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Editorial.

AS is already known from the notice placed on the notice-board, a change has been made as regards the *Magazine*. The Debating Society, being the Executive Committee in this matter, has raised the price from one penny to twopence. The heavy debt on the *Magazine*, and the fact that at a penny it did not pay for the cost of printing, have rendered this step necessary; and our readers may be assured that it was not taken without all due consideration. We hope that no boy will cease to take the *Magazine*, because it entails an extra expenditure of one penny per month. We shall endeavour, if possible, to insert more articles, and generally to make the *Magazine* of higher quality than it is now, and, at the same time, to make it more acceptable to everybody. So far, we have not received a single article from any of our schoolfellows. Are we to believe that they are incapable, or unwilling to write an article. Boys of other schools write articles for their magazines, and surely our schoolfellows are able to do so.

The distribution of prizes for the Oxford Local, Science and Art, and other examinations will take place this year on December 10th, as we state elsewhere. We may here add that we advise all to obtain tickets to hear the address which will be delivered on that occasion by Mr. Augustine Birrell, which is sure to be worth hearing.

As this is the last *Magazine* we will publish this year, it presents a favourable opportunity of saying farewell to those of our schoolfellows who, when school re-joins, will be with us no more. To them in particular would we wish every success in their new career, while to our schoolfellows in general we wish most heartily the Compliments of the Season which will now be here very soon.

Literary and Debating Society.

OCTOBER 27TH. A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, J. D. Lamb was elected a member. After the transaction of some private business, various suggestions were made for an impromptu debate. Ultimately the debate decided on was, "Is vivisection desirable?" In the discussion which took place, the following members were called upon, and spoke:—For the affirmative, B. J. Wood, E. Burn, F. W. Inman, R. J. Ewart, H. L. H. Millard, A. P. Banks, C. M. Jones, P. Fisher, and Mr. F. E. Marshall; for the negative, N. C. Miller, D. D. Braham, J. F. Carmichael, W. J. Roberts, H. Eggington, H. E. Williams, A. E. Baddeley, P. J. A. Francis. J. D. Crichton also spoke. After the Chairman had spoken, the vote was taken, with the following result:—Affirmative, 12; negative, 7.

November 3rd.—A meeting of the Society was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. After the transaction of some other private business, H. L. H. Millard moved that the price of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine* should be raised to twopence, on account of the heavy debt which it had accumulated, since it did not support itself when sold at one penny. He was seconded by A. P. Banks, and supported by D. D. Braham and H. E. Williams, as also by Messrs. F. E. Marshall and J. H. Addinsell. The motion was opposed by Mr. E. J. W. Harvey, E. Burn, E. W. Harriman, and the Chairman. On the matter being put to the vote, eighteen members voted for the motion, and five against it. It was thus carried by a majority of thirteen. On account of the time which had been occupied in the discussion, the debate was postponed.

November 10th.—A meeting was held on this date, C. M. Jones (Vice-Chairman) presiding. E. Burn then resigned his post of Commercial School correspondent to the *Magazine*. E. W. Harriman was elected his successor. N. C. Miller and H. L. H. Millard were elected whips for the Sixth form; A. C. Armour and J. D. Crichton being elected to the same office for the Upper and Lower Fifth respectively. The Chairman then called upon R. J. Ewart to open in the affirmative the debate, "Ought the hours of labour to be limited by the State?" In a short paper he endeavoured to prove that many working men work longer than is right; that it is necessary to put a stop to this; and that State intervention is the only practicable method of doing it. F. J. Bradburn replied for the negative. He denied that the workmen were badly treated as a rule, and denounced the labour agitation in strong terms. If it were necessary to limit the hours of labour it should be done, he urged, by the influence of trades unions, agreements with employers, or arbitration. He asserted that State interference was unjustifiable and harmful. A long discussion then ensued, in which P. Fisher, F. W. Inman, E. W. Harriman, A. C. Armour, and Mr. A. J. Ewart supported the affirmative; while E. Burn, P. J. A. Francis, D. D. Braham, H. Eggington, H. L. H. Millard, W. J. Roberts, A. P. Banks, D. W. Auld, and C. M. Jones spoke for the negative. A vote was then

taken, with the following result:—Affirmative, 17; negative, 5; affirmative majority, 12.

November 17th.—A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley presiding. Some time was occupied in discussion upon private business. After this, an impromptu debate was selected, the debate originally arranged having been cancelled. The subject decided upon was, "Is the Influence of the Press more for good or for evil?" The subject was well and fully discussed by the members who were called upon to speak. Of these, J. D. Lamb, P. J. A. Francis, G. Bell, B. J. Wood, R. J. Ewart, A. C. Armour, J. M. Thomas, E. Burn, E. W. Harriman, and the Chairman supported the affirmative; and C. M. Jones, D. D. Braham, H. Eggington, P. Fisher, A. E. Baddeley, and N. C. Miller the negative. A vote was then taken, the result being that the affirmative received 10 votes, and the negative 9. The meeting then terminated.

November 24th.—A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, and some other private business transacted, the Chairman called upon Mr. T. H. Creighton to read his paper on "The Part of Manual Training in a System of Education." He began by speaking of the connection between education at school and a man's after life, and asserted that in addition to those studies which were useful as a mental discipline, studies affecting the after career of pupils should find a place in a school curriculum. Referring more particularly to elementary schools, he affirmed that if manual training were made of greater prominence in them, fewer would enter into life as clerks, etc., in branches already overstocked. He mentioned the present system of manual training in elementary schools, and the state of manual instruction in America and on the Continent; and also gave some account of the technical education movement. He closed his paper by considering some of the chief objections raised against the introduction of manual training into an educational system, and stated the chief benefits of such a course. In the discussion which ensued, D. D. Braham, C. M. Jones, A. P. Banks, R. J. Ewart, F. W. Inman, A. E. Baddeley, and the Chairman took part. Mr. Creighton then replied. A vote of thanks was passed to him, on the motion of Banks, seconded by C. M. Jones. The meeting then adjourned.

Clovelly.

EVERYONE has heard of Clovelly, and some people have been there. I must, since the summer holidays, be reckoned among the smaller and more enlightened class; and in this paper it is my intention to give some account of my visit to that most delightful and unconventional of seaside places. Clovelly is absolutely unique—I have not been everywhere else, and so cannot prove it from personal experience; but, nevertheless, from an unalterable conviction, I repeat the statement—Clovelly is absolutely unique.

In the first week in August, my friend Smith and myself started from Bristol to explore the hitherto unknown country of North Devon. I will omit the hot and prosaic journey in the train as far as Taunton, the less

prosaic and cooler progress thence to Minehead and Lynmouth, and the various entertaining episodes (they would fill a ponderous volume), which were our experience after we left Lynmouth; and pass straight on to the dusk of the Saturday evening which saw us arrive, hot and dusty, and very hungry, at the edge of the cliff beneath which lies Clovelly. We were rather surprised at the nature of the place where we were deposited by the coach, but we were soon guided by a nondescript individual, who was half fisherman and half farmer, down a steep lane which quickly brought us to the top of the distinctive feature of Clovelly, the long, sloping, narrow, paved, or rather 'cobbled' street which leads from the top of the cliff right down to the miniature harbour at its foot. Our progress in the growing gloom was not devoid of excitement, for every few yards there was an unexpected and provoking step, which seemed to be there for no other reason than to be in harmony with the traditional quaintness of the place. About half way down, the street suddenly turned to the right, and passed under an archway, thus bringing us, somewhat unexpectedly, almost to the level of the sea. Dismissing our guide, who gave us the gratuitous information that we should have no difficulty in finding him the next day, we made our way to the "Red Lion," an excellent inn, "replete with every comfort," though, for some reason or other, visitors seem generally to go to the New Inn, which is half way up the street, and therefore further away from the principal attraction of a seaside place, the sea. The "Red Lion" speedily appeased our above-mentioned hunger, and informed us, that, owing to the unusual number of visitors within its hospitable portals, we should have to sleep out at a fisherman's cottage. We made no difficulty, and having seen our quarters, strolled up the street, gazing with wondering eyes at the various objects of interest with which Clovelly is replete on a Saturday night. There were the usual picturesque groups of fishermen discoursing, in a tongue that sounded strange to our northern ears, the interesting items which make up the politics of Clovelly. There were several shops where it seemed possible to buy soap, sweets, pig-tail tobacco, and nothing else, except views of Clovelly, which our patriotism was horrified to discover were "made in Germany." Brooding over this signal proof of the decadence of England's commercial greatness, we slowly made our way to the top of the street, sat down on a wall, with our heads against a convenient post, and immediately fell asleep. When we awoke we found that it was time to seek our quarters for the night, and went down the street again a good deal quicker than we had gone up, for the inclination of the hill is about forty five degrees, and entered the cottage where we were to sojourn. Here we found the worthy fisherman, surrounded by his family, and solemnly smoking his evening pipe, the one luxury, as he informed us, that he allowed himself. Our host's brother was paying a formal visit when we entered; and before we went to bed we had reason to congratulate ourselves on his presence, for he was an old man with a very pretty wit and genial manners. He was likewise the proprietor of an exceedingly antiquated, but very efficient razor, with which we made ourselves respectable on the following morning, for we were as little burdened as might be with luggage. It was late before we went to bed that night, for "Uncle Dick" and our

host proved excellent company, and made the time pass with many an excellent story of doings upon the ocean. They had both been to Liverpool, but not unnaturally thought it inferior to Clovelly, as indeed it is. At length we sought repose, and fell asleep with the music of the Atlantic in our ears.

The next morning, refreshed by a bathe from the boat of our nondescript friend of the night before, we demolished an extensive breakfast and repaired to some attractive rocks on the shore, where we basked in the sun, and told each other how vastly superior Clovelly was to every other place we had ever seen. Before us stretched the sea, reaching, I am told, without a break, as far as America; in the distance another part of the Devonshire coast, which we erroneously imagined to be Lundy Island, for we could see no place where it joined the mainland, loomed dimly in the summer haze; above us rose the cliffs covered to the summit with glorious woods; and a few hundred yards away the "Red Lion" on his board boldly confronted the threatening waves. Undaunted by our surroundings we lost no time in falling asleep, and passed the time that remained before dinner in that delightful condition of half slumber, half wakefulness, which is familiar to most of us at seven o'clock in the morning, when duty's stern call summons us to be "up and doing" the work which at that particular moment appears so unattractive.

In the afternoon we attended a very impressive service on the quay, conducted by one of the fishermen and a lady from London, who is an annual visitor to Clovelly. The bronzed, earnest faces of the congregation harmonized wonderfully with the summer woods which rose behind them, as we stood on the wall of the harbour; and the children's voices, mingling with the bass of the men, seemed a fitting accompaniment to the ceaseless ripple of the waves on the shingle.

After the service we went a long walk up the cliffs, and along the top of them through the park of the local magnate, which is thrown open to the public on Sundays. It was late when "homeward, hungry, we returned" to tea. That grateful beverage was dispensed to us by an American lady, who "reckoned" that there was nothing like Clovelly in the States. We refrained from suggesting that she should dig it up and take it to the World's Fair, though the temptation to flippancy was strong. The rest of the day we spent in hanging about the village and studying the habits of the population. In the evening we again repaired to our wall at the top of the street, and again fell asleep; and at last went to bed feeling that we had had a thoroughly successful day.

The next morning we were obliged to leave Clovelly. We satisfied the demands of the "Red Lion," and took an affectionate farewell of our fisherman host and his rosy-cheeked brother. I am glad to think now that we supplied their pipes with material for many a solemn smoke; but they were very unwilling to accept it at first. And so with many a backward glance we climbed the box-seat—which we had thoughtfully secured on the Saturday night—and were whirled on our way back to Bideford and prose.

I have attempted to give some idea of the way in which Clovelly impressed us in our too short visit. It may be added that there are one

or two views of Clovelly in the Autumn Exhibition of Pictures in Liverpool, and that there is a good deal about the place in that most delightful of books—Charles Kingsley's *Westward Ho!*

Chat on the Corridor.

WE are able to state that the distribution of the prizes and certificates won in the late Oxford Local, the Science and Art, and other examinations will take place on Saturday, December 10th, when the prizes will be delivered by Augustine Birrell, Esq., M.P. (West Fife). Mr. Augustine Birrell is a distinguished *litterateur*, and is well known as the author of the volume of essays published under the title of *Obiter Dicta*. The name of Birrell is an honoured one in Liverpool; Mr. Augustine Birrell's father was the Rev. C. M. Birrell, Pastor of the Baptist Chapel, Pembroke Place, a close friend of the late Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, and a man esteemed by great and small in the city. We advise parents and friends of the boys to procure tickets early, as the address which will be delivered by Mr. Birrell is sure to be well worth hearing.

It will be interesting news, though it is perhaps known to many, that the new Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. Robert Durning Holt, is an Old Boy of the Liverpool Institute. We feel sure that in offering our sincerest congratulations to him on his election to the highest civic post of his city, we will re-echo the sentiments of all those who know and appreciate his character and worth. We all know how much the school owes to the interest and munificence of the Holt family.

We have been informed that the Annual Old Boys' Dinner will take place on December 14th, at the Adelphi Hotel. The Mayor of Liverpool, and Sir Henry Roscoe, M.P., have promised to be present, and it is expected that other prominent Old Boys will attend. The price of a ticket has been fixed at five shillings, and they may be had from the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Howorth & Pemberton, 26 North John Street. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The detailed results of the Science and Art Examinations, which we publish elsewhere, will, we hope, be found interesting. We can hardly expect them to be quite so good as a few years back, because we have no Dale or Grace now to win medals for us; still, with the exception of First Classes in the Honour stage, this list will bear very favourable comparison with former years. Now then, ye chemists and other scientists, let us see if you cannot win a few medals next year, and keep up a proceeding which we should like to see an annual performance.

Every boy will, we are sure, be exceedingly glad to know that Mr. Smith is getting over his very dangerous illness. Mr. Smith had the misfortune to be taken ill with typhoid fever, caused by bad drains. As he

was not in the best of health at the time, it made it all the harder for him to struggle against the disease which turned out to be of the worst type. However, he pulled through, and is now getting better; but it will be some time before he can return to school. In the meantime Mr. Smith can rest fully assured of the sympathy and good wishes of everybody, and we hope to see him return with full vigour as before.

Our readers will, of course, remember the wreck of the *Roumania*, about a month ago. It is, perhaps, not generally known in the school that the two sons of Captain Young, the commander of the vessel, who perished in the wreck, are our school-fellows at the Institute. They are pupils of the Junior Department of the High School. We feel sure that all will feel a kindly sympathy for these two boys who have thus suffered so great a loss at an early age.

We would like to say a word or two about the extent to which the labour of the editorial work is increased by the dilatoriness and negligence of many—of most, in fact—of the secretaries of the various school clubs and societies. There is one club in particular the secretary of which seems to consider that the reports should never be handed in till considerably after the proper time, and in consequence there is always a chance of the *Magazine* being published late or else appearing without this club's report. Other secretaries again, seem to think that any sort of report is good enough, written on both sides of the paper, illegibly, in black lead, and on small scraps of paper. In these cases the trouble is involved of re-writing the whole report, and thus reports must be given in sooner than would be the case if the editors could depend on receiving a proper report *promptly*. Of course this does not apply to all the club secretaries; with some, the case is exactly the reverse, but negligence and dilatoriness are especially shown in some cases where the standing in the school of the boys who hold the secretarial positions is such that a remissness on their part would not be expected.

The Editors regret the insertion in the last number of a letter (on the School Dinner) the tone of which has naturally given offence. As the letter was copied with comments into one or two of the Liverpool papers, it may be well to let the outside public know that the School Dinner consists of joint (with potatoes and other vegetables), and pudding, all for the "reasonable price" of 6d. It is probable that the clerks of our city would be only too grateful to anybody who would put them in the way of getting a similar dinner at a similar price.

Our readers will remember the practice adopted in the Commercial School Preparatory, of the boys who head their class carrying the class-list to the Head Master when the school assembles in the Hall. We append a list of the boys who have recently had this honour:—

Lower Sixth Class: Walker, R. C. Scott, and Cheeseright.

Upper Seventh: Drever, Sinclair, and Pickering.

Lower Seventh: Worthington, R. Drever, and W. Logan.

Eighth Class: Wilby, Norbury; Holmes and Walker (equal).

We must apologise for having omitted to acknowledge a subscription from Mrs. Parkinson in our last issue. We acknowledge the receipt of annual subscriptions this month from Messrs. F. C. Garrett, J. H. Addinsell, and A. Rasul. We have also received the *Ellesmerian*, *City of London School Magazine*, *King Edward's School Chronicle*, and *Portsmouthian*.

Dinner to Mr. Charles Sharp.

SOME of the most delightful evenings spent in the Lecture Theatre of our old School have been those we owe to the literary and histrionic abilities of Mr. Sharp. Whether he charmed us by his description of the "Land of Green Ginger," or instructed us by a sympathetic lecture on Art, or made us smile by some dramatic sketch, or moved us to tears by his personation of *Triplet* or of *Jo*, we were forced to recognise in him the man of feeling, the man of good will to men.

It is not surprising, then, that, after twenty-five years of successful work as Secretary of the Institute and of the School of Art, he has now resigned, and betaken himself to those pursuits so congenial to his tastes. The occasion of his commencing a more extended career as a lecturer on literature and art was thought to be one that would be befittingly marked by some demonstration of friendship and admiration on the part of his well-wishers. This took the form of a Complimentary Dinner at the Adelphi Hotel, on October 29th, when forty gentlemen, Directors, Masters, friends, and members of the daily Press, sat down, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wm. Crosfield, M.P., President of the Institute.

The toast of "The Institute" was proposed by the Rev. J. Sephton, and responded to by the Chairman; "The Press," proposed by Mr. Young, was acknowledged by Mr. Farrie; Mr. Alfred Holt proposed "Science," and Mr. Ewart responded; "Literature," proposed by Mr. Snow, was acknowledged by Dr. Lloyd; Mr. Philip Holt proposed "Art," and Mr. Finnie responded.

The toast of the evening, "Our Guest," was proposed on behalf of the Directors, by Mr. C. S. Samuell, the Chairman of the Day School Committee, and on behalf of the Masters by Mr. Burton. Both gentlemen bore excellent testimony to the high appreciation in which Mr. Sharp is held, paying tribute to his business capacities and to his untiring devotion, wherever and whenever he could advance the welfare of the Institute, and of those connected with it either in the present or in the past.

The words he had just heard, the old familiar faces gathered around him, the crowding memories of past associations, the mental vision of those whose names were once as household words, but whose places in the old building know them no more, obviously deeply affected Mr. Sharp, and thus gave rise to a thoroughly characteristic response, pathos and humour alternating as sunshine and shower on an April day. In these sad words he took farewell, or, to speak more truly, loosened those bonds—severed they cannot be—with which earnest effort in a common cause, 'the schools' success' has bound us man to man.

Science and Art Examinations, 1892.

WE here give the detailed results of the numbers of certificates obtained in the various subjects in the Science and Art Examinations in May last:—

MATHEMATICS.			MECHANICS.		
	1st. Class.	2nd. Class.		1st. Class.	2nd. Class.
First Stage ..	43	109	Elementary (Solids)	25	66
Second Stage ..	18	22	„ (Fluids)	26	53
Third Stage ..	2	6	Advanced (Solids)	5	11
Honours ..	—	3	„ (Fluids)	1	5
Fourth Stage	2	4	Honours (Solids)	—	1
	<u>65</u>	<u>144</u>		<u>58</u>	<u>136</u>
PHYSIOGRAPHY.			MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.		
	1st. Class.	2nd. Class.		1st. Class.	2nd. Class.
Elementary ..	24	126	Elementary ..	—	1
Advanced ..	—	17	Advanced ..	—	4
	<u>24</u>	<u>143</u>		—	<u>5</u>
PRACTICAL CHEMISTRY.			THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY.		
	1st. Class.	2nd. Class.		1st. Class.	2nd. Class.
Elementary ..	21	17	Elementary ..	18	152
Advanced ..	3	4	Advanced ..	—	13
	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>		<u>18</u>	<u>165</u>
			SOUND, LIGHT AND HEAT.		
				1st. Class.	2nd. Class.
			Elementary ..	37	38

Club Notices.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

FIRST FIFTEEN MATCHES.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

This match was played at Sefton Park on October 26th. The Institute won the toss, and the Merchant Taylors kicked off; our full back returned well, and the game settled for a few minutes about the middle of the field. Soon the Institute forwards got the ball on the loose, and made a good rush down the field. The ball was carried over the line, where R. J. Ewart dropped upon it, scoring the first try. W. L. Ker converted it. The Merchant Taylors again kicked off, and play settled at half-way. The Taylors gradually gained ground, although it was well contested, and, shortly after Thompson broke away, and with a good but short run, scored right behind the posts, and this try was converted. The Institute then kicked off, but this brought no further result, as play continued pretty evenly until half-time, leaving the game equal, one goal each side. On resuming, the Institute kicked off, and the Merchants were seen to advantage, pressing us very hard. However, the Institute

played on harder, until they brought the ball to the half-way flag. Our halves, especially Armour, played a very good game. However, the ball was again brought to the Institute's twenty-five, and shortly after, Thompson scored a second try from "25" behind the posts; this try was also converted. The kick-off brought relief, and on the Institute gaining possession, they reached their opponents' twenty-five, but the Merchants relieved, and again invaded the Institute's goal-line. Play then continued evenly until the final call, thus leaving the Merchant Taylors winners of a hard-contested game by 2 goals to 1.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.)

This match was played at Fairfield on Wednesday, November 2. The Institute absentees were W. L. Ker (capt.), W. A. Jones, R. J. Ewart, and A. Brettargh. This necessitated playing an "A" team. The Institute won the toss, and the College kicked off, but a return was made, and after some scrummaging Todd got off, but was tackled by Armour. However, this proved of no avail, for a few minutes later on Todd ran over the line, but no goal resulted. On the Institute's drop-out no relief was brought, still the College checked for some little time until Todd again scored, no goal resulting. The drop-out from twenty-five had no effect, and before half-time the College scored twice more, but neither try was converted. Half-time left the College with the score at 4 tries to *nil*. After resuming with the Institute's kick-off, the start brought no relief, although some short runs carried the ball to the half-way post. The College pressed continually, and eventually crossed the line four more times; one try only, however, was converted. The final call left the College with an easy victory of 1 goal 7 tries to *nil*.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. PARKFIELD OLD BOYS.

Played at Sefton Park on Saturday, November 12. The Parkfield kicked off against the hill, and, the ball being well returned by Brettargh, a scrum was formed in the Parkfield "25." In the early part of the game the Institute forwards settled down to their work well, and as they held the opposing team, the half backs and three-quarters had a fair chance. In the opening period the passes to the three-quarters were good, and some very useful runs were made by Armour and Gething. The Institute continued to press, and after a sharp bit of passing the ball was sent to Dale, who ran round all the opposing team, and scored behind the posts; Armour kicked a good goal from the try. On the kick-off the Parkfield began to have a little more of the game, which was partly due to the fact that the Institute were hampered by the temporary loss of Gething, which necessitated calling out a forward. The Parkfield team, however, gradually worked their way up the field, and after Brettargh had tackled one of their three-quarters in a very plucky fashion, a scrum was formed in the Institute "25," from which Pollock was allowed to break through and score, a goal resulting from this try. This was due to a miserable exhibition of tackling on the part of the whole team. Immediately after this, half-time arrived. The second half was only conspicuous for the bad play of the Institute team. They seemed to have thoroughly gone to pieces, especially at half, as, though they were

in their opponents' "25" for the greater part of the time, the ball was hardly ever passed to the three-quarters, and, when it was, the shouts of the whole team to "heel out" were quite sufficient to spoil any chance the three-quarters had of utilising their opportunities. For the last quarter of an hour darkness settled over the field, and prevented a fair sight of the game. In the midst of this it appeared as though the Parkfield would score, but they were prevented by some plucky play on the part of Armour and Brettargh. There is no doubt that the result of one goal all was not a fair reflex of the game. The Institute had much the best of the game, and another try by Squires was disallowed through a palpable breach of the rules. Of the team, Brettargh and Armour behind the scrum, and Bell and Cheeseright forwards, were the best. To the forwards a word of praise is due for the way in which they moved, but at the same time they must remember that shoving is not everything. Their collaring is distinctly bad, and until this is remedied the team will never be successful. They were very poor in lining out from touch, and when the ball was once on the loose they, as well as the halves, seemed incapable of doing anything with it. The halves, especially in the second half of the game, were very slow, and very erratic in their passing: while the forwards were holding the opposing team they never seemed able to take advantage of it, although this may have been greatly due to the off-side tactics adopted on several occasions by their opponents. The three-quarters played a fair game, though Dale appears to have lost all dash. Gething is inclined to run too long, though at times he did some good things. His kicking, too, is very erratic, and on one occasion he might easily have led to a score by a judicious pass. Armour played a good game in the centre. Brettargh at full back was very good: he picks up very well, and it is very much to be regretted that his weight is too little to bring down a heavy opponent. The team has the makings of a very fair one, but it will never improve much until the forwards learn to tackle by the legs; the halves sharpen up, and remember that a well-judged kick to touch is of infinite use in their own "25;" and the three-quarters remember that they have to be smart with their passes and kicks. All the back division are too afraid of dropping into touch, a practice which is very useful when on the defence. There was one other regrettable feature about this match, which was to talk and argue. There is one captain to do that, and the sooner the rest of the team learn this lesson the better.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE "A."

This match was played on Wednesday, November 16. The Institute winning the toss, Cannell kicked off for the College. However, the superior weight of the College forwards was soon seen, and they gradually carried the ball between the half-way and twenty-five flags. But after a little smart passing, Armour made a run along the touch line, and scored a try. The ball was brought out, and the kick at goal failed. The drop-out of the College team brought them relief, and a good try was scored behind the posts by Cannell. The kick was a good one, and, striking one post, rebounded. The Institute then dropped out from "25," and the forwards carried the ball, after some scrummaging,

towards their opponents' goal. This, however, was relieved, and some short runs by the College three-quarters brought the ball back again to the Institute quarters, where it remained for a short time till Cannell again scored behind the posts. Curiously enough the ball, at place-kick, hit one of the posts a second time. Play resumed and settled in the visitors' "25," till half-time. For the start, Ker kicked off, and a good return was made. From the scrimmage the College got possession, but Armour was conspicuous by good tackling. The forwards now worked well, and carried the ball to the College "25," where they still held their own, until, through some careless passing, the College rushed to the centre of the field, and shortly after, Marshall effected some runs, and after a short but smart bit of passing, Kidd ran in, thus scoring the third try. No goal, however, resulted. The drop-out secured some advantage to the Institute, and then play continued even till the whistle sounded time. We were thus beaten by three tries to a try.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. NEW BRIGHTON 3RD XV.

This match was played at Seacombe, on Saturday, November 19, in drizzling rain, and on bad ground. The Institute was badly represented, H. C. Squires and S. A. Wood failing to turn up. W. L. Ker was unable to play. Armour won the toss, and the New Brighton kicked off. The scrimmaging was speedily brought to the visitors' quarters, and shortly after, New Brighton scored the first try. No goal resulted, and after drop-out the forwards began to play a bit harder, and took the ball down the field. Relief came by punts on behalf of the New Brighton, and shortly the home team scored again, the kick at goal being miserable; shortly after they scored a third try, behind the posts, which was also unconverted. On restarting, some good runs of Armour and Gething located the leather in the home team's quarters. Return was made, however, but to no purpose, for Armour scored the first try. No further result was obtained. The Institute had rather the best of the game after this, although the New Brighton tried hard to break through; and Dale, by a good run along the touch, crossed the line, and scored; but this try was disallowed. The Institute still continued to press until the final time, leaving New Brighton victors by 3 tries to 1 try.

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE, U. S.

This match was played at Fairfield on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The Institute were utterly unable to cope with the superior combination and weight of the College backs and forwards, for soon after the kick-off the College ran in, and between that time and the call of half-time the College scored three times, leaving the score at 2 goals 2 tries to *nil*. The latter half proved more disastrous: the College had it all their own way, and ended in winning by 6 goals 4 tries to *nil*.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

This match was played at Crosby on Wednesday, Nov. 9th. The Institute being two men short, played one of the Merchant Taylors' School boys, who kindly offered his services. Herivel and Mears were

the absentees. From the first it might easily be seen that we were much inferior to the School team, although good efforts were made for the advantage. By half-time the School had scored 1 goal 3 tries, as against our 1 try, which was gained by the substitute. However, the latter half the Merchants had it all their own way and crossed the line seven times, two tries of which were converted, leaving then an easy victory by 3 goals 8 tries to 1 try.

On Wednesday Nov. 16th, the second team played the Wallasey Grammar School at Sefton Park. The result was an easy win for the Grammar School. We are sorry to state that the Grammar School conducted themselves throughout the game in a manner which ought never to be indulged in.

Attention is called to the following rule:—

RULE xii.—That if any member whose name appears on the notice-board as playing in a match fails to turn up, or to give twenty-four hours notice to the Secretary of his inability to do so, be fined one shilling, unless the Secretary shall deem fit his excuse.

In future this rule will be STRICTLY enforced.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL TELEGRAPHISTS.

Played on the latter's ground on Oct. 18th. The Telegraphists' completely outmatched their opponents both in weight and size. The Institute played a plucky game but it was of no use as they could not break through the Telegraphists' defence. The game ended in a defeat for the Institute by 4 goals to *nil*.

The Liverpool Institute played a team picked from the Commercial School, on the Institute's ground in Stanley Park, on Oct. 25th. The game was spoiled by the rain. The first half the School played well and scored 2 goals. Half-time, School 2 goals, Institute *nil*.

In the second half the Institute with both wind and rain at their backs scored 9 goals, the game ending Institute 9 goals, School 2 goals.

On the 2nd of November, the Institute visited Ormskirk Grammar School. The game was a very quick one, the ball travelling from end to end, the ground being in splendid condition. Little scored the first goal for the Institute, who were a goal behind. A little later Morton scored the second goal from a long shot. Little and Colquhoun each shot a goal in rapid succession. The Grammar School took up the running and added 2 goals. Half-time Institute 4 goals, Grammar School 3 goals.

In the second half the Institute played a grand game, and the combination and shooting was pleasing. Dickson scored two goals, Land and Morton one each, the game ended, Institute 8 goals, Ormskirk Grammar School 3 goals.

WINTER SWIMMING CLUB (C. S.)

The members of the above club meet at the George's Pier Head Baths every Friday during the Winter Season at 4-50 p.m. The charge

for admission to the Baths is threepence. There is no entrance fee to the Club, and all boys are invited to join. The practices are conducted under the personal superintendence of Mr. Bickerstaff who will be pleased to teach any boy the useful art. The season promises to be a most successful one, 64 boys having already joined the club. At the first practice 31 boys were present, and at the second 36. Members are particularly requested on leaving the Baths to take a brisk walk to promote warmth.

CHESS CLUB.

First Team.—On Oct. 31st, a match was played against Hope Street Higher Grade School, which was defeated by four games to three. Ewart, Wood, Tayler and Clissold won their games.

On Nov. 10th, the Institute again played the North End 3rd, and were defeated by four to two. Hinde and Clissold won their games.

On Nov. 18th, a match was played against the Balfour Institute, who were defeated by five games to one. Cheeseright, Bradburn, Clissold, Tayler and B. J. Wood won their games.

Second Team.—On Oct. 31st, the second played their first match, when they defeated Hope Street second team by five games to *nil*. The winning team consisted of Bell, A. E. Baddeley, Eggington, Francis and Miller.

The Tournament has now commenced, and the members show great interest in it; there are 20 entries. The Treasurer begs to acknowledge donations to the Prize Fund from the Head Master (10/-); Mr. Eaves (1/-); Mr. Bradburn (1/-).

LACROSSE CLUB.

On November 5th, the Institute played the West Derby at Newsham Park. The ground was in very bad condition for playing on, being in some places like an "Irish bog." From the beginning to the end of the match things proved disastrous to the Institute. At half-time the Emmanuel had scored 5 goals to the Institute's *nil*, and at time sounding the Emmanuel were winners by 11 goals to *nil*.

On November 9th, the Institute played Liverpool University, this match was very well contested. In the first half the University scored 2 goals. The next half was played in semi-darkness, and towards the finish the players could hardly see the ball, the University managing to score in the last ten minutes 4 more goals, proving the victors by 6 goals to *nil*. In this match our goal-keeper, E. A. Bowler, could not be too highly praised.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

During the past month this Society has held its usual weekly meetings on Friday at half-past four. The operetta *Wednesday* has been practised under the able superintendence of Mr. Book. In future there will be two meetings every week, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at half-past four. The attendance has not, so far, been all that Mr. Book could wish, but it is hoped that in future every member will attend regularly.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The Orchestral Society has continued to hold its usual weekly meetings on Tuesdays. It is greatly to be regretted, however, that the interest shown in this society has so much decreased. At one meeting, lately, but five boys attended. Considering the trouble and pains which Mr. Bulmer and some other masters take in this society, it is not very creditable to those boys of a musical turn that they have allowed it to fall into such a state; let us hope that they will stir themselves up, and bring back the society to its former prosperity.

JUNIOR (H.S.) ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

A match was played on the 12th of November against the Commercial School Juniors. The High School won a keenly-contested game by 1 goal to *nil*. The High School were at a disadvantage owing to the absence of Shaw (captain), who was unable, through illness, to play. J. W. Manning and McGranahan in the High School, and Scott in the Commercial, must be especially mentioned. The only goal was shot by McGranahan.

Correspondence.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed.—Eds. L. I. S. M.
No letters can be inserted unless accompanied by the writer's name.*

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—It must often have struck you that at present the accommodation for the performance of Gymnastic Exercises is decidedly limited. I should like, with your permission, to offer a suggestion. There is a room in the High School side called the Sculpture (?) Gallery, a large, lofty, and well-lighted room, capable of holding the whole of the High School. Could not this be used as a Gymnasium, for at present, I believe that nobody uses it with the exception of the Societa Armonica, and that only upon an evening now and then.

Trusting you will insert this.—I am, yours, etc.,

JIM NAZIUM.

DEAR SIR,—I have always taken great interest in the Institute Rugby Football Club, but this year its career has been such as to excite a feeling more of amazement than of interest. Had I been asked at the beginning of the season what were the prospects of the team, I should have said that they were unusually good. And so they were. They had then four good three-quarters, a pair of good and tried halves, and a heavy set of forwards, with sufficient of last year's men to lick the untried cubs into shape. When we enquire what has been done with this material, we see lamentable results indeed. The team has won one match only (Waterloo), and that against a team they should simply have romped over; so that at present the team stands at a lower level than I have ever known it to be before. What is the use of having a large membership and plenty of funds, if you cannot do better than this? When we enquire as to what are the causes of this great falling off, we are at once brought to a dead stop. *There is no definite cause.* You have a good captain, or he would be one if he were given a chance to show his ability. He probably finds, as all captains do find, that to stir up a set of lazy do-nothings to active exertion is a task of Herculean magnitude. The cause, if indeed it can be called a cause, of the lack of success of the team, is undoubtedly to be found in the easy-going characters of most of its members, though to this, I admit, there are some honourable exceptions.

The meek and apologetic manner in which most of the team do their tackling would raise a smile to the face of a stone Sphinx. They act, indeed, the following words: "Please, Mr. Nimbletoe, I want to tackle you, if you do not mind. Do not run so fast, please, or we might fall and dirty our nice clean trousers. Dear me, how rude, he has run behind the goal without stopping to answer me or waiting to be tackled," and so on. The tackling of the backs is better, though even here, take away Gething and Armour, and the tackling talent left is not much. To see a whole team trying to tackle a man around the top of his head, getting floored for their pains, is ludicrous enough to the bystander, but to one interested in the team is painful to witness. Or else, going to the other extreme, they try to tackle a man's shoe-lace or the tip of the toe of his boot!

The combination and passing of the backs (and this is a most essential point) is very weak. How often must we continue to see a half get clear away, and then, looking round to see if he is going to be tackled, find no one near enough to pass to?

The average forward's ideal of football is of very limited scope. He puts his head down (nay, he doesn't always even do that), and shoves in a vague, general sort of way, towards the enemy's goal. After a certain length of time he gets up, trots gently (if he can he might get hot and perspire) to the part of the field where the ball has meanwhile travelled, "tucks in his tuppenny" once more, and goes through the whole performance again. This he calls playing football. To run hard, to follow up, to get the ball through, to dribble, to heel out, to spoil his opponents' halves (and not his own), to break up smartly, to tackle the opposing backs, to check their rushes, and to stop their runs, all these are quite beyond his comprehension, and whether he will learn them before next April remains yet to be seen.—Yours, &c.,

AN OLD CAPTAIN.

In Memoriam.

EDWARD JOHN JONES,
DROWNED IN THE RIBBLE, NEAR ALSTON,
OCTOBER 31ST, 1892,
AGED 16 YEARS.

Events for December.

- THURSDAY, DEC. 1ST.—Debating Society—"Is the Football Club of greater benefit to the School than the Debating Society?" *Aff.*, J. D. Crichton; *Neg.*, P. J. A. Francis.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 2ND.—Choral Society.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 3RD.—Football—First XV v. Old Boys' Third XV; away. Second XV v. Merchant Taylors' 2nd; away.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 6TH.—Choral Society. Chess Club—Sandon Second Team; home.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7TH.—Orchestral Society.
- THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH.—Debating Society—Paper by Mr. J. H. Grace.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 9TH.—Choral Society.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 10TH.—Football—First XV v. Liverpool College (M.S.) Prize Distribution.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 13TH.—Choral Society.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14TH.—Football—First XV v. Merchant Taylors' School; away. Second XV v. Merchant Taylors' Second XV; home. Orchestral Society.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 16TH.—Choral Society.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 17TH.—La Crosse Club v. Sefton 2nd.
- MONDAY, DEC. 19TH.—Chess Club v. Hope Street.