



## SCHOOL NOTES.

*March 1902*

**T**HE first Term of 1902 commenced on January 22nd, but we had hardly settled down to our ordinary routine of work, when on January 30th, there swooped down upon us no less than three Inspectors from the Board of Education.

For two whole days these gentlemen examined and taught and inspected, and now we await the result of all their labours.

We are hoping that something may be done soon in the matter of a small laboratory for practical work in science, as the result of this inspection.

It appears that these Inspectors are not so accustomed to the cold north as we are, for they were very much impressed by the cold atmosphere of our class rooms.

We are now, however, much better off than at the corresponding period of last year. A new stove has been placed in the large school-room which has raised the temperature to a very great extent. Last year we thought ourselves quite comfortable if we could raise a temperature of 38 deg. or 40 deg. in the morning.

Now, however, by the careful manipulation of the stove, we can work at a temperature of 47 deg. to 50 deg., even on the coldest morning. We wonder how these Inspectors would have managed in January, 1901.

For the first month we only saw a football on three or four occasions. Deep snow covered the ground, and all the matches had to be postponed. A few ardent skaters, especially Smales and Craig I., patronized the

school pond, but the skating was only poor, because as soon as the pond was swept, down came another fall of snow, and all our preparations were spoiled.

On February 18th, the frost gave way, and right glad most of us were to see the last of it. When the thermometer is at 20 deg. and the air is fresh, you feel very vigorous; but when all the pipes are frozen and you have to borrow every drop of water, you have a different sort of feeling. Of course considerable economy had to be exercised in the matter of water. It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and perhaps this sparing use of water was quite a boon to those boys who could get a little more time in bed and a little less washing away of the high water mark.

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Our best thanks are due to the following Old Boys for contributions to the School Library:—

H. Ramsden for "The First and Second Jungle Books."

J. Ridsdale for "The Lion of St. Mark."

N. Ridsdale for "Condemned as a Nihilist."

We also acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of "The Coathamian" and the Middlesbrough High School Magazine.

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Thanks to the generosity of Miss Poynter, Mr. Fairburn and Mr. Tamblingson, considerable valuable additions have been made to the School Museum. Miss Poynter presented to us a splendid Early British Urn containing human bones, which had been discovered by her uncle, Mr. J. W. Ord, when excavating in