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Presentation to the Head-Master.

ON December 20th, the last day of the term, the whole school assembled in the Hall to perform a very pleasant and interesting ceremony. The boys and Masters of the two schools took advantage of the approaching marriage of the Head-Master to express the esteem and respect in which he is held. Mr. C. S. Samuell presided, and there were also present on the platform the Rev. C. C. Elcum, Messrs. A. Holt, P. H. Holt, R. W. Ker, H. Watts, H. D. Horsfall, A. Booth, A. Hughes, J. Grindrod, G. Cohen, J. Burton, E. B. Ewart, H. Whalley (the Secretary of the Institute), P. J. A. Francis, and J. B. Lloyd, besides a large number of ladies. The centre of the Hall was also well filled with the parents and friends of the boys. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played by the orchestra while the boys were entering the Hall, and as it was concluding, Miss Booth, the bride-elect, was presented with a beautiful bouquet in the name of the boys of the Institute. The Chairman, in the course of a few remarks, said they were met under rather peculiar circumstances. It was not every day that a Head-Master was married, and they had assembled to congratulate him on the coming event. He concluded with some sound advice to the boys. The school song, "Three times three," was then sung, after which the Chairman, addressing the Head-Master, spoke of the cordial relations existing between him and his Assistant-Masters and the boys. He knew of no kindlier man than Mr. Hughes, and asked them all to join him in wishing him a long and happy life. Mr. Samuell's speech was received with loud and long applause. Percy J. A. Francis (High School), supported by J. B. Lloyd (Commercial School), then made a presentation on behalf of the boys, stating that both schools were desirous of showing their respect to Mr. Hughes in a tangible form, and at the same time of conveying to him their best wishes for his future happiness. The present consisted of a handsome silver *jardinière* mounted on an ebony pedestal. The rim of the bowl was ornamented with some fine *repoussé* work, being a copy of the Elgin marbles. Accompanying this were the works of Molière, handsomely bound in two volumes. Mr. E. B. Ewart, on behalf of the Masters, expressed his congratulations on the happy event about to take place, and spoke with satisfaction of the increased feeling of comradeship and goodfellowship which had grown up amongst the Masters since Mr. Hughes' arrival, and also of the

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dying out of that feeling of antagonism which at one time existed between boys and Masters, so that to a large extent it had now been replaced by the feeling that the objects of Masters and of boys were absolutely identical. Mr. Ewart then read the following address:—

To ALFRED HUGHES, ESQ., M.A.
(Head Master of the Liverpool Institute).

DEAR SIR,

Your Assistant-Masters gladly accept this auspicious occasion as a much wished for opportunity for presenting an address.

Four years ago you came to us, a stranger, to undertake the most honourable yet most onerous duty of succeeding a Head Master whose record of success is almost unique. The maintenance of the same high order of excellence amply testifies to the wisdom and felicity of your appointment, and we believe that your good sense and sound judgment will safely guide the old School through those dangers to which Free Education has exposed it; whilst your kindness of heart, amiability of disposition, manifest interest in our welfare, and perfect trust in us have gained our warmest gratitude and genuine esteem.

It is therefore with the kindest and sincerest feelings that we congratulate you on your approaching marriage, and wish your charming bride and yourself every happiness that earth can bestow.

20th December, 1893.

Mr. J. Burton congratulated Mr. Hughes on his approaching marriage, and assured him of the loyalty and ready assistance he might always expect from the Assistant-Masters. Mr. Hughes had done so much for the comfort and happiness of the Masters and boys that they owed him nothing less than best wishes for his happiness and success. Then followed a recitation by Cecil M. Long. He recited with great expression the following lines, written expressly for the occasion by Mr. W. Snow:—

Swiftly the months go by,
Hasting the holidays;
Ever the end of term
Bringeth us joy.
Now more than other time
Feel we the joy of it,
Chiefly for him who rules
This our good ship.
Let every voice unite,
Hymning his happiness.
Joy unto both of them,
Bridegroom and bride.

Feeble our words may be
Strong is our love for them;
Never can we forget
This their glad day,
So let our song go up,
Let the high roof resound,
Loudly re-echoing
Music and mirth.
And, though our music fade,
Ever our hearts shall keep
Honour and love for them,
Bridegroom and bride.

Mr. Hughes, who was received with loud cheers, then rose, and in accepting the gifts said how much he appreciated the presents. The Masters, he was happy to say, had never regarded him as an interloper. The most cordial relations had existed between them from the first, and he felt that their common object in life was the prosperity of the Institute. As to the boys, whom he thanked most heartily, he might say he regarded them all as friends, and they evidently had the same kindly feeling towards him. Henceforth his interest in the school would not be lessened but doubled. The boys next sang the "Bay of Biscay," after which the Rev. C. C. Elcum rendered the following song, of his own composition, to the great delight of his audience:—

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SONG.

The term, with its troubles, has
vanished!
I'm free from its chilly routine.
The schoolbooks awhile will be
banished
To lie in a cupboard unseen.
Each morning I shan't have to hurry,
I'll lie a bit longer in bed:
No work of an evening will worry
My brain, till it's heavy as lead.

Chorus—

Then ring away! sing away!
All sorrow fling away!
Old Father Christmas is near!
With holidays, jolly days,
Innocent folly-days,
Bringing no end of good cheer!

At breakfast I bolt from the table
Before I have barely begun;
But now for some weeks I'll be able
To sit till I really have done.
In term I am sure there's no question
I rush from my dinner too soon;
I now can repair my digestion
By resting the whole afternoon.

Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

I'll sit by the fire with a story
(For schoolboys expressly designed),
Of mystery, travel, and glory,
With love and adventure combined:
And then, when my novel is done
with,

I'll put it away on the shelf,
And quickly be off for some fun with
Companions as wild as myself.

Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

When mischief is doing—we're in it!
At least we are somewhere about:
But if, some particular minute,
We really are wanted, we're out!
Our mothers and sisters soon wish us
All back in the classroom, I fear;
But if only Jack Frost is propitious,
You bet we shall all disappear.

Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

"The ice on the big lake is bearing!"
We hear with excitement profound.
Mamma, though our luncheon pre-
paring,
Is certain we all shall be drowned.
I polish each trustworthy Acmé;
I hurry away to the park;
And there, you may certainly back me
To stay till it's perfectly dark.
Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

And one of my pals has a sister
I feel a bit anxious to please;
Although I have never yet kissed her,
When skating her fingers I squeeze.
I'm not sentimental—at present;
To say "I'm in love" would be
wrong;
But still, it's decidedly pleasant
To skate with her all the day long.
Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

And this sort of thing will be spread-
ing
Like measles, I'll venture to say;
For, in all that leads up to a wedding,
Our Principal shows us the way.
I make the suggestion at random,
I ask you all "How would it do
To give him a tricycle tandem,
Like 'Daisy's,' adapted for two?"
Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

Long years may they journey together,
The bridegroom elect and his bride!
Forgetting a bit of bad weather
When safe by a happy fireside!
That theirs be all bliss hymeneal,
A future of 'Ughes-ful employ,
Is the wish, unaffectedly real,
Of every true Institute boy.
Chorus—Then ring away, &c.

C. C. ELCUM.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. H. Watts, seconded by Mr. E. B. Ewart, and carried by acclamation. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. As the assembly broke up three cheers were raised for Miss Booth and Mr. Hughes, for the visitors, and for the holidays. An account of the ceremony would be incomplete without some mention of the admirable way in which the school orchestra rendered the musical portion of the programme. Mr. J. F. Bulmer, the conductor, deserves our warmest congratulations for his leadership, and the individual members for their accurate playing.

Literary and Debating Society.

ON November 23rd, Mr. C. M. Jones was in the chair. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. W. Bradburn, S. A. Samuel, and A. C. Grieve.

The question chosen for impromptu debate was "Is Rugby Football a better game than Lacrosse?" and elicited a lively, if somewhat confused discussion. Such arguments as were urged were for the most part trivial. The following members spoke:—Messrs. C. E. Turner, W. H. Wallace, J. B. Tayler, H. Hipwell, J. A. S. Clague, W. H. Gem, W. W. Beatty, C. H. Grimshaw, A. P. Banks, and P. J. A. Francis for the negative; Messrs. C. M. Long, A. Brettargh, J. D. Crichton, W. L. Collins, and R. Dale for the affirmative. The voting was as follows:—Negative 17; Affirmative 10.

On November 30th Mr. J. D. Lamb took the chair, but afterwards resigned it to Mr. C. M. Jones (chairman), who arrived late. A most delightful paper was read on this occasion by Mr. H. E. Williams, who took for his subject "Egypt 5000 years ago." Mr. Williams began with a lively description of ancient Thebes with its houses of mud, its streets, and market places, and men plying their various occupations. He went on to describe the customs, amusements, warfare and weapons of ancient Egypt, treating somewhat fully the religion of the Egyptians, its sublime ritual, and lofty code of morals. The interest of Mr. Williams' essay was greatly enhanced by some beautiful pictures passed round to illustrate the various points of the lecture. A little green stone image of the Goddess Maut (death) was also handed round—a genuine relic of ancient Egypt. The paper was discussed by Messrs. A. P. Banks, B. J. Wood, H. Eggington, C. M. Long, J. D. Lamb, G. Bell, and P. J. A. Francis. After the chairman had spoken, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the essayist, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

A meeting was held on December 7th, Mr. J. D. Lamb in the chair. Mr. J. D. Crichton, who entered the room, not too quietly, borne upon the shoulders of three others, opened in the affirmative of the debate "Should Britain extend her colonial Empire?" He argued that colonies were beneficial to England because not only do they afford her many luxuries which have become almost necessities, but also they offer an opening for her surplus population, and increase her commerce by their demands for English goods. Mr. J. B. Tayler replied in the negative, urging that new colonies can only be acquired by bloodshed; it costs England more to conquer and maintain a new colony than it will bring profit when acquired, nor is it right to wipe out a race even of savages in order to gain a fresh territory. The following members spoke:—Messrs. H. Eggington, G. Bell, W. L. Collins, and C. M. Long affirmative; Messrs. G. Cato, W. W. Beatty, and S. Roberts negative. The chairman added a few remarks, when the vote was taken with the result:—Affirmative 9; Negative 8.

On December 14th Mr. J. Burton, M.A., kindly presided. Two new members, Messrs. J. J. Bell and W. J. Williams, were elected. After the discharge of some private business, Mr. F. Wolde rose to read a paper on "The work of Geo. Meredith." Mr. Wolde, who treated his subject in his well known powerful style, praised the author of *Richard Feverel* in the highest terms as "the one great novelist left among us." After briefly relating the author's life, Mr. Wolde discussed some of his most famous characters. He named as the chief beauties of Meredith's style, his deep and accurate knowledge of nature and life, his inventive genius, and his wonderful mastery of words. The chief reasons in Mr. Wolde's opinion why this novelist's works are so little appreciated by the popular mind are the frequent obscurities in his style and diction, and the unorthodox ending to many of his novels. The chairman alone ventured to discuss the paper. The essayist briefly replied, after which an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to him, and the meeting dispersed.

On January 11th, Mr. G. Bell's resignation was tendered to the Society. In his place as Editor of the *Magazine*, in conjunction with Mr. N. C. Miller, were elected Messrs. C. M. Jones and P. J. A. Francis. Mr. W. L. Collins was elected honorary treasurer of the L.I.L.D.S.

On January 18th a meeting was held, when the Head Master kindly took the chair. On this occasion Mr. J. Burton, M.A., read a very interesting paper before the Society on the "Uses of History." By way of preface, Mr. Burton remarked that the Society must feel, as he felt, honoured by the Head Master's presence. In the course of his paper, Mr. Burton showed that of all subjects the study of History was one of the most profitable. Not only is History a good mental discipline, but it imparts to the mind sound information, strengthens the imagination, and cultivates the judgment. The chairman alone rose to speak, not, as he said, with any intention of criticising the paper that had been read, but for the sake of giving some advice and warning as to the conduct of the Society in his capacity as president. After votes of thanks had been carried with applause to the essayist and the chairman, the meeting was brought to a close.

Old Boys' Smoking Concert.

THIS year the annual re-union took the form of a Smoking Concert which was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Exchange Station Hotel, on Wednesday, January 10th. Mr. R. W. Kor presided, and during the evening a varied and highly interesting concert was given. On the whole a most enjoyable evening was spent by the Old Boys', and it was unanimously resolved that the

gatherings be continued. The following gentlemen contributed to the amusement of the evening:—Messrs. O. H. Bell, J. Hughes, Jun., A. W. Moulding, Read, Duncan, Harvey, Scott Fraser, Seward, Halliday, Pagan, and T. R. Robinson.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the honorary secretaries, Mr. Benjamin Howorth and Mr. Harold Pemberton.

Chat on the Corridor.

The two poems we published in our last issue seem to have been very favourably received by our readers, and probably it was due to their influence that we had such a good sale; indeed, a fair profit was made.

If poetry is what our readers want, we hope to be able to satisfy them for the future. The Rev. C. C. Elcum, author of "The Dusky Day," etc., has kindly offered a prize, consisting of the "Ingoldsby Legends," handsomely bound in one volume, for the best poem (or rhyme) on any school topic. The competition, which is open to all boys of both schools, will be closed on Saturday the 17th inst. All competitors must send in their poems on or before that date to any of the Editors, or to Mr. Bulmer, by whom they will be forwarded to Mr. Elcum for his judgment, and the prize poem will be printed in our next issue. If this idea seems to "catch on" with the boys, we understand that such competitions will be made a regular feature.

In our last number we mentioned that Mr. J. B. Dale, of St. John's College, Cambridge, had taken his B.A. (London) degree; we have now to add that he was placed second in the Honours division of Mathematics, with the mark showing that he had reached the standard for the Scholarship.

The Rev. W. Parry, a former master in this school, who left us to become curate of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Liverpool, has been appointed to the important curacy of Tooting-Graveney, London. We heartily congratulate Mr. Parry, and wish him every success in his new sphere of work.

On the results of the examination for scholarships, etc., at St. John's College, Cambridge, C. M. Jones was offered a Mathematical Sizarship, which, however, he has declined.

The following boys among others left us last term:—

George Bell entered the School August, 1886. In October, 1892, he entered the Sixth Form; Oxford Local Junior Second

Class, 1891; First Class, 1892; Senior First Class, 1893; 24th on general list. Football—First XV, 1893. Treasurer of L.I.L.D.S., 1893. Joint-Editor of this *Magazine*. Chess Club Committee, 1892.

Harold Eggington, entered School, 1885. Entered Sixth Form, October, 1892. Oxford Junior Third Class, 1891; Senior Pass, 1893. Chess Club Committee, 1893.

J. B. Lloyd, Council of Education Scholar, January, 1891. Oxford Junior Pass, 1892; Senior Pass, 1893. Commercial School Correspondent of the *Magazine*, 1893.

Wm. B. Walkden, whose death is recorded on another page, entered the School, September, 1891, and passed the Oxford Junior, 1893. He left the School quite recently from the First Class.

The following books are for sale (cheap); for particulars apply to the Editors:—

Pinkerton's *Elementary Dynamics and Hydrostatics* (3 copies).

Macmillan's *Third Year French Course* (2 copies).*

Grammaire des Grammaires (De Fivas).

Tout's *History* (2 copies).

Lock's *Elementary Trigonometry*.

Buckmaster's *Chemistry, Elementary and Advanced*.

Macmillan's *First Year German Course*.

Hall and Knight's *Arithmetical Exercises*.

Cornwell's *Geography Book*.

Club Reports.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

FIRST FIFTEEN MATCHES.

November 25th. A match with Liverpool 3rd XV which ought to have been played on this date was scratched.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS'.

On Wednesday, December 6th, this match was played at home, and after a good game was lost by a goal and two tries to a goal. Up to half-time the Institute had the best of the game, but in the second half appeared to tire. The team was weakened by the absence of Squires and Humphreys, which necessitated an alteration in the position of the field, Brettargh playing centre three-quarter, Raleigh back, and Dale half back. The forwards worked hard in the first half, but when once the Merchants had obtained the lead they seemed to give up. The Merchants kicked off down the hill and play settled at the half-way flag. After the Institute

forwards had carried play into the Merchants' quarters, where some favourable opportunities of scoring were lost by the slowness of the three-quarters, the visitors got away with a good run, and, though tackled at the home 25, the ball was dribbled on and a try scored near the touch line. It was rather doubtful whether the ball did not go into touch first, but with only an imaginary line to guide the touch judge it was impossible to tell. After the drop out the Institute played up very well, and by good play on the part of the forwards the ball was rushed down into the Merchants' quarters where Cheeseright got away from a scrum, and picking up very neatly scored right under the posts. This try Brettargh had no difficulty in converting. From now up to half-time the play was good and even, though the Institute lost two good chances of goals from penalty kicks by not claiming for off-side. On restarting the Merchants by some good kicking got into the Institute quarters, where they remained for a time till a good rush by the forwards, in which Crichton and Cheeseright were conspicuous, took the ball to their 25; from here however it was soon brought back, and the forwards dribbling well into the home quarters gained a try. This point should certainly not have been scored, as it was due entirely to the wild play of the Institute full back. No goal resulted, but the drop out brought very little relief as the Merchants got the ball time after time from the scrum, and by good passing and running kept the Institute penned, till by a very good piece of combined play they scored a try which was converted into a goal. From the kick off the Institute went away with a rush, and had it not been for the gathering darkness should have scored, as Beatty got well through, and when collared, passed close on the goal line, the ball however was missed and the opportunity lost. The Merchants in the last few minutes again rushed the ball up, and owing to the full back slipping were almost enabled to score again. On the whole the game was disappointing to the Institute, as at half-time they appeared to have the best of the game.

The forwards played pretty well, Cheeseright and Crichton being the best. Behind, the play was not quite so good, Beatty being undoubtedly the best.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

This extra match was played at Sefton Park, on December 13th. The Institute was not well represented, Squires the captain being away. Dale winning the toss, the School kicked off, and play settled down about midfield. The School at first pressed slightly, but their passing was not so good, and therefore they did not score. The Institute forwards now played up and gradually worked the School forwards towards their goal. After some loose play and a few scrummages, Brettargh got hold of the ball and nearly got in by the goal posts. But the advantage was not to be denied to the Institute, for from the next scrum, Cheeseright got hold and scored our first try right under the posts. Brettargh had no difficulty in

converting. After the kick off, play continued even for some time, till at last Langdon ran in and scored the second try. This was not converted. After half-time the Institute had the best of the play, the forwards holding their own without much difficulty. Langdon who played a much improved game scored again for us, but the place kick failed. Thus when time was called the Institute won by 1 goal 2 tries to *nil*.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Sefton Park on Wednesday, January 31st. The Institute were one man short at the start, and another had to play in his ordinary clothes. Squires having won the toss, the Birkenhead School kicked off, a good return being made. Play settled down in the centre, where a good deal of scrummaging took place. The Institute forwards held their own in the scrums, but did not often get possession, consequently, the School three-quarters obtained the ball, and made a few attempts to get off, but they were brought down in time by the good tackling of the Institute. Then our forwards, with a combined effort, gradually worked their way down the field, and by alternate dribbling and scrummaging managed to reach their opponents' "25." There, Brettargh obtained the ball from the scrum and made a short run, but, when tackled, transferred to Squires, who dodged one or two opponents, and scored the first try in a good position. Brettargh took the place kick and easily converted.

On restarting there was a lot of scrambling play in our "25;" and when the ball was on the loose, Squires neatly picked up, and, outdistancing his opponents, scored a second time, Brettargh again converting. From this point till half-time the game was of an even nature, Birkenhead pressing slightly, but nothing was scored, owing principally to good tackling and to Humphrey's judicious kicks. At half-time the score stood:—Institute, 2 goals; Birkenhead School, *nil*.

On resuming, the School pressed strongly, and kept the ball for a long while in our "25," but they did not make use of their opportunity. Then our forwards with a good dribble relieved, and brought play to the half-way flag. The Institute now showed unmistakable signs of being pumped out, and allowed the School to get the ball from the scrum. One of their men got in through a mistake on the part of our three-quarters, but the try was not converted. Hawkes dropped out, but his kick did not gain any ground. At this stage the Institute scrummaging was dreadful, and the School were only prevented from scoring by good tackling. Nothing further was scored, and finally the Institute won by 2 goals (10 points) to a try (3 points).

Remarks.—The game throughout was of a scrambly nature. The forwards, good individually, are poor collectively, being weak in combined efforts. The heeling out is poor chiefly because the forwards do not watch the ball in the scrums. Collins and Brettargh are a good pair of halves, but they play rather too much on

the defensive as is the case with the three-quarters. The backs want more practice in giving and taking passes whilst going at full speed, Langdon especially fails to take his passes cleanly, and is apt to get too far forward when waiting for a pass. Humphreys collars well but might improve his kicking, and last but not least, the team that plays with most combination is the team that wins.

SECOND FIFTEEN MATCHES.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE 2ND v. WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Waterloo, on Wednesday, December 6th. The Institute were not well represented and were two men short. The High School winning the toss, Cox kicked off, and some fast play ensued, the forwards, despite the absence of the two men, working hard and holding their own pluckily. After some passing by Samuels, Cox, and Williams, Williams got possession, and made a good run, crossing the line, but he was unfortunately held before he touched down. The High School now had somewhat the best of matters, and pressed, but Hvistendahl relieved. After some forward play, Cox got possession and ran in, but dropped the ball, fortunately Williams touched down, and scored the first try. The place kick failed, and shortly afterwards the whistle went.

On resuming Waterloo kicked off and pressed, but the Institute defence was good, and nothing was scored till nearly the end of the game, when they rushed the ball over the line and scored. The place kick failed. Finally the match resulted in a draw, the score being 1 try each.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE 2ND. v. BROAD GREEN.

Played at Broad Green, on December 13th. Broad Green kicked off, and after a few minutes Samuels scored, but failed to convert. Shortly after this Harnden scored, but the try was unconverted. Play was then transferred to the Institute ground, but a judicious kick by Cox brought relief. From a throw out of touch, Samuels got possession, and scored a second time, Long converting the try.

After half-time the Institute had the advantage, and scored twice more, Shaw getting both the tries. In the end the Institute won by 3 goals 2 tries to *nil*.

Those who have not paid their subscriptions are requested to do so at once, as we are rather short of funds at present.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE LACROSSE CLUB.

At a General Meeting held on January 12th, C. E. Turner was elected captain in place of Wilkie, who has left, and Gem was elected captain of the Under 15 Team, which will play in the Junior Schools' Competition this term.

The following were elected as Committee: Clague, Grimshaw, Hurter, Thomas.

CHESS CLUB.

The only match we have to report in this month's issue is that with the Merchant Taylors' Chess Club. This match was played at the Institute, on Monday, December 18th, and resulted in a victory for the Institute by 6 games to *nil*. N. C. Clissold, C. H. Stewart, F. Cheesewright, W. J. Roberts, E. Tebbutt, and J. Wright winning their games.

The result of the Chess Tournament of last term is as follows:—

1st Prize, C. H. Stewart, winning 19 games out of 19
2nd " F. Cheesewright " 17 " " 19
3rd " E. Tebbutt " 16 " " 19
4th " J. Wright " 14 " " 19
Beginners' Prize to W. P. Blevin, winning 12 games out of 19.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE *Liverpool Institute School Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the good or ill fortune to be endowed with the usual number of senses allotted to mankind. One sense I have which is particularly strong; it is—(No, sir, *not* nonsense)—it is the sense of smell. You must not imagine by this that I am particularly fastidious, nor yet is my nose, as everybody knows, particularly long. One morning recently, I was in Mr. Owen's room; but it was not owing to my own laziness that I was not working. What, then, was the reason? Well, murder will out—and so will the smell of cabbage-water; it was due, O dear, to the odious odour which loaded the atmosphere of the room. Now, with all due deference to the cooks of the dining-rooms, I think there is a certain difference between the scent of cabbage-water and that of otto of roses. I have often dined in the dining-rooms and enjoyed my sevenpenn'orth, but I think it is nothing short of cruel that we hungry boys should be tantalised with the smell of a dinner which we know we cannot even see until the end of the hour. The cooks can't help it, I know that; but the directors can. May I therefore suggest to them that the flue through which the effluvium flows into Mr. Owen's room be seen to at once and put to rights?

ΦΙΛΟΣΜΟΣ.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE *Liverpool Institute School Magazine*.

SIRS,—If I may presume to trespass on your valuable space, I should just like to draw the attention of those of your readers who take an interest in the Rugby Football Club to the lack of support which the practices receive. A short time ago a practice was arranged and only six turned up, the rest staying away because of a little rain. The next week a practice did come off, but there were only twenty-four present. Such a practice as this is scarcely worth anything, for there are so few to form a "scrum." that the game is usually nothing else but a scramble. There should be at least thirty present, and more if possible. Again there might be a great improvement in the attendance of boys as spectators at the matches, as encouragement of this kind often goes a long way towards winning a match.

Hoping that there will be more enthusiasm shown in both of the above ways for the future,—I am, yours, &c.,

ENTHUSIAST.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE *Liverpool Institute School Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—The boys of the Liverpool Institute are not Australian mutton, nor yet tropical plants. Why, then, should we be frozen one day and almost boiled the next? For some time I have noticed that it has always happened on a cold day that the waterpipes in the rooms are icy cold, on a warm or "muggy" day they are hot enough to toast cheese on.

Yours, &c., CHILIAN HOTTENT(OOH)OT.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM B. WALKDEN, DIED 8TH DECEMBER, 1893,
AGED 16 YEARS;

ALSO JOHN EDWIN CARPENTER, DIED 20TH JANUARY,
AGED 24 YEARS;

ALSO EDWARD DENTON COUCHE, DIED 21ST JANUARY,
AGED 25 YEARS.

AND GEORGE NICHOLAS, DIED 29TH JANUARY,
AGED 27 YEARS.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1894.

- 1st, Thursday—Liverpool Institute Literary and Debating Society. Debate: "Is the System of Public Examination an adequate test of true Education?"
- 3rd, Saturday—Rugby Football, 1st team, Liverpool Institute v. Old Boys' 3rd XV, away.
2nd team, Liverpool Institute v. Parkfield, home.
- 5th, Monday—Chess Club, Liverpool Institute v. Balfour Institute, away.
- 7th, Wednesday—Rugby Football, 1st team, Liverpool Institute v. Merchant Taylors', away.
2nd team, Liverpool Institute v. Waterloo High School.
- 8th, Thursday—Liverpool Institute Literary and Debating Society. Paper: "Eyes and no Eyes," Mr. A. J. Ewart.
- 12th, Monday—Liverpool Institute Literary and Debating Society. Debate with Canning Street Junior Association, "Is Government justified in placing a check upon Foreign Immigration into this Country?"
- 13th, Tuesday—Chess, Liverpool Institute v. Hebrew School, home.
- 14th, Wednesday—Rugby Football, 1st team v. Waterloo High School, home.
- 15th, Thursday—Chess, Liverpool Institute v. Hope Street School, home.
- 17th, Saturday—Rugby Football Club, 1st team v. Hoylake, home.
- 21st, Wednesday—Rugby Football Club, 2nd team v. Merchant Taylors', home.
- 22nd, Thursday—Liverpool Institute Literary and Debating Society. Paper by Mr. H. L. H. Millard.
- 26th, Monday—Chess, Liverpool Institute v. Hebrew School, away.
- 28th, Wednesday—Rugby Football Club, 1st team v. Merchant Taylors', home.
2nd team, Liverpool Institute v. Liverpool College (U.S.)

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