit to the Literary Society during a debate, but not wishing to be thought obtrusive, I found a convenient trap-door in the ceiling of the Society's room, and, by means of a little manipulation, prepared myself to view the proceedings. Scarcely had I taken up my station, when the members of the illustrious sixth trooped in, and after a few natural struggles for the chairs, the entertainment began.

The first speaker, after spending a minute or two in adjusting a pair of eyeglasses, proceeded in a grave and deliberate manner to read out the names of a number of gentlemen, with whom, of course, I was totally unacquainted, and then gave a brief report of the Society's last meeting. I should have been most happy to give at least an abstract of this report but am unable, owing to a slight difference of opinion between two members, during which they exchanged a few complimentary epithets. I will just set down a little of what I did hear.

“The hon. member then went on to state—(you're another)--Considering the opinion of the majority (cad, cow, sneak, bully), and taking into account the lengthy discussions and the decision of the chair (let me go!)” Then shortly afterwards the speaker smiled and sat down, and handed the book to the chairman, who rose and said something I could not quite catch; immediately half the society started to its feet and began to yell unitedly at the unlucky chairman. “I said”—“I didn't say”—“You've quite altered”—“How dare you misrepresent”—“Pass that book down here”—“I deny it”—“You have not a particle of right to”—with a few more expressions indicative of dissent. After a little more hubbub, order was a length restored. I have learnt since that this is what is called “approving the minutes.”

For a third time the chairman rose, this time to call on an honourable member to address the meeting. After a moment's pause a somewhat tall member, wearing spectacles, got laboriously on to his feet, and in a rather nervous manner brought forward the first motion, viz.: “That in future no funds of this Society shall be used for the purpose of tipping the porters to keep the fire in after 4-30.” His arguments were decidedly telling, especially the last, which was, that as the Society had not any funds whatever on hand and was considerably in debt, it would be desirable to lessen the continual drain upon the members as much as possible; and the matter then before them, he thought, was one in which economy could easily be practised.

The motion was seconded by a member wearing a tight-fitting jacket. I discovered he was seconding it just before he sat down, because he said so; otherwise I should have had the firm conviction that he was moving a direct negative, so energetically did he attempt to refute the statements of the honourable mover.

He was followed by the mover of the first amendment. I wish I could give you this gentleman's whole speech; it was a triumph of fervid oratory. “Shall we” he said, “grudge a miserable shilling to those benefactors of boyhood? Shall we be so parsimonious as to withhold from them one iota of what is their due? Can we ever forget the priceless interruptions which they make in the dull routine of class work? When I hear their measured tread (laughter) in the corridors, I tell you, sir, an irresistible sense of gratitude overcomes me, even to the extent of forcing me to desist from the entrancing study of Euripides (oh, oh! from the entire Society), and I hope, nay, I feel certain, that this generous emotion will never leave me, and that in after life I shall always retain a most enduring recollection of the honoured names of the porters.”

A gentleman now rose with an effort to his full height (somewhere about seven feet), and glancing around with an air of apologetic indifference, said “I think that no words of mine can approach (hear, hear—certainly not) the brilliant oration to which we have just listened, I therefore, &c., &c.,” from which I understood that he seconded the amendment.

I must here, with much regret, break off my account of this most energetic society, as the late hour compelled me to seek refreshment and rest after my somewhat cramped position over the trap-door. What the result of the division was I don't know, but perhaps at some future date the readers of the L. I. S. M. will favour me with their attention, while I recount further proceedings of the L. I. L. D. S.

HERMES.

FROM HEINE.

I cannot tell why it should be,
 My heart is over-cast ;
 A song or tale is haunting me—
 A tale of time long past.

The breeze is chill, and fades the light,
 All silent flows the Rhine,
 A red glow fires the mountain height,
 In the setting sun's decline.

And there, above, a maiden sits
 Whose charms are wondrous fair ;
 The light amidst her jewels flits ;
 She ranges golden hair.

With golden comb her golden hair
 And therewith sings her song,
 Her song, of melody most rare
 O'er-masteringly strong.

The boatman, smit with sudden woe,
 Must steer his frail bark nigh :
 He sees not there the rocky foe ;
 His gaze is fixed on high.

Engulf'd, too soon the waves below,
 Both man and bark shall lie :
 Her mighty charm she uses so,
 This maid of Lorelei.

CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR.

Great was the joy among some members of the VI. Form when Tuesday, October 18th turned out damp, and thus unfit for an exam. in Practical Electricity. It is to be hoped that future hours set apart for this subject will be accompanied by a downfall of moisture.

EVERYBODY is glad to hear of H. R. Armstrong's success in obtaining a good sizarship at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. He well deserves the honour, and whilst congratulating him upon it, we cannot but regret his departure from our school. We could not have had a worthier or abler Secretary for the L.I.L.D.S.

THE Football season, as we all know, has already commenced. It will be remembered by all ardent lovers of this pastime that we were the third best school last season in the competition for the Shield, our two superiors being Waterloo and the College. But as these two, *sic fama est*, have lost their best players, and our strength is comparatively the same as last season, there is no reason why we should not obtain the first honours this season.

How about our 2nd fifteen this season? Now, Captain, what are you at? More interest should be taken in the training of juniors. We look to them for future ages.

TALKING of football makes us ask ourselves a question. How is it that there is only a club in the High School? Why not a Commercial club? Are they all asleep in that quarter? Why not form a club this year? Report says that some good men could be got from the Commercial. Let them, then, take this opportunity of proving this statement if true.

PERMISSION has been granted by Mr. Ewart to bring refreshments to the Wednesday and Saturday Chemistry class. We fear as the consequence, that Mr. Ewart will be greatly besieged by "anxious learners" of the science next term.

THAT youth who strewed caps about in the passage the other day may have thought it a "cap-ital idea," but we would advise him if he wishes to continue such freaks, to join the troupe of Buffalo Bill or Mexican Joe, where he can enjoy himself to his heart's content without fear of punishment.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THE Annual Meeting for the distribution of prizes and certificates gained in the University and other examinations took place on Tuesday, October 25th, the Mayor, Sir J. Poole, being in the chair. The prizes were delivered by Sir J. Lubbock, Bart., M.P., F.R.S., and there were also present on the platform, Mr. R. W. Jones, (President of the Institute), Rev. J. Sephton, Mr. S. Smith, M.P., Mr. W. P. Sinclair, M.P., &c.

Sir J. Poole introduced Sir John Lubbock as a profound scholar and eminent naturalist.

Sir J. Lubbock, who was received with loud applause, began by congratulating those who were receiving prizes. He read an extract from Dr. Richardson's speech last year, in which the latter impressed upon each the necessity of choosing that branch of study for which he was adapted. Sir John cordially agreed with this, but thought an elementary education in all subjects desirable. He considered the English behind the Germans in this respect, as elementary science was taught in all German schools. He passed on to say that Health, Wealth, and Wisdom were considered essential to happiness in life, which he agreed with except possibly as to the second. Still he thought riches used well a great blessing. He thought almost all had it in their power to take sufficient exercise to secure health. While on this matter he asked for a holiday for the school on account of the recent successes, a remark loudly applauded. He closed by reminding the boys that they were as

much knights-errant as any who sat at King Arthur's Round Table, and he hoped that each boy would be like the knight who had the strength of ten because his heart was pure.

Rev. J. Sephton then delivered his annual report, which showed that, as far as the Oxford Examinations were concerned, the success this year was unprecedented. He remarked that all but one of the first classes had been a long time at the school. He gave an account of some of the successes of Old Boys at University College and Cambridge.

A vote of thanks was passed to Sir John Lubbock on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. S. Smith, M.P., and to the Mayor on the motion of Sir John Lubbock, seconded by Mr. Sinclair, M.P.

AUDITOR.

FOOTBALL.

L.I.F.C. v. Liverpool College.—On Wednesday, October 12th, the forces of the L. I. F. C. advanced to the Football contest with those of the Liverpool College, by whom they were signally defeated. The Institute was unfortunate in being deprived of the services of Fraser, Atkinson, and Ker, and before the game had proceeded very far, Robson, the chief hope of the side, was wounded and compelled to retire; nevertheless the team kept up manfully against their powerful opponents. The College won by 6 goals and 8 tries to nil.

L.I.F.C. v Birkenhead School.—This match was played on October 19th. The team, when they got to the supposed ground of the Birkenhead, found no signs of any football. It was only after trudging about Birkenhead for a long time that the ground was at last reached. The Institute, who were without Robson, were beaten by 1 goal, 4 tries and 5 minors, to 2 minors. Of the Institute forwards, Burroughs, Stoddart, and Taylor were prominent, while the backs, though inferior to the Birkenhead's, played capitally.

L.I.F.C. v Parkfield F.C.—Our first victory this season was obtained on Oct. 22nd, over Parkfield F.C., a club consisting chiefly of Old Boys of Parkfield School. During the first half only minors were scored, but in the second Henderson and Burroughs each obtained a try for the Institute, the place kick being a failure in both cases. Besides the above, Goulding, Ker and Williams played very well. The final result was a victory for the Institute by 2 tries and 7 minors to 1 minor.

SPECTATOR.

NOTE.—We heartily invite correspondence on any topic, particularly suggestions as to future numbers of the Magazine, which will always receive our most careful attention.

All contributions of any kind *must* be certified by the writer's name though this will not be published unless desired.