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Editorial.

OF course, the most noticeable feature of this month's issue is the portrait of Mr. Hughes, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Mr. Sharp. We said last month that the publication of such a portrait was a unique departure for a school magazine, and we cannot this month emphasise too strongly what we then said, viz., that the venture is deserving of the cordial support of each individual member of the School. We trust, then, that every boy will be provided with a copy, and that, in our next issue, we shall have no need to raise our dolorous plaint of "lack of support."

While there has been no very striking occurrence to break the monotony of school life, Sampson, Fellow of St. John's, Cambridge, and Lecturer at King's, London, has been adding one more to the many high mathematical successes of the Institute, by gaining the Isaac Newton studentship at Cambridge. A fuller account of his performance will be found in our "Chat on the Corridor." We would, however, here take the opportunity of offering him the heartiest congratulations of the School, and of expressing the hope that many more such successes may fall to his lot in life. The prizes and certificates won in the recent Oxford Local and other examinations, will, as most of our readers know, be awarded by Professor Skent, of Anglo-Saxon (shade of Dr. Freeman!)

fame, and we may expect an address from him in all respects equal to previous ones. A full account of this, in all probability, will appear in our February number, as well as of the Old Boys' Dinner, which is this year arranged to take place on December 7th, at the Adelphi Hotel. We have not thought it well to delay our issue for these two important events, but we hope our present number will be no less favourably received.

In the matter of School Clubs, there seems to be a spirit of hard work and good fellowship generally prevalent. While this is in the highest degree gratifying, it is really no more than what can be looked for in a well-organised school, and we sincerely hope that, as the months go by, it will in no way diminish. We would specially note, in this connection, the formation of two additional Rugby Football teams, a most healthy sign, and the successful re-starting of the Harrier Club, in which, as usual, Messrs. Cowan, Bailey, and Bickerstaff take an active interest.

We cannot close this term without thanking all who have in any way assisted the sale of the *Magazine*, without bidding God-speed to all of our schoolfellows who are leaving at Christmas, and without wishing those who are staying on the jolliest holidays they ever had; may they come back like giants refreshed with wine, more than ever determined to support the good old School in everything it does—literary, educational, athletic.

Debating Society Notes.

OCTOBER 29th, 1891. A meeting was held on this date, D. D. Braham presiding. After the transaction of the usual preliminary business, F. M. Baddeley opened in the affirmative the debate:—"Is the statement that Henry VIII. was the last real King of England true?" He devoted his remarks to an endeavour to prove (1) That Henry VIII. was a real king; (2) that no other king can justly be called real. Under the first head, having laid down a definition of king, he shewed that Henry in all points came up to that definition, and treated of his wars, his marriages, and the part he played in the Reformation. Under the second head, he took every king from James I. to William IV., and, in briefly summarising the reign of each, showed that they failed to come up to his definition. A. P. Banks replied. He started by laying down a definition of king, and showed how from the early idea of lord of the soil sprang those of feudal, personal, and constitutional monarch. While admitting in part the claims of Henry to the title of king, he endeavoured to show, by a consideration of subsequent

monarchs, more particularly James II. and William III., that Henry had no claim to be considered the last real king. He closed his paper by reading a passage from Mr. J. R. Green, in illustration of his remarks. On discussion being invited, Wolde, Millard, Eastwood, Bradburn, Francis, and R. J. Ewart supported the affirmative, and A. E. Baddeley and F. E. Marshall the negative. After the Chairman had spoken and the readers had replied, a vote was taken, with the result of a victory for Baddeley.

A meeting was held on November 5th, D. D. Braham in the chair. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Mr. E. J. W. Harvey read a paper on "The Boyhood Discoveries of Sir Humphrey Davy." He gave an interesting account of Davy's early life, up to his being apprenticed to a chemist. Having related the incident which probably led to his devising the famous "Safety" lamp, he proceeded to give an account of his early researches and experiments in Light and Heat, speaking in turn of radiation and conduction. After speaking of various other discoveries and experiments, he concluded by giving an account of his benefits to science, and describing in full the construction and completion of the Safety lamp. Wolde subsequently spoke, and after Mr. Harvey had replied, proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by F. E. Marshall, and unanimously carried.

November 12th. On this date, Wolde opened, in a short paper, a discussion on "Is Classical Learning made of too great importance in this country?" He maintained that the classics extend over so wide a field as to make them practically unrivalled as a teaching medium, and that their effect upon the mind is inestimable, illustrating his remarks by quotations from Archd. Farrar and Mr. Andrew Lang. He further asserted that, from a consideration of the schools of the present day, not too much but too little attention is paid to classical learning, and finally, that the demands of both the Universities in the matter of Greek were perfectly just. In the discussion that followed, Addinsell, Banks, Marshall, and Millard supported the affirmative, and Eastwood, F. M. Baddeley, A. E. Baddeley, R. J. Ewart, and Harvey the negative. After the Chairman had spoken and Wolde had replied, a vote was taken, which resulted in a majority for the affirmative. At this meeting, also, the following were elected honorary members in consideration of eminent service to the Society:—Messrs. R. Burn, J. B. Dale, H. E. Long, A. J. Ewart, L. D. Barnett, and V. C. H. Millard.

November 19th. A meeting was held on this date, J. H. Addinsell presiding. After the transaction of some private business, D. D. Braham contributed a paper on "The Life and Works of De Quincey." He gave a sketch of De Quincey's early life, his schooldays, his hardships in London, and his residence at Worcester College, Oxford. Having spoken of his connection with Coleridge, he treated of his joining the "Lake School," his marriage, and his Cumberland life, reading a passage in illustration of the last. He concluded by recording incidents of his life in Edinburgh, and speaking of his works, and general literary connections up to his death. He then proceeded to read some carefully selected passages, which best illustrate De Quincey's style. Among these were extracts from the "Confessions of an English

Opium Eater," several from "Murder considered as a Fine Art," and lastly, a very noble one from his "Vision of Sudden Death," in which the views of ancient philosophy and modern religion were adroitly contrasted. On discussion being invited, Wolde, Harvey, and Marshall spoke, all agreeing in warmly praising Braham's paper. After the Chairman had spoken, Braham replied, and the meeting adjourned.

November 26th. A meeting was held on this date, F. E. Marshall in the chair. After the usual preliminary business, R. J. Ewart opened in the affirmative the debate, "Ought Classes to be abolished in Railway Travelling?" He first advocated a special class for mechanics in working clothes; he then proceeded to discuss the advantages of total abolition of class distinction; he emphasised the need of general improvement in our railways which, he maintained, this reform would bring; he further stated that the carrying out of the system would have the desirable effect of bringing rich and poor together; he concluded by dealing with the objections that might be brought by the rich. H. L. H. Millard replied. He divided his speech into (1) so-called advantages of the system; (2) disadvantages; (3) so-called disadvantages of present system; (4) advantages. He further argued that too much wear and tear would be entailed upon the carriages; that, in view of the present behaviour of travellers, the compartments would be ruthlessly defaced; that the mixing of classes was no advantage, and that there was no real disadvantage in the present system. In the discussion which ensued, Mr. Snow, in a most excellent speech, supported Millard, as did all the subsequent speakers, viz., Mr. Harvey, F. M. Baddeley, Eastwood, and Wolde. After the Chairman had spoken and the leaders had replied, a vote was taken, with the result of a majority of 9 for Millard.

Chat on the Corridor.

NEARLY every month it is our duty to record some honour which an old Institute boy has done his school. And this year it is with feelings of very great pride that we have to announce the fact that R. A. Sampson, who has already done us so much honour, has been the first man to obtain the newly formed Isaac Newton Studentship of £200 a year at Cambridge. In 1888, Sampson was 3rd Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos (Part I), and in 1889 he obtained a first class in Part II. In 1890 he was awarded the first Smith's Prize, which was subsequently followed by his election to a Fellowship to St. John's College, Cambridge. His obtaining this studentship will necessitate his residence at Cambridge, and he is devoting himself to original research in physical optics on some branch of Astronomy. He will thus have to resign his office of Lecturer at King's College, London, which he has now held for two years.

We have also very great pleasure in recording three more successes obtained by old boys. The first is that of H. E. Davies, who has been

placed in Division 1 in the final B. Sc. examination of London University; the second that of G. Knipe, who has successfully passed his L.R.C.P. examination; the third that of A. Inman, who has got through his Intermediate Solicitor's Examination. To each of these we offer our best congratulations on doing so much credit to themselves and the old school.

As announced above, this year the Oxford Prizes and Certificates are to be delivered by the Rev. W. W. Skeat, M.A., Litt. D., Professor of Anglo-Saxon at the University of Cambridge. Professor Skeat, besides being the author of several books, is co-editor with Dr. Morris of a series of works which are being issued by the Early English Text Society, and we can confidently prophecy a great treat to those who are present at the distribution. We feel that it is only courteous that as many as possible should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing these gentlemen who come so far to address us.

Apropos of the prize delivery, it is rather the fashion now-a-days to scoff at the Locals as an inferior examination and quite unworthy of the support of the Institute. Of course we are very far from considering a pass or a class in the Oxford Senior as the *summum bonum* of human existence, but we do think that, seeing how small a number of Institute boys after all reach the University, the locals are the exams *par excellence* for us. It may rightly be claimed for them that in everything but Latin and Greek they are equal in stiffness to the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, and, we think, if a boy be able to satisfy the Senior Local Examiners in Latin and Greek, he knows as much as can reasonably be expected from a non-classical man; our Universities, surely show what they think of them by taking their certificate, obtained under certain conditions, in lieu of respensions and previous.

The L.I.L.D.S. would seem to be having a fairly prosperous Session. The speeches are more in number than those of the corresponding period of last year, and as far as we can judge equal in merit. A very encouraging feature is the number of new members who have made their bow and joined the noble army of speakers; may their eloquence, which "has the true Demosthenic rush, in which argument becomes incandescent with living vigour," know no stop. And how shall we speak of F. E. Marshall? If every member were as public spirited and active as he—but then if wishes were horses then beggars would—the proverb is somewhat musty and we leave the obvious inference to our readers. Nevertheless it is somewhat galling to confess that many members who might do great things show an appalling lack of interest, so much so that last month there was a big drop in the average attendance; it is to be hoped that during this month that deficit will be fully made up.

We are very glad indeed to see the re-starting of the Harrier Club for both schools. To non-footballers, specially, would we recommend it as a healthy, manly sport, to which parents and guardians cannot in any way

object. We trust that the club will have a more prosperous season this year than it had last, seeing how badly some of the meets were attended. On one never-to-be-forgotten occasion, at which we ourselves were present, there was a total attendance of seven, hares included; this little company of faithful souls trotted sadly round Woolton and Allerton, and finally reached the tent at about 5-30. We hope, however, that no such disgraceful exhibition will occur this time, and so will leave croaking and wish all success to a club with which we have every possible sympathy.

Other clubs and societies, with very few exceptions, may look back to a term of steady work and definite progress. The Rugby football club, compared with its predecessor of last year, is in good condition; and, although it is far too early as yet to make any clear forecast, bar untoward accidents, we shall make as good a fight as ever when March comes round. The Association team has done well, and is to be highly congratulated on its excellent form and spirit. The Lacrosse club has, so far, met with unprecedented success, and, for so young a club, can show an excellent record. Of societies inside the building we can speak, we are happy to say, with equal satisfaction. The High School Choral we mention below. The Orchestral, under Mr. Bulmer, is still flourishing; and the Chess Club daily grows in popularity. These few instances amply bear out the remarks we made about clubs and societies in our leading article; let all and every of our readers who are interested in any of these see to it that the present lively interest is fully kept up, and that the Christmas holidays do not, as they so often have done, demoralise the most energetic.

The following kind notice of the High School Choral Society appeared in the weekly notes in the *Mercury* on "Music and Musicians," on Thursday, November 26th:—

A choral society has been formed in the High School of the Liverpool Institute, under the conductorship of Mr. Anthony Book, and bids fair to be very successful. It numbers already upwards of 60 members, the more youthful of whom possess clear, bright voices. It is pleasurable to note that several of the masters are helping to swell the ranks of tenors and basses. The society was formed at the wish of Mr. Hughes, who has already on many occasions helped to raise the musical standard of this great educational establishment, of which he is the worthy head. The rehearsals take place at 4.30 on Tuesday afternoons, in the Lecture Hall of the Institute.

We hear, with much pleasure, that another of the popular "Festivals of Song," started so successfully last winter, is to be given in the Lecture Hall on December 10th. The Orchestral Society, under the conductorship of Mr. Bulmer, will, as usual, accompany the various school songs. We think we are well within the mark in saying that no school in the district, if not in England, has such periodic gatherings, and most certainly no school is so fortunate as to possess an orchestra so generally efficient and so well conducted. Our best wish for the coming festival is that it may be as successful as its predecessors.

We have had complaints made to us about the comparatively meagre

accounts we give of the Commercial School Clubs, Societies, &c. And we now beg to make known the very great difficulty we have in getting any Commercial School news at all, although we have a correspondent on that side of the building. The reports sent in are weak in the extreme, and often very unintelligibly written. Our task is thus made one of three-fold difficulty in having to decipher them. If only our correspondents would send us their reports neatly written in ink on one side of ordinary foolscap paper, our editorial duties would be much simplified.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*Uhula* (2), *Portsmouthian* (2), *King Edward's School Chronicle*, *Atom* and *City of London School Magazine*; and also the following subscriptions, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Alfred Holt, Miss Dugit, and Dr. Hugh R. Jones.

Football Notes.

RUGBY.

DURING the past month, the work has been rather slack, owing to the very bad weather we have been having. The matches against the Merchant Taylors' and Waterloo High School had to be scratched, as also have several practices. The attendance at the latter has consequently fallen somewhat below that of last month. There are now two more teams, and it is the duty of every first and second team man to turn up and help the juniors at their practices. In many cases this month, a most lamentable lack of enthusiasm has been exhibited. Several boys have been desirous of playing in a team below that in which they are entitled to. This is really disgraceful. Let every man remember that he is not playing to cover himself with glory, but his school, and that his first duty is to his school. *Non nobis solum sed toti mundo nati.*

A meeting was held in Mr. Ewart's room, on Friday, November 6th. Mr. Ewart presided over an attendance of 38. After the minutes of the two previous meetings had been read and confirmed, Mr. Snow moved that the subscription for boys in the Preparatory department of the High School should be one shilling. This was carried unanimously. W. C. Thorley was then elected captain of the 3rd XV, and W. C. Paterson captain of the 4th XV. W. L. Ker then proposed the following honorary members:—Mr. Book, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burton, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hulley, Mr. Owen, Mr. Storrs, A. J. Ewart, and F. E. Marshall. All were unanimously elected. The following masters were present, in addition to the chairman:—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hulley, Mr. Snow, and Mr. Wolesley-Lewis.

A practice was held on Friday, October 30th, in honour of J. H. Grace. Twenty-six boys turned up, and A. C. Marshall acted as referee.

On November 7th, a practice was held, at which those members who are in the Preparatory took part for the first time. The first team were

playing a match, and only three second team men turned up. There were in all, however, twenty-seven. Mr. Wolesley-Lewis acted as referee during a part of the game.

There was another practice on November 18th. Mr. Snow was referee during the first half of the game, and Addinsell took his place at half-time. Only 21 turned up, but as it was raining all the morning it was hardly to be wondered at.

On Saturday, 21st, by the kindness of the Royal Institution Football Club, we were enabled to have practice on their ground in Sefton Park. A very fast game was played during the first half, when F. E. Marshall was referee; but before the second half commenced, seven of our first team men went to play for the Crescent Rangers against the Old Boys' third XV. In all 40 boys turned up.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *versus* OLD BOYS THIRD XV.

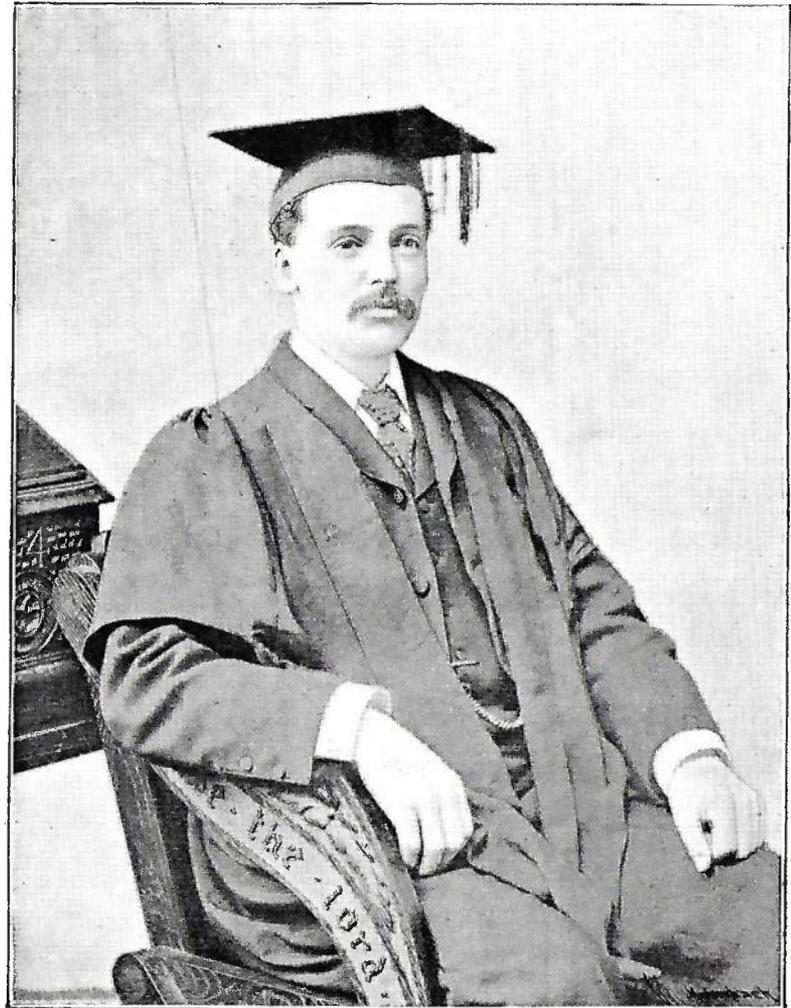
Played on the ground of the former, on Saturday, October 31st.

Both teams were well represented, and a very interesting game ensued. Play was even for the first twenty minutes, and then Old Boys scored twice in rapid succession, one of the points being converted. After half-time the game was again well contested, and W. L. Ker had hard lines in not scoring from a combined dribble by Creighton, R. J. Ewart and Miller. Old Boys tried hard to increase their lead but were frustrated by the admirable play of Nott, A. C. Armour and the Institute backs. Close upon time the Old Boys ran in twice. When time sounded the Old Boys won by 2 goals 2 tries to *nil*. The Institute played well individually, the tackling being especially good, but lacked combination, and all their efforts to score were neutralized by this and by the superior weight of their opponents. The heeling out, the passing, and the attacking game generally is what the Institute is weakest at.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *versus* BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played on November 7th, at Birkenhead.

Ker, having lost the toss, kicked off for the Institute. A good return being made, play was fixed near the middle of the field. From a throw out from touch, Beausire ran in for the Birkenhead School, but the kick failed. Soon after the drop out, Robson dropped a goal. After this they ran in three more times, two of the tries being converted. The score at half-time was Birkenhead School 3 goals 2 tries, Institute *nil*. On changing ends, the Institute played better, but they did not prevent their opponents from scoring three more times, only one try being successfully negotiated, this they gained from a maul in which W. A. Jones took part. The whistle sounded, leaving the Birkenhead School winners by 4 goals 4 tries to *nil*. For the Birkenhead School, Beausire and Robson played very well, and for the Institute, Miller played a good game, and was always on the ball, though he often spoiled the halves. The Institute were without Armour and Nott.



LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *versus* CRESCENT RANGERS, A TEAM.

Played at Fairfield, on Saturday 14th.

The Institute began with three men short, but after about ten minutes play H. Turner of the Fairfield High School came to help the Institute as forward. The Rangers, however, turned up in full force. Ker, having won the toss, elected to play with the wind. The Rangers kicked off, and Ker returned by punting into touch. On throwing out, S. Fall, after a tricky run, was eventually floored within ten yards of the enemy's goal line. This state of things, however, could not last, and after some scrummages, in which the Institute naturally had no chance, one of the enemy's three-quarters got in. The kick failed. Two more tries followed in quick succession, owing to the Institute having no full back, as Fall had taken Dale's place at three-quarters. Both kicks failed although nearly opposite the posts, and half-time found the Rangers leading by 3 tries to *nil*. On re-starting Ker kicked off against the wind, and after some scrummaging the Rangers again got in, and although the place was far more difficult than the former ones, a goal was the result. Ker then managed to keep the ball somewhat more in the enemy's quarters by punting into touch whenever he obtained it. This, however, did not prevent them obtaining two more tries, which were unimproved. The whistle blew, leaving the Rangers winners of a very one-sided game by 1 goal 5 tries to *nil*. A. C. Marshall was too unwell to play in the afternoon, although at school in the morning, and Dale and Williams got in the wrong train and went to St. Helens!

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *versus* LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.)

Played at Sefton Park, on Wednesday, November 4th, Mr. Wolesley-Lewis acting as referee. Again the Institute was defeated, after a very one-sided game, in which Kidman, of the College, was very prominent. The score was :—College, 4 goals, 3 tries, to *nil*.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *versus* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

Played at Sefton Park, on Saturday, 14th. For the first time this season, the second met a team against which it was able to make any stand. During the first half neither side scored, and the Institute played up very well, S. Wood particularly making himself specially prominent by some magnificent runs. After half-time, the Merchants pressed, but the Institute held their own, and it was only a few minutes before time that the Merchants succeeded in obtaining a try, which was unconverted. The final score was :—Merchant Taylors, 1 try; Institute, *nil*.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *versus* WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Waterloo, on Wednesday, 25th November. The Institute turned up late with three men absent. The play was only 15 minutes each way. Ashcroft having won the toss elected to play with the wind. The High School therefore kicked off. Soon after, Gething and Miller scored, the former's try being converted by Ashcroft, the latter's failing.

During the second half the High School played up hard, and managed to score a try, which was unconverted, but Gething managed to get in twice after this, and a maul in which H. L. H. Millard took part was not successful, and time sounded leaving Institute winners by 1 goal 3 tries to 1 try. For the Institute, Miller played very well, and had hard lines in only scoring once. The passing of the three-quarters and halves was capital.

The following are the fixtures for December and January:—

FIRST TEAM.

December, Wednesday, 2nd	.. Merchant Taylors' School..	.. Home.
.. Wednesday, 9th	.. Liverpool College (U.S.) ..	.. Fairfield.
.. Saturday, 12th	.. Mr. Wolesley-Lewis' XV ..	.. Home.
January, Saturday, 16th	.. Old Boys' Third XV ..	.. Sefton Pk.
.. Saturday, 23rd	.. Waterloo High School ..	.. Waterloo.
.. Saturday, 30th	.. Waterloo Old Boys' (A) ..	.. Home.

SECOND TEAM.

December, Wednesday, 2nd	.. Merchant Taylors' School..	.. Crosby.
.. Saturday, 5th	.. Birkenhead School..	.. Home.
.. Wednesday, 16th	.. Waterloo High School ..	.. Home.
January, Wednesday, 20th	.. Waterloo High School ..	.. Home.
.. Saturday, 30th	.. Waterloo High School ..	.. Away.

THIRD TEAM.

December, Wednesday, 2nd	.. Liverpool College (U.S.) ..	.. Away.
.. Saturday, 12th	.. Merchant Taylors' School..	.. Away.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions received since our last issue:—

B. Francis, Esq. 2/6	W. E. Ker 2/6
J. J. Hulley, Esq. 5/-	R. J. Ewart 2/6
S. Francis 2/6	W. E. Gething.. .. 2/6
G. Bell 2/6	E. Bannister 2/6
J. H. Graoc 2/6	E. M. Frimston 2/6

Twenty-three boys have availed themselves of the new regulations regarding the boys in the Preparatory. Lack of space prevents our giving their names.

ASSOCIATION.

On November 4th, the Institute played the Newby Juniors, at Stanley Park. The Juniors kicked off with the wind in their favour. After some mid-field play, the Institute got away, and A. Dickson, with a fine shot, scored the first goal. On re-starting, the visitors' left wing broke away, but a bad shot ended in a goal kick. The visitors kept pretty close to the home goal, but the full backs were more than a match for them, and try as they would they could not score. Half time was now called, and the Institute was leading by one goal to *nil*. J. Garnett started the ball for the Institute, and from some pretty passing A. Graham scored a second goal. The visitors then broke away, but a bad shot only ended in a goal kick. Flint scored another goal for the Institute, but the referee giving off-side the point

was disallowed. But the home team were not to be done, and Graham scored a third goal. After this, the home team had it nearly all their own way, and scored five more goals: Graham 1, C. Neale 2, W. Neale 1, Flint 1, the Institute thus winning by 8 goals to nil.

On November 18th, we played the return match with the Newby Juniors, at Stanley Park. This time the Juniors put a stronger team on the field. Garnett kicked off for the Institute with the wind. Soon after the kick-off, C. Neale scored the first goal for the Institute. The Juniors then pressed, but could not score. Half time was called, when the Institute lead by 1 goal to *nil*. After the re-start, some even play took place, when the home forwards dashed away, and W. Neale scored the second goal. The Juniors started the ball again, and visited the home goal, but the backs relieved and gave the ball to their forwards, who dashed away, and the Juniors' back, in trying to clear a shot from Garnett, put it through his own goal. Just on time the Juniors scored, leaving the Institute again the victors by 3 goals to 1.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER.

Wednesday, 2nd	.. Granton College..	.. Home.
Saturday, 5th..	.. Ormskirk Grammar School ..	.. Away.
Wednesday, 16th	.. Ormskirk Grammar School ..	.. Home.

The High School Library.

THE Library in the High School will have completed its first year of existence at the end of the present term. It seems, therefore, a good opportunity to review its work. It was started in the first place by the plucky efforts of members of the Upper Fourth Form to supply, what they felt to be a want amongst themselves, a ready means of access to a larger number of books. As regards this part of the work, the Library can claim a great success, for in the course of the year its volumes have reached the creditable number of three hundred. This number is due, in a great measure, to handsome donations from past and present members of the school and from the Head Master, to whom, as well as to Mr. Burroughs, the thanks of all connected with the Library are most certainly due. When the Library was first started, it was felt that it would grow, and that growth has been augmented in the first place by the incorporation of another Form Library, that of the Lower Fifth, and then by the extension of the privileges of membership upwards to the Upper Fifth and Sixth, and downwards to the other two divisions of the Fourth. The result, therefore, is that, roughly speaking, a hundred and fifty boys can avail themselves of the privileges it offers. It is in this connection that the Library bears its most unsatisfactory aspect, for out of this number we find that there are not thirty boys who are members of the Library. This fact may be due partly to the necessity of having a subscription to carry on the working expenses, that

is to say, the expense of buying new books and rebinding the old. But what is the most lamentable feature about the work is the want of support in members of the Sixth Form. From that Form there are only two members. It has been urged as an excuse, that the books in the Library are not of a type to appeal to these boys, but when we find on the shelves works by Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot, and Scott, it is evident that such a plea is vain. It has also been said that the Sixth Form interests would not be considered in buying new books, but it is certainly hard to expect those who manage the Library to expend subscriptions of boys from the Lower part of the school in providing books for the Sixth Form, who do not appreciate the benefit of it. Of course, there may be other reasons, but it would seem probable that there are more than two boys in the Sixth, and more than thirty in the six highest Forms in the school, who can find time to patronise a Library, the only aim of which is to provide healthy reading of as attractive a character as possible for boys all through that part of the school. The terms of subscription are 9d. entrance fee, and 6d. a term subscription, with a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per volume for a week.

Obituary.

In Memory of

NELSON McCALLUM,

Aged 17 years.

DROWNED IN THE WRECK OF THE BARQUE "CHARLWOOD," OFF
THE EDDYSTONE.

PERCY CLEMENTS EDMONDS,

Aged 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

WHO FELL FROM THE MAST AND WAS KILLED ON BOARD THE "SIBERA
PARIMA," ON HIS VOYAGE HOME, ON OCTOBER 4TH, 1891.

Choral Society.

HIGH SCHOOL.

THE meetings of this Society have gone on regularly throughout the month. High as was the average attendance (50) reached last month, that registered for November is nearly 60. This is most encouraging to all concerned in the Society's working, and shows how real was the necessity for its formation. This month, some ten new rounds and

catches have been practised and learnt, while others are on the way to perfection. We would remind non-members that, though our numbers are large, there is room for more, and Mr. Book will make them welcome. The Society would also convey its thanks, through the medium of the *Magazine*, to the Musical Editor of the *Liverpool Mercury*, for whose kind notice in Thursday's (25th ult.) paper it is greatly obliged.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

It has been decided, on account of the poor attendance at this Society, and general lack of interest shown in its welfare, to let it lie fallow until further notice. While this is a matter for sincere regret, it must, however, be remembered that all school societies have their ups and downs, and that the fact of the Commercial School Society being "down" just at present is no reason for assuming that it will never be "up." While nothing can exceed Mr. Bain's energy and perseverance, a time will come in the history of such a society when interest in it seems to flag; such a time has no doubt come in the history of our Commercial School Choral, and we would advise its members to leave it alone for a time, and some months later on resuscitate it.

Winter Swimming Club.

THE Winter Club has now commenced, and Mr. Bickerstaff will be glad to enroll the names of boys desiring to join, and also to teach any boys the useful art of swimming. The Club has already proved a great success, and consists of sixty members. The Meetings are held every Friday, about 4-50 p.m., at George's Baths, Pier Head. Admission, threepence. Boys are recommended on leaving the Baths to take a brisk walk to promote warmth.

Lacrosse Club.

ON October 21st, the Commercial School played the High School. From the beginning to the end of the game things proved disastrous for the High School, and on time being called, the Commercial School had scored 10 goals, while the High School had failed to score a single point.

On November 7th, the Institute played the Emmanuel, at Newsham Park. The home team proved far too strong for the visitors, and during the first half goals were freely scored by them. But during the second half the Institute made a good stand all through, but were only able to score 1 goal, and time sounded leaving the Emmanuel winners by 9 goals to 1.

Fixture for December :—

Saturday, 26th .. Y.M.C.A. Newsham Park.

Duelling (Die Mensur).

BY A "PENSIONÄR."

THERE are two kinds of duelling in Germany:—the first, of which I intend to treat, used only among students, and the second among other classes of people. Both are illegal, I believe. The duel proper is fought with sabre or pistol, and without any defensive armour—the combatants being stripped to the waist. Of course, the student is often involved in the more serious kind of duel, as, though the remark, "that's a lie," means a student-duel, if it is resented by a hit, it is a more serious affair. These duels are not carried to extremes, for the law deals very severely with the combatants, while it ignores the Mensur, or fence duel. The penalty is, for killing a man, at least two years; for a wound, or attempt to wound, from a day to two years' imprisonment in a fortress. The duel is kept very secret, only five persons knowing it, besides the two principals, two doctors, two seconds, and an umpire.

The Mensur was held, in the case that I will try to describe, in a large room, at one end of which is a gallery, at the other a raised platform, where the students prepare for the fight, and the doctors prepare for wounds and dress them. Round the room were tables, at which students sat, smoking, drinking, and playing cards.

The dress for the duel is a complicated affair. The student strips to the waist, and puts on a thick canvas shirt, fastened at the back. Then a glove is put on the hand, and the arm is enveloped in a roll of quilted silk, a silk bandage is then wound round the wrist, leaving no place unguarded between the glove and the first roll of silk. Over the silk, a thick leather guard is strapped, and also on the right and left shoulders; the left arm is carried behind. A leather apron, divided at the bottom for the legs, is next strapped on, reaching from above the heart to the knees. Next, a thick leather breast piece is strapped under the apron, reaching to within a few inches of the neck. The neck itself is guarded by a thick roll, or bandage of silk, and the eyes by leather and iron spectacles, in which glass can be put if required.

Each duellist has a "second," armed with a sword, and girded round the loins with a thick horse-cloth, and guarded by a shade over the eyes. He has also a friend to hold up his arm from the beginning of dressing till the end of the duel, and another to try his sword during the halts. An umpire decides when it is over. One duellist now steps forward ready dressed, and is led into the middle of the room, where four chalk lines are drawn, he and his opponent face each other, they bow to each other, then to the umpire, and then to the seconds; their hats are taken off, and all his ready to commence.

The first duel that took place, was between a red-cap fuchs (literally English "Freshman," or "first duel"), belonging to the Brunswick Verbindung, and a green-cap student.

"Auf die Mensur," (on fence), cried one second.

"Fertig," (ready), was the answer.

"Los," (play).

And the duel began with clash of steel, till "Halt!" cried the

umpire, and the two seconds try the swords of their men. Then again it began; "Halt!" again cried the umpire, and a doctor stepped up to staunch the blood from a pretty little slit over the redcap's right temple. And so they went on, now one, now the other getting slit. Their countenances are getting a beautiful red colour, not from exertion, but from blood. They fought on for more than three-quarters of an hour; they are only allowed to fight a quarter of an hour, but that is actual fighting time, without pauses. When time was called, neither had won. The next duel took only five minutes. "Auf die Mensur," "Fertig," "Los." Slick—a neat slash over the eye, bleeding like a pig. Then again, this time a cut from the cheek-bone to the mouth, and loosening a tooth. The next is very like the last, and they keep it up with duel after duel from eight o'clock to half-past four. Some wounds are very horrid, such as a slit in the cheek, with the tongue protruding, a nose slit, or a nose and ear cut off.

I have done my best to describe the duel as I saw it; in some places they have different cries, etc., but all that is written here is strictly true, and exactly as it happened.

Library and Reading Room (C.F.).

THE Library and Reading Room are now in a very flourishing condition. There have been a large number of new members enrolled, and, as was promised, a number of new books have been added to the Library. Comic papers are now bought regularly every week. We are much indebted to those boys who have given books to our collection. It is hoped that boys do not join just for a month simply for curiosity and then drop away, but that they take an interest in both institutions.

Answer to Double Acrostic.

IN accordance with our promise last month, we beg to announce the answer to the Double Acrostic. It is as follows:—

S	usse	X
O	liv	E
C	urtai	N
R	ialt	O
A	rebbisho	P
T	rut	H
E	ch	O
S	i	N

The following boys first offered correct solutions:—In the High School, E. W. Harradine, J. D. Crichton, and W. Bradburn; in the Commercial School, H. E. Morrow.

Chess Club.

NOVEMBER 6th. We played Higher Tranmere at the School of Art. After some good games we managed to make a draw. Score: 3 to 3. J. Wood won his game.

November 17th. We played Kirkdale Y.M.C.A. and managed to gain our first victory. The score was $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, but it is only fair to say that we counted 3 by absence; not counting three, however, we won by $2\frac{1}{2}$ games to $1\frac{1}{2}$, Hinde and Wickson winning their games, and Mr. Eaves drawing his.

There is to be a tournament for prizes, to which Mr. Hughes has kindly promised to give 10s.

The following are the fixtures for December:—

December 1	..	Imperial 3rd	..	Away.
December 4	..	Hudson's	..	Away.

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