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School Notes.

THE following boys are the new Prefects in place of E. M. Wilde and Barlow, who have left: Cloak room, Littler (appointed); Roll, T. Taylor (co-opted).

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SEVERAL suggestions have been made that the Athletic Sports should be held at the end of this term. This is undoubtedly the ideal time for them from the School's point of view, but the climate of these parts is a strong argument against it. The suggestions should have been made through "Correspondence," where the matter could be fully threshed out.

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WE wound up last term with a short miscellaneous Concert, which, from its bright and lively nature, was quite in keeping with the season and the occasion. Part I. of the programme consisted of solos and part-songs, under the baton of Mr. Pardoe, and an excellent account our school songsters gave of themselves, more especially when we consider that this is the first performance of the kind that we have had. The lighter vein in this part of the programme was provided by Form I., who, armed with tom-toms, triangles, and certain weird instruments of all shapes and sizes, ages and countries, (including a fox-terrier dog), formed a decidedly original toy symphony orchestre, and contrived to produce sounds which certainly rivetted the attention of all present. Nor must we forget to mention H. E. Tetlow, who received enthusiastic encores for his clever manipulation of the banjo, and Whitmore, whose clear enunciation in reciting "The Little Vulgar Boy," deserves all praise. Part II. gave us the play scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Here also we can bestow unqualified praise on the performers. All the points in this ever-delightful piece were well given, and, aided by a little "property," the acting was distinctly good. Whitmore as Thisbe, and Wilde in the part of Bottom, carried off chief honours; but all were good, and we have great hopes for the future in this quarter. "Forty Years On" brought a short and pleasant afternoon to a close.

THE following is a list of the new boys this term:—

F. Lees	...	...	Form I.
K. Newton	...	...	"
T. S. Stowell	...	...	Form Lower II.
J. Bullivant	...	...	"
J. Broome	...	...	"
H. Firth	"
H. Harrop	"
J. S. Waide	"
G. Balmforth	Form Upper II.
S. P. Knott	Form Lower III.

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THE Headmaster has promised to give medals to the members of the winning Form team in the football ties now being played, and to present a pair of flags to be held by each winning Form in turn for a year.

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IN accordance with the announcement made in the last issue of *The Oldham Hulmeian*, a debating society has been duly started. The Headmaster has kindly consented to occupy the position of President, that of Vice-President being ably filled by Mr. Cross. The society limits its members to boys in forms above the Upper III. An account of the proceedings at the meetings which have already been held will be found in another column.

Football.

2ND v. CHETHAM'S COLLEGE (away), Dec. 9th. The School in this game had very hard luck. School commenced, but Chetham's immediately scored. Soon after, Chetham's pressed again, T. Taylor relieving finely. Then Booth scored for School, after which Chetham's scored again in spite of a stubborn defence by Taylor and A. S. Mellor. Almost immediately they added another goal. Score at half-time: Chetham's College, 4; School, 1. In the second half, School played up better, Kershaw scoring 3 and Booth adding 2 more, while Chetham's scored 3 only. A hotly contested game resulted in a win for Chetham's by 7—6.

1ST V. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MANCHESTER, 2ND (home), December 12th.—The above teams met on the School ground in wretched weather, rain pouring down in torrents all through the game. But footballers take no notice of rain, and the match took place with pools of water all about the ground. On this occasion the School reversed the score of the last match, Wellock scoring 3 and Young 2, whilst Manchester managed to score 2 only, owing to our fine defence.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

1ST V. T. TAYLOR'S SHAW TEAM (home), Dec. 23rd.—For this match we had a splendid day, but the snow rather hindered the game, which was, however, of an exciting character throughout, neither side being able to score more than 1 goal apiece (the School point was notched by Young) until a few minutes before time, when the Shaw team added another goal. The School tried hard to get level again, but found their opponents' back division too strong. Result: Shaw Team, 2; School, 1.

1ST V. T. TAYLOR'S SHAW TEAM (home), Jany. 16th.—This return match ended with not quite so good a result for School as the first, for the opponents' back division proved impenetrable to the School forwards, while our opponents scored 2 goals, running out winners by that number to School's nil.

1ST V. GLODWICK COUNTY (home), Feby. 6th.—This team was a local club. The School kicked off and at once pressed, and in the first few minutes Wellock scored. Then Young, Hirst, and Taylor each added his contribution. Score at half-time: School, 4; Goldwick County, nil. On crossing over the School again assumed the aggressive, Wellock scoring 4 goals in succession, leaving the School victorious by 8—0.

1ST V. S. THOMAS'S 2ND (home), Feby. 13th.—As the visitors seemed rather a rough team, the services of Mr. Pardoe were secured to strengthen the School back division. The game was of a rather boisterous character, our opponents frequently disputing the decisions of the referee (Mr. Cross) in an objectionable manner. Although they were heavy, the School gave them a few points in the matter of correct football, H. E. Tetlow scoring 3 and Mr. Pardoe 1. Thus School won by 4—0.

1ST V. ALEXANDRA (home), Feby. 20th.—The visitors in this match seemed to be a scratch lot from various other local clubs that we have played this season. Several of the team have certainly met us in at least two previous matches with other clubs. They proved much too heavy a lot for the School, our lighter players and some of

the more solid also proving almost useless against opponents who could run round them with ease. Yet in the first half, though against a stiffish breeze, the School had the best of it, for after a stubborn defence by our backs against a very hot attack, the School forwards ran through, and a piece of smart passing and counter-passing resulted in a goal, Young heading in with splendid dash. The visitors failed to equalize before half-time, but on changing over they scored 3 goals in pretty quick succession. The energetic action of Hirst & Co. saved the School further loss, but on our part we failed to score again, and the game ended in a loss by 1—3.

RESULTS TO DATE.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals against
1ST XI.	11	5	6	0	34	36
2ND XI.	5	2	2	1	30	16

FORM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Feby. 9th—IV. v. UPPER III. (with Mr. Pardoe). Score: IV., 3 (Hirst 1, Young 2); Upper III, 1 (Harrison).

Feby. 12th—LOWER III. v. JOINT II. (with Mr. Cross). Score: Lower III., 6 (E. Davies 4, F. Davies 1, an opponent 1); Joint II. 5 (Mr. Cross 4, A. O. Lees 1).

Feby. 16th—IV. v. LOWER III. (with Mr. Pardoe). Score: IV., 2 (Young); Lower III. 2 (Wellock, E. Davies).

THE SECRETARY.

Football Notes.

THE present issue affords me the opportunity of redeeming the promise made in our last respecting criticism of the members of the 2nd XI. Though the composition of this XI. is a little uncertain, the under-mentioned are now considered its regular members.

We have in A. S. Mellor a rising young player as goal-keeper. Assiduous and constant practice on his part will justify our expecting great things of him.

At full-back, T. Taylor has shewn himself of great value against heavy opponents. We notice that he is apt to go rather far forward. This is in itself all right, but must not be persisted in to such an extent as to endanger the defence. Taylor also needs to be somewhat quicker in his movements.

His partner, P. Tetlow, promises remarkably well, and if his play goes on improving as it has done lately, he will soon become a sterling back.

His chief fault is a fondness for taking flying-kicks at the ball (instead of first stopping it), with the result that he frequently misses it altogether.

H. Moran, the left half-back, is a player of great dash and vigour, and tackles in fine style. His dribbling and passing is, however, open to improvement.

The centre half, A. Wooster, generally gets through a large amount of work, tackling finely and passing to the forwards promptly. But he is rather uncertain, and is prone to employ his hands in tackling and charging.

H. Mitton, as right half, has proved of great value in tackling heavy forwards. But we should like to see him kick more strongly at times and pass more promptly.

As regards the forward line, we have some players of much promise individually, but at present the combination is anything but good. Perhaps this may be largely due to the loss of A. T. Booth, who was shaping well as centre. His place is at present filled by E. Davies. This player is individually really good, for he has weight and uses it to advantage. But he by no means combines well with the wings. He should exert himself to preserve a straighter line, and take more care in receiving the ball and in shooting.

H. E. Tetlow, left-outside, is a really splendid dribbler, and takes the ball up the field finely. He should, however, sometimes centre sooner than he does, and with more force and accuracy.

C. Swailes, the real left-inside, has been improving immensely of late. With more persistence and hard practice he will soon develop into a first-class forward.

J. Bunting, right-inside, is a new member of good promise. He has yet to learn correct combined play with his partner, and needs to set off running more promptly on receiving the ball; also to run faster than he does.

E. A. Wilde, as right-outside, is a complete success, playing the correct outside game in taking the ball up the line. His running is good, but he might centre better and more quickly than is usual with him.

Just a word or two about the Form Championship Tournament, which I am extremely glad to see instituted. It seems to be fulfilling the expectations of the committee in stirring up greater interest and keenness in the game. This is just what is wanted. We hope it will encourage many more to join the club. This would better its financial position, as well as provide a larger reserve of players for the elevens. It should be remembered that the more members there are, the more we can do for them, and the better the teams will become. As to opportunities of play, every Form might (apart from the Tour-

nament) have two matches a week if a sufficient number of its members belonged to the club. Boys may still join (the treasurer wishes me to say) at the reduced subscription. Young members should strive to qualify now for the vacancies that will have to be filled up next season in both elevens. We hope the Form Championship Tournament will become a permanent institution.

Before closing I must refer to the great services rendered to the club by R. Barlow, who has so ably and faithfully performed the duties of sub-treasurer and general custodian. I assure him on behalf of the club that he will be greatly missed by all, and that though he leaves us now to enter upon the sterner business of life, he will still be in our thoughts. He kept goal for the School on February 20th in such a splendid style that it makes the parting with him harder than ever. We hope that this testimony to the esteem in which he is held will rank among the pleasantest of his memories of School days.

Another prominent and honoured member of the club is leaving us in the person of E. M. Wilde. We hope, however, to have his services still on Saturdays till the end of the season. Our heartiest wishes attend him also as he leaves behind the world of School.

OLD HALF-BACK.

Debating Society.

THE Society met for the first time on February 5th, in the dining-room. Mr. Cross, the vice-president, was called upon to take the chair, and having done so he announced that the subject for discussion was, "Whether Modern Civilization is a failure." B. W. Lees maintained that it is a failure, pointing out that there are vices attending it which, he thought, overbalance its great inventions. H. Hirst opposed the motion, and was ably seconded by W. L. Middleton, who called special attention to the more refined manners of the present time. W. E. Young supported the proposer, deploring our deficiency in physical powers. The opposition was continued by Mr. Pardoe and Mr. Cross, who left the chair for that purpose, the latter mentioning in particular the improvements in medical science. The discussion then became general, and was carried on with plenty of spirit. On the subject being exhausted, the chairman called a division, which resulted in a decided majority for the negative. The proceedings then terminated in a vote of thanks to the chairman, who, in replying, said he hoped the Oldham Grammar School Debating Society would prosper and gain a name for itself.

The second meeting of the Society took place on February 19th. Before beginning the debate, W. E. Millington proposed a vote of congratulation to Mr. Pimm on his approaching marriage which will, we believe, take place next Easter. C. J. Lees seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Pardoe then took the chair, and explained that Mr. Cross would open the discussion by proposing "That a Republic is a better form of Government than a Monarchy." Mr. Cross, among other things, said that he spoke against absolute monarchy, and not against such a government as England possessed, which he considered practically a republic. W. E. Young opposed, while H. Hirst seconded the proposer, saying that he thought a republic gave every man an equal chance to rise, and concluded by agreeing with Mr. Cross that England was practically a republic. B. W. Lees in seconding the opposition, said he considered England a good example of a limited monarchy, referring to the balance of power between the people, ministers, and Sovereign, which was unattainable in a republic. W. L. Middleton supported the affirmative, and Mr. Pardoe spoke for the opposition. After further discussion the chairman took the votes of the members by a show of hands, the result being a majority of seven to three against the original proposition. During the meeting the Head Master, who has kindly accepted the position of President of the Society, called in for a few minutes, and in a short speech mentioned the necessity in all discussions of absenting oneself from all purely personal opinions, and of looking at the subject with an unprejudiced mind.

School Libraries.

THE following books have been added to the Boys' Library:—

Life and Voyages of Columbus	Washington Irving
Jack Archer	Henty
By Sheer Pluck	Henty
Held Fast for England	Henty
One of the 28th	Henty
St. George for England	Henty
Cat of Bubastes	Henty
Cornet of Horse	Henty
Through Russian Snows	Henty
Dash for Khartoum	Henty
Bonnie Prince Charlie	Henty
By Right of Conquest	Henty
In Taunton Town	Everett Green
Under the Red Robe	Stanley Weyman
Heroes of Ancient Greece	Palmer
How to Keep Healthy	Schofield
Fresh Light from Ancient Monuments	Sayce

The following new books in the school library, illustrative of periods now being read in the school, may be had on application to the Librarian:—

Elizabethan Seamen	Froude
Cromwell's Life and Letters	Carlyle
Pictures to accompany History	Langl
Alexander's Empire	Mahaffy
Early Britain	Church
The Goths	Bradley
The Normans	Jewett
Romance of History: India	

Prayer During Battle.

THE following poem is among the last written by that gifted and great-fated soldier of liberty, Theodor Körner. Though not actually the last, it is to be regarded, in its presentiment of death, as his 'swan's song.' He had begun almost to despair of fighting the big battalions, and, at last, his hour of victory was his hour of death. He had been ordered to attack a large ammunition train advancing towards Schwerin. This order he carried out, and so successfully, that he utterly routed the enemy. However, in following up his victory at the head of a small body of cavalry, he was shot by a straggler from behind a hedge. So he died, *felix opportunitate mortis*.

Alas! that spring should vanish with the rose,
That youth's sweet-scented manuscript should close.

The following song has been set to music by Himmel:—

Father, I call on Thee.
Booming the clouds from the cannon surround me,
Rattling the lightnings shoot forth and confound me,
Guided of Battles, I call on Thee.
Father, encompass me.
Father, encompass me,
Lead me to conquer, or lead me to perish.
Lord, Thy commandments I faithfully cherish.
Lord, be Thy will done, and lead Thou me.
God, I acknowledge Thee.

God, I acknowledge Thee,
Whisp'ring in autumn when dead leaves are falling,
Raging in battle 'mid thunders appalling,
Fountain of Grace, I acknowledge Thee.
Father, watch over me.

Bless and watch over me,
Into Thy hands my life I deliver,
Lord, Thou canst take it, for Thou wert the Giver,
Living or dying, watch over me.
Father, I worship Thee.

Father, I worship Thee.
'Tis not for pelf that the battle is given,
All that is holy to save we have striven.
Vanquished or victor, I worship Thee.
God, I surrender me.

God, I surrender me.
When in my ears Death's trump sounds his greeting,
When from my veins the life-blood is fleeting,
To Thee, my God, I surrender me.
Father, I call on Thee.

A Holiday in Belgium.

Two summers ago I had the good fortune to have the opportunity of going on the Continent. So, starting from Oldham about June 20th, and travelling via the Metropolis to Dover, we arrived in Ostend. Of the journey across the Channel I have little to say, except that it was exceedingly calm and beautiful. From the sea Ostend looks like an Oriental city, for all the houses are of different colours. In the front, too, there is a fine kursal, or a theatre, in which grand concerts and balls are given during the season. There was one very grand sight which I saw here, and that was the “Blessing of the Sea.” It is like our harvest festival. An altar was erected on the *digue* (front), and on Sunday the Priest went and pronounced a benediction. Afterwards there was a grand procession through the streets. It quite surpassed the Lord Mayor’s procession. First came some hundreds of children in white, and then upon boards, carried by children also in white, was an image of the Virgin and the Saviour. After these came the Chief Priest bearing the Host, and attended by four other Priests. As they passed by people all fell down on their knees and murmured a prayer. The whole of the proceedings was indeed a grand sight.

Another thing of interest peculiar to the country is that the people make their dogs do all the work of carrying things about; and once I even saw two dogs drawing a stout woman on a cart. The people wear a kind of wooden shoe, a sabot as it is called, resembling the Lancashire clog. There are many other things of particular interest, but space will not allow me to relate them.

After leaving Ostend I proceeded to Brussels. Brussels is said to be a “miniature Paris.” Its boulevards, parks and squares are magnificent. The Palais de Justice, which includes a post office, is one of the finest buildings in the world. It cost several millions. The cathedral also is a grand piece of architecture. We visited the Bourse and the Bois de Cambre, the latter being a favourite resort for people on Sunday. We saw the King’s palace and the Hotel de Ville. The Wertz museum of pictures is a curious collection, and just one illustration will give you an idea what kind of man Wertz really was. It is the picture of a woman who has cut her child’s leg off and is boiling it in a pot.

From Brussels we visited Antwerp. The following places of interest are to be seen in Antwerp:—The cathedral, which contains several of Ruben’s pictures. It also contains a very magnificent pulpit. The quay and park are places of great interest. The Plantain

Moretus was also visited. Inside S. Paul’s Church is a picture of Ruben’s, entitled “The Flagellation.” It is so beautifully done that you could almost imagine you saw the blood running down the back of the Saviour. After leaving Antwerp we went to the old city of Bruges. From the station we proceeded into the market-place, where the noted belfry stands. The two chief places of Bruges which we visited were the Chapel of the Holy Blood and the Church of Jerusalem. In the Chapel of the Holy Blood there is a golden casket, with the crown of Mary, wife of Charles the Bold, hanging above it. In this casket is supposed to be the blood of Christ. On the altar were pieces of silver as offerings, also a crown of thorns. In the Church of Jerusalem itself there is nothing particular; but behind the altar there is a hole through which you must go on hands and knees, leading to a small chamber wherein is an image of Christ in wax. Ghent was the next place on our journey. This is a beautiful town, with boulevards and squares with bands, &c. We visited the cathedral, which, like all other cathedrals, was exceedingly fine. One peculiar thing was, that the houses were built right up to the cathedral, *i.e.*, right up the wall. On our way down to Namur and Dinant we saw in the distance the lion mound on the field of Waterloo. At Namur also are buttresses fortified by soldiers and cannon. At Dinant the view is very much like Swiss scenery. There is the river running between the mountains. Dinant itself is a quaint old town, but the scenery round is magnificent. One great thing I saw here was the cave, with its immense stalagmites and stalactites. Before entering it you go into a small hut and rest so that you may get cool. The concierge then opens a door, and you enter the cave. This takes your breath away. The air is icy-cold. You proceed along, stumbling and crawling, till at last your guide leaves you, and shortly afterwards appears with a red light in a hole high above. The scene then is beautiful and grand, for the different rocks glisten like diamonds. On coming out of the hut into the air the heat is awful. This visit to Dinant terminated my holiday on the Continent, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

F. J. S. W.

A Visit on Board a Man-of-War.

ON January 16th, 1897, Messrs. Laird Bros., of Birkenhead, arranged by the permission of the Lords of the Admiralty to allow visitors on board the first-class battleship “Mars,” which they had just completed, and I was lucky enough to get a chance of going on board. I cannot describe

the ship in the proper order, because I did not see it in that order. It is a screw ship, that is, it is driven by blades, which revolve at an enormous rate at the stern of the ship. It had two funnels and two masts. On each mast there were two fighting-tops, in which maxim guns are placed, which can be made to travel all round the top. These tops are of very thick solid iron. The masts are made of iron, except at the top, where there is a kind of flag-pole, which is of wood. The ship carries, I think, eight anchors, four in the bows and four at the stern. These are of an enormous weight, being very thick iron, and the chains to which they are attached are not, I assure you, mere watch-chains. There were two bridges, which are a kind of raised platform, from which the captain gives his orders. On these bridges there was the search light apparatus, which is a very powerful electric light used to find out the torpedo and other vessels at night. There were also a number of electric bells and speaking tubes, by means of which you could speak all over the ship. By each bridge and on the deck underneath there was a circular cabin-like building, called the conning-tower, built of solid iron ten or twelve inches thick. In this building there were bells, speaking tubes, and machines necessary for steering; there was also an electrical arrangement to fire the torpedos from the torpedo tubes. On this deck the boats were kept. I do not know the exact number the ship carries, but one is a steam launch of about thirty tons weight. This could be lifted by a crane and placed in the water at the side of the ship almost in no time. The davits for holding the boats are very large and heavy. The ventilators are very large; you could very nearly stand up straight in some of the largest. There were a number of coils of ropes for lowering the collision mats. These are used when the side of the ship gets rammed, (either by another vessel running its ram into it, or by a collision), to put over the hole which is made in the ship to stop the water from rushing in before the watertight doors can be closed. These doors are big iron things which fit so tightly in their frames that no water can possibly get through. The ship was lighted by electricity, and wherever you went you were sure to see electric wires of some description. I will now describe some of the machinery. The engines were numerous. Those for driving the screws were triple expansion, that is they had three cylinders of different sizes, which were for high, medium, and low pressure. The engines for driving the steering gear were only small in comparison with those mentioned above. This steering gear could be worked by hand if the steam gear broke down. There were four wheels, which meant work for eight men. There were

also pumping engines, ventilating engines (and mind you, ventilation is no little item in these large men-of-war), dynamos, (these, as I suppose nearly everybody now knows, are the machines for producing the electricity for lighting the ship), engines for driving these dynamos, cranes, hoists, machinery for working the guns, capstan and steam winches. Almost everything was worked by steam or by water. I must not leave the poor stoker out of my account, for he has, I think, in fact I am sure, the hottest place in the whole ship. He has to produce the steam, and where would the ship be if it could get no steam? This vessel is capable of carrying some hundred tons of coal. The chief officers' rooms were simply perfection. The ordinary seamen have each a place to put their bedding, hammock, and clothes. I completely lost myself once, because there were so many ladders; in fact there was quite a small forest of them. I think the ship draws about twenty-eight to thirty feet of water, which means that it is twenty-eight feet in the water. There are to be eight other vessels similar to the Mars, namely Cæsar, Hannibal, Illustrious, Jupiter, Magnificent, Majestic, Prince George, and Victorious.

E. M.

Mathematical Curiosities.

MATHEMATICS is usually considered to be a very uninteresting and "dry" subject. But, if one tries to do so, it is possible to find, as in many another so-called "dry" subject, much that is interesting; and I propose to send to the magazine from time to time some of these curiosities and puzzles.

Here, for example, is an interesting piece of mathematical juggling:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } a &= b \\ \text{Then } ab &= a^2 \\ \therefore ab - b^2 &= a^2 - b^2 \\ \therefore b(a-b) &= (a-b)(a+b) \\ \therefore b &= a+b \\ \text{but } b &= a \\ \therefore b &= b+b \\ \therefore b &= 2b \\ \therefore 1 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

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AN ancient philosopher puzzled himself for some time over the following:

An arrow cannot move in the space it fills; *i.e.*, it cannot move where it is; and since it cannot move where it is not, therefore it cannot move at all.

HERE is another interesting puzzle :

Two vessels contain an equal quantity, one of water, and one of wine. A cupful of the wine is poured into the water, and then a cupful of the mixture is poured back into the wine. Is more wine or more water transferred in this process? And what is the general algebraic formula?

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Readers are invited to send in solutions of these puzzles.

The first is, of course, a fallacy, and the flaw in the reasoning is to be looked for.

W. H. W.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Oldham Hulmeian.

DEAR SIR,—Thinking that most of the boys want stirring up, I write this letter. I have learnt through one of the librarians that there are now one hundred and thirty-seven books in the library, and less than twenty members this term. Is not that ridiculous? I think it shows that the boys do not take half enough interest in the library. Now that the subscription is only 6d. a term there are only eighteen or nineteen members; but last Easter term, which was the first term of the library, the subscription was 1/-, and at that time there were thirty-five members. I think that since the subscription has been halved the number of members should be at least double. There are books in the library to suit all persons, younger boys, those who love adventure or science, and others. Before I conclude, I must say that I sincerely hope next term to see quite a crowd waiting for books at the library during the half-hour allotted on Tuesdays and Fridays to the collection and distribution of books, and I also hope to be among that crowd. Now, boys, come forward and help the library!

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A WELL-WISHER.

Editorial.

OUR readers will, we hope, notice that in the present issue we have increased the number of pages in the magazine from four to seven. We wish to call special attention to the article on Mathematical Curiosities, and we hope to receive a good number of solutions to the problems there proposed

ALTHOUGH this is only our second number, yet we find editorial troubles are springing up already. We have been blamed because our December number was too short. Now of course we felt flattered when we heard that our first effort was so full of interest, and showed such literary ability on the part of our contributors, that its brevity was reckoned a fault. We have never heard the same remark applied to works of such undoubted merit as the Latin Grammar. Of course we gently pointed out to our critics that an excellent way to remedy this defect would be for each of them to send "copy" for the present number.

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WE are by no means conceited; we believe that there is a possibility that other faults may have been present. Still in the Correspondence column we afford an opportunity for those possible faults to be clearly pointed out to us. By bluntly and verbally enumerating a list of them, the Correspondence column suffers a double loss; in the first place, in the present issue it is robbed of matter which is due to it, and in the second place, since there would, we are assured, be many of our readers who would do battle for us, and even maintain that our supposed faults were really virtues, the next number will be defrauded of "copy."

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WE quite agree with the opinions of our solitary correspondent "A Well-Wisher." Taking the correctness of his figures for granted, we are totally at a loss to understand why the number of subscribers to the library should be so small, less in fact than it was a year ago. If the list of new books which we publish elsewhere affords any criterion, it is certainly not on account of a paucity of interesting authors. Perhaps some of our subscribers can tell us the reason.

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THE ensuing half term will be rather short, so we must ask all intending contributors to the next number of the magazine to send us their articles before March 25th, otherwise we shall not get the next edition published by the end of the term.

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WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of copies of *The Hulmeian*, and of *Sheffield Royal Grammar School Magazine*.

THE EDITOR.