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Some Impressions of Liverpool.

EVERY great city possesses one or more features specially characteristic of itself, that is to say, features which so dominate the others that the mind of the visitor is at first entirely seized by them to the exclusion of everything else. In London, the imperative feature is the endless stream of people; in Paris it is boulevard life; in Liverpool, the docks. Of such characteristics as these, since they hold the minds of all visitors alike, I do not propose to speak. For this reason, I pass over the Landing Stage, magnificent triumph of engineering though it is, contenting myself with the statement that there would be five millions of grateful people in the capital if a similar structure were erected somewhere between Greenwich and the sea.

It is astonishing to note how quickly the novelty of an innovation wears off, even if it is based upon a splendid and hard won victory over the secrets of nature. As we sit in the train that conveys us two hundred miles in four hours we do not talk of the wonderful service steam has rendered to man; we pull out our watches instead, and declare that we shall write to the directors of the company to point out to them that this is the third time in the year that we have been five minutes late. The telegraph, the telephone, the cinematograph, no longer stir us to admiration; we merely grumble at the breakdowns of the one, the waiting for connection of the second, the troublesome eye effects of the third. It did not surprise me, therefore, to learn, from the conversation of passengers upon Liverpool's electric cars, that the thought uppermost in their minds was, not the remarkable convenience of the new system, but its overcrowding. The Londoner, still patiently enduring the horse tram and the 'bus, would make light of this overcrowding if he could only obtain its accompanying saving of time—until he had obtained it. However, such grumbling is healthy, since it makes for improvement. It is a manifestation, as unconscious as lowly, of that discontent we are told is divine.

The south-country man, unused to stone "sets," cannot fail to remark Liverpool's street paving, its cleanliness, durability, and—din. London has a ceaseless roar; Liverpool a ceaseless rattle. The one is awe-inspiring, since it brings to the mental vision the picture of an infinite multitude and a colossal traffic, but it is not without a note of the rhythmical; the other also inspires awe, but chiefly through a constant succession of shocks. The one is a note, the other is a noise. Moreover, despite the cleanliness of most of

its streets, Liverpool is exceptionally well provided with dust and smuts. A short residence here enables one to discover the origin of the landlady's inveterate hatred of opening her windows. I do not presume to decide upon the source of this particle-charged atmosphere; it may be steamers, it may be undesirable neighbours, it may be cosmic; but there it is, and it is a nuisance.

While on the subject of streets let me mention two classes of people to be seen in them, who have caught my notice. The first is the apparently large number of the maimed and the deformed. The percentage of these unfortunate people may not be higher than that of other ports, but they seem to be more frequently met. At the same time, the provision made for them gives the impression of being more ample than usual, even for England. I do not know any town that has struck me as being so well equipped with hospitals, refuges, and homes of all sorts. The charity of Liverpool would appear to walk her streets *pari passu* with the increase of her cripples.

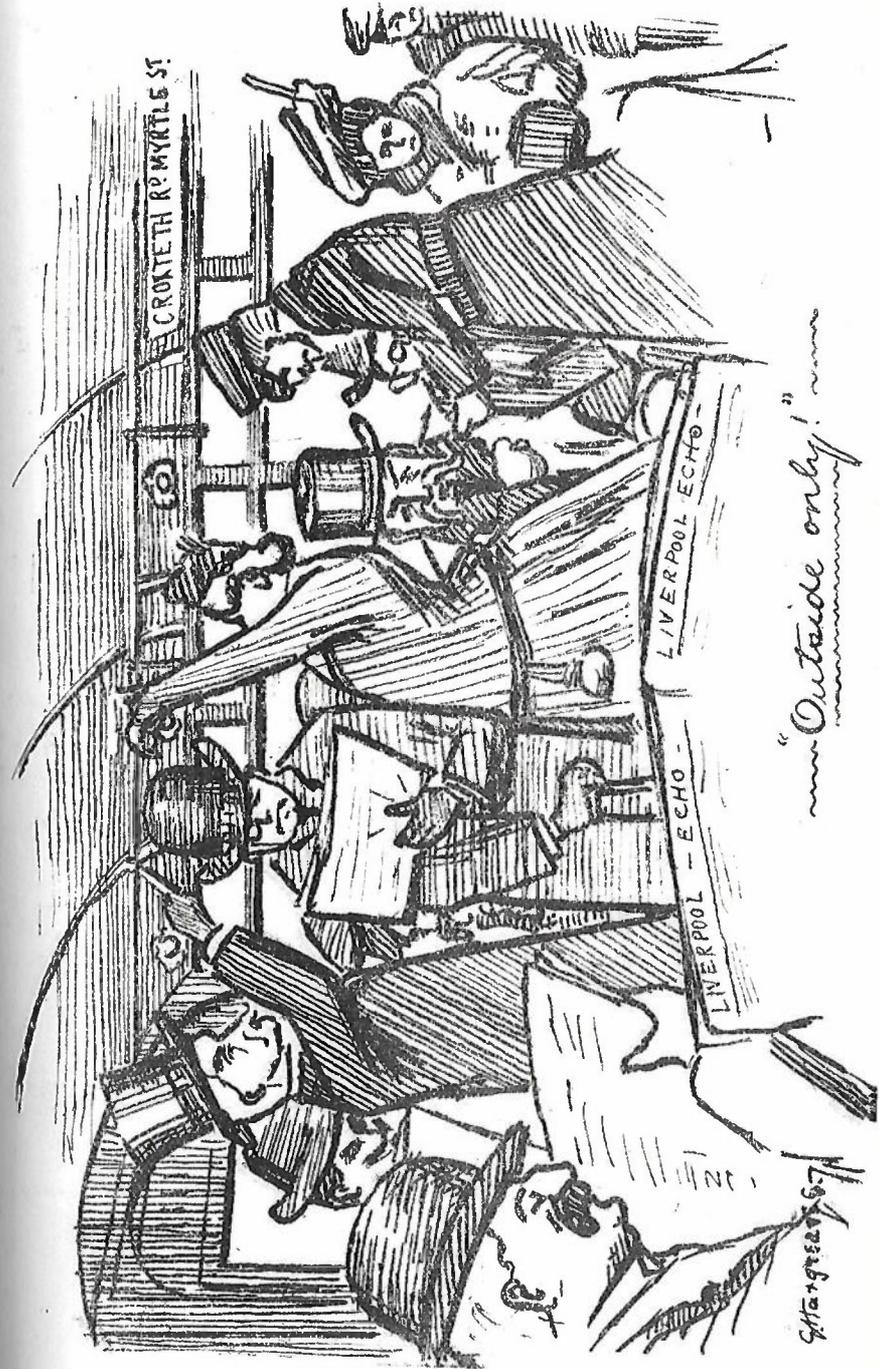
The other street sight to which I wish to allude is that offered by the salt vendor. There is, I believe, a legend that salt was once dispensed in London from barrows, but these have now withdrawn into the world of memory. In Liverpool, not only is the barrow still in vigorous youth, but one's eyes and ears grow accustomed to the man who bears three or four solid slabs of the second of our necessities elegantly poised upon his head. On the other hand, Liverpool is innocent of the muffin-man.

North-country towns have the reputation of being well provided with "tuck" shops, and Liverpool helps to bear out the belief. Tea rooms evidently flourish here, and with reason, for their quality is high. From these I am led by an occult connection to music, the lover of which is exceptionally well catered for. The concerts given in the Philharmonic Hall will hold their own with the best in the land. So will their price.

Busy hive of commerce though the city is she can yet find time for the painter's art. It is no slur upon her to say that one's first impression of the Autumn Exhibition is one of surprise. And I am informed it is, if anything, below the average this season. The statement brings with it a faint echo of a remark occasionally heard within the walls of the Academy.

The condition of secondary education seems to have aroused a general discontent which is of happy augury for the future. The educational system of one century does not meet the wants of its successor. How clearly this is realised here has been recently shown by the memorandum presented to the Technical Instruction Committee of the City Council, which, for insight into the needs of the city's secondary schools, could with difficulty be surpassed. If this indicates the spirit of the council and the city itself, education has little to fear in the near future.

Let me close the tale of these disjointed impressions by a mixture of praise and grumbling. One of the best—and worst—things about Liverpool is its golf—best, because its links are splendid;



worst, because of their expense and of the difficulty of getting into many of the clubs. In other parts of the country it is possible to play golf at a moderate cost, but here it seems a condition that one should have held shares in the late White Star Company. In this, however, as in many other matters, Liverpool approximates to London; in other words, she strikes a note of non-provinci-ality. The note would be yet more clearly heard if she had her own native firm of publishers. A city of such varied and vigorous life demands such a firm.

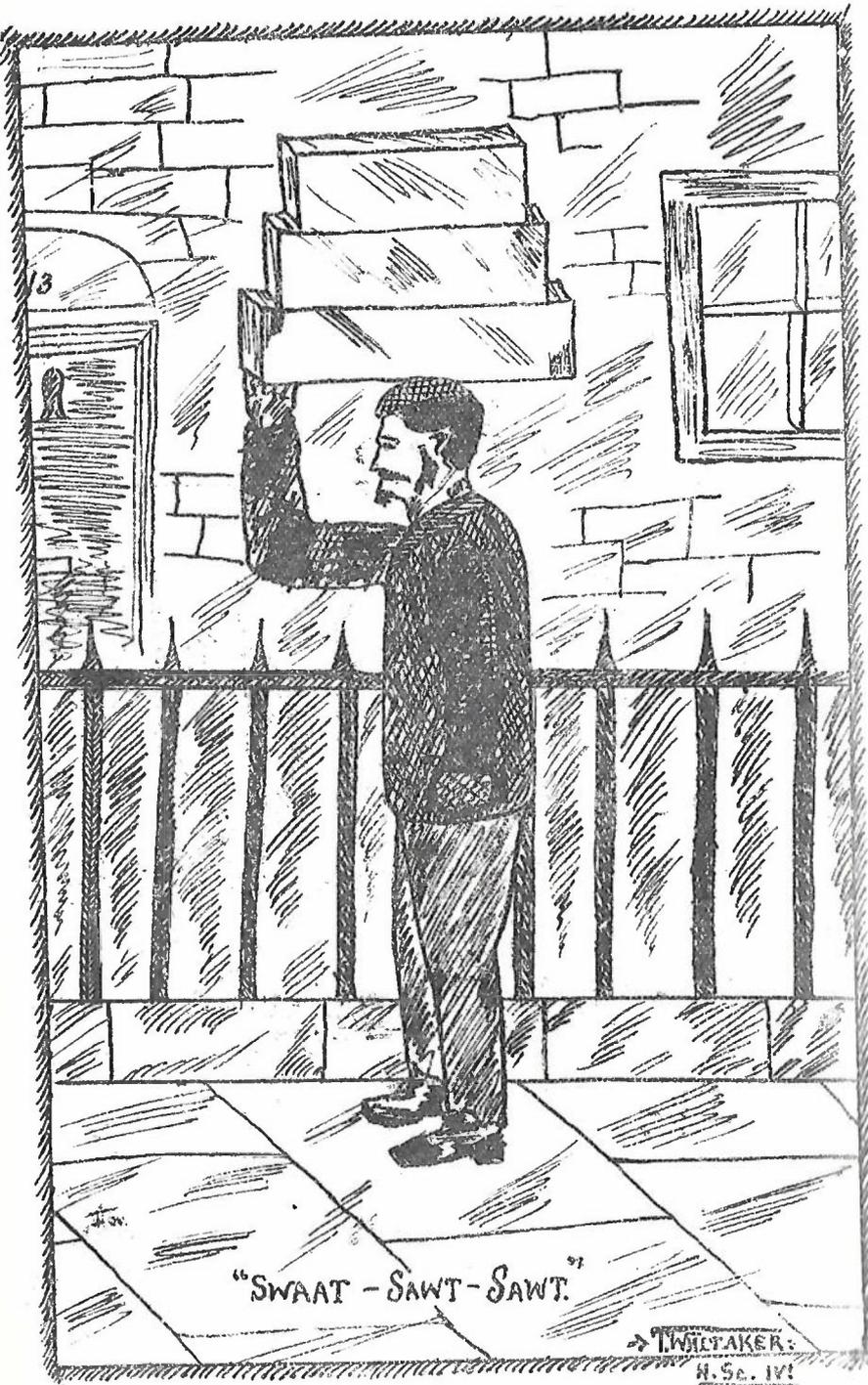
The Prize Distribution.

THE Annual Distribution of Prizes and Certificates (gained during the year 1901-1902) took place in the Lecture Hall on Friday, 19th December, 1902. There was a good attendance, the parts of the hall reserved for parents and friends being well filled. Old Boys mustered in good force, and, owing to the fact that the distribution was held later than usual, more "undergrads" were present than in recent years.

Mr. F. C. Danson occupied the chair, and the prizes were distributed by Mr. Austin Taylor, M.P. Among those present were Messrs. Alfred Holt, E. M. Hance, R. W. Ker, C. E. Stevens, P. H. Holt, B. W. Eills, J. Burke, S. B. Leicester, B. Howarth, W. C. Fletcher, M.A. (Headmaster), and Harold Whalley (Secretary).

The Chairman, referring to the Education Act, said that he welcomed it as a step in the right direction. He and his co-directors gladly accepted the closer connection with the municipality which the Act provided. He proceeded to refer to the work of the school. He said that the need for larger playground accommodation had made itself felt, and had led to an offer of the site now occupied by Sandon Terrace being made to the directors. This offer was conditional on the City Council agreeing to close Back Mount Street and Sandon Terrace, and granting them the ground on the same terms as that on which the site now occupied by the Institute was held. He did not doubt the willingness of the City Council to meet them in the matter. In conclusion, the Chairman voiced the hope of all those present that before long a charter would be obtained for University College, as the matter was important to the secondary education of the city.

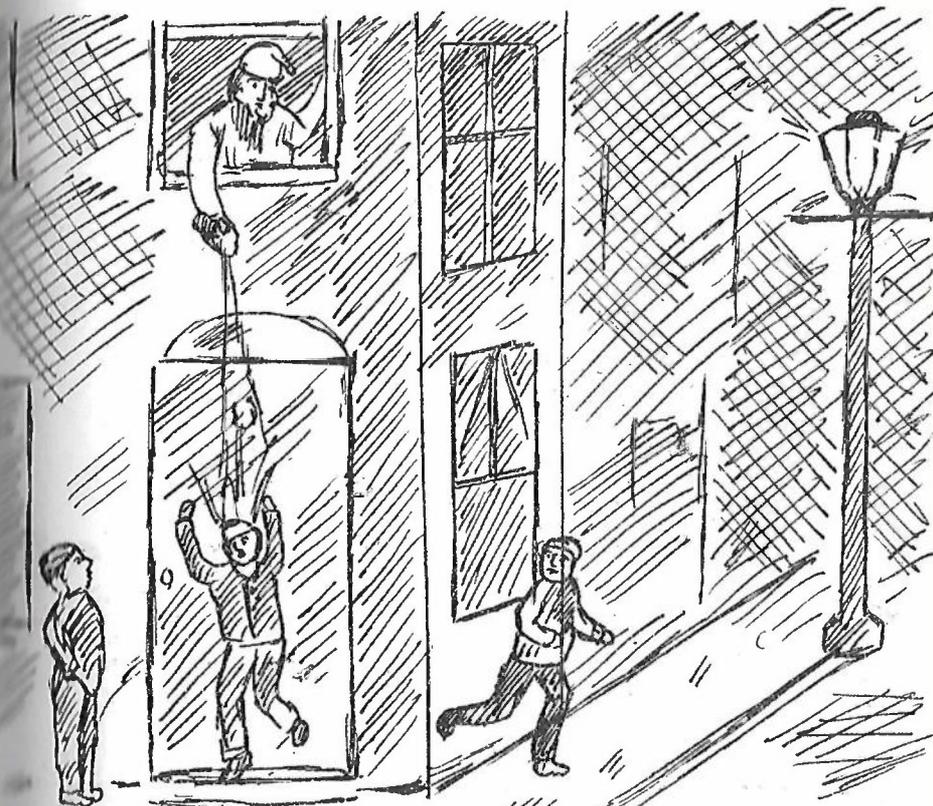
Mr. Austin Taylor, M.P., mentioned the vivid recollection which he had of a visit paid by the late Mr. Gladstone to the Liverpool College, Shaw Street, during his own schooldays there. The year, he said, had been chiefly memorable for two things, the close of the war, and the passing of the Education Act. The latter had been necessary owing to the widespread feeling that there was a paramount necessity for the co-ordination of the national system of education. The Liverpool Institute, he said, dated back for many years, the present site being first occupied in 1837, and was associated with such names as those of Lord Brougham and Mr.



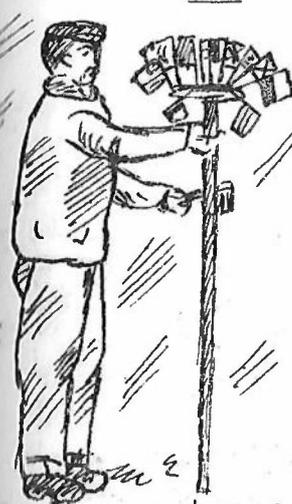
Huskinson. It was an indication of the dismal state of national education at the time that, in the county of Monmouth, of 11,000 children of school age, 8,000 had never been to school at all, and the remainder might as well have never gone as to the squalid hovels in which the teachers ought themselves to have been learners. The one qualification of a schoolmaster in those days was utter unfitness for every other occupation. After giving other statistics to show the amount of leeway that had to be made up in English education, the honourable gentleman drew a contrast between this melancholy picture and the enlightened conduct of the Pilgrim Fathers, who required every village of 50 houses to appoint one teacher, and every village of 100 houses to set up a public grammar school. Could they not put their finger on that and say that the progress of the United States was due to the prudent policy of those colonists? The Education Act was a proof of awakening interest in such matters. It provided that the municipality should utilise and encourage those secondary schools which by past service and present efficiency proved worthy of support. Among such schools none had better claims on the municipality than the Liverpool Institute. The real work of the new authority would be the provision of a ladder for boys of promise from the primary to the secondary and university stage. He hoped that under the new conditions such nurseries of sound learning as the Institute would flourish and exceed even the usefulness which had so honourably marked their usefulness in generations gone by.

The Headmaster then gave his report of the year's work. He spoke of the steady progress evinced by boys who had left for the Universities, and referred to the fact that J. E. Wright had won the Smith's Prize at Cambridge, whilst P. J. Rose had passed fourth in the Civil Service Examination for first division clerkships, and had been appointed to the Scottish Office. Continuing, Mr. Fletcher spoke of the uniform success of other former Institute boys now at the universities, Jenkins and Lodge at Cambridge, Turner at Oxford, and Pratley, Schnittlinger and Watkins at University College, which latter, he said, all hoped would soon be the University of Liverpool. Mr. Fletcher thought that he might fairly claim that the normal output was good. He had met a good number of Old Boys at the meetings of the Old Boys' Union, and had been much struck with their steady improvement on leaving school. It was claimed that the Institute was not merely a school for honours boys, where the others were left behind, but they devoted themselves to maintaining a good general standard. Mr. Fletcher referred to the work of the Cadet Corps, especially as a means of keeping up the connection with boys when they have left school.

He then touched on the state of higher education. He said that ten years ago higher education was scarcely thought of. But the memorandum of the Technical Instruction Committee had been an admission on the part of the City Council of their responsibilities in the matter. The higher schools of this city were unworthy—so were the majority of city schools in this country. It was only



12 P.M. CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS



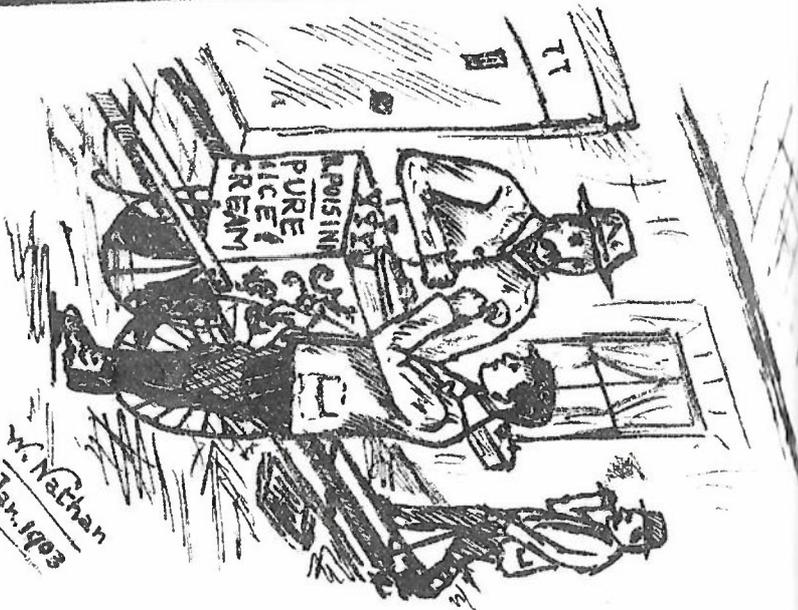
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natural that it should be so when the governing bodies of many schools met but once a year to receive a solemn report from the headmaster; at others, the governors were often at loggerheads among themselves. At the Institute, however, it was different. The school owed much to its directors. Some had given generously of their money—all of their time. Yet, at the Institute, it cost £10 per annum to educate a boy in the Commercial School, £15 per annum in the High School. Municipal help was urgently needed if secondary education was to develop. It was idle to deny that the breeze of which the Duke of Devonshire spoke meant money, for money was undoubtedly necessary. In conclusion, Mr. Fletcher said that after all the master could not do every thing for a boy. His character was made or marred more by his leisure than by the time he spent in school. He urged parents to interest themselves in the tendencies of their boys' minds, to observe what they turned to in their leisure moments. Much of a boy's time at school was wasted because he was educated without regard for his future. A geranium was treated differently from a chrysanthemum, and a turnip differently from either. Therefore he begged them to interest themselves more in the home life of their boys.

Mr. Austin Taylor then distributed the prizes and certificates.

Mr. Philip Holt proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor. In the course of his remarks he referred to a statement of Mr. Justice Walton to the effect that the object of St. Francis Xavier's was to bring up boys in the Catholic faith. Mr. Holt repudiated the idea that a splendid educational institution like the one named existed for the purpose of making good Catholics. It existed for the purpose of education, and he was sure that his friend, Father Hayes, would bear him out in that statement.

Mr. C. E. Stevens briefly seconded, and the resolution was carried with applause.

PRIZE WINNERS.

High School.—Advanced Commercial Class—Brown, A. W.; Form V—Middleton, R. W. T.; IV₁—Veitch, A. G.; IV₂—Pierce, W. H.; III—Quilliam, H. M. T.; Form II₁—Book, A. D., Withers, G. A.; Form II₂—Church, G., Bell, W. A., Macpherson, B. W.; I—Hamill, V.

Commercial School.—Class A—Hughes, W. J., Gourley, H. J. F.; B—Wilson, D. A.; 2¹—Livsey, E. M., Cornes, W. J.; 2²—Mill, F. W.; 3¹—Bagnall, John, Latimer, H. A.; 3²—Hewson, W. J., Thomson, D. H.; 4¹—Jones, F.; 4²—Phillips, W. H.; 4³—Miller, R. T.; 5¹—Williams, T., Hill, J. W.; 5²—Morgan, A. McN., Brittlebank, A. E.; 6¹—Jones, R. Price, Muir, Edgar; 7¹—Taylor, R. C.; 7²—Lipson, H.; 8—Turner, R. H.

Integer vitae, scelerisque purus.

IT is but little more than a year since we recorded the retirement of Mr. B. Francis from his post as assistant master in the High School. We then mentioned that he was suffering from a painful affection of the heart. Enduring pain with patient fortitude, except for his complete prostration after an attack, he gave little token of his precarious condition. For the last few months, as the intervals became longer between successive attacks, he even inspired the hope that he might outlast them. He was, however, growing gradually weaker; the inevitable hour was approaching, and he passed peaceably away during the forenoon of the 13th instant.

Mr. Francis has been an almost life-long teacher. On the conclusion of his apprenticeship at Macclesfield, he entered the National Society's Training College at Battersea, in the year 1858. Having completed his period of training, he held several situations with credit to himself and benefit to those whom he taught, till, on leaving St. Olave's Grammar School, he came to the Institute about 33 years ago.

His work here was most highly appreciated, and when the news of his death spread in the Institute, there was an universal expression of sorrow. Immediately a movement was instituted that both masters and boys should endeavour to pay some last respect to their old colleague and teacher. Floral wreaths were sent, and deputations of masters and boys appointed to attend the funeral. The Headmaster led the school, accompanied by three masters who had known Mr. Francis longest, and two boys from each of the classes which had been under his instruction. This expression of regard on the part of the boys was especially gratifying to the family of Mr. Francis, as it came not from one or two, but was participated in by all the boys who had been his pupils.

The funeral service was conducted by Rector Stewart, of West Derby, assisted by two other clergymen of the parish, partly in West Derby Parish Church, and completed at the graveside in West Derby Cemetery.

The quiet reverence of the service, and the numerous tokens of respect and esteem for the dead, were deeply impressive, and formed a fitting close to the life of a faithful and good man.

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Liverpool Institute Old Boys' Union.

THE second "Smoker" of the season, 1902-3, was held on Friday, 12th December, at the Rumford Street Café. A very good muster of Old Boys was present, and several masters, the Headmaster being in the Chair.

An excellent programme was provided by members of the Union, but space will not allow us to mention every item. Mr. H. J. Heasley again contributed three or four good songs, and Mr. Nixon roused great enthusiasm and much amusement by his rendering of "Sandie McCluskie," "The Irish Fire Brigade," and "The Coster at a West End Dinner Party." Selections from the *Mikado* were sung by Messrs. Rose and F. R. Parkes, while among other contributors to the evening's enjoyment were Capt. H. R. Parkes, Messrs. Watts, Gore, Harvey, and Allen.

A third Concert was held on Friday, 16th January, but owing probably to the attractions of skating, the attendance was not so good as on former occasions. In the absence of the Headmaster, Mr. Owen occupied the Chair. Mr. Nixon sang "I've bought the Coal," and for the inevitable encore we had "Sandie" again. Among others who helped to make the time pass pleasantly were Messrs. Allen, Glover, Gore, Harvey, Watts, etc.

An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem.

F. R. P.

I.C.B.K.L.R. Concert.

A CONCERT, in aid of the funds of the above batallion, was held in the Hall of the Institute, on Monday evening, 19th January. Owing to unforeseen important business engagements, Sir A. L. Jones, who was to have occupied the chair, was unfortunately unable to be present. The comparative smallness of the attendance did not do justice to the artistes, to whom the best thanks of the batallion are due for their assistance. What it lacked in numbers, however, the audience made up in enthusiasm, Mr. Santley, in particular, being accorded a tremendous reception.

With regard to the individual items, Mr. Santley in his rendering of "Thou art passing hence" and "Ruddier than the cherry" scored heavily. As an encore to the latter song he gave "To Anthea." His realistic "Simon the Cellarer" was also enthusiastically encored, to which he responded with "Here's a health unto his Majesty." Mr. Theodore Lawson charmed his audience in his usual style, while Mr. Thomas Barlow rendered his songs in his own inimitable manner. Both these gentlemen had to respond to encores. Miss Cregeen needs no praise, her recitation being especially enjoyed; and Miss Taylor sang in her usual graceful manner. Under the conductorship of Mr. A. R. Book the School

Choir sang a couple of songs in excellent unison. And lastly, Mr. F. W. H. Groom deserves great credit for his clever and artistic accompaniments.

Taken altogether the concert was an excellent one, and well deserving of a much larger audience. The thanks of those who were privileged to be present are due to the Cadet batallion for the opportunity afforded them of being so splendidly entertained. The programme was as follows:—

PART I.

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| 1. SONG | "Yo Mariners of England" | — |
| | LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE CHOIR. | |
| 2. SONG | "The Scent of the Lilies" | Cobb. |
| | MR. THOMAS BARLOW. | |
| 3. SONGS | { (a) "The Rosary" | Nevin. |
| | { (b) "The Land of the Roses" | Riego. |
| | MISS CREGEEN. | |
| 4. SONG | "Thou art passing hence" | Sullivan. |
| | MR. SANTLEY. | |
| 5. SONG | "The Spring has come" | White. |
| | MISS HERO E. TAYLOR. | |
| 6. VIOLIN SONATA | MR. THEODORE LAWSON. | Handel. |
| 7. RECITATION | "Dot Baby of mine" | — |
| | MISS CREGEEN. | |

PART II.

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| 8. SONG | "Good Night, pretty Stars" | Johnson. |
| | MR. THOMAS BARLOW. | |
| 9. SONG | "Dreams" (with Violin Obligato) | Strelezki. |
| | MISS TAYLOR. | |
| 10. RECIT. AND SONG | { (a) "I rage, I melt, I burn"— <i>Acis and Galatea</i> | — |
| | { (b) "Oh, Ruddier than the Cherry" | Handel. |
| | MR. SANTLEY. | |
| 11. SONG | "Buttercups and Daisies" | Cowen. |
| | MISS CREGEEN. | |
| 12. VIOLIN SOLO | Romance and Rondo | Wieniawski. |
| | MR. THEODORE LAWSON. | |
| 13. SONG | "Simon the Cellarer" | — |
| | MR. SANTLEY. | |
| 14. SONG | "Avenging and Bright" | Old Irish. |
| | LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE CHOIR. | |

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

We hope that the I.C.B. will benefit financially from the proceeds, and, in return for the great treat afforded us, we heartily wish them every success in the future.

F.R.P.



A cadet in drill order
Grant Longreaves

Chat on the Corridor.

WE learn from our contemporary, the *Sphinx*, that Mr. R. H. Albery, B.Sc., lectured last session before the Physical Society on "Light." The *Sphinx* speaks very highly of the lecture, which seems to have been very well received. Mr. C. G. Barkla, M.Sc., Oliver Lodge Fellow, was in the chair; so it appears that the Institute is much in evidence in the Physics section at University College. Mr. Barkla is lecturing regularly in the Physics department.

Mr. Brierley has a few copies of the circular which was inserted in the last number of the *Magazine*. He will be pleased to give a copy to any new boy interested in the illustration of this periodical.

It is the desire of the Editors to make this *Magazine* interesting to as wide a circle of readers as is possible or desirable for a school magazine to cover. Many boys have, there can be no doubt, good ideas by the score, by the adoption of which this *Magazine* might be improved in this and other respects. Their suggestions are therefore invited. It goes without saying that Institute boys have enough public spirit to contribute so much to the success of their paper without any prospect of reward being held out to them. At the same time it has been thought that zest and interest would be added if a competition were instituted. Two prizes, each of the value of 5/-, are therefore offered for the best suggestion, or set of suggestions, for the improvement of the *Magazine*. Name, school and form must appear at the top of the first paper. To insure a careful decision, two masters from each school (Messrs. Groom, Coxhead, Brierley and Bailey) have consented to assist in awarding the prizes. All entries addressed to the Editors, and left in the office, must be received not later than 22nd February.

We are pleased to announce that under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and the presidency of Mr. Fletcher, an Old Boys' Association Football Club has been formed, and we trust that it will become a permanency. Although not in any league this year, they are well supplied with combatants. The members wish to thank the following gentlemen for their generous assistance, without which the club must have been a failure:—Messrs. F. Danson, P. Holt, A. Holt, and Dr. Wild. We wish the Old Boys' A. F. C. every success in their future engagements.

Junior School Notes.

HIGH SCHOOL.

S. E. Walley and W. A. Bell having been promoted to the S. Lower Third, J. H. Evans and L. Roche have been appointed librarians in their stead. Readers are grateful to Walley and Bell for the trouble they took.



(MISIT HOMINES UT MARCUM OCCIDERENT) (ALICUIUS VIDENDI CAUSA)
HE SENT MEN TO KILL MARCUS FOR THE SAKE
OF SEEING
SOMETHING



(EST MIHI PRATER)
I HAVE A BROTHER



(GALBA DOCTUS PUISSE DICITUR)
IT IS SAID THAT GALBA WAS
LEARNED

Those who like chess and draughts are invited to come on any Thursday at 4.15 to the Upper Second's room, where these games will be played regularly for the greater part of the term.

Exhibition.

On Wednesday, 17th December, we held a modest little exhibition of hobby-work, which brought out very varied, and in some cases unsuspected powers. Better than the actual achievement though was the interest shown, almost every boy in the Junior School sending some example of what he could do with pen, pencil, paint, knife, or fret-saw. Some exhibits, and those by no means the least good, were fashioned with no other tool than the fingers. Boys who can employ their leisure in this way will not find time hang heavy on their hands, or feel hopelessly dispirited because the day is rainy.

Another reason for the success of the experiment was the interest taken in it by the parents, who, with their friends, came in such numbers that our preparations for receiving them turned out to be insufficient. Not that anyone appeared to mind the overcrowded state of the room, and the gathering was of an extremely pleasant and cordial character. Two of the parents—Mr. W. McQuie Green and Mr. W. Harris—very kindly drew up a list of those exhibits which seemed to them the best. We give it here:—

<i>Color Drawing</i> .. ..	..	W. G. Balmforth (<i>Exc.</i>)
<i>Colored Panels</i> .. ..	..	C. Eyton-Jones.
<i>Pencil Drawing</i> .. ..	..	V. J. Macartney.
<i>Pen and Ink Drawing</i> ..	..	L. Jennings (<i>Exc.</i>), R. A. Thomas.
<i>Fretwork</i> .. ..	..	H. E. Green, J. C. F. Strohmeier, B. W. Macpherson.
<i>Wood Carving</i> .. ..	..	P. C. Harris (<i>Exc.</i>), R. Shand, B. W. Macpherson
<i>Decorative Designs on China</i>	..	M. Mason (<i>Exc.</i>), G. A. Henderson.
<i>Modelling in Clay</i> .. ..	..	N. Tate, J. W. S. Boote.
<i>Photographs</i> .. ..	..	C. Jackson.
<i>Imitation Flowers</i> .. ..	..	C. Chuck.
<i>Collection of Coins</i> .. ..	..	B. Cook.
<i>Collection of Eggs</i> .. ..	..	H. E. Green.

While specially mentioning the above, we wish to add that all the exhibits showed considerable promise, and afforded the most convincing proof of the advantages of hobby-work at home, and of the fact that it should be heartily encouraged.

W. McQUIE GREEN,
W. HARRIS.

We all wish to thank these gentlemen for their admirable and careful selection, and especially for the sympathetic words with which they close.

After the inspection of the work sent in, a short Concert was held. There is no space here for the entire programme, but the following boys may be mentioned as having contributed solos:—*Piano*, C. Eyton-Jones; *Songs*, H. E. Green, G. A. Henderson, and C. Book; *Recitations*, H. P. Manton, J. C. F. Strohmeier, A. R. Shand, L. West, and S. E. Walley; *Violin*, M. E. Zeper. Mr. Groom very kindly accompanied throughout. The efforts of these

performers, as well as of the choir, were warmly appreciated. There was a very pleasant half-hour afterwards, during which the visitors, at the invitation of the Directors, discussed light refreshments and the events of the evening.

There will be a gathering of boys alone in the Upper Second room later in the term. No programme will be drawn up, but musical and other items will be welcomed.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

We have little to chronicle with regard to football matches. We played some few matches during the early part of last term, but from one cause and another, our football matches were very few for the closing weeks of term.

In a mild kind of way we have a good deal of football in the School playground. Thanks to Mr. Gore-Harvey, we have a very decent ball, and although it does happen to be a Rugby one—well, that is the merest trifle. The trouble is that the ball sometimes makes excursions, if not *over the garden wall*, at anyrate over the playground wall. Then we all have somewhat anxious moments, because many balls have gone that way and have never come back, while we've "been left lamenting."

We have recently had some substantial additions to the Library, and we now total over 150 books. Just before Christmas we added five books which were purchased by the Library fines. The catalogue has now been brought quite up to date, thanks to Mr. Malkin, and can be had from the Librarian. We would like to impress upon every boy the great opportunity that the Library offers him of getting a respectable amount of good healthy literature for the long winter evenings. Many avail themselves of the privilege; but there are some boys who, we believe, have never read a book through in their lives.

Preparatory boys, and boys in the Commercial School generally, will be glad to know that Mr. Turner, a former master in the Preparatory School, has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Durham. The ordination took place in Durham Cathedral, on Sunday, 21st December. Mr. Turner was afterwards licensed to the curacy of Howorth. We feel sure the good wishes of every former pupil will go with him in his new vocation.

As the result of some enquiries in the matter, we find that many boys turned last Saturday's holiday to good advantage, and skating and sliding were quite the order of the day. The majority seem to have patronised the lake in Sefton Park, but a few went further afield, and mostly to Sefton Meadows.

We are trying to organise a Football Team this term, and hope to be able to play a few matches with other classes.

Camera and Field Club.

THE last afternoon excursion of the autumn was to Ince Blundell in order to meet the wishes of several members who were anxious to secure a good negative of the picturesque gateway leading to the Hall. In addition, a bit of lane close by, and the old mill at Crosby, were responsible for halts, and as the afternoon was a typical one for the season, good results were obtained.

Towards the latter part of the term, three Wednesday afternoons were spent with the enlarging lantern. The majority of prints turned out highly satisfactory, but in cases where smaller prints were spoiled as photographs, either by under or over exposure, they need not be thrown away, since at leisure they may be worked up and used to illustrate the pages of this *Magazine*. One at least appeared in the last number.

The annual exhibition was held at the end of November. The number sending in exhibits was disappointing, and even many of the prints submitted shewed lack of care and taste in toning and mounting. Some hints on toning P.O.P. will be given shortly. Prizes for the best collection were awarded to A. G. Wands and Calvert, and for the best photo. taken on a club outing, J. Tyson and T. Whitaker gained first and second.

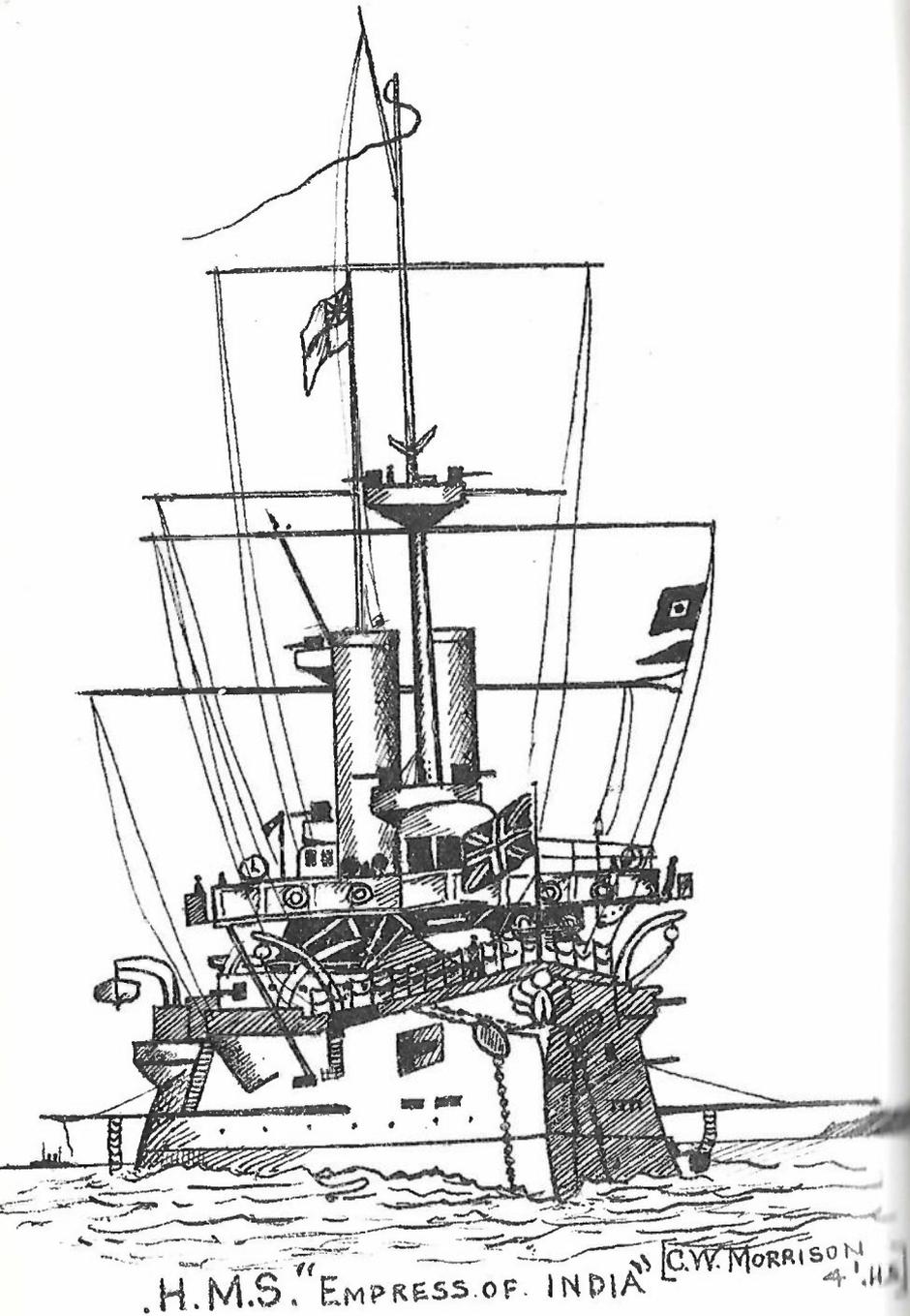
Advantage was taken of the Christmas holidays, and a day excursion was arranged for the first Saturday. A start was made at 10 o'clock from the Central Station to Bebington, where we were joined by Mr. Goodwill, who acted as guide through the Bebington lanes and on to Storeton. Bits of winter landscape were taken on the way, and as the day was fine, everyone was in high spirits, so that before reaching Rock Ferry on the homeward journey another full day trip was agreed upon. This time the meeting place was the Exchange Station at 9.30, the destination being Kirkby Moss. The morning was bright and frosty, and profiting by the experience gained on the former occasion, each luncheon packet was much larger. From Kirkby Station, a walk of two miles or more brought us to the edge of the Moss, where nearly three hours were spent exploring, photographing, and taking lunch. The afternoon was not quite as pleasant as the morning, a keen wind with sleet driving in our faces made us not sorry when the station came in sight, but no one appeared any the worse for the exposure to the severe weather in a district without any shelter. Perhaps the same ground will be gone over during the summer, when it may be possible to compare the two excursions under extreme climatic conditions.

Games Reports.

FOOTBALL.

WEDNESDAY, 19th November, 1902. The first XI were given 4th period off to catch the 12.30 boat for Seacombe, and arrived in West Kirby at 1.15. The team divided, some going for a





walk, and the others for refreshment. A little before two we left West Kirby for Calday Grange. Dixon lost the toss, and the Institute kicked off at 2.45. The game was rather fast, first half; Calday's two masters, as centre half and right back, doing little to keep our score low. The slope going across the field gave neither side an advantage, and as a strong north wind was blowing, the ball was kept fairly well in the centre. The Institute led at half-time with a score of 2—1. When the teams lined up again the play was none too quick, and there were many fouls given against the visitors. The ground was rather slippery and very hard. Kennaugh's play was not wholly appreciated by one of Calday's players. We came out the victors by 3 goals to 1. When returning, we had just got on the highway when the genial driver of a stiff-cart offered to take us into West Kirby. We gladly accepted, and were in the cart in a very short time. A member of the team chanced to remark that he would like to catch an early train, and the driver at once put the horse into a run. As the driver was not as sober as a teetotaler would have been, he lost control. The horse bolted, and the team moved forward into the front of the cart. As the chain across the horse's back had come undone, the weight was thrown on its neck, and it stopped as suddenly as it had started, on the top of the hill that suddenly dips down into West Kirby, leaving us among the mortals to play again for the Institute. Half the team got out and walked down the hill, thinking it safer to walk than be behind that horse; but you could not have wished for that horse to have behaved better. Part of the team went home by an early train, the others had tea and started home in the 7.30 train, having spent the most enjoyable and most exciting day of the season.

November 26. Manchester Grammar School met us on our ground. The game started at 2.45, Manchester giving our team some work to do. Our defence was a credit, and our forwards tried hard to keep their ground. Our goals were good, and showed up some of the finest play of the season. In the second half Jennings tried hard for a goal, but the Manchester goalkeeper unfortunately injured him, breaking his collar bone. After trying hard to keep up for a time, he retired. The game closed with a score of 5—2 for Manchester. The teams came down on the car after the game, and had tea in the tuckshop.

December 3. The Institute team crossed the river to Rock Ferry, to play H.M.S. *Conway*. When we were dressed we were told that the match ball had gone to be blown up, and shortly after three it returned, a little the better for its adventure. The teams carefully waded to their places, and, with the whistle, the fun—it was not football—began. *Conway*, used to being on the water, were safe enough on their feet, but our poor team were at sea; when they had the ball they would make a spurt, and—fall. The first goal was scored by *Conway*. When the ball had been centred, *Conway* rushed down upon our goalkeeper, and would have scored had not H. Probyn, taking a run from in goal, kicked the ball well

into the centre of the field. A little later the captain kicked the ball—luck was with us—it was raised by the wind and curled round Conway's goalkeeper, giving us our first goal. Rumjahn scored well soon after, giving us the lead at half-time with 2 goals to 1. The second half was less interesting, our team keeping their feet fairly well. In a rush on our goal, H. Probyn rubbed noses with the ground. Conway's fellows were bigger than our team. Our goal had some very narrow squeaks, but the game closed to our credit, the score being 4—2.

Saturday, December 13. The postponed game with the Junior Customs team was played off on the affixed date. The Institute had a very poor team, and a very poor game. The Customs won by 5 goals to our 2.

December 17. The Institute met Wallasey Grammar School at Wallasey. We had a very poor reception, but made the best of a bad job, beating Wallasey by 4 goals to 1.

RESULTS OF FIRST HALF OF SEASON.

Matches Played	.. .. 11	Goals For	.. .. 44
" Won	.. .. 7	" Against	.. .. 23
" Lost	.. .. 3		
" Drawn	.. .. 1		

GOAL LIST.

Player.	No. of Matches played in.	No of Goals scored.	Average percentage per match.
S. Jones	.. .. 7	12	.. 1.7
P. Probyn	.. .. 2	2	.. 1
E. Jennings	.. .. 9	7	.. .8
J. Frank (Sub-Capt.)	.. 10	6	.. .6
Pickering 6	3	.. .5
Rumjahn 11	5	.. .5
Thornton 8	3	.. .4
M. Dixon (Capt.)	.. 11	3	.. .3
W. E. Davies 5	1	.. .2
H. Probyn 10	2	.. .2

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