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SPEAKING from an editor's stand-point, we have more to chronicle this month than we had in the preceding one, for not only has the Athletic Sports, to which we briefly referred in our May issue, taken place, but many things have occurred which, last month, were unthought of. Let us, for example, take the tugs of war, which have proved such a marked feature of the "five minutes;" who would have predicted, even when our Head Master mooted the question, such a tremendous success for them? and, yet, to many of us, life would seem a dreary blank were we suddenly deprived of them. As we have, however, devoted a special paragraph in another part of the *Magazine* to them, we will dismiss the subject, for the time being, with thanking Mr. Hughes for his proposal, in the name of the entire School. The clubs, from all we can gather, are progressing as favourably as one can expect or wish, and, with the one shameful exception of the Cricket Club, we may look upon ourselves, athletically speaking, as well under way. The Bicyclists have got on fast enough to be able to afford a badge, and a very fine appearance it should present with its silver shield and blue lettering.

Zagury's and Ker's success in obtaining a scholarship each at University College is a piece of news which we know will be received with enthusiasm. We heartily congratulate them, and hope that the kindly feeling they have always entertained towards the Institute will not cease when they leave it to establish themselves elsewhere.

Our circulation, we are glad to say, has been satisfactory for this month, a circumstance which, as far as the Commercial is concerned, is greatly due to the kind and energetic efforts of Mr. Smith, Mr. Bulmer, and Mr. Bain, and, as regards the High, of course, to the unceasing activity of Mr. Brown.

In our Correspondence column will be found some letters, which will, probably, interest the majority of our readers; one of these will, doubtless, excite special attention, on account of the startling innovation proposed by its writer; we should like to have our readers' views on the subject, and will be glad to publish any letters which are, in our opinion, worthy of notice.

This is the first time in the *Magazine's* history that it has appeared after May. This, of course, entails more work, but, if it can be managed,

no doubt, it is much better. We, ourselves, unfortunately, cannot undertake to edit next month's number, in person, but, without divulging secrets, we may say that, in all probability, a *Magazine* will be issued for July, and we trust that the sale may justify our temerity in putting forth two additional numbers.

F. WOLDE, }
H. C. HILTON, } EDITORS.

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L. I. L. D. S.

THE General Meeting for the session was held on Friday, May 2. Dale occupying the chair. The following votes of thanks were passed to those who had assisted in the entertainment:—To Mr. Book, on the motion of Long, seconded by Ker; to Mr. Hughes, proposed by Mr. Clark, seconded by Richard Roberts; to the Artistes, proposed by Dale, seconded by A. J. Ewart; to the masters, other than Mr. Book, who had given their assistance, proposed by Long and seconded by A. J. Ewart. The hon. Treasurer, (Ker) presented his annual report. From this it appeared that there was a balance in hand of £4 17s. 4½d. After considerable discussion, it was determined to hand over £4 to the Treasurer of the Athletic Sports' fund, and to carry forward the remainder to next session. After the adoption of Ker's report, the hon. Secretary (Long) presented his, which showed that the Society had had a most prosperous condition. Long, in a somewhat lengthy speech, addressed the Society for the last time as Secretary, expressed his strong belief in the good that such institutions may accomplish, and concluded with the hope that the L. I. L. D. S. might long continue to prosper and be a source of profit as well as pleasure to its members. The Secretary's report having been adopted *nem. con.*, Wolde read the report of the Editors of the L. I. S. M. which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. After the passing of the rules for next session, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Wolde, proposed by Long, seconded by A. J. Ewart, was unanimously elected Secretary. A. J. Ewart, proposed by Long, seconded by Marshall, was elected Chairman, also unanimously. Mr. Clark, proposed by Dale, seconded by Long, was elected Vice-chairman. W. O. Jones was also elected Treasurer. Three members were then nominated to serve on the Committee in addition to the above four.—Ahmud Mahammud, received 16 votes; D. Braham, 13; Richard Roberts, 6. The two first were therefore elected. After the retiring Chairman and Secretary had said a few words, the meeting adjourned.

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CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR.

YOU, O Calliope, inspire my song and with me call to mind those tugs-of-war, contests of strength and will. Boots it, O muse, to relate, tearless, the defeat of the Sixth and joy of the Lower Forms. There I see fierce Robert Roberts, raging like some great bull, and Galley, and the mighty son of Millard, and the twin Ewarts, lithe Hay, and Marshall. Shall I indeed tell of those frantic struggles of slipping heroes—of Gething, distinguished alike by the beauty of his countenance and flowing locks; of Waite, than whom was none heavier; of Hardy, lean yet lithe; and of those concerning whose names memory is treacherous. Not even had I a hundred mouths could I chronicle the efforts of the Commercial teams, the First, and also, mightiest of all, the fierce Upper Second. So, O muse, aid me, and with me hie to the largest lemonade jug, where I may quench my thirst after so mighty an effort.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to tell us that the Upper Fifth need reform; where, he has omitted to state. Now, really this is too much. After our much-abused paragraph relative to the Sixth Form and kittens, we should be afraid to publish such a letter. Upper Fifth needs reform? Not it. Why, someone will tell us soon

that the Middle Fourth has ceased to adorn the "keeping-in" room, or that a clean spot has been found, after diligent search, on the laboratory towel, or that the *L. I. S. M.* is a success. No, sir. Don't write against it; it only distresses us. Please, now, as a favour.

WE announce with great pleasure the result of the various competitions for prizes held during the month of May. Latin Essay, "*Queritur ludi scenici bonis moribus prosintne neque*," H. E. Long; English Essay, "*The Fall of the Spanish Supremacy*," H. E. Long; Modern Languages Prize, L. Zagury; Science Prize, A. J. Ewart; Prize for Mathematics, J. B. Dale.

It may not be generally known that in Mr. Brown's cupboard repose several volumes, the nucleus of a library the attempt to form which proved a fiasco last year. Howbeit, there the volumes lie, useless. We were somewhat surprised that no effort was made, after the various letters which appeared, to resuscitate it. Perhaps the Institute boys are indifferent as regards intellectual pursuits, or perhaps the lack of interest manifested by the Upper Forms in the proposal last year nipped and chilled it. Personally, we think that could a library be formed to which both schools might have access many beneficial results would ensue. If anyone, then, has a practical suggestion to make, let him speak to Mr. Brown, or to one of the Editors of this paper, or, if he prefers, he can write to the *Magazine*.

PERHAPS, after the tugs-of-war, the arrival of the long-looked-for caps has occasioned most interest. Speaking from the stand-point of the *L. I. S. M.* Editors, we must say that we hail their advent with unbounded delight, as a really big piece of news. We have, since Saturday morning, heard many opinions on them—adverse and favourable. Their colour, appearance, beauty (or ugliness, according to taste) have been freely criticised on all hands. A. thinks them "beastly"; B., "spiffing"; Tommy "wouldn't be seen in the thing"; Johnny takes a pride in showing his new possession off. The words of the popular song, "Where did you get that hat?" ring through the classic arches of the Institute, and those who have patriotically donned the head-gear are unmercifully chaffed by those who have not. To judge, however, by the unanimity with which the cap has been adopted in all quarters, we should be inclined to think that the majority of our school-fellows approve of wearing it, and they may be complimented upon having arrived at a decision so quickly; but many still find a difficulty in making up their minds, and to such we may say that although it is desirable to wear it, yet it is by no means compulsory. The Commercial cap presents, on the whole, we think, the prettier appearance, but when all the High School boys are together, a by no means bad effect is produced.

WE have received two letters this month which we absolutely can't bring ourselves to publish. The first is from someone who signs himself "H. E. W.," and comments freely upon the personal appearance of one of us, further, saying that we look as if we might be "the Editor of a second-rate paper." We only make mention of this to show you how foolish it looks in print. We fear you have allowed your anxiety to be funny to get the better of your gentlemanly feeling. You will probably be offended at our remarks, but we hope you won't write in so silly a strain again. The second is signed "Comicus," and any more dismal attempt to be facetious we have rarely come across. We will only give "Comicus" this piece of advice—Don't imagine for a moment, dear boy, that to write one word for another is funny. It isn't. It's only painful. We fear that the "un-easy" examinations to which you have "preluded" have slightly affected you. We hope that by this time your health is improved, however.

A GOOD story comes to hand from a school which has, before this, been a formidable rival to the Liverpool Institute in the Oxforas, etc. A Liverpool gentleman took his son to this school, not long ago, and the following conversation ensued between the headmaster and our townsman: "And so you come from Liverpool, you say." "That is so." "Then, can you tell me why you bring your son here when you have such a splendid school as the Liverpool Institute?" We think that were a few of our school-fellows prouder of belonging to "such a splendid" school, and more jealous of its honour, there would be little doubt about its being the foremost school, we might almost say, in England.

THERE is one good point in Institute boys (among, of course, many others) which we have specially noted, and which seems to flourish among us to a greater extent than among other schools, and that is the kindly sympathy which exists

between big boys and little ones. This was particularly apparent in those disorganised tugs-of-war which occurred at first in the yards. To see our small friends Cato and Reece pulling side by side with the Sixth, so that that form might not lose, was truly touching; and, again, to see our noble Galley tugging at the rope to make the small boys win was a sight not to be missed. And the longer such feelings continue the better for the School.

ONE more word about tugs-of-war. In the Commercial Yard, they have had a very lively interest taken in them, and this has been all the more keenly felt on account of the acquaintance which some boys have frequently made with the ground. Considering flat flags are rather hard and bones not made specially to be broken, I should strongly recommend the purchase of a rope that would be able to withstand the enormous strength of the mighty Second.

SWIMMING CLUB (COMMERCIAL).

ON Tuesday, May 13th, the Commercial School Swimming Club played its first match, the opponent being the High School Club. In the first half, play was very even, Roberts (for the Commercial) scoring the first goal of the match. Soon after this, Marshall, with his usual dash of grand style, brought the scores to a state of equality. The second half proved rather disastrous to the Commercial fellows, as they were beaten by two goals. Marshall and Roberts did some hard work for their respective sides, and Smith (for the Commercial) played a good all-round game. Members of the clubs were very pleased to see Mr. Hughes present on this occasion.

The High School was again encountered on Monday, May 19th. On this date the tables were completely turned, owing to the dexterity of Roberts. Marshall (H.S.) made the contest very hot. The Commercial, on several occasions, had hard lines, but their efforts were at last rewarded by Copp scoring a grand goal. The Commercial won by 4 goals to one.

In the second Polo Match, Roberts, Fraser, and Copp shewed their superior power in the game, and Marshall (H.S.) played with his usual activity.

The Commercial School Swimming Club is now in a very flourishing condition—there being over 140 names on the club roll. This success is due chiefly to the great interest which Mr. Bickerstaff takes in its development. The club sports will be held in July, and the following medals will be offered for competition—(1) Six Lengths' Race, for the Championship of the Commercial School: Prize—a Gold Medal, of the value of 30/-. (2) Two Lengths' Handicap, for Silver Medals of the values 20/-, 12/6, 7/6. (3) One Length Handicap (for beginners only), for Silver Medals, of values 12/6, 10/-, 7/6.

The privileges offered this year are—No entrance fee, members entering for championship may also enter for the four lengths race.

RAMBLING CLUB.

MAY 3RD.—Leaving Central Station by the 1-25 express to Aintree, we arrived there about 1-50. We had a lovely day, and, also, a pleasant walk, being directed by Mr. A. J. Reed, to Sefton Church, arriving there about 3 o'clock. As they were cleaning the church, we did not see it at its best, but it is truly a fine old structure, and it contains some remarkable old things, among them the old pulpit, reading desk, a chained bible, and a screen of very fine workmanship. We then went up the belfry, and from there we had a beautiful view of the surrounding country. Leaving there, we went to the old well, which is supposed to have curative properties. Starting for Aintree about 3-30, we caught the 4-31 train home.

May 14th.—Meeting at the Institute at 1-45, we walked through Sefton Park to Wavertree: there we stopped to see the old well, and then walked on to Broadgreen, there we rested a little, and then started for Childwall, and, as the church was open, we got the unusual chance of seeing through it. We then walked back again, arriving home about 6 o'clock. I am sure that all the ramblers were very thankful for the lovely day and the kindness of Mr. A. J. Reed in accompanying us. May 21st, Mr. A. J. Reed having made arrangements, we met at the river at 2-25

and took the 2-30 boat to Birkenhead. Then walking through Tranmere, we went on to Storeton, where the points of interest were the quarries, which we did not see, and the old Roman road. Then walking on to Bebington we went over the old windmill, leave having been got by one of the ramblers (H. Yearsley), then hurrying on to New Ferry we came home by the 6-30 boat.

RAMBLER.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

I SUPPOSE that any athletic sports are an important event in the year's record of a large school, but how much more so must be the occasion of the first of such affairs! For then is decided whether they shall be annual, whether sufficient interest is shown in them, whether, in brief, enough success has attended them to counterbalance the trouble, and by no means inconsiderable expense which always accompanies gatherings such as these. To give the pros. and cons. concerning Athletic Sports generally, would, I presume, be deemed out of place here, although it must be confessed that to do so is a decidedly more tempting prospect than to write a concise account of the momentous events of Wednesday last, which may criticise without causing offence, and may be true to facts without being bare or insufficient. Such is what your Editors have informed me is expected from me, and I heartily wish myself well out of it. If I don't succeed in pleasing all, I look to Messrs. Wolde and Hilton not to divulge my name. The weather, that universal topic of conversation in England, for once behaved in the most exemplary way imaginable. An almost cloudless sky, just enough wind to temper the sun's heat, and sunshine throughout the entire afternoon, went to make up a well-nigh perfect day, which was taken full advantage of by the crowds of spectators, who flocked to Fairfield to witness their boy friends and relations compete in the numerous events. The scene was indeed a lively one. The grandstand and barriers gay with on-lookers, the field covered with the judges and starters, as well as the competitors themselves, dressed, of course, in regulation "whites," "blazer," and school-cap, formed a picture which will long be remembered by many. The sports themselves, on the whole, may be pronounced a success. There were, naturally, some weak points, that is inevitable in a first affair of the kind; but, taking into consideration that they were the only athletic sports ever held in the present pupils' memory, I unhesitatingly gave it as my opinion that they went off with an *éclat* of which the School may be justly proud. I do not propose to review everything, but will only briefly mention those events which seemed to excite most interest, and to be received with most enthusiasm. I will only, then, say that the broad jump was won by Walby, who jumped 16ft. 3½ins., against A. M. Ker's 16ft. 2½ins. This was, I am told, considered good, and Walby is greatly to be congratulated upon his victory. Ker's prize for this (a telescope) may have the effect of making his jump appear longer, but this is a poor consolation, I fear. Throwing the cricket-ball, a distance of 75 yards, is good, but not at all phenomenal; as, however, it appears that the winner, S. E. Davies, threw against the wind, the throw may be looked upon as undoubtedly up to scratch. One of the most praiseworthy features of the day was the rapidity with which the events followed each other. To whom this was due, I do not know, but he or they deserve great commendation for having avoided those tedious delays, which are almost always the drawback of athletic sports.

The first race (120 yards flat race, over 15) came off punctually to the minute, but, personally, I thought that this was its most commendable point, for, as a race, it was somewhat disappointing, the pace being rather slow. Its deciding heat was better, however, A. J. Ewart only beating Ker by a yard or so, and Goodwin and Marshall coming in practically together. The two other flat races were good, but do not call for special comment. The pace in the three-legged race was excellent, and it was satisfactory to see that the finish was fairly close, for Dale and W. E. Gething came in a good second to A. J. and A. E. Ewart's first. In the half-mile handicap, it seemed to me that the starts given were too long in proportion to the distance to be covered, Purvis, in my opinion, having too great an advantage over many others. Bredin's running gave good promise of his subsequent brilliant success later in the

day, and he is greatly to be congratulated upon his set of wickets. In the next event (the high jump, over 15) very good form was shewn by nearly all the competitors, although I should have expected better things of Marshall. Ker will, I hope, forgive me, when I say, that W. A. Jones' style was much superior to his, and fully entitled him to the tennis racquet. The high jump, under fifteen, was a fair performance, but was, it is to be feared, little noticed by the spectators. The winner was C. P. Hall, and the prize a tourist's writing case. Many, nay, almost all whom I have asked, unhesitatingly award the palm to the Bicycle race, and, certainly, it was most exciting. The way S. E. Davies came in at the finish was splendid, and J. E. Gething's efforts were not less so. Among the many deserving credit, A. C. Armour's indomitable pluck reminded me forcibly of his brothers, especially William Alexander; and Percy's perseverance (pun unintentional) was also soul-stirring. If it were not the best race, it was, most assuredly, that in which greatest interest was shewn, and which excited most attention. The sack race caused the usual amount of laughter, but was in no way extraordinary, and it will be sufficient to say that W. E. Gething was first, and A. M. Ker second. The next race, which may be specially mentioned, is the quarter mile, over 14, which was won by Walby, who appears to be a very fine athlete indeed; A. M. Ker was second, winning, I understand, another telescope. J. Carmichael was first in the quarter mile, under 14, W. Roberts coming in a good second. The tugs of war proved, as might have been surmised, a source of much amusement and interest. The determined way in which the Lower Fifth stood their ground was admirable, and a ringing cheer from their fellow "High Schoolers" greeted them as they steadily pulled their opponents, the Upper Second Form. A bronze medal apiece was the reward of their efforts, and most manfully they won it; the consolation which may be offered to the Commercial team is, that their antagonists had a desperate struggle to beat them. The masters' tug of war was an item which was received with an amount of enthusiasm and warmth, which must have been truly encouraging, and as slowly, but by sure degrees, the scholastic exponents of High School muscle were hauled over by the Commercial School masters, a tremendous yell broke from the schoolboys whose preceptors were victorious, which was replied to by a sibilant hiss from their adversaries' sympathisers.

I have been warned that space is short, so I pass on to the one mile open. This was a remarkably fine race; good form being shewn throughout, and the end being fairly exciting. Bredin, the winner, seems to have been, to a certain extent, a "dark horse," for nobody—with the exception of a few—imagined that he had any thought of attempting the principal race. His pace was splendidly regular, and he trotted up at the finish, apparently as fresh a daisy. Walby was very good, but by no means equalled Bredin, since the latter won a comparatively easy victory. Poor old Jimmy rather mulled his chances, for he saved himself too much and spurted rather soon. It was indeed a pity that Goodwin was disabled in the quarter-mile, for he would, I think, have had a really good chance. The interest, after the mile, flagged somewhat, and it will only be necessary to give the names of the winners of the rest. 220 Yards (over 15)—1, A. M. Ker; 2, J. S. Coward. 220 Yards (between 12 and 15)—1, H. Purvis; 2, H. K. Alexander; 220 Yards (under 12)—1, C. J. Purdie. Consolation Race—1, H. Dodd. Hurdle Race (open)—1, A. M. Ker. Old Boys' (300 yards)—1, Coonan; 2, Jackson.

Appended is a list of the principal winners, with their total marks. A. M. Ker (to whom most probably the cup will go), 19; R. Walby, 12; S. E. Davies, 9; W. A. Jones, 8; A. J. Ewart, 6; F. Bredin, 5; J. S. Coward, 4; F. E. Marshall, 2; W. H. Waite, 1.

After the last race had been run, Mrs. Alfred Holt proceeded to distribute the prizes. When Mr. Holt had addressed a few suitable words of encouragement and commendation, and cheers had been given with the customary enthusiasm, the gathering dispersed.

The band, which added so greatly to the enjoyment of the day, is, I am told, that of the Myrtle Street Boys' Orphan Asylum.

I cannot close without expressing my sense of how grateful all ought to feel to the ladies and gentlemen who favoured us with their presence, to the gentlemen who acted as starters, etc., and to Mr. Hughes, whose idea has proved so signal a success. May the sports which the School has just witnessed be the first of a long series as successful and as enjoyable.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

OUR Choral Society has met every Tuesday during the month, and, although the attendance has fallen off somewhat, nevertheless fairly satisfactory progress has been made. The more difficult choruses are well in hand, and, in time, those members who have been faithful to the society will, no doubt, be able to give a good account of themselves. Seeing the great interest Mr. Hughes has evinced in the welfare of the society, it is to be regretted that a larger number of boys with good voices do not take advantage of this society.

CYCLING CLUB.

ON April 23rd, the Club met at the Landing-stage and proceeded to West Kirby by way of Birkenhead. Twelve members were present, and when home was reached at 6 o'clock, all agreed that they had spent a delightful afternoon.

THE next meet was on April 30. It was proposed that a run should be made from the Bridge, Sefton Park, to the Village of Knowsley. The following extract is taken from the *Evening Echo*:—"L.I.C.C.—This Club although a recent institution, is already in a very flourishing condition. To-day, eighteen members assembled for a run to Knowsley Village. The course was through Prescott and Broadgreen, and home was reached in the evening after a sharp run."

MAY 7th. The Club met at the usual place, and as it had been proposed to ride to Hale, most of the members presented themselves. Arriving there, we made a short survey of the shore and principal physical features. Three-quarters-of-an-hour sufficed to enable us to reach the haven for which we all make after hard work.—An examination in the evening of the 14th of May, prevented our visiting Parkgate.

ON May 21st, the run proposed was to Kirby. The wind, however, which blew rather strong at the time, caused some of our fellows to waver about taking the trip. Four screwed their courage to the sticking point, and on the return journey, all agreed that they had spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

EXAMINATIONS.

THE time that has elapsed since the last science examination has had such a beneficial effect on my nervous system that I am now so far recovered as to be able to talk about those terrible ordeals with a degree of calmness which was never anticipated. Although the proximity of exams. is talked about for months, weeks, and days before their occurrence, yet the majority of boys entertain not the slightest thought of preparing for them. Upon the recital of those pretty lines about candidates giving up notes to the superintendent, and the exclusion of such youths who are not disposed to keep to themselves during the remainder of the evening, they suddenly realise their situation and sink into a deep reverie, in the course of which they make desperate resolutions about future examinations. From this, however, they are suddenly aroused by a flutter of printed paper, and in another minute their success or failure is seen depicted upon the faces of many of the candidates. I am glad to say, however, that all our noble fellows are not afraid of these tests. It has been rumoured (but I scarcely credit the fact) that a number of our schoolfellows greet the approach of an exam. with joy. Surely there has not come a reformation amongst the youths of the Institute to turn them into such lovers of science! I should have suggested, had not the events of a certain night disproved it, that the half-holiday had a tender connection with this change. This idea I was forced to relinquish on account of the joyful manner in which (after the holiday was over) a certain exam. was greeted in the evening. After the usual routine of finding a respectable seat wherein to collect their scattered thoughts had been gone through, and the occupation (stew, &c.) had been filled in, candidates were called upon to attend to the rules. They gave so much attention to this general formulae that they became quite excited over it, and when the lines relative to paper cancelling were reached, a burst of applause signified how deeply they had thought about those words. It remains to be learned how they progressed during the evening. Let us hope that they greeted the questions

in the same spirit as the rules, and showed the examiners that boys really can study. Saturday night was the time appointed for a more energetic exhibition of talent than is usual, for the simple reason that the course was practical. As the twilight merged into darkness, the temerity of the superintendents was very easily seen. Notwithstanding their desperate attempts to overcome the fumes by tobacco-smoke, we had frequent intimations of the failures by the places they occupied with respect to the door and window. If our noble fellows only greet the Oxford like they greeted that certain exam. what a tremendous success we shall expect.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

ON account of Mr. Bulmer's illness the Society has not been able to make much progress and the "Moments Musicales" and the Duets still will want more practice. The prospect held out last month of two 'cellos and two violas will, we hope, be realised soon. The number of members increase, but more are still wanted. Cannot we have some more members from the High School instead of making it almost a Commercial society?—THE SEC.

[We are sure that all the members of this Society regret Mr. Bulmer's illness greatly, and join with us in the hope that his indisposition may not be of a character to cause any cessation of the kind help and encouragement which the Society has always received from him.—EDS. L.I.S.M.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

DEAR SIRs,—I was walking up Bold-street the other morning at about 12 o'clock, when I was surprised to see an addition to the many "School caps" which make our streets gayer than they would be with the usual sombre headgear. I asked "a little cottage maid" what school owned these wonderful caps, and was informed that the Liverpool Institute did. I was surprised. I knew that you were going to have caps, but I was astonished at their ugliness; indeed I should not be surprised if

"When I go out,
The boys all shout,
Where did you get that hat?"

In the first place, the ring goes right round the cap in too marked a circle, making the unfortunate wearer look as if a wild Indian had half scalped him and not finished his work, indeed it would have been better if he had finished it, before he came to wear that awful article of blue and blood-red, which is by courtesy called a cap.—Yours truly,

OLD BOY.

[We fear this letter is somewhat too strong. We publish it in the hope that our readers will condone "Old Boy's" forcible language, on account of the manifest depth of his feelings.—EDS. L.I.S.M.]

A LONG PULL, A STRONG PULL, AND A PULL ALL TOGETHER.

To the Editors of the Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine.

Dear Sirs,—Seeing the enthusiasm and excitement with which these "tugs-of-war" have been received of late, not only by the boys themselves but even by the sedate masters, I think it would be a good plan to extend this idea and to form a School Gymnasium.

Other large schools, such as the college, etc., have gymnasiums, and why should not such a large and important school as the Institute?

If such a gymnasium as that in the college were started (after having obtained the requisite permission) I am sure it would be supported by the boys of the school as much as could be desired.

Having asked a good many boys about it, I found that nearly every one I asked would join it if it were started.

Besides, it would be an excellent thing for those boys who stay to dinner, who could fill up a wet dinner-hour in strengthening their muscles (To quote that much-hackneyed saying, "mens sana in corpore sano.") I hope this will be taken up by one who has more interest than an

UPPER-FIFTH-ER.

[N.B.—By publishing letters in this column, we do not, in any way, endorse opinions contained in them.—EDS. L.I.S.M.]