

has reached in our public schools, not without long years of struggle. The glamour of the classics lingers, but the shock which the nation has had in this great war will make us realise in the future that to keep in the van we must be in the van intellectually in all that relates to man's control of nature. Science "Heads" at Winchester, Eton, and Harrow would give the death-blow to the old-time Anglican tradition so well expressed in a Christmas sermon by the late Dean Gaisford, that classical learning "not only elevates above the vulgar herd, but leads not infrequently to positions of considerable emolument." There is an initial difficulty apt to block good men, the fear of overburdened teaching, since it is not always possible for a school to pay an adequate staff; but the past twenty years have seen the whole situation changed. The posts have become more and more attractive and better paid, so that a definite career is now offered to able young men. Many original contributions to science made by the members have given a proper *caché* to the association, and, I may say, have added enormously to its intellectual status. Men feel proud to have as colleagues distinguished workers. Let us not forget that Priestley got his F.R.S. while a master at the Warrington Academy. The exhibits by members at this meeting indicate a fertility of invention in the highest degree creditable.