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## Volunteered for Active Service.

I had been for six years a member of the 2nd Volunteer Batt. (The King's) Liverpool Regiment, and had recently followed with great interest the course of affairs in South Africa, when one morning I saw on the placards, "Defeat of Buller. Volunteers wanted." I at once wrote to headquarters offering my services, either for home or foreign service, and in course of time received word to attend there for medical inspection. This ordeal I passed successfully, and then was measured for my "Khaki," and shortly afterwards received a telegram ordering me to parade to make my attestations before the Lord Mayor. It had been decided to form a company of 116 men to join the King's Liverpool Regiment of the line, and so 29 men were selected from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Liverpool Volunteer Battalions respectively, and were sworn in on January 23rd, 1900. These men were selected for physical fitness, markmanship, and efficiency at drill, and they all seemed to feel the honour that had been conferred on them.

After the "swearing in" ceremony we were all entertained to luncheon by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall, and went home duly registered "Soldiers of the Queen."

In the ordinary course of events we should have gone direct to Warrington barracks, but, owing to their congested state, permission was obtained to drill in Liverpool, and this privilege was greatly appreciated by all of us.

The next day drill commenced, and the men threw themselves heart and soul into the work, and an appreciable improvement was soon noticed. The routine of drill was as follows:—parade at 10 a.m.; physical drill with rifles weighing 9½ lbs., lasting until about 11 a.m. The rifles were sometimes used as bar-bells, and at other times as dumb-bells, when we used one in each hand; 11 to 11.15, interval for a smoke and a rest; then a double round the shed lasting about 15 minutes without a break; and the bayonet exercise until 12 noon. We were then allowed to go out for dinner, and paraded again at 2 p.m., when we went for a "route march" of 7 to 10 miles, and were dismissed for the day at about 4 o'clock. One Friday we marched to Altcar—13 miles—and after having refreshments went through a course of musketry over the range, volleys, magazine, and individual firing.

This life, although a thorough change from quill-driving, had its

drawbacks in the shape of questions to which we were unable to answer. "When are you going?" "I don't know." "Are you going to Warrington?" "I don't know." And so on *ad nauseam*.

I was very glad to find among the members of the section drawn from the 2nd V. B. another old Institute boy of the name of E. T. Chamberlain, who was for four years in the Commercial School; also two members of Waterloo High School whom I had met on the football field. Our sectional officer, Lieut. Kenyon, also had two brothers at the Institute, whom I met one night when we were at his house to dinner.

Recently we were told that although no definite information as to our date of sailing was known, it was highly probable that we would sail in about a fortnight, and we are all expecting to leave in any case before the end of February. We have "signed on" to join the 1st Batt. Liverpool Regiment at present beleaguered in Ladysmith, and I have already received several messages, verbal and otherwise, to men imprisoned there, which I hope to deliver before long.

Now I should just like to say something direct to boys at the school.

Volunteers have been scoffed and sneered at for some years, and many young fellows have declined to join on the score that they would never be wanted. The Government in the present crisis have recognised the volunteer as a *soldier*, and one who will do no worse but rather better, because he happens to be a well educated gentleman. Any public schoolboy of 17, if he plays cricket or football, or keeps himself fit in any other way, should easily fill the conditions necessary to enable him to join the volunteers, and I consider that it is the duty of every young man to qualify himself, so that in the event of the "bark" of envious Continental Powers ever turning into an attempt to "bite," he would be able to take his place in the ranks along with those Englishmen, not only willing but also able to do their country's work. In the 2nd V.B. there are many Institute men, and it is their pride that they belong to the "collar and cuffs," as they are called. Go and join, boys, and you will never regret the day that you enlisted as a "citizen soldier." Major Wilson, C Company, 2nd V.B. K.L.R. is an Institute "boy."

I have recently heard of two High School boys at the "front" whose names will doubtless be familiar to many of the masters.

Richard, *alias* "Dicky," Nott, whose prowess in the football field will, I think, make him no mean opponent on the battlefield; and Frank Read, who was well known for his swimming powers, was present at Spion Kop. "Dicky" is in a Highland regiment, and Frank Read is adding fresh laurels to the South Lancashire regiment.

We Institute boys who are going to South Africa will never forget our *Alma Mater* in the shape of the dear old school in Mount Street.

PRIVATE SYDNEY E. FRANCIS,  
*1st Batt. Liverpool Regiment.*

### Prize Distribution.

THE Annual Prize Distribution was held last term, on Friday, 15th December, having been postponed from the Summer Term. The Head Master gave his usual report as to the progress of the School during the past year; the most pleasing portion of his speech was where he announced that H. B. Jenkins had been elected the previous month to a Mathematical Scholarship at St. John's College, Cambridge, thus adding still another success to Mr. Owen's already long list. The prizes were distributed by Henry Pelham, Esq., Master of Trinity, Oxford, and reader in Ancient History to the University of Oxford. He made a most instructive and highly learned speech on the subject of History. Herbert Watts, Esq., proposed a vote of thanks to the Professor, which was given with the usual honours. The proceedings were interspersed with songs and glees sung by the school choir, who amply testified to the training they had received from Mr. Book. Among other distinguished visitors, Professor Mackay, Professor of History to University College, Liverpool, was present. F. Danson, Esq., President of the Board of Directors, presided.

### Chat on the Corridor.

THE *Magazine* has been a long while coming out this time, and owing to their being three editors and a sub-editor, the "staff" has each somebody else to blame. The members of the "staff" have been regularly greeting each other with "Why don't you get the *Mag.* out?" for some weeks past. Now it is not easy to "get the *Mag.* out" when there is no copy to place therein, and we should be glad to consider contributions from anyone who longs to see his effusions published at no cost to himself, of course reserving to ourselves the right of accepting or rejecting. We further remind all club secretaries that reports of matches, etc., are always needed—one of the chief objects of the *Magazine* being to chronicle the doings of the school in its sport as well as as in its work.

We are pleased to announce the success of T. Lodge in the Examination of the Société des Professeurs de français en Angleterre. Last year he secured the fifth place in all England, and this year he is fourth, obtaining first "honourable mention" in extempore writing.

Those who are concerned in the failing fortunes of the Rugby Team must solace themselves with the fact that A. Brettargh was chosen to represent England against Wales, at three-quarter back. Perhaps only a small number of present boys will remember him.

Just as we are going to press, the glorious news reaches us of the relief of Ladysmith. This is a fitting sequel to Lord Roberts'

great achievement in capturing Cronje and his force, and our people have just reason to be proud of their generals and soldiers. There has not been such excitement or enthusiasm witnessed in the school for some years, nor will there be seen such for some time to come. "God save the Queen" was sung in the Commercial School yard, and as the school flag was hoisted it was greeted by loud cheers and waving of caps on the High School side. The cheering was continued all morning, and was in no way abated after a visit to the town at 12.30, those who did so returning adorned with rosettes and national colours. The Directors of the school vindicated their patriotism by giving us a whole day holiday.

It is not often that two members of the same family volunteer and are accepted for the front. This is the case of Messrs. Ernest and Harry Hind, of the Denbighshire Hussars, who have sailed for South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry. Both of them were educated at the Institute, Mr. Harry taking a Tate Scholarship. He holds a position in the Royal Insurance Company. Although perhaps none of the boys at present at the school will remember both of them, several still here will not have yet forgotten "Harry Hind."

Another old Institute boy at the front is Frank Read, who took part in the attack on Spion Kop.

We regret to have to record the departure of Mr. Thomas from the staff of the school, and we feel sure that our regret is shared by all who came into contact with him. He came to the Institute in 1892, and has taken the Junior Mathematics of the Commercial side. He held the curacy of St. Mary's, Wavertree, and has left us now to take the full curacy of the Parish Church, Warrington. Our best wishes go with him.

We have just learned, before going to press, that T. Lodge has passed with First Class Honours in the Senior Cambridge Local Examination. He obtained six distinctions:—Arithmetic, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, French, German, and Latin.

### Valete.

THE following boys have left since our last issue:—

F. P. Cheeseright has been a member of the Sixth Form since September, 1897, having obtained an Exhibition from the First Class in the Commercial School. He passed both Junior and Senior Oxford Locals being placed in the Second Class of the Honours List in the latter, with distinction in Mathematics. He was a member of the Rugby Football Team since 1897, and was captain in 1898 and 1899.

S. H. Nixon entered the Sixth Form in September, 1898, and passed the Senior Oxford in July, 1899. He was an enthusiastic Rugby player, and was for some time secretary of that club; he also was sub-captain of the First XV last season.

K. de Kusel has been in the Sixth Form since September, 1898. He played in the Rugby Football Team.

In R. S. Turner the School loses a very useful athlete and a member full of public spirit. He was equally successful in Lacrosse, Association Football, Rugby Football and Cricket. He played in the eleven that won the Association Shield last year, and his consistent steady scoring and excellent fielding were very valuable to our weak Cricket Team of last season. He was sub-captain of the Rugby Team in 1898 and 1899.

J. H. Ashe will be missed from the forward line of the First XI, where he played a useful game at outside right. He was also a member of the First XI Cricket.

### An Editor's Happy Lot.

YOU are quite right! I am one of those happy individuals known as editors. I presume you have spotted me from the mass of grizzly hair hanging over each ear and bunching out behind, the knit brows, spectacled eyes, and general air of rapt meditateness! A happy lot mine, you say. Certainly, the happiest in all the world. Never a cloud flits across my sky, or comes within a thousand miles of my horizon; no discord ever gets among my heart-strings, or makes my nerves tingle even in the slightest degree. I am the happiest man on earth!

Those pleasant little calls that I frequently have from my readers are chiefly responsible for the state of Edenic happiness in which I pass my life. "Someone wanting to see you," is generally the colourless way in which my callers are introduced, but to a cunning old hand like myself the simple announcement conveys tons of richest promise. "You are the editor?" the interviewer generally begins, in tones of mild aggressiveness. My response is invariably something between a nod and a bow, but largely suggestive of suavè inoffensiveness. "I have called to inform you (this with delightful ferociousness) that unless you insert an ample apology in your next issue for what you said about me in yesterday's paper, I will raise an action against you for £1,000 damages!" "Sit down, my dear sir, sit down," is how I meet the onslaught. "Atrociously cold day, isn't it? No, not so far away from the fire as that; take this chair, please. But first let me stir up the fire. Now, there! Where did you say the little inadvertency was—among the editorial notes, or in the news columns? Let me read it again (reaching for a copy of the paper from a big pile lying at

hand). Yes, it is a little awkwardly expressed, and apt to be misunderstood, but only a very clever man—an extraordinarily clever man—one who is accustomed to dig into the heart of things—would be able to detect any hint that might be construed into anything of the nature of—of—offence. I assure you, sir, not one in a thousand of my dull readers will have read any offence into it. I wish I had more readers of your calibre, sir. But, in fact, the reference was meant rather to be complimentary than otherwise; somewhat awkwardly expressed, though, I admit, and I am very, very sorry at the misunderstanding, but no real harm done, I hope. Have you ever been through a printing office, sir? I hear them preparing to go to press; if you would care to see the process I should be very glad to conduct you myself. Come this way. Take care of your feet, rather dark passage. The ink-tables will need watching, too, printer's ink has a nasty habit of adhering, you know."

And when the man takes his departure shortly afterwards, beaming all over, and thanking me for my wonderful kindness, is it anything astonishing that I retire into my den suffused with gladness from head to heel?

But sometimes my caller will be of the female persuasion, and then my happiness is intensified tenfold. A lady once called upon me to complain that the writer of my serial story was making fun of her in some of his delineations. Her neighbours had been, in consequence, pointing the finger of ridicule at her, and she did not like it. Would I kindly see that he did not offend again? I promised faithfully that her injunctions would be scrupulously attended to; and well I might, for I was the writer myself, and until her visit, I had no idea that there was such a woman in existence. O, the joy of an editor's life!

But the happiest moment in all my life was when I was threatened with a revolver. I had gone to a little country town on business connected with my paper, and I announced myself to a certain gentleman simply as the representative of the paper. A quiet smile immediately began to play about the corners of his mouth as he said: "So you represent the so-and-so?" "I do," was my unflinching reply. "Well, I shouldn't like to be your editor," said the man ominously. "Indeed!" exclaimed I in some wonderment, "Why?" "Because," replied he, "as his smile broadened, "there is a gentleman gone from this town to-day with a revolver in his pocket to shoot the editor!" At that piece of information I think I must almost have betrayed myself, for I burst forth into an uncontrollable fit of laughter that quite surpassed anything I had ever done in that line before. For, of course, editors are usually too happy to laugh. Besides, does not Emerson say that laughing is a vulgar habit? But, vulgar or not, I laughed heartily on this occasion. What chiefly tickled me was the thought that, while the dear brave man was away hunting after his quarry, that same quarry was walking about unmolested in the neighbourhood of his own dwelling. I am laughing now, but principally because that

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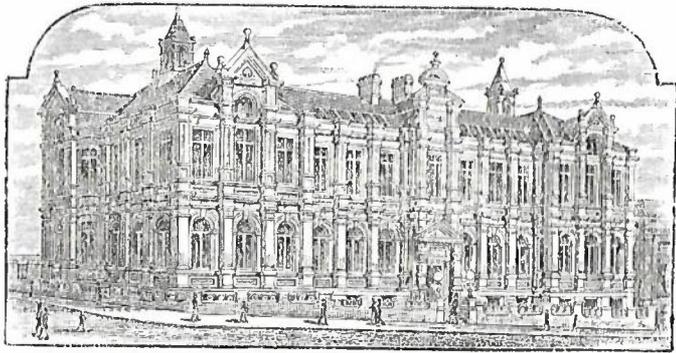
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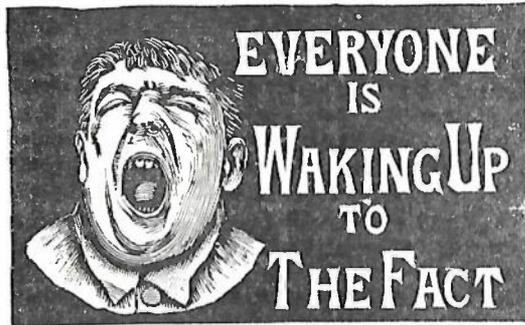
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revolver has never found its mark yet. Such is the guardian providence that circles an editor's life.

I might go on piling up further proof in support of my contention that the editor's lot is the happiest on earth, but my time is about as limited as the space at my disposal. I will, therefore, conclude by saying that if any reader of the *L. I. S. Magazine* would like to share my happiness, he is welcome to a fortnights tenancy of my chair during my summer holiday. Applications to be addressed to the editors (happy men, of course!) of this *Magazine*.

D. H.

*Swimming.*

WE regret that in the account of the High School Swimming Races in the November number of 1899, the name of Mr. A. Brown, one of the oldest supporters of the Club, was inadvertently omitted from the list of judges. At the same time we would call attention to the zeal and energy displayed by Mr. Eaves on behalf of the School Swimming. It is to him that we in a great measure owe the repeated success which has hitherto attended the School Squadron Team, for he has on every occasion, for some time before each contest, spent a great deal of time at the Baths timing possible representatives from both the High and Commercial Schools. He has thus made the securing of a place in the team an object of keen competition, which clearly tends to increase the efficiency of that team, in addition to which there is nothing so improving to a swimmer's speed as constantly swimming the required distance against time. It is evident that by taking a boy's time on a great many occasions there can be no doubt that those swimmers who are really the fastest get into the team. The majority of boys know simply that there is an Institute Squadron Team, but are quite ignorant of the immense amount of time and labour necessary to rendering it efficient. The Commercial School, for their part, owe a great debt to Mr. Bickerstaffe, who has directed their swimming for so long a time. As a result of his efforts, there existed for a time in the Commercial School, a winter Swimming Club, and it is a cause for regret that this excellent institution has fallen through. If a boy only swims during the seven months between 1st April and 31st October, it is evident that when the 1st of April comes round again he will have a certain amount of lost ground to make up. All swimmers who wish to become faster than the ordinary, and desire to help the School to maintain its position in swimming, should endeavour to pay a few visits to the baths during the winter, in order to at any rate maintain their form. We can assure them that they will be fully repaid by the mere pleasure that they will obtain by so doing.

### Lecture on Lake District.

ON Wednesday evening, 31st January, Dr. Llewelyn Morgan, a member of the Liverpool Photographic Society, gave an exhibition of lantern slides, illustrating the lesser known parts of the Lake District. In spite of miserable weather, the hall was packed, and all who came were well rewarded for their pains by the sight of a magnificent series of slides, and by the racy description given by Dr. Morgan of the circumstances under which many of them were secured.

Starting from Orrest Head, above Windermere, we were taken through Ambleside, past Thirlmere, which is not so utterly ruined as we are sometimes asked to believe, then through the Poets' corner of Lakeland down to St. John's Vale, and so to Keswick. We also saw many other lovely parts of the district, such as Patterdale, Wastwater, and a most striking view of Kirkstone pass in the snow, which suggested Alpine districts rather than any place so near at hand; finally we came back to the Furness district, and were shown some fine views of the Abbey. We hope that Dr. Morgan will accept our best thanks for a most delightful evening, and that he will come and see us again.

Incidentally it is to be hoped that the sight of such slides will rouse up a desire among the many amateur photographers of the school to go and do likewise. It is not so many years since a Camera Club existed in the school, and there must be at the present time many boys who do not play cricket, and who would be glad of a hobby to ride occasionally on a summer's half-holiday. We can scarcely hope to produce such artistic work as Dr. Morgan's, but we may learn to appreciate some of the beauty of our own country by the pursuit of such an interesting pastime.

### The Schoolboy of Divers Ages.

I WAS seated one day (No! gentle reader, not at the organ) before a "stodgy" work on Ancient Law, when my thoughts began to wander from the intricacies of that subject, and I mused on the schoolboy of times past. I saw in my musing the students of Greece and Rome as they reclined with eager mien at the feet of their instructor, yet, methought, these boys are none the better than the modern, for are they not led to school by a pedagogue carrying their tabulæ and papyri? Can it be that were they not so attended they would not arrive at their appointed destination, but unheedful of the call of learning would disport themselves on the banks of the Ægean Sea, and on the wharves of the Piræus, or tempt the fates with a worm and a bent pin cast in the tawny flood of Tiber? Then, with the rapidity of imagination, the scene changes to the lanes of our native land, and there I see "the whining schoolboy with

his satchel, and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school," as immortalised by Will. Shakespeare. Alas! still the same reluctance shown, and we wonder how long that pristine purity of countenance will remain.

I speed to the times of Charles II, not such an acrobatic feat as the first long bound. We can imagine a youthful Pepys writing up his diary at the end of an arduous day, with head on one side and tongue following the forming of the characters.

"Feb. 2.—Did rise at half-past seven by the clock, and did shave religiously for that I hope thereby to assist the growth of my moustache, cutting myself most horribly owing to the darkness of the morning. Did descend to breakfast and found the tea cold, and the toast, although burnt, yet cold also. Had donned my puce-coloured silk hose, my red plush shorts, my white satin waistcoat, and green ribbed silk coat, wherefore extremely chagrined on entering the school courtyard to receive a fearsome shower of snowballs, the snow lying thickly on the ground. Did pull master Danby, the chief aggressor, his nose, and was feeling better when the Pedagogue seized upon me, and did administer painful and humiliating chastisement, not being aware of the real facts of the case. Did manage for once to get through my tasks without punishment, and return joyfully homewards, whence did go with my father to the play at Covent Garden."

From the stiff quaint language of the Stewarts we turn to the small boy of the Georges. I could see in the mirror of my thoughts the poor disconsolate little fellow in curious "concertina" hat with tassels, short round jacket, white frilled trousers, and strong broad-toed shoes, seated sorrowfully on the box containing the rest of his wardrobe, his stern-faced father striding impatiently up and down, waiting at the cross-roads for the coach that is to take him away from his home to all the cruelties of his first term at a boarding school.

My thoughts then turned to that picture of school life which every boy has read. That is, the book wherein the trials and triumphs of Tom Brown are told; a tale full of the struggle between "fagger" and "fagged," a struggle as important in its way as the struggle of the English nation for constitutional liberty.

The romance has perhaps in part gone out of school life. The journey to and from school is no longer made behind four spanking horses on the top of a lofty coach, but in a comfortable railway carriage at four or five times the speed. Yet, in the main, the changes that have been made are good. A youngster can now go to school without the fear of having his life made miserable by his fellows, and energies once devoted to the bullying of smaller boys are now turned to more manly ends in the form of sports and athletics of all kinds. Indeed, schooldays, next to the few years spent at the University should now be the happiest portion of a man's life.

## Games Reports.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL—CHRISTMAS TERM, 1899.

ONCE more the handsome Cup, presented to the School by Mr. Horsfall, has been won by the Upper Second Class. Since the Cup was given it has been played for nine times, the present holders being the only Form that has succeeded in winning it more than twice, and curiously enough it has never yet been held by the First Class.

On the whole, the Competition was more successful than last year, and better football was shown, especially among the Junior Forms, but there is still too great a readiness on the part of lower Forms to scratch matches for the slightest of reasons.

In the Senior Division the Upper Second team was one of the strongest there has been in League Competitions for several years. The remaining teams were about up to the average, with the exception of the Middle Third, who suffered from want of weight. They, however, made up in pluck for this deficiency, and certainly deserved more goals than the solitary "one" which rewarded their efforts.

In the Junior Division the Upper Fourth were undoubtedly the best team in, though they were nearly caught napping by the Lower Fourth, who played a drawn game with them.

A new feature appeared in this division, in the introduction of a second eleven from the Upper Third, which gave a good account of itself.

The Preparatory were not quite up to the average of past years, the players being distinctly on the "small" side; as usual they were extremely energetic and scored the annual goal.

Generally speaking the Junior Clubs played more dashing football than the Seniors; this was especially noticeable in the case of the Upper Fourth and Upper Sixth, whose attacks had any amount of dash, and, in the case of the former, good combination. Good goal keepers were conspicuous by their absence, and the same may be said of backs generally, excepting the Upper Fourth, whose back division should be heard of again.

The Competition was brought to an end by the match between the Upper Second and Upper Fourth. The Senior team fortunately had their full strength, while the Juniors were without their captain, A. S. McKenzie, and influenza claimed another member of the team. The ground was extremely heavy, but during the first half play was fairly even, the score being 3—0 at half-time.

In the second half, superior weight and combination told, and 4 goals were added, the scoring of the last being too much for the feelings of the Junior Form, who left the field. This was a most regrettable ending to the game, and an exhibition of bad form by losers which can only be accounted for by the fact that they were without their regular skipper.

The game thus ended in a win for the Upper Second by 7 goals to nil.

The teams were:—*Upper Second*—W. B. Hale, A. J. Sturgeon, W. H. Bird, E. J. Jones, Em. Jones, W. E. Jones, F. Oyley, S. Shepherd, H. S. Bell, H. F. Roberts, A. G. Smerdon. *Upper Fourth*—E. Hyams, S. Grundy, F. Flinn, F. Parkinson, W. G. Smith, D. Paterson, J. Clark, T. Lang, C. Grinrod, B. Masheder, H. Parry.

## LEAGUE RESULTS.

### SENIOR DIVISION.

Clubs.	No. of Matches				Goals	Pts.
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.		
Upper Second	5	5	0	0	31 3	10
Middle Second	5	4	1	0	21 7	8
Upper Third	5	3	2	0	12 8	6
First	5	2	3	0	29 17	4
Lower Second	5	1	4	0	9 20	2
Middle Third	5	0	5	0	1 48	0

### JUNIOR DIVISION.

Upper Fourth	7	6	0	1	35 7	13
Upper Third Second XI	7	4	1	2	12 10	10
* Upper Sixth	7	4	2	1	29 11	8
Lower Fourth	7	3	2	2	27 8	8
Middle Fourth	7	3	4	0	12 13	6
* Lower Third	7	3	4	0	16 15	5
Preparatory	7	1	6	0	1 44	2
* Lower Fifth	7	1	6	0	8 32	1

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL, 1900.

At a meeting of Form Captains held at the beginning of the term, it was resolved—"that the Cup be played for this term on the English Cup tie system."

But little progress has been made so far with these ties, on account of bad weather, and though the first round is all but completed, in two cases weather has affected the results. The Middle Second and Upper Third have each gained bloodless victories, as their opponents failed to turn up through stress of weather. As the ground was fit for play, and the above-mentioned teams were on the field waiting, the Referees had no choice but to award the match to those present.

In addition to the above.

Lower Third beat Upper Sixth, 6—0.  
Middle Fourth beat Middle Third, 5—1.  
First beat Upper Second, 8—1.

The second round is drawn as follows:—

First v. Middle Fourth.  
Middle Second v. Lower Fifth.  
Lower Third v. Lower Fourth or Preparatory.  
Upper Third v. Upper Fifth.

\*Lost a point through leaving posts out.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LISCARD HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was played on Saturday, 2nd December, in fine weather. A fairly representative team travelled from the Institute to Liscard; Collins and Thompson being absent. Their places, however, were filled by Browner and Heaps, who both showed up remarkably well. The Institute were on the whole rather heavier than their opponents, and so had a slight advantage. Toms won the toss, and at 3 o'clock Liscard started the game. The visitors, however, attacked strongly, and were soon trying conclusions with the opposing goalkeeper, who acquitted himself very creditably. The Institute forwards pressed continually, and after about ten minutes play, K. Mackenzie scored. After the re-start the Institute maintained their lead, and had rather the better of matters, Mackenzie adding another goal to the score. Half-time arrived—Institute, 2; Liscard, *nil*.

On resuming play, it was quickly seen that we were not to have as much of the game as expected, and Liscard assumed the aggressive from the start. Some good combination by their forwards enabled them to become dangerous round our goal, but they were not able to score, although they had some good chances. The Institute defence livened up considerably after one or two of these attacks, but the same cannot be said of the forwards. However, the ball was worked up the field, and some good shots were tried, but owing to the wet condition of the ground it was difficult both to run and shoot effectively. After some uninteresting play, a scrimmage in the goal mouth resulted in Hale scoring our third goal. Liscard, however, played well together, and had some very hard lines in not scoring. They remained in our quarters for a considerable time, but on the ball being cleared, our forwards gained possession, J. Mackenzie adding the fourth goal for the Institute. Full-time—Institute, 4; Liscard, *nil*.

## INSTITUTE v. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE A.

Played at Wavertree, Saturday, 13th January. The Institute had a good team out, while the "Varsity" had their usual 2nd XI, with the addition of two 1st XI men. Toms won the toss, and decided to take advantage of a strong wind which was blowing diagonally across the ground. Aided by the wind, the Institute forwards quickly took the ball into the visitors' half, but the shots tried were diverted by the wind. The University played with their characteristic dash, but were greatly hampered by the strong wind. Their left wing and centre combined well, but a good pass to the right was intercepted by Mr. Parkes, who proved a stumbling block to many good dashes. Hale, the Institute centre-forward got away, and parted well to Mackenzie, who tried a run, the resulting shot, however, going wide. The Institute defence was severely tested, and our opposing outside-left had several tries for goal. After a hard game for both sides half-time arrived with no scoring. At the

re-start the "Varsity" had the advantage of the wind, but did not use it sufficiently, and the Institute began to have some opportunity for scoring. This did not last long however, and the "Varsity" maintained their attack, often having good chances. Collins played a fine steady game in goal, and saved some very swift shots, but after about thirty-five minutes play was beaten by a low screw shot by the opposing inside right. The game was now practically over. Full-time score being, College, 1; Institute, *nil*.

## INSTITUTE v. LISCARD HIGH SCHOOL.

This return match was played on Saturday, 27th January, in uncertain weather. The Institute had rather a poor team, and our opponents had their ordinary complement of players. The game was rather slow, and matters were not bettered by the addition of a snow storm, closely followed by a heavy shower of hail stones. However, the game was not abandoned, and a fairly enjoyable time was passed. The Institute lacked their usual form, while Liscard seemed rather better, both in style and combination, than on their own ground. Full-time score being:—Institute, 4; Liscard, 2.

## INSTITUTE v. COWLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played on 31st January, in good weather. The Institute were well represented, and played somewhat better than on the Saturday previous, and were greatly superior in weight to their opponents. Full-time:—Institute, 7; Cowley, 1.

Owing to the wretched weather, very few matches have been played this term, and this is the more regrettable, as this is the term in which the school competes for the shield now in its possession. It is difficult to say with any degree of certainty what our chances are in the forthcoming struggle, as we have not played the College for some time. We have three players left from last year's shield team—Toms, Stuart, and Thompson—and there is no doubt that these three are the backbone of the team. Ashe, our outside right, has left the school; but Paddock is likely to prove a worthy substitute. K. Mackenzie has played with the team in his position at inside left, but as he will be unable to play in the shield matches, his place will be taken by Rycroft, who has played right half often for the first eleven. The defence is very good, especially the halves, but the forwards will require some practice before the shield matches. T. Mackenzie, who has played left half during the season, will probably go forward. On his taking the position of outside left, Rycroft will be able to play in his rightful position as inside, and this ought to form a good left wing. W. Bird will fill Mackenzie's half back position; Stuart probably being centre half, and Toms (captain), right half. We may look forward to an exciting contest, and with the thorough support of the school, may hope for success. The probable team is:—Goal, Collins; backs, Thompson and

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Lumby; halves, Toms, Stuart, and T. Mackenzie; forwards, Paddock, J. Mackenzie, Hale, Bird, and Rycroft. Thompson, Lumby, T. Stuart, and Rycroft from the High School side; the others from the Commercial.

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