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SCHOOL NOTES (Boys).

The following boys have left us since our last issue :—

Anderson, W., Bott, Cartman, T., Cheetham, Crossley, Glenday, Hall, N., Hamer, Holmes, Hulme, G. S., Jackson, R. L., Lees, C. G., McFarlane, G. R., Parkinson, M., Rothwell, W., Smethurst, S., Smith, A., Southern, Taylor, W.

The following have joined us this term :—

Allen, Askew, Binns, Bridge, Broughton, Byrom, Cartman, H., Clay, Croasdale, Crawshaw, Dearden, Fewtrell, Hall, D. H., Hamer, Holding, Kay, J. F., Meadowcroft, Meadows, Morris, C., Nuttall, J. N., Oldroyd, Pickles, Pickstone, Roberts, Rogerson, Round.

PUERI AUCTORITATE GRAVES:—

Prefects.—*Senior*: Ashworth, Brown i., Buxton i.,
Chadwick, Wild i.,

Junior: Barlow i., Hall i., Jones i.,
McFarlane, Whittami., Wolstenholme i.,
Wood i.

School Captains.—Buxton i., Wild i.

Football Captains and Vice-Captains.—First Eleven :
Ashworth, Buxton i.; Second Eleven :
Hall i., Foster; Third Eleven : Whittaker ii., F., Southam ; Under 14 Eleven :
Rostron i., C. T., Dawson.

The Hutchinson Cup for Swimming has been secured by Derby House, and the Blackburne and Mellor Cups, for Cricket and Shooting, respectively, by Hulme House.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held at the beginning of term, and resulted as follows :—

House Cup Events: Senior Relay—1, Derby; 2, Hulme.

Middle Relay—1, Hulme; 2, Kay.

Junior Relay—Derby.

Hutchinson Cup : Derby House (30 points).

One Length (open) Scratch : 1, Barlow i.; 2, Nuttall i.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Higher Certificate Examination of Oxford and Cambridge.—
Brown i. (Distinction in Chemistry), Chadwick, Coupe, A.,
Glenday, Jones i. (Distinction in Trigonometry and Mechanics),
Wild i.

Victoria Matriculation.—Second Class: Barlow i., Crossley.

Oxford Locals Junior (in order of merit).—First Class
Honours: McFarlane (7th in the whole list, Distinction in Religious Knowledge, English, Chemistry and Physics); Taylor, W. (Distinction in Religious Knowledge and English).

Second Class Honours : Wild ii. (Bracketed 1st), Leather, Eatough.

Third Class Honours : Coates, Pickup, Lowe, Whittaker ii., Jackson iii., Southam.

Pass: Anderson, W., Lund, Lamburn, Belchamber,
Howarth, W., Simmonds, Benson, Ogden, Howlett, Whittam ii.,
Smith ii., Minton, Lord.

We understand that the Head Master has written to Magdalen College, Cambridge, with reference to Henry Dunster, The Master searched the College books but found no entries to the College, apart from those of scholars, before 1644, whereas Henry Dunster graduated B.A. in 1630.

There is the following reference in Purnell's History of the College:—"In 1640, the College produced the first President of Harvard, Henry Dunster, B.A., 1630, who emigrated to New England on account of High-Church tyranny. He built the President's House at Harvard, and gave that Society a hundred acres of land."

Appended is a copy of the President's signature.

With the winter months the Saturday morning sessions of our Hobby Club recommenced, and they have now been organized as a regular weekly fixture. Stamp-collecting is still the leading feature; and, with the expert advice now at their disposal, our rising philatelists have every opportunity of becoming connoisseurs in this fascinating hobby. The Club is not yet used as it should be by the Junior School ; beginners are always welcome, and will find the "old hands" very generous in giving them a friendly lift. *Meetings every Saturday, 12-20, Room 2.*

On Wednesday, October 13th, some twenty boys, accompanied by Mr. Round and Mr. Scott, visited the Electrical Exhibition at Manchester. An inspection of the many modern combinations and applications of electrical devices, some under actual working conditions, rendered the visit both interesting and educative.

We seem to have heard of an expression "to pour oil on the troubled waters," but the following anachronism culled from "Upper Fifth's" essay on the Siege of Antioch may reasonably be held to commandeer the Mince Pie:—Armed men *petroled* the battlements every half-hour.

Mr. Sprankling succeeds Mr. Brown as Master of Hulme House.

The Governors of the School have had a massive Memorial Tablet erected over the west door of the Roger Kay Hall. The inscription is as follows :—

THIS HALL IS THE GIFT OF
HENRY WHITEHEAD OF HASLEM HEY
(OPENED 7TH MARCH, 1907)
TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF
THE REV. ROGER KAY
REFOUNDER OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
BURY 6TH MAY, 17 26.

In its Report for the year 1906-1907, the Board of Education remarks : “ A beautiful hall is now being built—the gift of a friend of the school—and ample grounds surrounding the school are being laid out for games for both boys and girls. When these are completed the school will bear favourable comparison in the matter of equipment with almost any of its kind, and the district owes a great debt of gratitude to those private persons who have so generously subscribed towards the cost.” (..... Grammar School). The name of the school thus complimented is an open secret.

Our Headmaster hails from Christ's College, Cambridge, where John Milton spent seven valuable years, and pleads guilty to the charge of eating many a mulberry from the old tree in the Fellows' Garden. The tree is said to have been planted by the poet himself: whether this be true or not, the tree is certainly a very old one, and many of its branches have had to be encased in lead.

The share taken by Bury Grammar School in the tercentenary celebrations of the birth of John Milton took the form of an interesting Lecture delivered to masters and boys by Mr. S. F. Butcher, a Governor of the School. Milton's character, the lecturer told us, was marked by three main traits—purity of motive, earnestness of purpose, and a deep sense of the responsibility involved in the mission to which he had dedicated himself—"to speak something that should live after his body was dead." How carefully he prepared himself for

" . . . that same lot, however mean or high,

Toward which Time leads me, and the will of Heaven."

how sternly his conscience prompted him to plunge into the vortex of political and religious strife, and further with his pen the great work of freeing from tyranny the Country and the Church he loved so well, how keen a disappointment it must have been to have to put aside his high ambition as a poet in order to devote himself to the duty that lay nearest to his hand, how this unwelcome interruption, coupled with the crowning affliction of blindness, would have caused most of us to give up even the most earnest purpose to which we might have dedicated ourselves, and, finally, how, at length, at an age—fifty-seven—when most great minds would long since have given their best work to the world, he completed "that excellent poem which he entitled *Paradise Lost*," and which we shall not willingly let die—such were a few of the main points to which our attention was directed. We agree with the Lecturer that "though separated from us by a period of three hundred years Milton's life makes us proud of him as a poet and not less proud of him as a man."

With reference to a remark Mr. Butcher made, that to know how to wait is one of the hardest lessons we have to learn, may we commend to his notice the last line of the poet's "Sonnet on his Blindness," a line embodying what we venture to say is one of the grandest thoughts to be found in the whole range of English Literature—

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

Owing to the serious condition of the Chairman of the Governors (Archdeacon Blackburne), the Governors have decided to postpone the Prize Distribution and the Annual School Conversazione.

MEMORABILIA.

Christmas Vacation.—From Tuesday, 22nd December, 4 p.m., to Tuesday, 19th January, 9 a.m.

Conversazione.—Tuesday, 26th January.

Junior School Exhibition and Entertainment.—Wednesday, 17th February.

A CHRISTMAS GHOST STORY.

Mr. Barr Lambe, one of the masters at St. Ambrose's Academy, was always a timid, gentle soul, but at Christmas time his timidity increased by leaps and bounds. He had even been seen one evening when there had been a heavy snowfall to turn tail and flee for his life from a snow man some zealous village children had erected in the roadway.

Whether he read too many of the ghost stories generally current at the Festive Season we cannot tell. The reader must be content with the bare statement of fact without expecting a reason.

Now you must know that St. Ambrose's dated back to the time of William the Conqueror, when it was one of the most influential monasteries in the land. It had only served as a boarding-school for about fifty years, having been untenanted for about two hundred years before that; and tradition said it was haunted.

Certainly, a very gruesome crime had been committed there in the dark ages. Two monks, angered at the punishment meted out to them by the abbot for some offence against the rules of the Order, conspired to kill him, and carry off some of the vast treasure which they knew lay hidden somewhere in the monastery.

Accordingly, they repaired to the abbot's cell, and under pain of death compelled him to disclose the hiding-place of the treasure.

The unfortunate abbot led them by a narrow staircase on to the roof. Walking along the parapet, he suddenly stopped before a large stone and, stooping down, pressed a secret spring. Whereupon the great slab rolled slowly back, disclosing a wonderful sight to the greedy eyes of the miscreants. At a depth of about thirty feet lay huge iron-bound chests, and bales of Eastern merchandise.

Urged on by this sight, the two wretches sprang on the luckless prelate, and attempted to hurl him down the pit. He struggled violently, and in the end all three toppled over into the depths below and were instantly killed.

Ever since on the anniversary of the tragedy, so the legend runs, their spirits return and re-enact the crime.

It was this legend that Mr. Barr Lambe had just finished reading, on the night with which this story deals. Needless to say, it had rendered him more nervous than ever, and he felt thankful that the school would break-up for the holidays on the morrow. But at present he had to perform the very unpleasant task of locking up for the night, and to do this he must needs cross the courtyard near the scene of the tragedy.

He, therefore, "stiffened the sinews, summoned up the blood," and set off. Nothing happened to alarm him until he reached the large iron gate. He was just locking it, when he heard a shrill whistle proceed from the roof.

Looking up, *he saw three white figures picking their way carefully along the parapet.* Suddenly the leading figure stooped and gave a distinct rap on a sky-light. Then the other two bent down, and all three seemed to be engaged in a struggle At length they vanished from sight!

For a moment Mr. Barr Lambe was struck dumb with terror. Then he rushed to the bell-turret close by, and began to clang the great bell that was only used in case of emergency.

In a trice the courtyard was alive with anxious beings, masters and boys, all wondering what was the matter.

The members of dormitory number six had clubbed together to have a beano on the last night of term. As they could not be supplied openly with provisions, they deputed three of their number to smuggle in the stuff.

These three accordingly arranged for the confectioner's boy to wait outside the school walls until a rope was lowered, when he was to fix his basket to it and give the signal to hoist up.

All went well. Slipping out of the skylight on to the roof, the three crept steadily along the tiles until they came to the edge of the roof, looking on to the road. One lowered the rope and then, at a whistle from the confederate outside, they hauled up the rope and bore the precious booty to No. 6. They knocked once on the glass as a sign to the expectant ones within. The window was opened, and all three dropped eagerly inside.

But, alas, for their well-laid schemes ! No sooner had they settled down for a well earned feed than—" clang " went the fire bell.

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Mr. Barr Lambe is now meeker than ever. Worse still, the penalties against illicit banquets have been made heavier than ever, and the roof has been rendered useless as a means of conveying grub to the dormitories by night.

REMOVE.

SCHOOL NOTES (Girls).

We have had a large increase in numbers this term. Twenty-five girls left but fifty-one new ones entered, and further accommodation had to be provided, and a new mistress engaged. A new form, "the Shell," was created, and a room made by partitioning off a portion of the space underneath the Central Hall.

Miss Matthias, B.A., Miss Nicholson, M.A. and Miss E. Withers, M.A., joined the staff, and to all we extend a welcome.

It was with feelings of real regret that we parted with Miss Lee and Miss Popple at the end of the summer term.

The School presented Miss Lee with a pearl and peridot pendant, and the Sixth Form gave her books, that she might have some tangible remembrance of the affection she had gained during her nine years' work in Bury.

On our return we found that Miss Lee, on her part, had not been unmindful of us, and her gift to the School, a beautiful engraving of Watt's allegorical figure of ' Hope,' conveys to us a message of cheerful inspiration which is characteristic of the giver.

That Miss Pople's stay with us was further shortened by illness at home at the end of the term was a great disappointment. She, however, came to visit us during this term, and the School then gave her the pearl and gold bracelet, and her Form the gold enamel brooch that they had been unable to present earlier. She is much missed by her Form and the School generally, and we wish her every happiness for the future.

On account of the illness of the Chairman of the Governors, the Rector of Bury, the Old Girls' Dance, which was to have been held on December 4th, has been postponed till Friday, January 15th, when it will take place in the Town Hall.

The following have left us since the last issue :—

B. Sleigh, H. Hall, M. Haworth, L. Hillis, K. Partington,
 R. Simpson, G. Broad, S. Colley, L. Holder, L. France,
 M. Wilkinson, E. Smith, M. Whitehead, V. Lofthouse, G.
 Ramsden, J. Ashton, D. Ainsworth, W. Roberts, W. Dearden,
 M. Horrocks, H. Francis, G. Harrison, E. Kay, S. Howe, D. Rigby.

The new pupils this term are :—

D. L. Brown, K. Hamer, E. Hamer, E. Poole, G.
 Whittaker, M. Brand wood, S. A. Brandwood, E. Brand wood,
 E. Ashworth, E. Whitehead, E. Riley, W. Heath, E. Wild, M.
 Monks, E. Simpson, G. Whittle, M. Butterworth, B. Ross, N.
 Rostron, E. Price, H. Sargeant, A. Harrison, M. J. Taylor,
 M. Tinline, G. G. Holmes, F. Pinkerton, M. Riley, N. Parker,
 E. Burgoyne, E. Smith, G. Fowler, S. Ratcliffe, N. Anderson,

M. Anderson, B. Bouchier, M. Lord, J. Hyslop, E. Ormerod,
M. Foers, E. Wilkinson, M. Hill, E. Dobson, E. Booth, H. Colley,
H. Riley, M. Fitton, M. Sykes, G. Webb, H. Barrett, E. Pickles.

OXFORD LOCAL LIST.

SENIOR.—Honours, 3rd class : O. Taylor.

Pass : E. Rothwell, S. Howe.

JUNIORS.—Honours, 1st class :

F. Whitehead, distinguished in English Language and Literature.

L. Brunskill, " " "

Honours, 2nd class:

O. Budden, " " "

N. Hall, " Religious Knowledge.

M. Clay.

Honours, 3rd class:

D. Hayes.

A. Wood.

Pass: L. Aspinall, R. Barber, M. Brown, M. Chew, A Kay,
S. Colley, K. Partington, M. Whitehead, M. Hargreaves,

E. Whitehead.

PRELIMINARY.—Honours, 3rd class :

D. Eckersall.

E. Hamilton.

L. Whitehead.

Pass: L. Mills, E. Rigby, E. Nuttall, S. Lucas, E. Kay, D. Hulme,

F. Fielden, K. Brown.

VICTORIA MATRICULATION.

FIRST CLASS.—I. Ashton gained half the Matriculation Scholarship, a bursary of £10 at Ashburne House, and a Kay Exhibition.

A. Wolstenholme.

SECOND CLASS.—G. Ramsden, L. Smith, H. Haworth, A. Ramsbottom, D. Worsick, V. Lofthouse, M. Hardman.

M. Hardman was awarded the Susannah Ramsbottom Scholarship.

JOHN LISTER, M.A.

FIRST HEAD MASTER OF BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(KAY FOUNDATION).

On May 6, 1730, the founder of the school, Rev. Roger Kay, appointed as first headmaster the Rev. John Lister, with Edmund Pilkington (son of Edmund Pilkington, cousin of the founder) as first usher. The original license to John Lister to teach in the school is signed by Samuel Peploe, Bishop of Chester, and is dated May 23, 1730.

The headmaster's bond to the trustees of the school recites :—

That whereas the Rev. Roger Kay, Rector of ffitleton, in Wiltshire, hath lately founded and endowed a (free Grammar School in and for the Parish of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, with a stipend or salary of fifty pounds a year *inter alia* for the headmaster of the said School under certain Restrictions, Ordinances, Laws and Statutes by him mentioned, expressed and declared in a Book called the ffounder's or the said Roger Kay's original Book of Statutes, and thereof nominated the above Obliges or some of them for Trustees or Governors, as by the said Book containing Twenty and six folios of stamped vellum, &c., And whereas the said Roger Kay according to the power reserved to him in and by the said Statutes hath this day nominated and appointed the above bound John Lister to be first Head Master of the said School, and for his better Rule and Government hath now delivered or caused to be delivered to him a Copy of the said original Book of Statutes or the substance thereof so far as concerneth the said master, Now the Condition is such that if the said John Lister at all times hereafter, whilst he continueth Head Master of the said School do and shall well and truly observe, perform and keep all and every the Laws, Ordinances, Rules, &c., &c., Then the above written Obligation to be void, else to remain in force.

(Signed) JOHN LISTER.

The trustees with whom the bond was made were:—
 “ Henry Greenhalgh of Brandlesome, in the parish of Bury, Esquire; James Bankes, Rector of Bury, Clerk ; William Ashton [Assheton], Rector of Prestwich, Clerk ; Miles Lonsdale of Bury Esquire ; and W'illiam Bamford of Bamford, in the parish of Bury Esquire.”

John Lister was born at Halifax, April 19, 1703, and was the eldest son of James Lister, then of Halifax, afterwards of Shibden Hall, Southowram, by his wife Mary, daughter of William Issott, of Horbury. He was a pupil first at Heath (six months) and Hipperholme Grammar Schools, near Halifax, and afterwards at Wakefield and Bradford Grammar Schools. At Heath School he was under Thomas Lister, M.B., whom he and other members of the Shibden Hall family described as "Cousin Thomas." At Bradford one of his schoolfellows was David Hartley, author of "Observations on Man," and other works, with whom he kept up a life-long friendship and correspondence; they often corresponded with one another in shorthand, and many of the letters were written from or addressed to Bury. From the Bradford School John Lister proceeded to St. John's College, Cambridge (March 25, 1721) where he held an exhibition. He took his B.A. in 1724, and M.A. in 1728. On July 10, 1727, he was licensed to the curacy of Doncaster Church, having been ordained Deacon on the previous Sunday. The stipend was £30 a year. He succeeded to the ownership of the Shibden Hall estate on the death of his father, November 14, 1729.

In a letter dated Bury, February 2, 1748, to his sister (Miss Lister), John Lister says :—

The older Master Powel has left us this Xmas, resolving to be a merchant..... We have got a new young boarder, Master Hulton. He is about 9 years old, an heir and the last of the family. His estate is about £1,500 a year: has been a little indulged, but has a pretty behaviour, and likes very well with us.

At that time (according to a newspaper advertisement), "At Bury, in Lancashire, in a large commodious house, pleasantly situated near the Free Grammar School, young lads are boarded for ten pounds a year, and completely qualified for all manner of business, in Greek, Latin, French, writing and arithmetick," and "Parents may be assured that great care will be had to their children's behaviour as well out of as in school." The "Master Powel" of the headmaster's letter may have been one of the

Powells of Heaton Norris who afterwards purchased the Brandlestone Hall estate. " Master Hulton " was William Hulton (1739-1773), the only son and heir of William Hulton, of Hulton Park, and ancestor of the present Sir William Hulton, Bart.

Many of the letters written and received by John Lister while he was headmaster of Bury School, together with his portrait, are preserved at Shibden Hall (to the present owner and occupier of which ancient mansion, a namesake of the schoolmaster, I am indebted for a good deal of the information in this article). One of the communications he received is in rhyme, and reads :—

To visit Bury, in the Land of Nod,
 The sons of Dullness and the men of God,
 Where Noise and Nonsense, Trade and Tricks, prevail,
 And empty skulls are always fill'd with Ale ;
 Where Pride and Poverty united vies,
 Almost inseparable as Nitts and Lice—
 A pert, censorious, tattling, trifling Town,
 An odd Alternative of Knave and Clown,
 Is far beneath a man of Parts like mine,
 And so I leave the Devil and the Swine.

The headmaster had a much better opinion of Bury than his rhyming correspondent, and here is his "Answer to the Rev. Mr. Lloyd —":

Sweet Sir, your verses are exceeding fine,
 Your happy Skull, no doubt, is fill'd with Wine,
 Whilst we at Bury, pleas'd with humble Ale,
 Want the bright Talent to abuse and rail,
 Have not the Vanity to make Pretence
 To Parts like yours; yet hate Impertinence,
 And require Decency no less than Sense.
 Cease then to use a rude licentious Pen,
 You'll shew more knowledge both of Books and Men ;
 For if again you send me Lines so odd,
 Shall think you dreaming in this Land of Nod.

John Lister retired from the headmastership of the school on August 6, 1749. His draft letter of resignation reads :—

To the Reverend and Worshipful the Trustees or Governors of the Free School of Bury.

Gentlemen,

Finding myself in a Decline of Health and less able to bear the attendance on school, especially in the Winter season, I take this opportunity to acquaint you with my Desire to resign at the end of next Quarter. Shall always retain a grateful sense of your Respects to me, and kind acceptance of my best Endeavours ; in particular return Thanks for the Favour of Ten Pounds a year addition to my salary. And that the School may flourish and your care and encouragement of it be ever attended with success is the sincere wish of, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble servant,

J. LISTER.

From Bury, he retired to the family seat, Shibden Hall, his successor at the Grammar School—Richard Barton, M.A. (Brasenose College, Oxford)—being appointed at a meeting of the trustees on August 10, 1749.

John Lister died (unmarried; very suddenly on Sunday, September 2, 1759. To quote an old family record :—

Betwixt Cullingworth and Keighley, as he was riding and cheerfully talking with Mr. William Walker, of Crow Nest, he was seized with an apoplexy, and dropped dead from his horse in a moment, aged 56 years, 4 months, 3 days.

He had survived the first usher of the Grammar School, Edmund Pilkington, who died on March 5, 1755, the trustees appointing his son, Robert Pilkington, to fill the vacancy.

WILLIAM HEWITSON.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY—(Boys).

The Debating Society has by this time become a permanent feature in the School, and even now that the movement has ceased to be a novelty, the interest displayed in it is as keen as ever. The average attendance has greatly increased—32 as against 22 last session—and the promoters have every reason to be gratified with the success of their efforts. Four meetings have already been held, in which many new members have taken part, and several admirable speeches have been delivered. Mr. Sprankling has been appointed to the post of Vice-President, vacated by Mr. Brown. Appended are a few remarks on each meeting held to date :—

1. Saturday, October 10th, Mr. Hignett in the chair. Subject, " Socialism," supported by McFarlane, opposed by Brown i. Brown i. eloquently condemned Socialism as impracticable and undesirable, while his opponent claimed that Socialism was the only possible remedy for the social evils of the day. The Anti-Socialists secured a margin of 19 votes.

2. Saturday, October 24th, Wolstenholme i. in the chair. Subject, " Hobbies." Principals, Mr. Sprankling (Stamp-Collecting) and Brown i. (Photography). Mr. Sprankling supported his hobby chiefly on the ground of its educational advantages and for the neatness and order it encourages. Brown humorously and eloquently unfolded the merits of photography as a scientific hobby, denouncing stamp-collecting as a " mere mechanical proceeding." The stamp-collectors secured a vote of 19 against 10.

3. Saturday, November 7th, Mr. Hignett in the chair. Subject, "Professionalism in Sports." For, Ashworth; against, Barlow i. Excellent speeches were made by Mr. Round, Jones i, and both principals. Result of division :—For, 10 ; against, 6.

4. Saturday, November 21st, Mr. Sprankling in the chair. Subject, "Fagging in Schools." Minton i. held that "fagging" taught the younger boys discipline, and had a beneficial rather than

an injurious effect on the older ones, while Coates condemned the custom as an incentive to bullying and laziness. Both spoke well. "Fagging" was supported by a majority of 6.

5. Saturday, December 5th, Mr. Hignett in the chair. Subject, "Free Trade." McFarlane opposed any system of restricting commerce which tended to create a monopoly, and maintained that our Free Trade policy had raised us to our present position of manufacturing supremacy. Wolstenholme i. held that it was useless to continue such a policy unless it was reciprocated by other nations, and that a system of protective tariffs would remove many of the social evils of to-day. Barlow i. and Lord proved themselves orators of no mean order, while York Smith, with his highly-developed sense of humour, seemed to perceive some close affinity between "canned meats" and the immigration of mining firms into this country. Result of division:—For, 11; against, 17.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

GIRLS' CLUB.

The members of the O.G.A. manage a club for working girls which is held two nights in the week in the Ragged School. The girls who take most interest in the club felt that they were not altogether satisfied with its working. Miss Kitchener therefore asked Mrs. D'Aeth, who had been for many years a worker in the Girls' Club connected with the University Settlement, to meet the workers on Tuesday afternoon, November 24th.

About thirty workers accepted the invitation. Mrs. D'Aeth first gave a short address on the aims which ought to be in the minds of those who manage Girls' Clubs. A fruitful discussion followed, and, later still, over a cup of tea, little knots of workers gathered round Mrs. D'Aeth and extracted all sorts of ideas from her. It seemed to be a successful and interesting meeting.

HOUSE SOCIALS.

DERBY:

A social in connection with this House was held on Wednesday, Nov 18th. Proceedings commenced with a concert in the Central Hall, and a highly interesting and varied programme was gone through. The violin solo by Matthew was very creditable ; Brown iii., although suffering from slight nervousness, sang very well, and Barlow i. has the makings of a good bass voice. Three old Boys, Anderson, Hopkinson and Austin, contributed the comic portion, and were very amusing. Probably the best item of the evening was the wrestling match between Anderson and Hopkinson, and it is hinted that either is prepared to challenge Hackenschmidt or Gotch when these worthies have settled their little affair. Light refreshments were served in the Dining Hall, and the rest of the evening was spent in two competitions, Tasting and Guessing organised by Brown i, S. V. Winners: Seniors, York Smith ; Junior, Tweedale.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Brown for his prize. Brown i, S. V. and Cartman were the accompanists.

HULME.

A social Evening for Hulme House was held on Wednesday, October 21st, at 7 p.m. The proceedings were opened by Mr. Sprankling, who gave a pianoforte solo, and was followed by Buxton and Howarth iv, who contributed songs and solos respectively.

The 50 members of the house present then did ample justice to a substantial tea. After tea the party split up, some 24 boys electing to play whist, the prize for which was won by Burton.

The rest played various games and had music and songs.

At 9-30 a final light refreshment was taken and this closed a successful social evening.

KAY.

There was an excellent attendance at the Kay House Autumn Social, held on Nov. nth, only three members of the

House being absent. The mainstay of the evening was a musical programme, the number and variety of the items of which testified to a growing volume of musical talent in the House. Mary's lamb was once again greeted in unison with mighty lung-power. The House also made the acquaintance of a Ghost, who treated them rather shabbily. Other "events" came and cast their shadows before; while, as a finale, sundry self-sacrificing heroes, scorning content with evils that were known, went boldly forth, blinded and begloved, to meet evils that they knew not of—neither whence they came, nor how to get them back again—to the hearty (nay, heartless) glee of those who watched in safety.

EXCHANGE AND MART.

For the convenience of our readers we have decided to establish an Exchange and Mart through which sales or exchanges may possibly be effected. The rules we have adopted are similar to those used by our contemporary, the "Bazaar."

We would draw special attention to special terms for special advertisements, which need not be prepaid nor indeed paid for at all, but the Editor reserves the right to exclude advertisements of anything saleable.

Persons using this column are requested to adopt our deposit system in all transactions. Sums of money to any amount may be very safely deposited with us, but in order to work as economically as possible we give no receipts for such sums. A registration fee of 25% of the purchase money is charged on all deposit transactions, and when both parties are satisfied we forward the balance (if any) to whomsoever it is due.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

A limited quantity of Hyacinths for sate, Pink, Blue, White and Yellow, suitable for classroom or cellar decoration. Every bulb guaranteed to grow roots. What offers ? Cash or exchange. 1007 H.

Two thousand "Private Hedges" owned by gentleman about to sail for Spitzbergen. Sacrifice. Must be sold. No exchange, no robbery. Hortus, c/o Editor, "Clavian".

Hose pipe wanted, suitable for classroom horticultural work. Exchange quantity of plant pots and dead roots. 96 H.

STAMPS.

Your name and address in best rubber for 1/6. 20, City Road, Bareacres. (Business).

Wanted, Three cornered 'Cape' (Blue). Must be cheap or would exchange pair of Bantams. 1220C.

Incomplete set Fiji, Lapland and Patagonia. What offers? Accept motor car or cycle. 1315M.

Stamp Albums in great variety. Send wants to 19, Watergate, Timbuctoo.

PETS ETC.

Lady would exchange Chocolate Pomeranian Dog, aged 3 months, for sable muff. Good home necessary (For dog of course !. Ed). 1617 P.

UNCLASSIFIED.

A hundred men and boys would be willing to exchange fumes of Sulphuretted Hydrogen captured in various classrooms at various times for a bottle of Eau de Cologne or a sachet of Phulnana. The Fumes are of first rate quality—comparing more than favourably with those of Harrogate Sulphur wells.—H₂S, Bury, Lancs.

Advertiser has a stock of 1908 calendars which he is willing to exchange for an equal or greater number of 1909 calendars. Pictorial ones .with gold letterpress preferred. 267C.

TOO LATE FOR INSERTION !!

A collection of old coins and miscellaneous stock of store-checks for sale or exchange. Owner would exchange for canaries, or leather leggings. L1908.

Wanted a pop gun or water pistol guaranteed to carry 100 yds. Exchange parcel of empty cartridge caises. P.O. 0064.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY—(Girls).

PRESIDENT: MISS KITCHENER.

At the suggestion of Miss Nicholson and Miss Matthias, the members of the Sixth Form decided that, together with the members of the old Upper Fifth, they would form a Literary and Debating Society.

With Miss Nicholson in the chair, the first meeting was held on October 29th, when the subject of debate was "Is Toleration due to a lack of Conviction?" A. Wolstenholme maintained that toleration meant a lack of conviction, referring to past history, whilst S. M. Howarth opposed the motion, basing her arguments on the freedom of thought of to-day. The motion was rejected by seven votes to four.

November 13th.—Subject of debate—"Does character depend on environment?" Miss Nicholson again took the chair. D. E. Worsick supported the motion, and O. E. Budden opposed it. After arguing for some time Miss Matthias proposed the amendment 'That heredity has the greater influence on character.' The amendment was lost by six votes to ten.

November 18th.—Miss Nicholson gave a reading of Stevenson's "Apology for Idlers," and then read Stevenson's "Travels with a Donkey," which was very much enjoyed.

November 26th.—Subject of debate—"Was the execution of Charles I. justifiable." F. Whitehead supported the motion, arguing that it was the only course which could have been taken, whilst O Taylor maintained that the trial was in accordance with martial law and not with the law of England. The argument was heated, and the motion lost by six votes to ten.

December 3rd.—Miss Matthias gave a reading from "The Wiggles' and Others," by E. E. Rynd, which the members thoroughly enjoyed.

CADET CORPS (Officers Training Corps).

The Annual Encampment in the summer was held this year at Conway.

No fatigue party was sent in advance, and the camp was pitched by the company on the morning following our arrival, the corps taking up quarters for the night in the Volunteer Officers' Mess Hut.

Some time was occupied in securing suitable ground, but we had friends of the Bury battalion in Captain Smith and other Officers, who very kindly invited the Cadets down to their lines to tea, and sent us water while our water supply was being prepared.

A glorious week followed, the weather being very fine.

Our camp was next that of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and the Aberystwith College Cadets, whom we joined on a march on one occasion through the suggestion of the Brigade Major and the kindness of the Royal Welsh Adjutant, Major Napier. The Welshmen sang very musically in camp in the evenings, and it was interesting to see their band procession with lanterns at night back to quarters. These evening concerts were most enjoyable as heard from our camp under the night and the hills.

A fair amount of work in skirmishing practice by sections was carried out, in the first parade before breakfast along the beach, and after breakfast on the Morfa.

We had many visitors to the camp who showed great interest in the Corps.

Two inspections were held, for the first of which, though unexpected, we were very proud to parade. It was the General Officer Commanding, Sir F. Burnett, who desired to speak to the Cadets, and who remarked favourably on their equipment and smart appearance.

The Colonel Commanding No. 3 District, Colonel Armstrong, inspected us on the Friday, and gave us some advice which we have borne in mind.

Captain Ainsworth Davis, Commanding the Aberystwith College Cadets, and an old Royal College of Science man, also visited us, and gave us interesting information about his Corps.

The Officer Commanding Bury Cadets was congratulated on his power of assuming various duties—those of Orderly-Corporal, Drill-Sergeant, Quarter-Master and transport, etc., etc. He learnt also one new mystery—the putting up, without a ladder, of a double top marquee.

Cadets who were at this Camp will have very happy recollections of good work and play. They will not forget the weird chants and singing of the Welshmen in the evenings at 'lights out.'

The Cadet Corps has received permission from the Army Council to join the Officers' Training Corps, Junior Division.

We are to train for War Office Certificate A. Cadets may enter for this at fifteen to qualify for the rank of Second Lieutenant. A record of Certificate A Cadets will be kept by the War Office.

Cadets who enter as candidates for Sandhurst or Woolwich are allowed 200 marks for Certificate A, and there are various other advantages.

Musketry badges are awarded to the following Cadets:—Colour-Sergeant Buxton, Quarter-Master Sergeant Smith, Sergeant Howlett, Corporals Coates, Minton, Lance-Corporals Hall, Dumughn, T. A. Whittam, Drummers J. Howarth, Wood, Bugler Sheppard, Cadets Cornall, Cunliffe, Ogden, H. Howarth.

The Company average for shooting is 13.3, possible 20.

Winning team for the "Mellor" Shooting Cup, 1908-9 (won by Cadets of Hulme House):—Lance-Corporal T. Whittam and Corporal Minton (25 out of 28), Lance-Corporal Hall, Quarter-Master Sergeant Smith, Sergeant Howlett, Corporal Dumughn, Cadet Cunliffe and Bugler Sheppard.

Best shots for the Term :—

Upper VI.—Buxton i., Hall i., Chadwick; Lower VI.—Brickies, Wild ii., Howlett, Lamburn; Remove.—Minton i., Lord, Smith ii.; Upper V. (a).—Howarth iii., Rostron i., Foster; Upper V. (b).—Crompton i., Lees i., Cartman; Lower V. (a).—Hall ii., Howarth; Lower V. (b).—Bradley ii., Matthew, Pickstone, Greenhalgh ii.; IV.—Brown ii., Murgatroyd, Wild iv.; III.—Buxton ii., Bridge, Brandwood; II.—Nuttall iv., Morris ii.; I.—Cornall ii.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN.

*Played.**Won. Lost. Drawn.*

GOALS.

For. Against.

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This season has, up to the present, been the best the School has had for some years. The team play well together. When in front of goal the forwards are very dangerous, especially the three inside men. The halves have, on the whole, tackled and passed well, though they would do better to follow up more. The backs and the goaler have been everything one could wish. We are glad to be able to record that the colours for last season—in the form of a cap—have been awarded.

A hearty welcome to the Third and Under 14 Elevens. May all four Teams do well after the holidays.—CAPTAIN.

Whittam ii. (goal).—Very steady, good kick, rather slow at getting down.

Ramsbottom (left back).—Strong defender, strongest kick in team, fair tackler, rather slow.

Jones i. (right back).—Very sure kicker, good tackler, has improved greatly this term.

Leather (left half).—Good tackler and feeder, has good judgment.

Ashworth (captain).—An excellent tackler, has done a lot of good work at centre half. A worker from start to finish. A splendid captain.

Howlett (right half).—Has played in every school match, a good tackler, very fast, and a hard worker.

Wild i. (outside left).—Clever player, puts in some good centres and shots, corners not of the best—

Lee (inside left).—A very clever player; very tricky, good passer, deadly shot.

Chadwick (centre).—Can play in any position; very tricky, grand shot, holds the line well together.

Harding (inside right).—Can play in any inside position; very tricky, has excellent control of ball, is a grand shot.

Buxton i. (outside right).—Owing to injuries has been out of team for several matches ; a hard worker, a great hustler, good shot.

Coupe i. (outside right).—Very fast, centres well, good shot.

Versus Bolton Grammar School.

Wednesday, nth November; home. Won 7—2.

Early in the first half Chadwick got through and scored. Following good play on the right, Chadwick shortly headed a second goal. After this, the Bolton forwards came down in a line, and their centre beat Whittam. Then Lee scored for Bury. The School broke away again and Lee added another. The second half was more evenly contested. In the early stages Chadwick beat the backs and scored, but Bolton got away and soon retaliated, scoring a goal with an excellent shot. It was soon our turn for another, and Buxton i. was not long in securing it. Towards the end of the game one of the Bolton backs fouled Lee in the penalty area, and Ramsbottom easily scored from the ensuing penalty. This was the extent of the scoring, and we were left winners of a hard game by 7 goals to 2.

Versus Hulme (Manchester).

Saturday, 28th November; away. Won 7—4.

School kicked off against the wind and attacked. After five minutes, Buxton opened the scoring, and, immediately afterwards, Chadwick, receiving the rebound from a good shot by Harding, netted the ball from close range. Soon, however, Hulme rushed through and scored. Before half-time each side scored two more, Chadwick, and Lee—with a *right* foot shot—being the scorers for School. Half-time, School 4. Hulme 3. After the interval, School had all the best of the play, and Lee and Chadwick (2) secured goals. Chadwick's fourth goal was a beauty. Just before time, Hulme broke away and notched a fourth point.

Neither side played brilliant football, but School were handicapped by an injury to Buxton in the first half which rendered him of little use afterwards. The defence was, on the whole, the better part of the team.

SECOND ELEVEN.

				GOALS.	
<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
14	9	4	1	88	44

The first half of this season has been fairly successful. Although we are, on the whole, small and light, we have, nevertheless, gained a very fair measure of success. This success is due to the fact that we have played the same Eleven throughout, and have therefore learnt the secret of combination. The forwards are good, and take full advantage of their opportunities for scoring.

The team has obtained several creditable victories, notably those against Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, Second (5—0); Haslingden Secondary School First, whom we beat at home and away; Farnworth Grammar School First (2—1); twice we lost to Newchurch Grammar School; and once each to Bolton and Blackburn Grammar Schools.

THIRD ELEVEN.

				GOALS.	
<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
4	3	1	0	14	13

The Third Eleven have commenced their career with great keenness, due, in no small degree, to their Captain and Vice-Captain. Each match won has had the same history. A valiant defence of our goal, followed by tiring opponents, and a complete turning of the tables. The defence is strong, whilst the forwards are improving, and it is pleasant to relate that we have no complaint to make as to selfishness.

UNDER 14 ELEVEN.

				GOALS.	
<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
6	6	0	0	58	14

This team has done very well, having played six matches and won them all, generally with large margins. There are very few schools in Lancashire that can put in the field such a strong under 14 Eleven. The forwards are very good, understand the game, and play together, the halves tackle well, but should feed the forwards better, the backs are both good strong kicks and good tacklers, and Dawson in goal is fine.

JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE MATCHES.

Derby 3, Hulme 0.	Derby 1, Kay 0.
Derby 0, Hulme 0.	Hulme 1, Kay 0.
Derby 2, Kay 0.	Hulme 1, Kay 1.

1st Derby, 7 points; 2nd Hulme, 4 points; 3rd Kay, 1 point.

Referee :—Mr. Warrilow.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION (Girls).

The Prize Distribution took place on October 22nd, in the Central Hall, before a large gathering of parents and friends. In the regrettable absence of the Rector, the chair was taken by Mr. S. F. Butcher, and the prizes were given away by Canon Kempthorne, Rector of Liverpool.

From a school girl's point of view, prize-distributors are of three classes : those who talk *over* us, those who talk *at* us, those who talk *to* us. The first are apt to bore us, the second to irritate us, but the third interest us. Happily, Canon Kempthorne was of the third type. He treated us with frankness, and did not pretend that school-days were the happiest portion of life. He showed that the purpose of school training was to enable each one to acquire such strength of character, and breadth of knowledge as should enable each one " to serve his generation by the will of God," and this service he held out as the true aim of life.

After the distribution a short programme of songs and recitations was given. Pianoforte solos were rendered by M. Watson, D. Bedford, F. Fielden, A. Lord, L. Ratcliffe. A French recitation ' Les Elfes ' was given by H. Haworth, and R. Haworth recited one of the odes of Horace. A. Wolstenholme, the head of the School, gave Wolsey's speech from Henry VIII. The various Forms sang part-songs, the last of which, ' O ! Star of Eve,' was very well sung by Form V. Upper and Lower.

HOCKEY NOTES (Girls).

This term has been a somewhat unsatisfactory one for hockey, for whilst our team is unusually strong, we have only played two matches, on account of the bad weather and other mishaps.

The first was played against Bury Ladies, on our own ground. The defence was very strong, and S. Lucas saved some good shots in goal. The attack lacked combination, but by strenuous individual play we scored two goals (shot by O. Budden).

Result: Grammar School 2 ; Bury Ladies 0.

The second match was at Oldham. Combination was still lacking amongst the forwards; D. Hayes' play was stronger than in the preceding match, and her shot into goal was a very clean one.

Result: Bury Grammar School 1 ; Oldham Grammar School 0.

The forwards are recommended to practise passing and shooting. There is too much hesitation inside the striking circle.

Team.—Forwards: N. Hall, D. Hayes, O. Budden, F. Fielden, R. Howarth. Half-backs: A. Ramsbottom, M. Hardman (Captain), E. Glenday. Backs : J. Prince, M. Clay. Goal: S. Lucas.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

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G. Crawshaw passed the final examination for M.B., Ch.B., in July last and is now a qualified practitioner.

Dr. W. R. Douglas has been re-appointed Surgical Registrar at the new Royal Infirmary. Those of my readers who have seen the Infirmary can well believe that it is one of the largest and best equipped in the country, and Dr. Douglas's post will certainly be no sinecure.

The matriculation ceremony took place on November 25th, and, as usual, was the occasion of what is popularly called a "rag." One undergraduate who was called upon to be admitted had, unfortunately, very red hair, and when he rose agonising cries of " Fire ! " were immediately raised, resulting in a pseudo-panic in which the decorum of the meeting was considerably disturbed.

Among those who matriculated was C. G. Lees, who is entering for medicine, and now seems quite at home among the frogs, dogfish and rabbits.

CONGRATULATIONS :

- J. P. Ainsworth, Inter-Science (Engineering), London University.
 G. Crawshaw, Final M.B., Ch.B.
 W. R. Douglas, M.B., Ch.B., Surgical Registrar, Manchester Royal
 Infirmary.
 H. F. Farr, B.A., Senior Math. Master, Hymen's College, Hull.
 C. G. Howlett, M.B., Ch.B., Resident Senior Doctor, Birmingham
 Infirmary.
 R. M. Stanhope, B.A., Senior Science Master, Battersea Grammar
 School.
 E. Temperley, Headmaster of St. Peter's School, Bury.
 J. R. Hall, G. M. Kenyon, R. VV. Malone, J. Maude and
 R. Warburton, on their marriage.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitehead, on the birth of a son.

Mr. R. N. Wild has gone to New Zealand to engage in
 the timber trade.

Dear Mr. Editor,

News from Cambridge is not very plentiful this term. Our
 members have decreased and we are looking to the School for
 recruits.

Ainsworth's stalwart form makes an efficient barrier both
 on the rugger and soccer fields. Advancing waves of forwards
 break against him and retire foiled. " Thus far may ye come,"
 he says, " but no farther." Downing is almost too small to hold
 this Hercules.

But what a gentle Hercules ! He has been known to attend
 lectures, to be out of bed before noon, he is not a regular
 attender at the theatre, he does *not* smoke, he does *not* part his
 hair down the middle and he is not to be seen in a Norfolk jacket
 of loud and original pattern. We called on our representative at
 the Hall and found him spending the day in bed. " What's the
 matter ? " we asked. " Yesterday, out to breakfast—(groan), out to
 lunch—(groan), out to dinner—overate at each " (sob), was all we
 •could get from him. We hear he is frequently to be seen arrayed

as a navvy, plastered with mud, and bearing triumphantly a bag full of bits of brick which he is pleased to call fossils. Rumour mentions prodigies of cycling feats performed by him and mild games of hockey participated in by him. One day he strewed Silver Street with cakes to the intense delight of several small boys and the equally intense annoyance of his visitors, who had to go without tea.

Hardman is busied with many occupations. History is a very wide subject. It apparently includes anything from biology to such points of etiquette as the correct colour of socks to wear when having tea with the tutor. It is his ambition that a cultured mind should be lodged in an athletic body. He plays 'rigger' and 'soccer' and indulges occasionally in the gentle art of boxing. One day he was rowing in a scratch four, and, alas—

There was a young fellow from Downing
Went out in a boat and was clowning ;
The boat was upset,
Hardman got wet,
And had to be rescued from drowning.

He is becoming an adept at house hunting.

Our lamp is kept burning at Corpus by Wrigley, who pursues the even tenour of his way with philosophic calm, undisturbed by external accidents. As a critic of inter-college matches his reputation is growing and spreading. Once he took some really violent exercise, and we had a fleeting vision of W. in 'footer' gear taking a run in the goodly fellowship of a band of Corpuscles.

One of our number called on the Emmanuel 'fresher' from school, who condescended to say that he might possibly find time to return the call. Since which time the same 'fresher' has disappeared from view.

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

On Friday, 27th November, a somewhat alarming collision occurred in the English Channel, off Dover, between the New Zealand Shipping Company's liner *Tongariro* and a cargo steamer

named the *Drumlanrig*. An old boy of the school, Alan Coleman, whom many of our readers will remember, was at the wheel of the *Drumlanrig* at the time of the collision, but was steering quite a right and proper course. Though three hundred lives were in danger there was not a single fatality, and Coleman, we are glad to say, has been completely exonerated.

BASKET BALL—(Girls).

This game has shown great improvement, and the keen interest is maintained throughout the Lower Forms. The passing is much better, and the play is improved because each girl endeavours to keep her place in the field. No match has yet been played, but we hope to have several next term. The weather has been in our favour on the whole, and we have been able to play every week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Clavian*.

Sir,

To a lover of swimming, the healthiest of exercises, the lack of interest displayed by the boys in that sport comes as a surprise. Surely, out of over two hundred boys, we can raise above twenty swimmers. As a member of Hulme House, I was much astonished to find that we could not raise a team of three boys over fifteen who could swim two lengths in decent time. Moreover, we could not find three boys under thirteen to swim a length in any time. If we could have raised the latter team, even though we had not beaten Derby House in the under thirteen race, we should have won the cup. And this is one of the foremost schools in an island which boasts of its sea-loving nature! Hoping for a better state of affairs next year,

I remain, yours etc.,

HULMITE.

P.S.—Can it be that our boys are afraid of a bath?

To the Editor of the *Clavian*.

Dear Mr. Editor,

1. Is there an Old Boys' Association ?
2. If so, why are not particulars sent to every boy when he leaves school ?
3. If not, why not ?

Yours, etc., X.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

HOMEWORK FORGOTTEN.—Possibly a hint to your Master that all great minds are apt to be absent-minded may have some weight.

UPPER FIFTH.—You have our sympathy, but the Prefects must give evidence of their authority, you know.

OWENSIAN.—We see no reason why you should not apply for the post of Medical Officer of Health to the Debating Society.

INQUIRER.—“Hon. Sec.” signifies Honorary Secretary, not Honourable ditto as you surmise.

BUNS.—Do we read your request correctly? “Will you kindly see that the School buns contain fewer currants and raisins in future and more bread ?”

RUSTY ONE.—“D. T's.” is a somewhat slang expression for *Delirium Tremens*, about which the less you know the better—and has no reference to *Detentions*.

M—NT—N.—Your suggestion as to the formation of a Noughts and Crosses Club ought to meet with good support; the game provides a pleasant means of wading through the 9-0 to 11-20 a.m. period.

JONWILE.—Your report is astounding; one shot on the target out of twenty-four shows immense improvement since last year; truly, perseverance has its reward. The persons who say you hit the wrong target should be treated with the contempt they deserve.

LE PETT BOBBIE.—Though not encouraging fighting as a rule, we see no reason why you should not challenge R—msb—m ; it is considered the correct thing to present your opponent with a pound of beef-steak before the match.

WY. WD.—Of course the plants need watering only once a term ; whoever informed you to the contrary certainly does not himself know the effect of a good wash.

HOAR-FROST.

There reigns at Room Number Thirteen
An official whose instincts are keen,
On stamps be is great,
But, sad to relate,
He can't tell a blue from a green.

A troop of gay Athletes were they,
Went to Stockport—got lost on the way;
Consternation prevailed,
They wept and bewailed,
'Twas useless—they wandered all day.

A benevolent policeman they spied,
And with tearful eyes to him cried,
“ How far to the Station ? ”
With this exclamation,
“ 'Bout turn—five miles,” he replied.

A better one could not select,
Each week-end the fines to collect;
We all do *espy*
Fi'olence in his eye,
And all tricks he is sure to detect.