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Of Reading.—Continued.

There is one sort of literature, which has not, I think, been mentioned; and yet it is studied to the exclusion of everything else by a very large number—perhaps the majority of people who read at all. I mean the daily and weekly press. Now it is every Englishman's duty to know something about what is going on in the world, and he therefore ought to spend some little time, not too much, every day in reading the newspaper. At my old school, the upper forms used to have a newspaper lesson once a week. It only took about a quarter of an hour, but in that quarter or an hour the master used to ask us questions about what had happened during the previous week, and explain any points, usually a great many, which we did not understand. The lessons were not always a success, because nothing would induce some boys to read anything except the cricket and football, which were only occasionally deemed by the master worthy of attention. The boys of one house, by the way, used to do better than the rest, because they were sharp enough to take in the *Spectator*, whose brief summary of events could be got up in a short time. But I think the idea was a good one, and was really of some practical use. I said that some boys would read nothing but the cricket and football reports. Now I am far from denying that these are the most interesting part of the newspaper. I always in the summer read the cricket reports before anything else, and so, I believe, does the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Goschen. But they are not the only interesting parts; and a few minutes spent every morning on the general news of the day are very well spent indeed.

One more point, and I have done. It may be said, and is said frequently, and often apparently with some justice. "I should like to read very much, but I seem to have no time." Now, doubtless, we are all very busy, but I think few of us are as busy as all that; I believe we have more time than we know. As I have had occasion before now to point out, one minute wasted at the beginning of every lesson amounts to half an hour a week, to about seven hours a term, and about twenty-one hours a year. How many of us waste only six minutes of our spare time every day? Supposing a man shaves every morning, and takes five minutes over the operation, a simple calculation will show you that he spends more than a day and a quarter at it in the year. I don't say this to try and induce everyone to give up shaving—if it be necessary—in order to devote himself to reading, but merely to show how unconsidered minutes

mount up in time. I believe a distinguished Liverpool man always has some particular book in hand, which he reads for ten minutes every morning before breakfast, and that in this way he has read an amazing amount, without having stolen the time from anything else. Again, few men, I suppose, have had a busier life than Mr. Gladstone, yet he has found time to make himself familiar with an amount of literature which would not be discreditable to anyone who could devote his life to reading. So, look after your odd minutes, and you will never complain again about having no time for reading.

Forgive the disconnected character of this paper. Written at irregular intervals, during the somewhat scanty leisure of an engrossing occupation, it could hardly be otherwise. And if I have seemed dictatorial and dogmatic, remember that it is my business to be dogmatic every day; and that, in fact, dogmatism "is the badge of all our tribe."

Literary and Debating Society.

THE General Meeting of this Society for the session just completed was held on April 12th, when Mr. C. M. Jones presided over an attendance of fifteen. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary, Mr. P. J. A. Francis, presented his annual report. The report ran as follows:—

REPORT OF SESSION 1893-94.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have just arrived at the end of another session, and it is my duty as Honorary Secretary to look back and give some account of the work done during that period. In the past session we have held nineteen meetings, at seven of which papers were read; eight were debates; at two, private business alone was discussed; one was a preliminary meeting, at which a new set of rules was formulated, and one an extraordinary meeting. The attendance on the whole compares pretty favourably with that of the preceding session, the average number of members present at each meeting being 21; at several meetings there have been over 30, and at the one extraordinary meeting there were as many as 43 present; but the attendance seemed to fall off slightly towards the end of the session. Debates, as usual, have been the best attended, and such impromptu debates as have taken place have been fairly successful. It is to be deplored, however, that so few members take an interest in politics; in fact, it is rather humiliating for a *Literary and Debating Society* to confess that its impromptu debates had for subjects nothing more elevating than such themes as "Corporal Punishment" and "Prizefighting."

On several occasions, especially at the commencement of the session, the behaviour of many members was scarcely tolerable, but

I am glad to say that it has improved of late. It is to be hoped that there will be no such bad conduct next session.

As far as speaking goes, we have had no such brilliant speakers as there were during the secretaryship of the redoubtable Wolde; nevertheless, we have often had good speaking when the subjects were not too difficult, and though some of the new members especially are still a little bashful, we have good material among us which we hope will take shape next session.

With regard to the number of members, this session compares very favourably with the preceding ones, though it is to be regretted that not a single boy from the Commercial School has joined, not even from the First Class. The Society numbers 46 members, excluding honorary members.

In conclusion, I may say, in the words of our President, that "if members will only take themselves in earnest, and remember the true aim of a Debating Society," which is to make all its members fearless, fluent, and sensible speakers, the prospects of the L. I. L. D. S. are very hopeful indeed.

This report was received without amendment.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Collins, then read his financial report, which showed a balance of £1 1s. on the right side. Mr. N. C. Miller, seconded by Mr. P. J. A. Francis, proposed that the whole of this be handed over to the Editors of the *Magazine*. An amendment was proposed by Mr. W. H. Gem, seconded by Mr. W. L. Collins, to the effect that 10s 6d. only be given to the Editors. On the vote being taken, the amendment was carried by 9 votes to 5. This point settled, the election of officers for next session was held, with the following result:—

Mr. C. M. Jones was re-elected *Chairman*. Mr. N. C. Miller was elected *Vice-Chairman* in the room of Mr. J. D. Lamb, resigned. Messrs. Collins and Francis were re-elected *Treasurer* and *Secretary*, respectively, and Messrs. C. H. Grimshaw, J. L. Hawkes, E. Tebbutt, and P. J. Rose were elected to serve on the *Committee*. The proceedings then terminated.

Chat on the Corridor.

NOT many of our readers are aware that in that vital function of the *Magazine's* existence and occupying an honourable dignified position 'twixt its three promulgators, there silently reigns one who disdains worldly praise, and merely writes and states immense truths because he is absolutely certain they are of terrible import to its readers. Thus he requires not any sentimental echoes from abroad, being absolutely sufficient in himself. All this is perfectly obvious—although it be rather an abstract matter—to any *well-informed* man. I mean that one man of ordinary dimensions and contour can occupy a central position with respect to three and that the other expressions are correspondingly true. I may state that I have been in conference with my brother associates,

and that having duly considered the qualities of our last poem entitled "Punctuality: a Protest," we have decided to take advice from its counsel and to issue the May number of the *Magazine* as closely contiguous to the month of that name as the proximity of the end of June will admit; and that—but need I say more? My language is so delightfully lucid, and my sequence is so natural, that I am sure you all—with perhaps a few idiotic exceptions—capably comprehend the whole matter. It is a fine attribute to a writer (this is I, dear reader,) when from the logical form of this writing the sequence naturally suggests itself to the reader. I am afraid my associates on the editorial staff will be calling time if I engage your attention any longer. You would scarcely believe they were so dreadfully jealous of my popularity. They are even cruel, sometimes. I feel sure these words will live after the dust my worthy form has hidden, and therefore I care not, and am happy. I say, "the man that is sufficient in himself, is enough."

At last! He's gone. Thank goodness! We are happy to announce that with the help of the Editorial office-boy we have seen the editor who penned the above paragraph safely in the train for a village not far from Liverpool, where there is an institution for the treatment of such cases as his. Now to be grave. The holidays are gone, are passed away, leaving behind them but a gleam of light, a glitter in the gloom of murky night, the night of work. And we poor workers now are forced to wield the pen, and, sweat on brow, to toil the long day through. But hold enough!

The office-boy again in requisition. The poetical editor has followed the idiotic editor, and there remains only I, *the* editor, the sober and sensible one. In a moment of weakness I granted my two *confrères* permission to adorn these pages with effusions in their own particular style, and this is the result. Never again. Our readers, or rather *my* readers, must be thankful it is no worse, and they may be assured that such a state of affairs is not likely to occur again. However, let us have relief, and turn to the school news.

This term, which we are just beginning, might very well be called the hard-working term. Football is over, the L. I. L. D. S. does not meet again until October, the Sports have been held; in short, nearly everything which exists to vary the monotony of school life proper is suspended for a while. In place of these recreations we are overwhelmed with examinations, and have little time for such things as cricket and swimming, which are still left to us. As soon as we come back we have the May examinations, and two months later there is the Oxford, the great test for all boys in the Upper Forms. We here take the opportunity of wishing success to all those boys who are going in for the Oxford this year, and we hope that we shall have as good a list of successes to publish in our October issue as in former years.

The Cricket Club has our best wishes for a prosperous season, and we hope that last year's record (which if the truth be told was not a very brilliant one) will be beaten. We should like to see more interest taken in this club, for interest nearly always brings success. We do not think we are far wrong when we say that the prosperity of the Football Club this year has been largely due to the great interest taken in it by the whole school, and we think that if the same interest and attention were given to the Cricket Club it would be in a much more flourishing state than at present. Let every boy, therefore, who knows anything at all about cricket (and there is no one who does not know a little) join the club and attend the practices.

The Athletic Sports were held on April 11th, at the Athletic Grounds, Fairfield, and the universal verdict about them is that they were a decided success, in fact the best Sports we have ever had. The arrangements worked splendidly, with the result that perfect order was kept on the ground. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Caldicott who, as Clerk of the Course, worked hard to make the proceedings go off well, and he was ably seconded by the other masters, who acted as stewards, starters, and judges. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Hughes for distributing the prizes at the close of the ceremony.

We have often wondered whether our efforts to edit this *Magazine* are appreciated or not, and we were therefore very much gratified to read the other day in a magazine coming from Sioux City, Iowa, the following passage:—"The *Record* (the name of the paper) is in receipt of two foreign exchanges, *El Testigo*, from Mexico, and the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*, from Liverpool, England. We can pass no judgment on the former, as we are unable to read Spanish, the language, we think, in which it is printed. The latter, however, is different. We can understand all but the descriptions of their football games. It is a good paper, and well edited. We will place it in the library with the other exchanges, and hope all who can may read it."

They professedly do not understand football, yet in true American fashion they do not hesitate to make what they would perhaps call a joke on it. Here it is. "He was a football player. His position was *full back*, but one day he went to a saloon, got sort of turned round and came *back full*."

We are asked to announce that the Debating Society entertainment, which is usually held this term, has been postponed until the Autumn.

Mr. F. Wolde, of St. John's College, Oxford, has obtained a Third Class in Classical Moderations.

Mr. A. J. Ewart, of University College, Liverpool, has been

awarded a Research Scholarship of £150 per annum. The successful candidate is required to devote his time to original scientific research, preferably at a foreign university, and at the end of a year to send in a report of his work. If this is approved he is appointed for a second year, and at the end of that time for a third year, if necessary. Mr. Ewart intends studying first under Graf Sohns Laubach, in the Botanisches Institut of Strasburg, afterwards proceeding to Prof. Pfeffer, the famous physiologist, or else to Berlin.

Mr. A. E. Ewart has gained the prize for wood working; Mr. R. J. Ewart, silver medal for biology and honorary certificate for chemistry; and Mr. A. Inman the silver medal for chemistry. All three students are at University College.

We have only received one poem for Mr. Elcum's prize competition, but we trust that many boys have taken advantage of the holidays and have written some verses which they are polishing up before sending them in. The date on which the competition will close will be announced in our next issue.

The editors have on hand the following books which they wish to dispose of second-hand:—Sarll's *Book-keeping*; MacMillan's *Third Year French Course*; MacMillan's *First Year German Course*, *Die Karavane*; Pendlebury's *Arithmetic*; Hall & Knight's *Elementary Algebra*; Arnold's *Latin Prose Composition*; Draper's *Sound, Light, and Heat*; Curtis' *Outlines of English History*.

A Visit to Aboukir Bay.

BY AN OLD BOY.

IT is some time now since I last paid a visit to this spot, famous as the scene of Nelson's great victory, but the journey there remains so vividly impressed on my memory that I cannot forget the smallest detail. The day we chose for our picnic was a lovely one in June, with a clear cloudless sky of the most pronounced blue tint. The journey at that time had to be performed partly by rail and partly, the longest portion, by riding on donkeys. To day we can compass the whole distance by rail. The railway journey was soon over, but notwithstanding the rapidity of it we managed to get a glimpse now and then of beautiful palm groves scattered here and there—real miniature oases. The train stopped, and all collected on the platform ready to mount our donkeys. This proved a more difficult task than we anticipated. In the first place, the babel of voices that rose from fifty or sixty native throats was almost deafening. (The cause of this commotion, which I did not discover till later, was the usual one of quarrelling among themselves respecting the charge to be made at the last moment). Then the ladies gave us a deal of bother in finding suitable animals. At last we were all mounted and away we went. We soon passed all signs of civilization and were completely surrounded on all sides by

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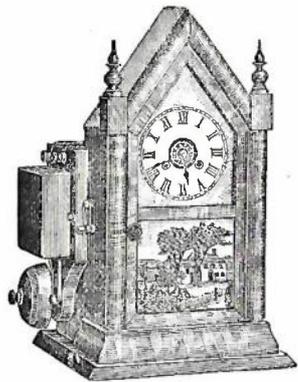
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a boundless expanse of sand. As far as the eye could reach, we saw nothing but sand! sand! sand! But, for the occasional mishaps among the riders (some of whom fell in a most amusing fashion, which of course created a laugh at his or her expense), the journey on donkey back would indeed have been a most monotonous affair. How long the journey lasted, I could not have told then, but to me it seemed an age before we reached the palm groves again. The sight that met our eyes as we ascended the rising ground was a lovely one. Right before us lay the bay, and not a ripple disturbed its serene surface. A breathless silence seemed to brood over the whole place, and it looked indeed a spot of peace. Oh! how glad I was to dismount and stretch my stiffened limbs under a palm tree a while.

My companions soon, however, proposed a sail, therefore I rose and joined them. We were soon merrily sailing over the blue expanse of water which separated us from the forts. These were soon reached, but we had the misfortune of not being able to inspect the interior of them, as an order had been lately issued not to admit strangers, so we had to content ourselves with the surroundings. These were ample enough for us, and we roamed contentedly about, inspecting the various things that came in our way. Here and there pieces of old iron, no doubt part of some ancient gun, lay strewn about the ground. In the course of my ramblings I found a small shot, the size of a cricket ball. This I immediately hid, and afterwards smuggled into the town, but it would have fared ill with me had I been caught by the authorities.

A few words about the village of Aboukir itself may perhaps not be amiss. It is situated about 13 miles north-east of Alexandria: a sail of a few hours in a *felucca* will soon bring one to the spot. But this mode of journeying is not much in vogue, being equally dangerous and expensive. It is a famous spot for picnics, and in summer it is the fashionable rendezvous of Alexandrians, who go there to enjoy the fresh sea breezes. Part of the bay has been enclosed by an enterprising Frenchman for the cultivation of oysters, which have acquired quite a local reputation. To think that the scene of Nelson's great victory should be used for so sordid a scheme.

At the suggestion of someone or other, a company was started in England, for the purpose of dredging the bay, in view of discovering the treasures supposed to have been on board the French men-of-war at the time of the memorable action. But as no treasure was discovered, the company naturally "busted."

After inspecting the oyster beds, I joined my companions, (whom, by-the-by, I had left roaming over the sands) and we rowed back to our lunch. Lunch was soon finished, and the gentlemen lolled about on the sands for a *siesta*, while the ladies talked shop. After we had all taken a comfortable rest, we were ready to remount our donkeys, and begin our homeward journey. As we were nearing the regions of civilization the sun was disappearing, and the fruit of the palms looked golden in the sunset.

The late Rev. William Parry.

Many boys and old colleagues will have learned with regret of the death of the Rev. William Parry, who was formerly the superintendent of the junior department of the Commercial School.

The Rev. William Parry entered the Liverpool Institute some seventeen years ago as a junior master, and worked his way upward to the middle of the Commercial, and afterwards was promoted to that position which he held when he left. Mr. Parry was a faithful and conscientious worker, and took a deep interest in the progress and welfare of the boys, by whom he was much respected.

On leaving the Institute he became curate of St. Mary Magdalene's, Liverpool, where he distinguished himself both as a preacher and a worker during his curacy of two and a half years. Afterwards he received an appointment in London, where a wider and higher sphere of labour seemed to open itself; unfortunately, however, his health gave way and compelled him to return home. Mr. Parry was a young man of zeal, energy, and great promise.

Athletic Sports.

THE Athletic Sports, which for various reasons were held earlier than usual this year, took place at the Athletic Grounds, Stanley, on Wednesday, April 11th. The weather was fine, marred only by the heavy storm which broke over the ground just before the prizes were distributed, and therefore a large number of spectators came to witness this function, and showed that the doubts which were expressed as to the wisdom of the change from Saturday to Wednesday were unfounded. Among those present were:—Mrs. Alfred Hughes, Miss Booth, Miss Crompton, Rev. J. Sephton, Dr. Beatty, Messrs. Alfred Holt, C. Booth, H. Douglas Horsfall, R. W. Ker, H. G. Smith, and the Head Master. It was at once noticed that the ground had been considerably altered, and in place of the cinder sprint track, they had banked up the bicycle track at the corners, and thus improved the latter greatly. The sprint track lay across the middle of the enclosure with the winning post near the stand. Stewards were stationed at the door of the dressing tent, and at the entrances to the enclosures, with orders not to allow any one who was not a competitor in the race then being run to come on the ground. When the bell rang for a race, the steward at the door of the dressing tent called out the names of the competitors for that race, and as soon as the race was over, the competitors went off the ground again. Thus perfect order was kept on the ground, and no other persons but officials were allowed in the enclosure. Great credit is due to the stewards who performed their duties splendidly, and the success of the sports was in a great measure due to them. We missed Mr. Ewart as clerk of the course, but to Mr. Caldicott must be given the greatest praise for the excellent way in which he managed the whole of the

arrangements, and we can safely say that had it not been for him, the sports would not have been the success they undoubtedly were. The other officers all worked well, and to mention one more than another would be invidious.

The entries were largely in excess of any previous year, and one of the best features was the interest shown in the races by the smaller boys. The number of entrants, as well as the number running, was in all of these events, as well as in the handicaps, very creditable; on the other hand, the worst feature of the sports was the poor competition for the open events. In many of these latter there were only two competitors, and races even reduced to a farce. Amongst the best events, as regards close finishes, were the open hundred yards, the hundred yards under 15, and the bicycle race. The high jumping of Squires, O. W. Jones, and Wark, was also very creditable. The mile race was well contested, as six boys finished, the last two running a dead heat for fifth place. The handicaps were not as satisfactory as could be wished. In each case, the starts proved too long for the scratch men, especially when they had to make their way through so many competitors. For the Championship Cup, Squires obtained 25 marks and Beatty 20.

EVENTS.

1. *Throwing the Cricket Ball*—1st, W. W. Beatty; 2nd, J. L. Hawkes; under 15, H. Buck.
 2. *Throwing the Lacrosse Ball*—1st, W. W. Beatty; 2nd, W. Thompson.
 3. *Broad Jump*—1st, H. C. Squires; 2nd, H. A. W. Langdon; under 15, F. B. Cox.
 4. *Lacrosse Goal Shooting*—1st, W. A. Cattley.
- These events were decided on Tuesday.*
5. *Flat Race, 100 yards, for boys between 12 and 15*—1st, M. D. Douglas; 2nd, W. P. Francis; 3rd, A. Wark.
 6. *Flat Race, 100 yards, for boys between 10 and 12*—1st, W. R. Long; 2nd, A. Thomas; 3rd, D. Harnden.
 7. *Flat Race, 100 yards, for boys over 15*—1st, H. C. Squires; 2nd, H. A. W. Langdon.
 8. *Flat Race, 100 yards, for boys under 10*—1st, W. J. Bell; 2nd, P. Pagel.
 9. *Mile Race*—1st, W. W. Beatty; 2nd, O. W. Jones; 3rd, S. Raleigh.
 10. *Flat Race, 440 yards Handicap*—1st, Frayne; 2nd, A. Brettargh; 3rd, Hind.
 11. *High Jump, for boys over 15*—1st, H. C. Squires; 2nd, O. W. Jones.
 12. *High Jump, for boys under 14*—1st, A. Wark; 2nd, H. Hind.
 13. *Sack Race*—1st, G. L. Knowles; 2nd, G. Davie.
 14. *Half Mile Handicap*—1st, H. Hind; 2nd, S. H. Harnden; 3rd, G. S. Bowler.
 15. *Deciding heats of other races.*
 16. *Bicycle Race, 1 mile, for boys under 14*—1st, C. Holmes; 2nd, W. J. Howard.
 17. *Flat Race, 440 yards, open*—1st, H. C. Squires; 2nd, W. W. Beatty.
 18. *Flat Race, 440 yards, for boys under 15*—1st, E. Baylis; 2nd, J. F. Carmichael.
 19. *Three-Legged Race*—1st, O. W. Jones and A. Jones; 2nd, W. W. Beatty and H. A. W. Langdon.
 20. *Flat Race, 220 yards, under 14*—1st A. Slater; 2nd, S. H. Harnden.
 21. *Picking up and carrying the Lacrosse Ball*—1st, C. E. Turner.
 22. *Flat Race, 220 yards, for boys over 15*—1st, H. C. Squires; 2nd, H. A. W. Langdon.

23. *Lemon and Spoon Race*—1st, W. R. Long; 2nd, Pemberton; 3rd, J. G. Anderson.
 24. *Flat Race, 880 yards, open*—1st, W. W. Beatty; 2nd, H. A. W. Langdon.
 25. *Deciding Heats for other races.*
 26. *Bicycle Race, 2 miles, open*—1st, W. J. Howard; 2nd, C. Holmes.
 27. *Old Boys' Race, 300 yards*—1st, A. C. Armour.
 28. *Consolation Race*—1st, W. Purdy, under 15; A. Griffiths.
 CHAMPIONSHIP CUP—H. C. Squires.

At the close of the sports the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Alfred Hughes, and when she had finished, three hearty cheers were raised for her.

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Audited and found correct,
JOHN A. OWEN.

W. SNOW,
Hon. Treas., May 4th, 1894.

Club Reports.

THE LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB.

A meeting of the above club was held on Thursday, April 5th, in Mr. Eaves's room, to elect officers for the coming season. Owing to the resignation of Mr. Storrs, who was a vice-president of the club, Mr. Owen was unanimously elected to the vacancy. The following officers were elected:—*Captain*—E. Gleave; *Sub-Captain*—F. P. Cox; *Committee*—Cato, Orford, Crichton, C. M. Long, R. Dale, F. S. Howarth; *Secretary*—H. A. W. Langdon.

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		Medals	2 16 0
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The season has commenced well, 50 members having paid their subscriptions, but although the beginning is encouraging, the list of members shews that the non-swimmers generally do not take advantage of their opportunities of learning to swim. Many of them no doubt will regret in after life that they have allowed those opportunities to go by without using them. The accomplishment of swimming is not only useful from the possibility of its being the means of life saving, but also from the fact that in acquiring it a person also acquires an increased amount of confidence in his own powers which must be of value to him afterwards. Swimming is certainly one of the most delightful of all exercises, and, if not abused, one of the most health-giving. Members who intend going to the baths regularly may save expense by purchasing a 5/- season ticket, which will admit them on the usual days, twice a week, until the end of October. The privilege of possessing season tickets is allowed to club members only.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB.

The number of boys at present in the club is 95, and of these 70 have tickets, this being the greatest number of season-ticket holders in any single club in Liverpool. The average attendance at the baths during the last month, including holidays, was 51. During the coming month, boys who have entered for the Humane Society's Competition, will be allowed to practice. Boys who have not joined, and who wish to participate in the races, should do so at once, as the handicapping must be finished by June 1st.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The General Meeting of the above Club was held in Mr. Ewart's room on the last day of last term, April 14th. Mr. Ewart presided over an attendance of about fourteen. The Hon. Secretary presented his report for the past season, and this was adopted without comment. The Treasurer then presented the financial report, which showed a small balance of 2s. 1½d. on the right side.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. M. Jones, for his services during the past season.

In Memoriam.

REV. WILLIAM PARRY, DIED 11TH APRIL, 1894,
AGED 35 YEARS.

HAROLD NORBURY, DIED 24TH MARCH, 1894,
AGED 17 YEARS.

FREDERICK HAMILTON HAYWARD, DIED MAY 1ST, 1894,
AGED 36 YEARS.

Correspondence.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

DEAR SIRS,—I do not write this letter for the purpose of criticising the Athletic Sports in any way, for on the whole I enjoyed them and thought they were well managed. But there certainly is room for improvement in two of the events. I refer to the two bicycle races. The first race was for boys under 15, and the two prizes were carried off by two boys, Howard and Holmes (I believe). The second bicycle race was open, and all the boys under 15 entered for this also. Now it happened that the handicapping was so perfectly ridiculous that the same two boys won the prizes in this race also. The starts given to these two were quite absurd, 600 yards and 485 yards, and with such tremendous odds against them the scratch men could do nothing. Now the races are not handicapped for the purpose of giving young boys a lot of prizes, but rather for the purpose of making a good competition. So what I think ought to be done is to make the one race for boys under 15, and the other for boys over 15. Then the older boys would not be too heavily handicapped, and also the great crowding in the over 15 race would be avoided. I certainly think that no one should have more than about 300 yards start in a bicycle race of two miles. A 300 yards limit would not handicap the scratch men too heavily, and further, the hopeless confusion which the judges appeared to be in when counting the number of laps for each competitor would be entirely avoided. Hoping that the committee next year will make some change in the present arrangements,—I am, yours, &c.,
BICYCLIST.

Editorial Notices.

All Club Reports must be handed to the Editors ten days before the end of the month. They must be written on one side of the paper only.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of annual subscriptions from the following:—Messrs. J. H. Grace, R. L. Curphey, T. F. Abraham, B. S. Johnson, R. J. Lloyd (two years), P. Hebblethwaite (two years), R. W. Jones, E. Phillips, H. Young, T. C. Ryley, A. Bebington, E. J. Phillips, J. A. Peil, W. W. Beatty, S. J. Forster.

We have received the following Magazines since our last issue: *Portcullis*, *Ipswich School Magazine*, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *Oakham School Magazine*, *Academy Monthly*, *Plymouthian*, *Ellesmerian*, *King Edward's School Chronicle*, *High School Record*, *Mill Hill School Magazine*, *Sphinx*.