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## Another Dirge.

Alas for the "Rugger" Team  
Of the Liverpool Institute!  
O, cover the school with the blackest of crape,  
And away with all music, whatever the shape,  
Save the sad but melodious flute.

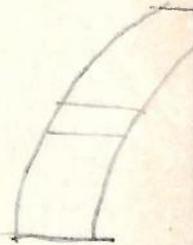
For O, but we thought to win,  
And gain everlasting repute.  
But where is the Shield, the oft-coveted prize?  
Will it never come hither to gladden our eyes?  
The eyes of the Institute.

Yes, yes, we have lost again.  
'Tis enough to soften a brute—  
For alack for the warriors mud-bedight,  
In spite of their efforts and desperate might,  
'Tis the same old result has ended the fight,  
'Twixt College and Institute.

And what of the "Soccer" men?  
And why do they stand so mute?  
Alas, that two Shields should be lost in one day.  
What a sorrowful end of a season's play,  
The play of the Institute!

We're sure that your prowess is great,  
That you know how to "dribble" and "shoot."  
It cannot be true that your valour was vain,  
For surely you battled with might and with main,  
You warriors of the boot!

It's really too, too hard,  
And it stirs one's heart to the root.  
But lo, the month of exams. closer steals,  
Come, spite of this sorrow that every one feels,  
Let's show that our heads are better than heels,  
Than the heels of the Institute.



## Life in Germany—(continued).

## IV.

IT is very curious how soon after one has dwelt for some time in a foreign land, all the customs and manners which at first seemed so strange and foreign, become matters of everyday life, and no longer excite in us any wonder or astonishment as they formerly did.

First impressions are always most vivid, and the ideas which one then forms, whether correct or not, often remain and give a permanent bias to one's opinions.

It is not for some time that one begins to realize that all Germans are not necessarily made after one and the same pattern, thick set and round faced with blue spectacles and bushy whiskers, as represented in the English comic papers and even more serious writings. Thus, blue spectacles are very rarely seen, most Germans shave, and one meets lanky long faced Germans and thick set round faced Germans in about equal numbers wherever one goes; and so it is with everyone of the commonly conceived German characteristics, not one of which but has perhaps as many exceptions as examples. It is indeed only natural that in every large nation this should be so, and probably there is not an Englishman, a Frenchman, or a German but has his counterpart or double in both other countries. I haven't found my double yet though I have seen several very like him, but hope to do so before I return, and if I do find him I shall try and persuade him to come back to England with me and exhibit ourselves as the Siamese Twins. Joking apart, if that can be called a joke which is written in sober earnest, to describe the German national character one would have to describe that of each separate individual, add them all together and then divide by forty millions. This is a task beyond my powers, but perhaps the Editors or some other literary luminaries might undertake it. Leaving, however, such an abstract as character indeterminate and undeterminable, there are still many customs, some national, some local, which are peculiar to Germany and are of some interest.

The German customs at meal time are in many respects very different to those prevailing in England. So far as I am aware, outside of clergymen's houses, grace before meat is never said. The only approach to a blessing that I heard in Strasburg was *guten appetit*. In Saxony, when we come to table we say *Mahlzeit* (meal-time) to one another, and then at once take our seats and gobble away without further ceremony, and at the conclusion of the meal, *Mahlzeit* or *Guten Mahlzeit* Good meal-time, or *Gesegnete Mahlzeit* Blessed meal-time, forms the parting salutation.

After a formal dinner the men all solemnly shake hands with one another, probably as congratulation of having come safely through so terrible an ordeal, and then kiss the ladies' hands,

probably as a symbol of their complete temporary subjugation to wine and women. The kiss on the hand was in former days a kiss on the lips, but nowadays, often a mere hand shake takes its place, for which change one is sometimes thankful and sometimes the reverse, according as the lady is old and ugly, or young and pretty.

Whenever two Germans meet in the streets, both doff their hats to each other. This custom is not so much due to excessive politeness, as to its being a continuation in civil life of the military salutes which at one period of his life every German must make. As a matter of fact the Germans are not at all a polite race. At table they eat grossly and drink largely, and seem for the most part to think only of eating as much as possible of whatever is best, no thought of looking after the wants of others, whether lady or gentleman, ever entering their minds. This is perhaps partly due to the fact that much of a German's daily life is spent in restaurants, where a man has a tendency to acquire selfish habits and customs, but, nevertheless, the national temperament is not a polite one, for the French, who are perhaps the politest nation of the world, spend even more of their time in restaurants, cafés, etc., than do the Germans.

The same failing is seen also in the lack of gallantry shewn by Germans to their women folk. It is quite common to see women engaged in harder manual labour than most men would care to undertake. A German frau is, as a general rule, in middle-class families, little more than a sort of superior servant, whilst the lot of the peasant frau is an extremely hard one. Throughout Germany the man is everything, the woman a mere household appendage, with a mental range restricted to the kitchen, the cellar, and the pantry, and whose pleasures consist in idle gossip and self-adornment. As a natural result, Germany lacks intellectual women, and nowhere is this more marked than in the Volk and Bürger Schools, where, owing to the difficulty, or rather the impossibility, of procuring sufficiently skilled and educated female teachers, classes of boys and girls of the tenderest age are taught by men.

In England, though our conduct to our women-kind is by no means perfect as regards true gallantry and gentlemanliness, still we are in this respect far more civilized than our German cousins.

A. J. E.

### A Penitent Lay.

(BY AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIBER.)

Dear Mr. Editor, hear our petition,

Give us an answer, dear sir, if you can;

Listen, O list, to our tale of contrition,

Turn not away, O most obdurate man!

You, with your plenipotentiary powers,  
Thunders of satire and lightnings of wit;  
You, with the face that portentously glowers,  
Robbed of Two Bob and a Sixpenny Bit!

O how your notices make us all tremble,  
Modestly slipped in the month's *Magazine*,  
Vainly indeed do we try to dissemble  
Finding that notice the pages between.

Dear Mr. Editor, stern-hearted mortal,  
Spare us this once, we'll not do it again;  
Deaf to our sorrow, we fear us that nought'll  
E'er make you hark to our pitiful strain.

Yes, dearest sir, we acknowledge our error,  
But, for the future, we swear to be true;  
If you will only relieve us of terror,  
Gladly we'll pay Two-and-Sixpence to you.

### Tales of My School Days.

#### II.—THE END OF A CUP TIE.

AT Sedgham there was always considerable excitement shown when the time came for playing off the football cup ties. There were five houses which competed, but in the year of which I am writing, only two, the School House and Smith's, were at all strong. Between them they had more than two-thirds of the School XV, and when they came to meet in the final it was indeed a case of "Greek meeting Greek." The Smithites were the holders, but the School House fellows were confident that their superior weight and more careful training would pull them through. This proved to be the case, and the narrow margin of a try to *nil* fairly represented the respective merits of the teams.

The enthusiasm of both house was remarkable, and during the last week before the match the partizanship became so violent that the greater part of the Smithites refused to speak to the School House boys, and the School House boys, in their turn, would have nothing to do with a Smithite. But it was not till after the match that the crisis came. No sooner had the referee's whistle sounded for "time" than the School House supporters resolved that it was outrageous that the coveted cup still rested proudly on the walls of Mr. Smith's dining hall, and adjourned *en masse* to that gentleman's house for the purpose of fetching it away at once. However, on their arrival, they found that the Smithites had got wind of the plan, and were ready to receive them. The playground gate was securely fastened, and behind it several ranks of boys

stood, daring the invaders to come on. Nothing loth, and proud of the righteousness of their cause, the besiegers attacked the gate, and, after a brief struggle, in which many wounds were inflicted and received, managed to effect an entrance. In the ardour of the moment they did not notice a servant in the employ of Mr. Smith passing up the lane outside the playground with a large basket in her hand. If they had, matters might have turned out differently. Once in the playground, the School House champions soon gained the house, and burst into the dining hall. The cup was not there!

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Mr. Smith had sent the cup to the School House by the servant during the course of the battle.

### Chat on the Corridor.

THE Shield Matches are now things of the past, and we all know that the College has again been victorious. Yet we can congratulate the Football team on a very good fight against a better team. To Mr. Conway Rees must be attributed the credit of getting into the final round, after such poor results all through the season, and he must have felt very gratified at the result of the match against the Merchants. It was, indeed, a glorious win, one of those victories which will be memorable in the annals of the Football Club. Not since the time when the Institute first got into the final round, in 1891, has there been such great enthusiasm displayed, and there will not be greater until the Institute wins the Shield for the first time. Let us hope this will not be long in coming to pass.

There has been much poetry written during the last few weeks. The Shield Matches, of course, formed fitting themes for many, and we publish one of them in this issue. We have received a poem called a "Song of Praise," to the tune of the "British Grenadiers," by an anonymous author. We should be much obliged if the author would send us his name, for we make it a strict rule that all contributions should be accompanied by the name of the sender, though not necessarily for publication.

The Athletic Sports take place on April 10th, at the Athletic Grounds, Stanley. We hear that the entries are in excess of those in any previous year, and that excellent prizes have been provided; so, given fine weather, the Sports will be an undoubted success. We have received a letter (which, for various reasons, we cannot publish) in which the writer says that he went to get some refreshments and missed his purse, being, therefore, compelled to do without his refreshments and to walk a distance of five miles home. This is not the first complaint we have heard of things being missed, and we would therefore warn competitors to give any valuables or money they may have with them into the safe keeping of their friends on the ground.

We would recommend those of our Annual Subscribers who do not pay their subscriptions up to date, to take to heart the poem, entitled, "A Penitent Lay," which we believe was written after our remarks last month on the trouble and annoyance they give us by not paying at the proper time. We shall feel glad if others will speedily follow their example.

It is discouraging to have to confess it, but it is unfortunately none the less true, that the revival of interest in the Debating Society, which we were so pleased to notice and comment upon last month, is already a thing of the past. Not only have the attendances sadly decreased, but on many occasions there have been no meetings at all. As a most interesting and instructive programme was put forward at the beginning of the session, no excuse can be found for this indifference, and it certainly reflects no credit on the present Sixth Form. Whilst laying at their door the greater part of the blame, we consider that no small share, too, must be apportioned to the officers of the Society. From our own observations, we are inclined to think that the ordinary and *ex-officio* whips have shamefully neglected their duty, while the Secretary seems to think that he was elected solely for the purpose of composing and reading minutes. It is now too late in the season to look for any considerable improvement in the present state of affairs, but we are convinced that if the Society is to exist on the same firm basis which it always has stood on, there must be far greater interest taken in its proceedings by its officers and by the Sixth Form.

The Librarian desires us to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of £1 from Mrs. A. Hughes towards the re-binding of old books in the library. We hope that others will speedily follow with contributions to place the books in a much more serviceable condition than they are in at present.

We have endeavoured to get some account of the matches for the Association Shield, but those connected with the Club have shown their usual carelessness and procrastination. We were promised a report, but it has not yet reached us, so our "Soccer" readers will have to wait another month before their report will appear.

### Literary and Debating Society.

A MEETING of this Society was held on Thursday, February 7th, 1895. The Head Master presided over an attendance of 20. The public business on this occasion consisted of a paper read by Mr. Snow, on *The Pickwick Papers*. Mr. Snow explained that his object was to interest and amuse his audience rather than to instruct.

A short examination of the early life and connections of Charles Dickens, who gained practical experience of life in a Debtors'

Prison by his visits to his bankrupt father in Dover Prison, shews that one must not expect from him a perfect and polished literary style. As a humorist, however, Dickens has been signally successful. The first publication of the *Pickwick Papers*, written by an unknown writer, disguising himself under cover of a *nom-de-plume*, created an enormous stir throughout the country. Now-a-days, *Pickwick* is of universal celebrity, and it is acknowledged to be the masterpiece of Dickens' humour. Mr. Snow read passages illustrative of the humorous power of the writer, and discussed by means of extracts the characters of Pickwick, the Wellers, Mr. Winkle and other notable personages. At 5.45 p.m., the paper being unfinished, Mr. Snow kindly offered to conclude it on the following Thursday. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hughes for his services as chairman terminated the proceedings of this meeting.

On Thursday, February 14th, 1895, Mr. C. M. Jones presided over an attendance of 13. Private business being concluded, Mr. Snow continued and concluded his paper, "*The Pickwick Papers*," and his remarks and extracts again caused great amusement among his hearers. No synopsis can do justice to this paper; suffice it to say that the hearty laughter and applause of the meeting testified to the success of the speaker's object—amusement. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Snow, proposed by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rose concluded the proceedings.

On Thursday, February 21st, Mr. N. C. Miller was in the chair. At this meeting the following motion was passed without opposition:—"That members of the 2/5 and 1/4 Forms, High School, be eligible for election to the L. I. L. D. S., provided that their proposal be sanctioned by the committee."

### Liverpool and District Schools' Challenge Shield Competition.

#### FIRST ROUND.

In the first round of the above competition Birkenhead School were drawn against Waterloo High School, College (U.S.) against Wallasey Grammar School, and Merchant Taylors' and Liverpool Institute were byes. The Wallasey Grammar School scratched their match with the College, and Birkenhead School beat Waterloo High School by 6 goals 7 tries to *nil*. Thus, Merchant Taylors', College (U.S.), Birkenhead School, and the Institute were left in for the semi-final.

#### SECOND ROUND.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS'.

This match was played on the Old Boys' ground, at Woodcroft Park, on Wednesday, March 23rd. The Institute were able to turn out a full team, but the Merchants were minus their captain, J. C. Jack, who was unavoidably engaged and unable to play. The

Institute won the toss, and the Merchants kicked off from the goal nearest the hotel. A good return was made by Hawkes, and the ball was sent into touch in the Merchants "25." From the ensuing scrummage, it was evident that if the Institute kept together they were better forward, and after some tight scrummaging the ball was worked near to the Merchants line. From here the Merchants made a good rush down the field, and the Institute full-back checked well; but the Merchants were not to be denied, and got into the Institute "25," from where, by a smart piece of play, a try was scored, but disallowed, as the ball was not thrown out properly from touch. The Institute forwards now made a good rush to the other end of the field, and the ball coming to Hawkes, he made a shie at goal, which Langdon, smartly following up, converted into a try. The referee, however, decided that he was off-side, and awarded the Merchants a minor. The kick out did not bring any relief, as the Institute three-quarters all got in good kicks to touch, and the game was again warmly contested in the Merchants "25." By good work in the scrummage, the ball was worked up to the line, and C. M. Jones apparently scored a try. This also was disallowed, as the whole scrummage was lying on the ball, and it was quite impossible to tell who had first touched it down. The Institute forwards were now playing very well, and, with the backs and half-backs making no mistake, the Merchants never had a chance to raise the siege. While play was in this position Langdon and Waring both had chances, but were pushed into touch close to goal, though, after the second attempt, a scrum was formed about five yards out, from which Roberts very smartly got the ball and scored a pretty try. Hawkes' kick was good, but fell a little short. After the kick out play was desultory, and neither side gained any advantage till half-time. On change of ends, the Institute following up well, prevented any return, and for the next twenty minutes completely penned the Merchants in their own "25." They were not, however, able to get through, though, on one occasion, Langdon would probably have scored had he not been badly fouled by the full-back, for which a penalty kick was awarded the Institute. The ball was placed in a fairly good position, but Hawkes just failed to land the goal. From this point the Merchants played up much better, and got off with a good rush into the Institute "25." The rush should have been stopped, but all the backs were handier with their feet than their hands. The ball was, however, sent to touch just by the "25" flag; from here, the Merchants, carrying the scrums, gave their backs a chance, and first Hughes, and then Chate gave the Institute supporters cause for fear. In both cases, however, Humphreys proved very safe, and grassed his man in a style that gave no chance for passing. The ball still remained in somewhat dangerous proximity to the Institute goal, but the forwards, urged on by the cheers of their supporters, woke up to the fact that they had to work, and coming again with a good rush, drove play back to mid-field, and later, into the Merchants quarters, where it remained till

call of time. Final result—Liverpool Institute 1 try; Merchant Taylors *nil*. It was on the whole a good match, and undoubtedly the best team won. The Institute for three parts of the game were in their opponents' quarters, and should have scored more than they did. It would perhaps be invidious to single out any of the team for especial notice, but we ought to add that the full-back did all that was required of him quietly and coolly, while we have never seen Hawkes tackle with such accuracy. The success of the Institute lay mainly in the good hard work of the forwards, every one of whom did his duty, and, to a very large extent, to the capable way in which Langdon and Roberts looked after their opposing half-back.

## LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.) V. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Waterloo, on Wednesday, March 23rd. The College had the best of the play, and won eventually by 2 dropped goals and 1 try to *nil*.

## FINAL TIE.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE V. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.).

This match was played on the Old Boys' ground, at Woodcroft Park, on March 27th. The ground was not in very good condition, owing to the quantity of rain that had fallen, and the game was confined almost entirely to the forwards. When the teams lined out it was at once seen that the College were without the services of their captain, Wilson, who was suffering from an injured knee. The Institute won the toss, and the College kicked off. The ball went to C. O. Jones, who mulled, and the College forwards following up smartly, the first scrum was formed in our "25." The College were playing three threequarter backs and nine forwards, against our eight, so that it was evident that we should have to work hard if we were to keep them at bay. All the scrums were tightly fought, but bit by bit the College forced us back, until, by some loose play, the ball was driven over our line. Undoubtedly a touch down is all that should have resulted, but one of our three-quarters, in an attempt to get the ball out of danger, kicked across the ground to Cato, who got hold, but was unfortunately tackled before he could get off, and losing his hold on the ball, Goodacre dashed up and scored a try for the College. The try was undoubtedly a lucky one, and the Institute in vain appealed against it, on the ground that Hawkes touched the ball down first. The place was from a difficult angle, and was unsuccessful. From the kick out the College again came down with a rush, and had it not been for some good tackling and useful kicking by Humphreys, would have scored again almost immediately. As it was the Institute kept them out for a bit, but a smart passing movement, started by one of the halves, and shared in by Leggatt and Goodacre, enabled the last-named, though tackled, to score again. This time no mistake was made with the kick, and the College gained

a substantial lead of eight points. After the kick-off the Institute played up better, but were outplayed at all points, though free kicks against the College for the foul play of their half-backs were by no means rare. After a short interval of midfield play, Hawkes got off with a good dribble, and being well backed up by Langdon, a try seemed probable. The ball was, in fact, taken over the College line, but a very smart bit of play by Leggatt prevented any score, the ball being hit out of play. From now till half time the game was uninteresting and mainly in midfield. After half time the ball was re-started by the Institute, and the College made a good return, but the Institute, who were now playing much better, gradually worked the ball into their quarters, and for the first ten minutes showed much improved form, keeping the ball well out of their own half; but slowly the College worked back again, and a score seemed certain. The forwards, however, stuck to the game pluckily, and were rewarded by removing the play to centre. The relief, however, was not destined to last long, for the College forwards came away again with a good dribble, and getting close to our line, gave their three-quarters a chance, when Alexander scored the best try of the match from a good pass of Leggatt's. From now to the end of the game the play was desultory, but mainly in the Institute "25," when Leggatt had a fruitless drop at goal, and the ball was driven over for two minors.

The game was on the whole a good one, though the superior weight of the College forwards gave them an advantage. The only drawback to the game was the play of the half-backs on both sides. The Institute halves, in their anxiety to get the ball, were often off-side, while the College halves played off-side, picked the ball out of the scrum, but, worse than all, on the referee's "blind side," indulged in the somewhat questionable game, which is rarely seen, of charging and pushing their opponents' halves when they had not got the ball. The result of the game was bound to be a disappointment to the Institute, but the team deserve every credit for the way they stuck to their work. The match was to a large extent lost owing to bad tackling amongst the halves and three-quarters, and had it not been for the safe work of the full-back, the score would have been largely augmented. As a lesson from the match we might learn that tackling must be hard and sure, and our forwards and halves must be heavier and quicker if we are to have any chance of carrying off the trophy in the future.

### Football Notes.

THE season that has just ended cannot be said to have been satisfactory in the matter of winning matches. In all, twenty-four matches were played, of which six were won and eighteen lost. In all matches we scored 17 goals 20 tries, and our opponents 26 goals 46 tries. Compared with last year's record this

is poor, but, in justice to the team, we must state that owing to the prolonged frost in January and February, many matches had to be scratched which would undoubtedly have been won.

Considering the season as a whole, the most noticeable point is the great improvement the team made. Take the matches with Merchant Taylors. The first the Merchants won by 5 goals 7 tries to *nil*; the second they won by 2 goals 3 tries to 1 try; and the third by 1 goal 3 tries to *nil*; while the fourth resulted in a win for us by 1 try to *nil*. The whole credit of this improvement is due to the able coaching of the backs by Mr. Conway Rees and Dr. Marsh, and of the forwards by Mr. J. C. Goold. The heartiest thanks of the whole team are due to these gentlemen for giving up their time to help us. We are also indebted to the Rev. A. H. Caldicott and E. B. Ewart, Esq., for the assistance they have given us throughout the whole of the season.

Below will be found the characters of the players, to which is prefixed a general account of the team:

At the beginning of the season we had no regular three-quarters, and neither of our last season's halves was left at school. As usual, the School found a difficulty in getting suitable halves—a position which has always proved a stumbling block to the Institute. This weakness is well manifested by the fact that no less than six men were tried for the post. We were, in addition, handicapped by having no boys of any size to place among the forwards. Still, as the season went on the play of the whole team improved, and when, on the advice of Mr. Conway Rees, we gave up our four three-quarters, and tried to play a light game, relying on the smartness of our forwards, we did much better. In the second round of the Shield Competition we out-played a much heavier and probably a better team, though on the day undoubtedly the Institute showed the better form. In the match against the College we were out-played. Their forwards were much heavier, and quite as clever, their halves were much smarter, and their three-quarters passed with accuracy, while the superiority of their forwards gave them many opportunities which were denied to us. The team should undoubtedly be congratulated on the plucky fight they made against odds of weight, age and experience.

### NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

J. L. HAWKES (captain), Three-quarter.—Played centre three-quarter for the first time. At the beginning of the season his tackling and running were weak, but he made very great improvement, and in the Shield Matches tackled and kicked with good judgment. He takes and gives his passes very well. A very good drop and place kick.

C. M. JONES (sub-captain), Forward.—A good hard-working forward. Always in the front of the scrum, and one of the few who recognise the importance of getting possession of the ball. Tackles and dribbles well, but a little too fond of talking.

H. A. W. LANGDON (secretary), Forward.—The fastest forward. Plays a winging game with much success. Played three-quarter for the greater part of the season. Good tackler, but kicking and passing rather weak.

G. P. CATO, Three-quarter.—Small, but very sturdy and fast. Passes and takes his passes well. Would score much oftener if bigger. Kicks and tackles very well. Saves well, and is good on the defence generally.

H. G. HUMPHREYS, Full-back.—Only played in this position in the Shield Matches, when he played a very good game, tackling and getting in his kick well. Has played half and three-quarter most of the season, but was much more successful at full-back.

H. T. LONG, Forward.—Steady scrummager, generally in the front rank. Tackling strong. Good at line-out from touch. Should dribble more on the loose.

C. M. LONG, Forward.—Light, but one of our best forwards. Generally in the front rank, and works hard in the scrums. Good at the line-out from touch. Plays with a rare dash, which the rest of the team would do well to copy.

S. J. ROBERTS, Half-back.—One of the best players on the attack. Dodges and dribbles well. Very fine tackler, taking his man low. Stops rushes well, but is rather inclined to be selfish, and should try to mark his opposite half more smartly.

C. O. JONES, Forward.—Good scrummager. Plays well on the loose. Tackles and dribbles well. Strong punt and drop kick.

W. J. WILLIAMS, Forward.—Works hard in the scrums. Fast, and when he gets the ball makes great headway. Tackling fair, but dribbling should be improved. Is rather apt to lose his head.

W. PEMBERTON, Forward.—A very good forward, who, when he has learnt the game, should prove very useful. He works well in the scrummages, and is fair on the loose. Good at the line-out from touch, but should learn to tackle lower and a little more vigorously.

C. H. WARING, Three-quarter.—Tackles and kicks well. Fast, but rarely uses his pace. He dodges well, but, owing to a limited acquaintance with the game, does not play with sufficient accuracy or determination.

H. R. BUCK, Forward.—Heavy and strong. Scrummages well, but slow with his feet. Tackles well, and is good at line-out from touch. Is much too slow in following up, and inclined to applaud the good play of the opposing team. His dribbling should be improved, and he should show more dash.

H. S. BROWN, Half-back.—A very small half, who played fairly well considering his size and the short time he has played in the team. Plucky and tackles fairly. Saves well, and is good on the defence. Is rather feeble on the attack, and needs greater smartness.

H. CHEESERIGHT, Forward.—Very slow, and always appears in bad condition, which prevents his following up as fast as could be desired. Inclined to shirk the scrums, but tackles well at times, and is fair on the loose.

#### RESERVES.

G. L. KNOWLES.—A good forward, fast, strong, and a good tackler. Would undoubtedly have got his place in the team had it not been for his persistent neglect of practice, and the slack way in which he worked in the scrums. He also arrived late for matches.

J. A. S. CLAGUE.—A fair forward. Heavy and consistent worker, but does not know much about the game. Should make a good forward another season.

F. S. HOWARTH.—Had the makings of a good half-back. Plucky, and saves well. Unfortunately was unable to play for more than half the season owing to illness.

### Club Reports,

#### COMMERCIAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB.

A Meeting in connection with the above club was held in Mr. Ewart's room on Tuesday, March 19th, when the following officers were elected: President, A. Hughes Esq.; Vice Presidents,

Mr. Bickerstaffe and Mr. Ewart; Captains, H. Cheeseright, A. Slater, J. Dowson and T. J. Williams; Committee, W. O. Newall, A. O. Morris and G. Brooking; Secretary, W. O. Newall. The entrance fee will be 1s. per member, and season tickets, available from April 2 to October 31, can be had at 5s. each. Members who do not purchase season tickets, will be admitted to the first-class plunge baths for 3d. on production of their membership tickets. The first practice will be held at Cornwallis Street Baths on Tuesday, April 2nd.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

Owing to lack of space, the usual report cannot appear, and our readers will have to rest content with the results of the matches played.

v. College (U.S.) Played at Greenbank. We were without Hawkes, and Knowles did not turn up till half-time. In the first half College scored 4 times, but in the second the Institute played much better, and College only scored once more. Final result, College 4 goals 1 try. Institute *nil*.

v. Liverpool 3rd. The Institute played well at the start, and scored, Hawkes converting, but afterwards fell off, and lost by 1 goal 2 tries to 1 goal.

v. University College. Played at Field House, and resulted in a win for University College by 2 tries to *nil*.

v. Waterloo High School. Cato failed to turn up, and Armit played in his place. Won by 2 goals 2 tries to *nil*.

v. Merchant Taylors. Played at Sefton Park, Mr. Conway Rees refereeing. In the first half there was a tight game, and half time arrived with nothing scored. Subsequently the Institute fell off, and lost by 1 goal 3 tries to *nil*.

v. Parkfield Old Boys. Played at Field House, and lost by 1 goal 1 try to *nil*.

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