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THE "ACTA."

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the fact that regular subscriptions are necessary. The success of the ACTA must rest entirely upon the nature of its supporters. Those who wish to see it succeed, who wish to see a regular quarterly edition, will get as many yearly subscribers as possible, will write faithfully for its various departments, and will bring all important news items to the notice of the editor.

Cash is a great thing. This magazine needs a certain amount. If your subscriptions come in the form of butter, eggs, potatoes and notes of hand, the ACTA will have to go to the wall. We have the greatest trust in the honesty and financial standing of our subscribers, but cheques on the Bank of England and orders on pocket money are looked upon with suspicion by our treasurer. What we long for is the hard, cold, metallic clink of coin—coin of the realm. Some avoid its debasing influence, but we don't; we want all we can get, not for itself alone, but because a full purse will make this magazine a success, and this is the desire of both past and present Ridleians.

The Christmas and Easter editions hardly paid expenses. Instead of money on hand to boom future editions, the committee are almost discouraged by difficulties in meeting past liabilities. This should not be. Our boys, past and present, should back us up in our endeavors to make the ACTA the best school magazine of its class. The wished for success could easily be accomplished if both old and new boys would give this matter their earliest attention and each send in the required amount for the yearly subscription.

NOTES.

We are much indebted to the friends of the College for their kind help in the prize fund of the sports, and wish to thank them all heartily for their assistance.

The valuable cup and medal given by Mr. W. G. Gooderham for the senior championship in the sports, and the magnificent junior championship cup presented by Mr. Geo. Gooderham, were very much appreciated by the boys.

Among the names of this year's graduates from 'Varsity we note with pleasure those of several old Ridleians. These are Ridley's first; leaders of the long line that each year we will see wending their way worldward from the school home that soon will be to them "dear old Ridley."

THE BLAKE GOLD MEDAL.

Nothing has yet been said in our magazine about the Blake gold medal, to win which is the greatest honor in the school. It was established in the year 1890 by the Hon. S. H. Blake for true manliness. Before the closing of each year the boys themselves elect whom they think should be chosen for his manly, straightforward, upright, Christian character, and we think that every boy who has won this prize has well deserved it and has also fully appreciated being elected. In this copy of the ACTA we must congratulate W. E. H. Carter as the winner for the year 1895, and wish him every success in life.

L. P.

Our Favorite Authors.

Reading Dr. A. Conan Doyle's books is at present the proper caper at Ridley. Among the copies to be seen about the College some are more worn than others, but "The Captain of the Polestar," "A Scandal in Bohemia," "Beyond the City," "The Sign of the Four," "The Firm of Girdlestone," "A Study in Scarlet," "Sherlock Holmes," etc., may be considered the greatest favorites. His books are universally declared "spiff" by the college boys.

G. A. Henty is another favorite. His books are also in great demand.

Richard Harding Davis, Robert Louis Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling, Brander Matthews, Maxwell Grey, Charles Read, Wilkie Collins and Stanley J. Weyman are much read also. No doubt "Trilby" would be equally so were it not for the high tariff rate of 75c. which is put upon each copy; but we feel that we must wait for that sort of luxury until prices go down.

Why should the owner of a vineyard dislike raisins? Because he would be tired of raisin' grapes.