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A Lenten Entertainment.

THAT imperious individual who so ably upholds the prestige of the good old school in matters literary, has sent me a peremptory request for an "article"—whatever that may be. Now flippancy prompted me to write "a, an," and "the" on a post-card and send it to him, partly because the dear old lady who first taught me to put two and two together and not make it five had also taught me that,

Three little words we often see,
Are articles "a, an," and "the."

And partly because I knew that your editor holds with modern scepticism that the parts of speech are barely eight in number. But I reflected that such a reply would be little in accordance with that reverence I have always had for the editorial chair, and so, though my brains (so to speak) were as barren as the Sahara, I determined to bore you through a page or two of the *Magazine*.*

Now, every schoolboy worthy of the name, on Wednesday last had his eyes fixed on Putney; and every schoolboy moreover ought to be well up in all that concerns the boat race. It has, therefore, occurred to me that every schoolboy will be interested to hear about something possibly not so well known—the races which took place three or four weeks ago at Oxford itself. For every ten men who know that each of the colleges has an "eight," not five probably know that each has a second eight—the "Torpid"—in Oxford slang the "Togger"—which has its annual race in the Lent term. I shall try, then, to describe one day's racing out of the six as to some extent typical of the whole. First, as may be well imagined, the river is not wide enough to allow twenty boats or so to race abreast, and therefore they are arranged in order down the river,

* I may remark that the exquisite flavour of the above joke is somewhat spoiled by the fact that your editor asked me, not for an *article*, but for a *contribution*.

each place being settled by the position the boat occupied after last year's racing was over. For any boat to rise a place it must "bump" the one ahead of it—that is, it must touch its stern—after which the crew whose boat has been "bumped" paddle to the bank, and the victorious boat goes on, or, as is almost invariably the case, both boats give up. Their places, of course, are reversed next day. Let us suppose it is Monday—the fourth day—in "Togger week." Our boat, if you please, is ninth on the river, and in spite of ominous prophecies, has manfully kept its place for the past three days. Corpus are in front of us, Exeter behind. The patriots whose pride it is to run a mile and a quarter along a filthy towpath with their College boat—and all honour to them, and may blight fall upon the smugs who deride them—have dressed and gone down to the river, and are now waiting eagerly about their boat for the gun to be fired which warns us that only five minutes are left. Bang it goes, and the men on the bank begin to fidget and urge the crew to strip and be ready. Bang goes another gun—one minute left; and now that stalwart hero, the stroke of the "summer eight," has his watch out. Then all down the bank come the words, "Quarter of a minute gone," "Half a minute gone," "Three-quarters of a minute gone," then "Ten seconds, nine, eight," and so on, till the last gun goes, and the boat starts. Then the roar of them that shout goes up, and the stricken rocks re-echo. Everybody shouts the name of his college; pistols are shot, rattles make their godless row, and bells ring in a way that positively makes you long to dine; all these rows, be it said, are made with a definite end. But now alarm strikes into our hearts, for though we press Corpus, Exeter presses us closer, and looks perilously like bumping. On we go, splashed from head to heel, and shouting till there is no more spirit in us. Exeter seems to get closer and closer, and our hearts were turning to water when, suddenly, a mighty yell goes up from behind, and we know that Brasenose II has suddenly shot up and bumped Exeter. Our joy at this is somewhat tempered by the thought that Brasenose will most certainly get us to-morrow, when a most exciting event occurs, and the most glorious finish it could ever fall to the lot of man to see. The downfall of Exeter has not stopped our pursuit of Corpus, and every nerve is strained in both boats. Still Corpus keeps well away, though we are close; not even the most hopeful of us—and your freshman is a sanguine animal—ever dreamt we should make a bump when, suddenly, our crews efforts seemed to tell, and just before Corpus reached the post our prow touched their rudder, and they collapsed, fairly bumped. Your imaginations must fill up where my description fails; you whose joy it is to make the Old Boys' ground ring with your shouts on certain memorable occasions can think how wo

cheered the crew. There was malice in our joy too. Did not the papers say we were "dead, slow, and ponderous," and was not this glorious bump balm to our wounded spirits? Splashed from head to foot, white shorts white alas no longer, boots a shapless mass of Oxford mud, still we proudly gat us to our well-earned tea, and over our cups agreed, with a freshman's enthusiasm which the cold shade of the "Schools" had not yet chilled, that for good all-round excitement give us a Togger race and a bump at the finish!

Chat on the Corridor.

LAST month again saw an increase of about seventy in our circulation, and by it we were at last able to realise a profit on the *Magazine*. Still we are not satisfied. We have a debt to be paid off, and the present increase must be more than maintained to pay it. But a magazine of only sixteen pages is not what a school like the Liverpool Institute should have. We need the support of *every boy* in the School; and then it would be possible to effect great improvements in the *Magazine*, and it is only by the active support of every boy that this can be done.

It would afford us very much gratification if the number of our annual subscribers was largely increased. We have at present forty-two; and this number might be very greatly increased if more of our Old Boys would subscribe. We feel confident that it is not because they do not care for supporting the *Magazine*, but simply because the idea of paying a subscription does not occur to them. Their case is somewhat similar to those Spanish courtiers who easily understood how to place an egg on its end when Columbus had shown them the way. Those of our readers who are acquainted with Old Boys would be doing us a service which we should much appreciate, if they would point out the fact that it is very desirable that all Old Boys should subscribe to the *Magazine*. We would also here ask all boys to become annual subscribers when they leave the School. We think that every boy should take an interest in the School after he has left it, and we would humbly press forward the claims of the *Magazine* which chronicles the events of the Liverpool Institute.

We believe that the contribution from the Rev. C. C. Elcum, M.A., which appears in this issue, will evoke at least as much, if not more, interest than his former articles. In Mr. Elcum, as the Head Master remarked on the platform at the Musical Festival of March 2nd, the Institute now seems to have a Poet Laureate, ready to produce a poem for every suitable occasion. Mr. Elcum's lines, too, have a quality which is often absent in School Magazine poems and articles, for they touch upon the matters most directly affecting the boys' interests, while Mr. Elcum shows a marvellous amount of insight into the feelings and tastes of the average school-boy. If we can trust to Mr. Elcum to poem on each occasion like the Shield Match, our football

indeed have an additional incentive to strive for a place in the First Fifteen, and perform deeds of valour on the football field. For they may hope that in our "Lays of the Liverpool Institute," it will be handed down to future generations of school-boys, how, when manfully fighting for the Shield, they have covered themselves with glory—and mud.

The Football Team, though defeated, may certainly be said to have done well in the Shield Match, if the score is compared with the points by which they had been beaten in the matches preceding the Shield Competition. Thus, we hope that it will not seem out of place to congratulate them on the result; it should certainly show them how great an improvement can be made by determined effort.

Appropos of the Football Club, both its members and all interested in the Institute Football should feel gratified to hear of the signal proof of the golden opinions which are held by those most competent to judge as to the merits of the Captain, A. C. Armour. He has played several times, and, we believe, continues to play, both as full-back and as three-quarter, for the First Team of the Old Boys. Considering the standard of this team, nothing could more clearly demonstrate Armour's football ability.

We print in this issue a letter from the Secretary of the Chess Club, animadverting upon our paragraph of last month which referred to that Club. We think that this letter somewhat contradicts the one from the same officer published in November, and we do not see the sequence of the *reductio ad absurdum* by which our mathematically-inclined correspondent attempts to prove that Thursday meetings are necessary for the well-being of the Chess Club. One of his statements, however—that no one who attends the Debating Society regularly goes to the Chess Club on Thursday—does seem quite logical, but it does not quite help to prove his proposition. What we asserted last month was that the amount of time which the Chess Club appropriates is excessive, and we still hold that opinion. It may, perhaps, seem rather out of place for us to attack here a letter which we publish, but, as the letter assails our own words, we are compelled to do so in self-defence; while by publishing the letter, we set forth both sides of the question.

As will be seen by an announcement elsewhere, arrangements have been made for the organization of the Athletic Sports, which this year will take place somewhat later than last. We are glad to see that it has been decided that the Sports shall not this year be confined to the High School. No doubt when this was first done, two years ago, it was done on account of the great lack of enthusiasm from the Commercial School; yet it certainly seems unwise that, because of that being the case in one year, the Sports should continue to be held only by the High School. This, we venture to think, is one of those matters in which the co-operation of the two Schools is greatly to be desired.

L. D. Barnett, Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been

placed *proxime accessit* in the examination for the University Scholarships in Classics, which are open to all undergraduate members of the University. This success is remarkable, as it is gained in his first year of residence, and it is most unusual for a first-year student to obtain so high a distinction. Since this success, too, Mr. Barnett has again distinguished himself by obtaining two of the four Sir William Browne's Gold Medals. Those which he has won are for Greek Ode and for Greek Epigram.

F. M. Baddeley has been elected to a Mathematical Exhibition at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

A certain youth in the Commercial School seems to wish for a closer connection between Mensuration and Mechanics. Being asked, a day or two ago, how to find the area of a triangle, he replied that it was done by means of the equation $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$. When further questioned he replied that s was the *side* of the triangle, and u the *area*.

[The correspondent who sends us this has also sent an item about "gravity and vital force" acting on a man, which we distinctly remember to have appeared in the *Magazine* for July, 1890.—ED.]

The Shield Match.

BY THE REV. C. C. ELCUM, M.A.

(Author of "An Institute Idyll," "The Liverpool Institute.")

The western wind blew squally,
All boggy was the field,
When Institute and College
Contended for the shield;
And loudly rose the cheering
From lookers-on so keen,
As, ranged in Rugby order,
Stood up each brave Fifteen.

Look, look! the ball is started.
All fly in swift pursuit;
Loud rise the yells of "College!"
The roars of "Institute!"
And splashing through the puddles,
And pounding through the mire,
Rush on the scarlet jerseys
Like moving coals of fire.

A grand three-quarter centre—
Bold Armour heads the fray!
So good and true a Captain
Is not seen every day;
And swift must be the runner,
And bad will be the fall,
Ere Armour can be collared,
If once he has the ball.

Full many a time the "leather"
 He grasps with heart and soul,
 And once or twice has got it
 Almost behind the goal.
 But Fortune disappoints him,
 His luck is hard indeed!
 In spite of speed and dodging
 He cannot quite succeed.

In vain the brilliant "passes"
 Of all the College crew!
 For Brettargh, grand as "half-back,"
 Kicks always strong and true;
 And cries of "Well played, Brettargh!"
 On every side resound,
 As, tackling every runner,
 He rolls him on the ground.

'Twere long to tell what fury
 What patriot zeal inspires
 The soul—(not always eager)—
 Of big and burly Squires;
 While Cheeseright's form gigantic
 One miry mass becomes,
 From sprawling o'er some foeman,
 Or grovelling in the "scrums."

The "forwards" did their duty
 Right well along the front;
 But still the brave "three-quarters"
 Sustained the battle-brunt;
 And often round the arena,
 Rose up, in ringing tones,
 The cheer that greeted Gething,
 The cry of "Well played, Jones!"

Ah! keenly strove the College,
 But nothing could avail
 Against the skill and prowess
 Of such a "back" as Dale.
 A hero he!—in warfare
 He would have shed his blood
 This day, instead of crimson,
 He's black with glorious mud.

Alas! that eyes defective
 Laid Ewart on the shelf;
 But still he cheered on others,
 Though "out of it" himself.
 Perhaps, had he been playing,
 Quite changed had been my tale!
 His hands and feet, and courage,
 Might just have turned the scale!

So matched the teams, that neither
 A single point could gain;
 The Institute fought nobly,
 But fought, alas! in vain.
 For, just the last two minutes,
 The College got a "try,"
 And the Institute said sadly
 "Dear Challenge Shield, good-bye!"

Yes, tough had been the battle,
 Not for one instant fame;
 And though they just were beaten,
 The team died nobly "game."
 Set round each neck heroic
 The most appropriate prize!
 In fight so truly EQUAL,
 They've fairly earned their TIES.

Reports of Clubs and Societies.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

MARCH 9th. A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. P. S. Couldrey, a visitor, and an old Commercial School boy, opened in the affirmative the debate:—"Is a Republic desirable in England?" He contended that the monarchy in this country is useless and expensive. Some members of the royal family, he said, occupied high posts in the army and navy which they were not competent to fill. C. M. Jones replied, asserting that Couldrey had not demonstrated the superiority of a republican over a monarchical system of government, and that a republic could not be established in this country without bloodshed. A rather one-sided discussion then ensued, D. D. Braham, H. E. Williams, R. J. Ewart, B. J. Wood, E. W. Harriman, P. J. A. Francis, P. Fisher, and J. F. Carmichael supporting the affirmative; H. L. H. Millard and F. M. Baddeley, the negative. A vote was taken with the result:—affirmative 13, negative 8.

March 16th. A meeting was held on this date, C. M. Jones in the chair. An hour and a half was wasted in the discussion of motions relating to matters of private business. The debate announced was therefore postponed.

March 23rd.—A meeting was held on this date, Mr. J. A. Owen in the chair. Mr. L. D. Barnett, of Trinity College, Cambridge, read a very learned and interesting paper upon the life and work of Richard Bentley. He gave a graphic sketch of Bentley's career, touching upon his residence at St. John's College, Cambridge, and at Wadham College, Oxford; his Boyle Lectures against Infidelity; his acceptance of the post of Royal Librarian; his part in the famous "Battle of the books;" his installation as Master of Trinity, and his stormy career at that College. The paper was brought to a close by a masterly account of Bentley's philological work. There was no attempt made at criticism or discus-

sion. A vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett was proposed by D. D. Braham, seconded by Mr. J. H. Addinsell, supported by Mr. E. J. Phillips, and carried with acclamation. Mr. Barnett replied, and this brought the public business to a close. After the discussion of some private business, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the society adjourned.

D. D. BRAHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

[For some reason, no report has been sent of the meeting held on March 2nd.—Ed.]

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE, U.S.

This match was played at Penny Lane, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Armour lost the toss and kicked off. No return being made, play settled in the College's "25." Scrimmages followed this point, but the position of the leather was soon located behind the half-way flag, several futile runs being put in by the College three-quarters. A few minutes later Robinson eluded our backs and almost crossed the Institute's goal-line, but here the play of our three-quarters brought relief and changed the venue, and the ball found its way back to its starting point. Here Robinson again got possession, and running along touch, crossed our line, a goal resulting. Squires kicked off, and some good yards were gained, which the forwards let slip on account of a rush of the College forwards. They steadily worked the ball on, and from our "25" their centre three-quarter scored behind the posts, another goal resulting. On kick-off the Institute played better, our backs doing useful service, when a bad mull by Robinson and Dodd was well followed up by Squires, who ran over our opponents' line, and, the ball brought out, he landed an excellent goal. Shortly after half-time came, leaving the score:—College, 2 goals; Institute, 1 goal. The start was made by the College's kick-off, and after we had managed to gain some ground, our opponents' forwards rushed the ball down to our "25," whence by some neat passing Robinson again scored, no further profit accruing. Armour dropped out and made a capital run, which, however, was well checked. This was followed by some good play by Squires, but all further efforts to break away were rendered useless, and after another try was obtained by the College and converted, the game ended thus:—College, 3 goals 1 try; Institute, 1 goal.

LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS SHIELD COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND (WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST).

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE U. S.

This match took place at the Old Boys' Ground, Woodcroft Park. The day was anything but favourable for good play, as it had rained steadily for the greater part of the night and morning, and the field was covered with water in many places. However, the rain which had threatened before the start held off during the whole of the encounter. There was a large crowd present, in which it appeared that College boys predominated. The teams arrived on the field late, so that the partisans

of both sides had had time to get rid of some of their superfluous ardour. Neither team was able to put its full strength in the field, the College being short of two forwards and one three-quarter back, and the Institute of three men. The loss of their three-quarter was not, perhaps, of so much importance, as the ball was in such a condition that accurate passing was almost impossible.

About 3.30 p.m. the College, having lost the toss, kicked off, the wind being, if anything, in favour of the Institute. The ball went to Ker, who, with a good return, sent it into touch close to the half-way flag. As soon as ever the teams had settled down to their work, the College showed up well, and forced the Institute back. Their passing was good, but the tackling was very safe. After a short time Brettargh brought relief with a good kick into touch. The College, however, were not to be denied their advantage, and a very smart dribble on the part of their forwards took the ball dangerously near the Institute line. After the forwards had surged across the ground two or three times, the Institute were awarded a free kick for offside play, just when the ball was close under the goal, a position to which it had been brought mainly by the forwards. The kick was taken without giving much advantage, as the forwards brought it back again. Just about this point, on two or three occasions, the Institute forwards had burst away, and on one occasion it seemed most probable that they would score; but they were, however, whittled back owing to a slight injury to Armour. Then the College began a very dangerous movement, which was only checked just in time by good tackling on the part of Gebbing. Shortly after this, while the game was round the Institute goal, another free kick brought relief. The College again worked into the School's twenty-five, where they were when half-time arrived, nothing whatever having been scored.

After half-time, the Institute kicked off, and the forwards following up well, play began in the College twenty-five. From here, however, the whole of the College team by a combined rush broke away and got down to the Institute's quarters. They did not remain here long, as the forwards and halves by some good play and excellent dribbling repulsed them. For a long time after, the play raged between the College twenty-five and mid-field, as whenever any ground was gained Armour came to the rescue with a well-timed kick to touch. The Institute from now began to wear down their opponents, but the three-quarters were too closely watched ever to get away, and after some very exciting play near the College line, a bad pass let them in. The three-quarters by a very good combined run the whole length of the field seemed bound to score, but a knock-on at a critical moment pulled them up. They had, however, made good their footing in the Institute twenty-five, and from the succeeding scrum the ball was cleared and passed out to Robinson on the wing, who by a good run got over within a yard of touch. The place-kick was a failure, and immediately thereafter the whistle blew. The match was, on the whole, the best contested there has been for some time, both teams playing well. For the Institute, Armour at centre three-quarter was always in the right place, while Brettargh was much too sharp for his opponents at half. The forwards all worked well, especially Ker in the tight scrummages and Beatty on the loose. The two wing three-quarters

were practically useless except for tackling, which they did very well, and it was in this respect that the College superiority was manifested. As the game was played, the result would probably have been different, had the Institute shown more combination. The team on the whole, may be congratulated on having made a very good fight, and should be by no means disappointed with the result.

The results of the rest of the round are as follows:—Merchant Taylors' School v. Waterloo High School: M. T. S. 10 goals, 5 tries; W. H. S. *nil*.

In the second round the Merchant Taylors' School were drawn to play the Wallasey Grammar School, who, however, scratched, so that the second round, contested by the Liverpool College (U.S.) and Birkenhead School, at Birkenhead Park, ended in the result of a victory for the Birkenhead School by 1 goal and 2 tries to *nil*.

The final round will be played at Woodcroft Park, Wednesday, March 29th, between the Birkenhead School and the Merchant Taylors' School.

On Thursday, March 2, the Head Master very kindly performed the ceremony of presenting the colours of the First Fifteen in the Lecture Hall. They were as follows:—(1) A. C. Armour (captain), centre three-quarter back; (2) W. E. Gething, three-quarter back; (3) A. Brettargh, half back; (4) H. C. Squires, forward; (5) F. Cheeseright, forward; (6) A. P. Ker, forward; (7) W. A. Jones, three-quarter back; (8) R. Dale, half back; (9) J. D. Crichton, forward; (10) W. W. Beatty, forward; (11) C. M. Jones, forward; (12) J. M. Edwards, forward; (13) H. G. Humphreys, full back; (14) G. Bell, forward; (15) S. A. Wood, forward.

H. L. H. MILLARD, *Hon. Sec.*

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL TELEGRAPHISTS.

The return match between these clubs was played on the Institute's ground in Stanley Park, on Wednesday, 8th March. The Institute had a weak team. The Telegraphists won the toss, the Institute having to face both the wind and the sun. From the start the Telegraphists penned the Institute in their goal, until West cleared. Dickson raced away, and just as he was shooting he was knocked over, the ball going outside. A foul in the Institute's goal enabled the Telegraphists to score. Several corners fell in succession to the Telegraphists who scored a second goal from the last. At half-time the score stood, Telegraphists two goals, Institute *nil*. The Institute, after half-time, had the advantage of the wind, but the Telegraphists defended their goal so well that the Institute's forwards were unable to score. Sinclair, Colquhoun, and Kershaw tried hard to break through the Telegraphists' defence. Final result:—Telegraphists, 2 goals; Institute, *nil*.

C. C. MORTON, *Hon. Sec.*

LACROSSE CLUB.

A general meeting was held in Mr. Raundrup's room on Thursday, March 16th. Mr. Raundrup was unanimously elected to the post of

Treasurer, lately vacated. It was decided that the colours should be the red and black Institute jersey, with an embroidered badge on one side. It was also decided that the subscription up to next September should be 6d. instead of 1s. for new members.

By the kindness of the North of England Lacrosse Association members of the Institute Club can now obtain crosses at half price.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD JUNIORS.

The Institute journeyed to Birkenhead to play the Birkenhead Juniors, but turned up a few men short. After a good game the match terminated in a draw, the score being 3 goals each.

HARROGATE WESTERN COLLEGE v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.

This match, the semi-final of the North of England Junior Flag Competition, was played at Withington, on Wednesday, and resulted in a win for Harrogate by 10 goals to *nil*. The game was by no means such a walk over as the score implies, several of the Harrogatian goals being very lucky, the result of long shies and vigorous "raking." Western College, who are on an average a much taller and heavier lot than the Institute, displayed occasionally some very pretty play, and are certainly a good all-round team, several of their attack men, Jones and Robinson in particular, being really first class, while the defence are exceptionally strong and weighty, Norfolk being the pick. For the Institute, Alan Wilkie, at centre, played splendidly, and had they only had a few more attack players of his calibre they would not have returned home goalless, as he was undoubtedly the best man on the field. Hooper, Thorley, and Wallis played well according to their lights, but were unfortunate in being so terribly over-weighted. On the defence, Turner, at point, displayed remarkable form, and in conjunction with Jones, who played very well indeed at coverpoint, formed the backbone of the team, and bore the brunt of the battle. Grimshaw, Clague, and Thomas also performed very creditably; while the goalkeeper saved marvellously, some of the stops being strongly reminiscent of Baker.

W. W. BEATTY, *Hon. Sec.*

CYCLING CLUB.

A meeting was held on the 10th instant, in Mr. Caldicott's room, Mr. Francis presiding, for the purpose of forming a High School Cycling Club. The following were the officers elected:—President, the Head Master; Vice-presidents, B. Francis, Esq., Rev. A. H. Caldicott; Captain, W. Garner; Sub-captain, W. O. Orford; Treasurer, R. J. Ewart; Secretary, F. K. Hyde. The club subscription was fixed at 1/6, and the first meet will be held after the Easter holidays. It is hoped that all High School cyclists will support this club, as there must be a large number who have not yet joined.

F. K. HYDE, *Hon. Sec.*

SUMMER SWIMMING CLUB (C. S.)

The first practice of the Summer Swimming Club will be held at Cornwallis-street Salt Water Baths, on Tuesday, April 18th, at 4.35 p.m.

The annual subscription is one shilling, payable in advance. The funds of the club are entirely devoted to the purchase of prizes (medals), which are awarded to successful contestants in the annual swimming competitions held at the end of July. The Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society also offer for competition a valuable medal and framed certificate for proficiency in swimming and life-saving exercises. A medal given by the Directors of the Institute will be presented to the best swimmer in the club. Polo practices and matches will be played occasionally. Last year, 182 boys joined the club—the largest number on record. It is very desirable that as many as possible will join this season, and participate in this healthy and invigorating exercise. To encourage the boys of the preparatory school to become members, the committee have decided that the whole of the subscriptions from that department shall be utilised for special prizes for themselves.

Members will be supplied with the club swimming costumes on payment of one shilling extra. The practises are conducted under the personal superintendence of Mr. Bickerstaff, who will be pleased to teach any member the useful art of swimming and life-saving.

T. R. WEST, *Hon. Sec.*

The High School Swimming Club will be formed, and hold practices after the Easter Holidays.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A meeting in connection with the above was held in Mr. Caldicott's room, on Monday, March 13th. Mr. Snow acted as chairman of a large meeting, which included the following masters: Messrs. Ewart, Storrs, Stowell, and the Rev. A. H. Caldicott. A committee consisting of W. A. Jones, H. C. Squires, A. C. Armour, W. E. Gething, Mr. Snow (Treasurer), and D. D. Braham (Secretary), was elected to make the necessary arrangements. In all probability the Sports, in which both Schools will participate, will be held at the Fairfield Athletic Grounds, on Saturday, May 6th.

D. D. BRAHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Treasurer acknowledges, with thanks, the kind and liberal donations sent by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Earl of Derby, H. Douglas Horsfall, Esq., J. T. Danson, Esq., R. R. Meade-King, Esq., and Dr. Bickerton.

CHESS CLUB.

The match season is now over, and so great an improvement has there been in the team, that out of 19 matches played we have won 13, and lost 6, scoring $76\frac{1}{2}$ points to our opponents' $53\frac{1}{2}$. The victories were as follows:—Hope Street (2), Balfour Institute (4), Hebrew School (2), Sandon 2nd, Merchant Taylors' School (2), Y.M.C.A., North End 3rd. The defeats were sustained from North End 3rd (5), and Sandon 2nd. This is a record performance for the first team, for in 1890-91 we lost all our matches; in 1891-92 we won two, drew three, and lost six, and were in a minority of 13 points. The second team, which was only formed this season, has made a record which will be hard to beat,

for they have won seven matches, and lost none, scoring 29 points to their opponents' 10. The victories were over Hope Street School 2nd, Hebrew School 2nd (2), Merchant Taylors' School 2nd (2), Balfour Institute 2nd (2).

First Team Matches.—March 3rd. On this date we were to have played the Y.M.C.A., but when we turned up at their rooms none of their team appeared, and so we won the match by 8 to 0, by absence.

March 6th. On this date we played the Balfour Institute, and defeated them by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. At one time the score was $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, and the last game, that of B. J. Wood, was a most erratic one, for his opponent had twice an overwhelming advantage, and the match seemed lost. Wood, however, fought gamely till his opponent gave away his queen, and the game. For the Institute, B. J. Wood, N. Clissold, and H. Eggington won their games. C. H. Stewart drew his.

March 10th. On this date we played the North End 3rd, for the sixth and last time this season, and for the first time we defeated them, scoring 5 to 4. R. J. Ewart, B. J. Wood, and F. Cheeseright, won their games, and Bradburn won his by absence.

March 17th. On this date we played the Merchant Taylors' School, at the rooms of the North End, which were kindly lent to us by that club. We defeated the Merchants by 4 to 3. For the Institute, B. J. Wood, F. J. Bradburn, N. Clissold, and C. H. Stewart won their games.

Second Team Matches.—Feb. 20th. On this date a match was played against the Balfour Institute 2nd, and we won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. C. H. Stewart and G. Bell won their games; P. J. A. Francis drew his. The other game was scored by absence.

March 6th. On this date another match was played against the Balfour Institute, who were decisively beaten by 5 to 1. J. B. Taylor, J. J. Bell, F. W. Inman, H. Hvistendahl, and P. J. A. Francis won their games.

March 7th. On this date we met the Merchant Taylors' 2nd, at Crosby, and defeated them by 3 to 2. C. H. Stewart, H. Hvistendahl, and F. W. Inman won their games for the Institute.

COMMENTS ON THE PLAYERS.

1. J. EWART (*Captain*).—A good captain, and a steady player. Although he is at times inclined to be careless, he is very reliable on the whole. He is especially good at end games, particularly so when defending.
2. CLISSOLD.—A good all-round player, brilliant at both attack and defence.
3. CHEESERIGHT.—Brilliant at times, but is rather inclined to be rash and unsteady. His low average is chiefly due to carelessness.
4. J. WOOD.—A steady player; has a good average, but is rather weak at end games.
5. J. BRADBURN.—Moderately steady, and at times brilliant. He might pay more attention to the matches, and less to outside engagements.
6. FISHER.—Steady player, but has not paid much attention to his club this season.
7. EGGINGTON.—Very steady, and perfectly reliable.

RESERVES.

1. H. STEWART is a comparatively new player, and has shown a great aptitude for the game. He has a brilliant chess future before him.
2. B. TAYLER.—A steady player, but often loses through want of knowledge of the openings.

FIRST TEAM AVERAGES.

	Games Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Total Points.	Average Points per Match.
N. CLIS-OLD	14	10	0	4	10	·714
H. EGGINGTON	11	7	1	4	7·5	·681
C. H. STEWART	6	3	2	1	4	·666
J. B. TAYLER	10	6	1	3	6·5	·65
B. J. WOOD	14	9	0	5	9	·642
R. J. EWART	14	7	2	5	8	·571
F. J. BRADBURN	14	8	0	6	8	·571
P. FISHER	4	2	0	2	2	·5
F. CHEESERIGHT	17	6	1	10	6·5	·382

F. W. INMAN and H. Hvistendahl tied for the top of the Second Team, each winning five games out of six.

B. J. WOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

These are busy times with the Society; three, and sometimes four, rehearsals have been held each week for the past month. The chief event of the month has been the production of the "Institute Song March," an arrangement by Mr. Bulmer, in which the melodies of all the songs contained in the Institute Song-book have been ingeniously interwoven, the result being a march of great brilliancy and "go," and although it has only been publicly performed on two occasions, it has evi- lently "caught on," and will soon be a favourite with the boys. On Wednesday afternoon, March 29th, a new piece, entitled "Operatic Fragments," will be given, introducing some of the airs from *Maritana*, *The Bohemian Girl*, and other favourite operas. This piece has been specially written for our Orchestra by Mr. Bulmer, and, having heard the work in rehearsal, we can promise a musical treat to those who are present on the 29th instant.

C. G. BAILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Librarians of the High School Library acknowledge with thanks donations of books from E. B. Williams, V (2), and W. Bradburn IV (1).

Obituary.

ERNEST A. BRIGG: DIED JANUARY 6TH, 1893, AGED 23 YEARS.

PETER W. BROWN: DIED MARCH 17TH, 1893, AGED 37 YEARS. (Mr. BROWN met with an accident in Brownlow Hill, and died in the Royal Infirmary within an hour of the occurrence.)

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed under this heading.)

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

DEAR SIR,—I should like to offer a little dissent from one of the verses in Mr. Elcum's song. I refer to the verse—

"In many a busy counting-house, on many an office stool,
Men still admit the benefit of our Commercial School;
And others, whose surpassing powers have wide renown attained,
Must yet confess their life success was from the High School gained."

I hardly think it correct to assume that all those who have been distinguished by intellectual success have been High School pupils. Many of the most distinguished of our Old Boys at the University have been pupils of the Commercial. It is true that they have spent some time in the High School before proceeding to College, but, nevertheless, the foundation of their "life success was from the Commercial School gained."—I am, yours truly,
COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

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

DEAR SIR,—In your last issue there appeared a paragraph in the *Chat on the Corridor*, commenting in somewhat strong terms upon the fact that the Chess Club holds meetings on Thursday, and so does harm to the L. I. L. D. S. I will now, with your permission, just state a few facts, to prove that the L. I. L. D. S. is not injured, and that the Chess Club is benefited by the holding of the latter's meetings on Thursday. First of all, no member of the L. I. L. D. S., who attends regularly, goes to the Chess Club on Thursday. Moreover, chess is not like debating—it requires constant practice—and if we shut on Thursday for the L. I. L. D. S., we should have to shut on all the other nights of the week to oblige other clubs; and so the most successful club of the school would have to die out to please others not so successful as itself, which is absurd. Again, as was stated by a committeeman of the Chess Club, who was the leader of the "Thursday Closing Movement," it is a silly and useless way of trying to force members of the Chess Club to attend the Literary and Debating Society.—Hoping you will be able to insert this, I remain, yours truly,

B. J. WOOD,
Hon. Sec. Liverpool Institute Chess Club.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*

SIR,—I should like, with your permission, to address a few words to your readers anent the Gymnastic Exercises now in vogue. Since the classes ceased to drill at the Myrtle-street Gymnasium, they have been exercised in the school-yard, at the mass exercises. This has been felt, I am sure, by all the boys, a little monotonous after the varied apparatus used at Myrtle-street Gymnasium; and not only this, but the boys have found it impossible to employ the parallel and horizontal bars provided for them, through want of proper costume. Moreover, it is universally agreed that such costume would not be safe when practising in the open air, for it would entail severe colds and illness. I therefore would humbly suggest that the gymnasium be held in future in some room or closed space, and, further, that there should be a rule requiring the boys to be dressed in "whites," and to wear the usual rubber slippers. It may be asked where the room could be found to suit such

a purpose. I would suggest, then, that the disused room known as the Sculpture Gallery should be turned into our gymnasium, and be fitted with the usual apparatus. Here, I am sure, the (at present) customary sight of buttons flying and braces parting, of some boys uncomfortably hot and others distressingly cold, would no longer be seen, and all would then enjoy the healthy athletics. The gymnasium could also be used in the dinner hour, when the weather was wet, and would afford a pleasant "ground" for cricket or football. If this idea is impracticable, another perhaps could be acted on, that of enclosing the playground under the arches, and drilling there. At all events, there should be some lockers provided for the boys' costumes, so that they need not "lug" heavy bags to school every week. In conclusion, let me point out that the present exercise is anything but pleasant, and hope that the proper authorities will adopt somewhat the halting suggestions I have made,—I remain, yours, &c. W. A. J.

Editorial Notices.

All contributions or letters for the *Magazine* must be accompanied by the writer's name (not necessarily for publication), and must be written on one side of the paper only.

The response to the offer of a five shilling prize for the Commercial School was very poor indeed. There were only four competitions sent in. None of these was of any merit, and the prize will therefore not be awarded.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of annual subscriptions from Miss Hughes, Rev. L. A. Thomas, B.A.; H. T. S. Storrs, Esq., M.A.; R. J. Lloyd, Esq., D. Lit.; and T. C. Ryley, Esq. Also the extra subscription (consequent on the raising in price of the *Magazine*) from J. Townley Grindrod, Esq., and J. A. Twemlow, Esq., B.A. We have also received the following magazines:—*King Edward's School Chronicle*, *Portsmouthian*, *Plymothian*.