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## Scenes from a Cotwuncher's life in the North West.

IT was about the 7th of last August when I went out to the Savasseberry Creek to work for Jack Houston. The rest of the boys had gone out a day or two before. The ranch was about as much mismanaged as possible. The foreman, who was a nephew of old Jack's, was too young and inexperienced to run the gang there. He was a nice lad in other respects, somewhat too long though, 6ft. 3ins. in stockings. "Long, cold, and hungry" was what we called him. Freeman Bell was his name as given him in his baptism. Dick Scott, Sammy—, Erny Freeman, Harry Richardson (Hank as we called him), and myself completed the gang. The weather was very unsettled, and rain fell every week for a short time, once falling very heavily for three days. We had a lot of young cattle just off the cars from the East before that, and they were herded towards home at nights. The corrals were on the other side of the creek to the house. On the morning of the second day of the flood, we found our foot-bridge washed away, and the raft also gone, the horses all on the opposite side of the creek, which, fed by many runs from the sloughs, had swollen into a veritable torrent, running as swift as a horse could lope. From posts drifting down we calculated she was going between 12 and 13 miles an hour, and was still rapidly rising. Some 40 odd head of cattle had drifted before the cold rain from the north into the corrals, and not daring to face the water, were unable to get out, as the upper gates were closed. They were standing in water nearly up to their bellies. Sam tried to scare them into rushing out by firing shot at them, but failed. At noon, the water was still rising, and old Jack had about made up his mind to lose the cattle, when Hank volunteered, if any would accompany him, to swim over and drive them out through the upper gates. Together we went and looked for a place to cross. After a short time Hank agreed to try it a few hundred feet above the corrals, and stepped out into the creek, making good headway until half-way over, when the full force of the current caught him, and though the whole width was little

more than 100 feet, it was about 200 yards further down he landed. When I saw the current sweeping him down, I went in after him, and thought that he must be playing out to go down so far, but, when in the grip of that ice cold and swift running water, I realised why he went so far before making the opposite bank. Just before I reached the far side cramp attacked me, and compelled me to turn on my back and kick my way in as best I could. Hank must have seen something was up, for he pushed a light pole out to me and pulled me in. After regaining our wind, we put the cattle out and ran after a slow going little pony until we cornered him up, and then, tying a lot of ropes on to him turned him into the creek, paying out the rope by hand, and following him down the creek until he landed. Then, when the boys got hold of the rope, we fixed up a raft, and tying it to the end of the rope, drifted across and ran to the house to try and get warm. For three days after, Sam tried to paddle across, but it was not until 6 p.m. on the third day that he managed to reach the far bank. Old Jack treated us well for saving his cattle, but I doubt if either Hank or myself could have been induced by a big bribe to cross again. During another flood, Bell and I were riding together rounding up the cattle, and came across some 35 head gathered on a small island and in danger of being starved there, as the ford by which they had crossed, "composed of light sand and gravel," was fast being washed away. After trying in vain to herd them off, we had to rope a few, and drag them over, and then the rest were easily punched across. It was about two hours later, when returning home, we noticed the sand bar was completely gone.

C. W. C.

### Liverpool Institute Old Boys' Union.

THE first Smoker of the 1903-4 season was held under new and very successful conditions, on Friday, 20th November, 1903, at the Junior Reform Club, Stanley Street. As was mentioned in the report of the Annual General Meeting, various changes in the carrying on of the Union were under consideration. Several of these have now been carried out, notably the location of meeting, the printing and arranging of the programme, and the fixing of a charge of one shilling to each smoker. The first smoker was well patronised, which augurs well for the future. There were over sixty present, amongst whom were many older boys, and a good pro-

gramme was presented. Mr. Owen occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. Fletcher, who was away in the United States as a member of the Moseley Education Commission. Mr. Owen referred briefly to the new arrangements, and expressed the hope that the Union, under these more promising auspices, would meet with the recognition of Old Boys far and wide. Mr. Owen put to the meeting, seconded by Mr. G. D. Watts, a resolution of the committee to be adopted as one of the rules, to the effect that those joining the Union within twelve months of leaving the Institute should pay as subscription 2/6 a year for a period of three years. This was carried *nem. con.* This brief business finished, a varied and evidently much appreciated programme was entered upon. Mr. Bailey gave us "John Peel," the chorus of which was heartily taken up by the whole assembly; Mr. Parkes humorously told us about a lady named Sally Brown; Mr. Trimston sang "The Postillion," to the enjoyment of his audience; then followed Mr. Gore Harvey in humorous sketches; Mr. Hill King with "Queen of the Earth," to say nothing of the chorus; Mr. W. Nickson who speedily had everybody convulsed with laughter at his funny songs and sketches; Mr. Lenton with a spirited "Border Ballad," then "To Althea," and yet another in the "Old Grey Fox;" Mr. Keenan with a Japanese Fiddle Solo, "The Broken Melody;" Mr. C. Lonsdale with humorous songs; and Mr. W. R. Long with a well chorussed "Maud."

All these gentlemen helped to sustain the interest and enjoyment of the evening. Mr. Work, assisted by Mr. J. J. Fletcher, did Trojan work at the piano, and their services were much appreciated. Mr. Owen called for thanks to the artists, and himself received a hearty vote of thanks for his chairmanship, after which he had to hurry away amid the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," to board an importunate train. The evening then terminated with "Auld Lang Syne," and finally, "God Save the King."

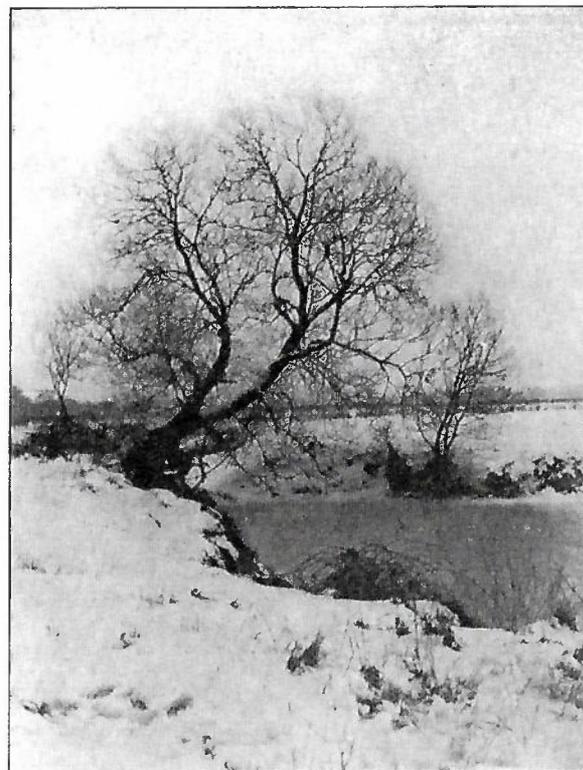
The Second Social Evening of the Union took the form of a Dinner, which it is hoped will be an annual event. It was held at the Junior Reform Club, Stanley Street, on Wednesday, 20th January. Mr. J. A. Owen was our Chairman, and Mr. W. C. Fletcher was the guest of the evening. There were about forty Old Boys present, amongst whom we were glad to see Mr. R. W. Kor, an "Old," Old Boy, as he called himself in an amusing and reminiscent speech. At a quarter to eight the diners fell to, and

soon the gastronomic business was in full swing, amid the buzz and hum of conversation and occasional popping of corks. At length the time of toasting arrived, and the toast of "The King," proposed by Mr. Owen, was duly honoured; then that of "Our Guest" was proposed also by Mr. Owen, the sentiments of whose speech were appreciated and endorsed by all those who had experienced the advantage of Mr. Fletcher's guardianship and tuition. Mr. Fletcher in replying gave us the benefit of some opinions on the American Education System, and compared it to the English system. He said that education in America is no party question, and is shackled by no paltry differences of political opinion. He also emphasized the advisability of carrying on the Old Boys' Union, and wished it every success, as a good and deserving work. We may remark in passing that none will feel Mr. Fletcher's departure for other spheres of work more than this Union. Since his election to the working post of Chairman of the Committee, at the first gathering of Old Boys in January, 1902, almost up to the time of his departure for the United States, he never ceased to take an active and living interest in the Union. Few meetings, indeed, have been held without him as Chairman. Only the inevitable deprived us of his valued presence.

Mr. R. W. Ker, whose family, by the way, was very well represented, no fewer than six of his sons being present out of seven who at various times attended the Institute, in a brisk speech told us of his schooldays also at the "old school" in the 40's and 50's, and gave us one or two amusing instances of doings in those days. The dinner concluded, the evening was given over to mirth and music. The thanks of all were due to Messrs. John Henry, R.A.M., H. F. Lenton, W. Nickson, David Quail and Roland Clibborn for their excellent programme. The last-named delighted us with a series of clever lightning sketches.

Messrs. J. Pickering, Jones and C. Work performed ably in the role of accompanists. Mr. Fletcher was obliged to leave rather early in the evening. After votes of thanks to the artists and the organizers of the dinner, the proceedings terminated. It is the intention of the committee to hold a smoker about the end of February. The Annual General Meeting will take place in March.

H. A. L.



WINTER SCENE NEAR ALLERTON.

PHOTO. BY S. WHITAKER.

### What on the Veridior.

THE Debating Society has been definitely formed, supplied with officers and a code of rules, and set on its first legs, so to speak. Some account of the preliminary gatherings, and of the two actual debates held up to the time of writing, will be found elsewhere. The attendances have certainly been gratifying. From the results of the voting one might conclude that the debates have been one-sided, to say the least of it; but some promising speeches were delivered on both occasions, *pro* and *con*. A certain amount of bashfulness was of course in evidence, but this seemed in most cases gradually to wear off as the speaker warmed to his subject.

To many "honourable members" the supreme effort of rising to their feet and publicly expressing their opinions on any subject, however congenial, seems embarrassing, alarming, almost stupefying. And, when the plunge has been taken, and the momentous words, "Mr. Chairman, hon. members," have been uttered, there is often a danger of clean forgetting what you intended to say, and coming to a most uncomfortable full stop. Often, too, after delivering your oration you hardly know how, you sit down again as if just wakened from a feverish dream; and gradually, remorselessly, the conviction dawns on you that you have indeed made a lamentable fool of yourself.

Such humiliation, however, though a bitter pill, can prove a very effective and salutary one. If there is any pluck and perseverance in you, you sternly make up your mind to fight down your nervousness and false modesty, to endeavour to keep all your faculties cool and alert, and to aim at making your few remarks lucid, concise, connected, and to the point—for nothing else is required if you have, in the first place, a reasonable knowledge of your subject.

There is no royal road to good debating. Yet continued perseverance will some day bring you to the conviction that in that last speech you really did express your opinions to your fullest satisfaction; and that you didn't break down. At last, like Mrs. Poyser, you have had your say out.

Mention of that inimitable character brings us to another topic. A Sixth Form Library has been formed: a little collection of some of the English literary classics; of masterpieces by George Eliot, Thackeray, Meredith, Robert Louis Stevenson, Carlyle, and others; also two works affording interesting side-lights on ancient Roman habits and customs—*Gallus* and *Charicles*; and also one or two translations of *Don Quixote* and Goethe's *Faust*. The volumes are in handy form, in that model of neat tasteful binding and general artistic finish, the New Century Library.

A welcome presentation has been made to the School Library by Mr. S. D. Hughes: *A Voyage Round the World*, by W. H. G. Kingston.



MONTPELLIER GARDENS, CHELTENHAM.

PHOTO. BY S. H. DAVIS.

We see that the Council of King's College, London, have appointed Mr. J. B. Dale, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Mr. Dale is an "Old Boy," who left the Institute in 1890. He was 6th Wrangler in 1893, and took a First-class in Part II of the Mathematical Tripos. We offer our hearty congratulations.

The reader is referred to another page for an account of the Dinner to the Head Master, and the "Old Boys' " Smoker.

### My Views.

(Reply to a correspondent).

Your letter, Sir, duly received,  
To answer I shall be most pleased;  
For I believe that truth and right  
Prove most effective in the light.  
So I affirm a "candidate"  
Should speak his views, not hesitate.  
You ask if I support "Our Joe;"  
I boldly answer that is so;  
At least, I mean to follow him  
If all the voters vote him in.  
If not, I'm open to conviction  
And can swear by Balfour fiction.  
Do not mistake my meaning, Sir,  
I only want to be quite fair:  
In philosophic doubt I'm cast  
As to which horse will come in last.  
And so I'm sitting on the fence,  
For neither has much common-  
sense;  
If both should chance to come in  
beat,  
Then will I jump from off my seat,  
Happy, content, to keep Free Trade  
Despite what either might have  
said.  
This is my answer to your question,  
My views are settled on Protection.  
The second query that you ask  
To answer is a harder task.

Do I support the magistrate?  
I do, that is, intend to wait,  
To think the matter out a bit  
And see which side will be worst  
hit.  
If Government is going to win,  
I'll stick to them through thick  
and thin.  
If not, I'll stump for opposition  
And start at once a temperance  
mission.  
I hope I've made myself quite clear  
On Compensation and the Beer,  
On Education and the rest  
Be sure my view is quite the best.  
I do denounce that awful Bill  
That is, at least, I think it will  
Prove saviour of our Education,  
Be beneficial to the nation.  
All war in abstract I despise,  
No nation fights if it is wise.  
But if our country wants to fight,  
I'll be the first to say its right.  
For I am born a patriot,  
And for myself I go it hot.  
I cannot answer more to-day  
Believe me, Sir, yours, honest

J.

## 1st Cadet Battalion "The King's" (Liverpool Regiment).

### 1ST ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

FOR the first time in its history, the 1st Cadet Battalion of the King's (Liverpool Regiment), has held a Public Prize Distribution, while, to make the occasion more unique, the chief magistrate of the city himself attended to distribute the prizes. The function was held in the hall of the Liverpool Institute, on

the evening of Friday, 5th February, and was an unqualified success. Owing to the generosity of the honorary colonel of the battalion, each company commander had a small sum of money to divide amongst the best members of his company, while some special gifts, medals, cup, &c., went to swell the prize list.

The commanding officer of the battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Pride, V.D., in opening the proceedings, gave a short resume of the history of the battalion, pointing out that it is a volunteer battalion—the junior one of the territorial line regiment—that it is recognised and encouraged by the War Office, except in the matter of a grant, so that the funds of the battalion were dependent upon the public. Colonel Pride also expressed a hope that he should see the battalion 1000 strong in a few years, and then called upon the Lord Mayor to distribute the prizes.

After presenting the prizes to the successful cadets, the Lord Mayor in a short speech expressed his admiration and sympathy for the work of the battalion, and said that Colonel Pride and his officers were deserving of the thanks of the community for their foresight and energy in carrying on such a work under such difficulties. While not holding out any hope of financial help from the City Council, his Lordship pointed out that the cadet company at the Institute would now come under the Council's management, and possibly, something might be done to help the battalion in that way.

Colonel Pride then called on Major Leslie, the acting adjutant, and Captain Osborne, the senior captain, to propose and second a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor. Colonel Crean, V.D., of the 6th V.B.K.L.R., supported this vote, and in his short speech, expressed his great admiration for the cadets, and said that recruits in the 6th V.B., who came from the 1st C.B., were always among the best men they had. Colonel Crean also expressed his surprise that the War Office could not give a small grant to cadets, and wondered how the 1st C.B., "The King's," had managed to keep its head above water.

The Lord Mayor in replying to the vote of thanks, remarked that he had been informed that the cadet battalion always marched to camp, whereas other volunteers went by train. He had no doubt, he continued, that this fact accounted for the continued existence of the battalion under the difficulties mentioned by Colonel Crean.

After a short interval, during which those who had been seated on the platform took seats in the body of the hall, a most interesting lecture, illustrated by lime light slides on "Life in the Royal Navy" was given by Major Archer, of the 6th L.R.G.A. (V). Some of the pictures were very good indeed, and gave an excellent idea of the conditions of life in our first line of defence.

After the lecture, the officers of the battalion entertained their own guests and officers from other corps in the dining room, which was specially arranged for the occasion. This brought a pleasant evening to an end.

The playing of the battalion brass band, for the half hour before the proceeding began, was very much enjoyed, several of their selections being exceptionally well rendered. It ought also to be mentioned, that D and E Companies provided a guard of honour of 40 cadets to receive the Lord Mayor, who expressed himself very well pleased with their turn out. The Lady Mayoress also was much interested in them, observing that they looked very workmanlike.

In connexion with the above, can any readers of the *Magazine* explain why the High School boys seem to have tabooed the cadet company? Up till August last, the High School supplied twice as many cadets as the Commercial School, but this term, out of 24 recruits, 19 are from the Commercial School and only five from the High. The Company at present is 54 strong, and 30 of these are Commercial boys. It is hoped to raise the strength to 80 in the next few weeks, and surely 16 High School boys can be found to join, thus making exactly 40 from each school.

At Easter, the battalion will carry out a week-end's training at Chester, while camp will be at Thurstaston from 23rd to 30th July. No cadet can take part in either of these unless he is efficient, and therefore it is better to join at once. No one who cares for out-of-door exercise will regret joining the corps, and as the shooting season begins soon, there is every reason for joining now.

### The Parley House.

*"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings cometh wisdom."*

READER, in thy daily passage to and from the locker room, supposing thou art (like myself) a visitant thereto, hast thou ever noticed a door facing thee on thy return. It is quite an ordinary door, has four panels, is supported by two hinges, and opens inwards as do most of its kind. Why, then, do I mention it? It is the portal of the Parley House.

Come with me, kind reader, and let us survey the mysterious room this door openeth into. Perhaps thou wilt exclaim on entrance, this is no different than the outside door, quite commonplace! Excuse me, it is not, and since thou canst not see its beauty, permit me to reveal its hidden charms. Seest thou that line of pictures on the right. There hangs the chivalry of England. Mark that one not far in. It is a picture of a queen, with mighty ruff, bulky proportions, supported by two small feet. There stands Elizabeth in all her queenly dignity and pride, her vanity, dissimulation, and conceit. What recollections of the days when Hawke sailed the seas, and Drake singed the Spanish King's beard does it not bring back, when man slew man for hate and greed of gold.

To the left, and further down the room, is mighty Wellington; fair Richard Burton; and a host of others too numerous to mention.

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Gladly would I spend an hour recounting their several virtues; but time is flying, so we must hasten with it. Note that curious thing all shiny black, revolving in a ponderous wooden frame. It is the teacher's canvas—the where he paints his pictures.

Situate at the extreme end of the room, mounted on a dais, and overlooked by a massive window, behold the seat of learning; the throne of justice; the symbol of power. Beneath its shade, and filling the body of the room, stand the benches of instruction with their yellow tops—not yet ripe enough for the carver—and, therefore, so much less interesting. Yet the very mention of the word doubtless brings back to many readers thoughts of the time when they, too, sat at the feet of the Rabbi, and, quaking, heard their names declaimed aloud, for what reason I leave thee to conjecture. Such, dear reader, is the Parley House, without the men who parley. Here, in this room, once every week, assemble forty eager youths. They have come to discuss some question, to vote on it, and (in their opinion), to settle the matter once and for all time. There is nothing too mean or petty for their great minds. They are ready to give an opinion on any subject in the ken of man. Verily, what can be more pleasing than to listen to some beardless stripling dictate to the ruling statesman his policy; or condemn, in fearless tones, some vice or ruling passion of the times.

Truly, oh, Institute! thou canst pride thyself on this society at least. Here in thy bosom, within the compass of four walls, may be sown the seed which shall evolve a second Edmund Burke. May the fates be propitious; may you have a long and prosperous career; may the Institute never be without its Literary and Debating Society.

SIGMA.

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### The Debating Society.

FOR some time past it has been thought that the institution of a Debating Society was both necessary and desirable. The leader in the idea, in fact, the instigator of it, was Mr. Coxhead. For whatever else we may be indebted to that gentleman, we are certainly much behoven to him for his happy idea. And now the ethereal thought has crystallized into active movement. We have formed a Literary and Debating Society. On the 18th of January last about forty members of the fifth and sixth forms met in Mr. Coxhead's room with this object in view. Naturally, the leader of the movement was appointed to preside over the assembly. It would be a piece of presumption on our part to attempt to criticise that leadership. We can only thank the gentleman for so ably leading us through the intricacies of an opening meeting. All present seemed very enthusiastic over it. We hope their enthusiasm will be sustained until the end of the session.

The following appointments were made:—President, The Head

Master; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Coxhead, Mr. Owen, and other Masters, W. W. Roberts, R. Middleton; Secretaries, R. W. T. Middleton, G. S. McNaught; Committee, W. J. Hughes, S. H. Davis, W. E. Gibbs, H. A. T. Smith, H. Goldberg and R. Cowell.

The second meeting of the society was held on 25th January, 1904, Mr. Coxhead was the speaker. In a few admirably chosen sentences he placed before the society his opinion as to the need, benefit, and conduct of a Debating Society. For some reason unknown to us, the Chairman then asked the society to discuss a proposal whereby each member was to read one "good" book. What this had to do with the subject of the debate we failed to see. Perhaps the Chairman will explain. However, the society graciously acceded to his request, and discussed the matter, but with no definite result.

1st February saw the society in a happy mood. At the request of the Chairman, the Hon. Member for Birri Birri moved "That Conscription is advisable." He contended that England needed a "second line of defence" capable of resisting any invading force. The Hon. Member for Muggleton rose to oppose the motion. He did not see the necessity for conscription, and argued that all men are not born soldiers. The said member seems to have a strong dislike for the barbarities of war. Who could imagine the Muggleton member marching with a musket? we cannot.

The Hon. Member for Middlewich intended to be humorous. We are glad to hear that kettle drums are really musical. We once thought differently.

Could the Hon. Member for Birmingham restrain himself a little? We fear he will strain his epiglottis if he indulges in such bombastic efforts.

Surely the member who wanted every man, woman and child to carry a rifle cannot be serious. If he is, we suggest a pop-gun.

This time the thin end of the wedge was "Volunteer Conscription." But neither this nor the original motion found favour with the majority; the motion being lost by 7 votes for, to 26 against. We congratulate all those who spoke on the show they made. We are, however, of the opinion that many who did not speak could have done, and ought to have done. Remember, England expects every man to do his duty, or at least to try.

W. J. H.

### Junior High School Exhibition and Concert.

ON Wednesday, 16th December, the Junior School held their second Annual Exhibition and Concert, which met with even more success than last year. The numbers in which the parents and friends of the boys attended made it very evident that the greatest interest was being taken in this new feature introduced into the Junior School by Mr. Coxhead.

The experience of last year was kept in mind, and this time the exhibition was held in Mr. Goodwill's room, where there was ample space for the visitors to walk around in examining the exhibits. The number, variety, and excellence of the latter excited much admiration. Indeed, the skill and artistic taste displayed in a great many cases showed that there was real talent among the boys, while the amount of patience that must have been exercised in making some of the articles was very striking.

Mr. McQuie Green again very kindly consented to draw up a list of those exhibits which were thought the best. The following is his report:—

"Again the parents and friends of the boys had the pleasure of viewing the results of their various hobbies, and, as requested, we offer a remark or two on the merits of the various exhibits.

"In *Painting*, Balmforth again takes the lead, but seems to have struck out in another direction. We miss his landscapes.

"In *Drawing*, Whitaker and Christensen stand foremost.

"In *Fretwork*, Strohmeier has produced a splendid clock; and Green shows very neat and careful work.

"Macpherson had a very interesting exhibit of *Coins and Medals*; and Dalzell is evidently a keen collector of *Post Cards*.

"In *Modelling*, Gibbon produced a good vertical engine; and in *Clay*, King with his artistic swan, and Symes with his cottage, show good work. The clay modelling is not quite equal to that of last year.

"A. C. Edwards gave a very pretty example of *Poker Work*.

"In *Carpentry*, Bell has produced a nice bookshelf; and Macartney a mysterious wonder, out of what would seem to have been an orange box.

"The *Tile Designs* were all good, and deserve mention.

"On the whole, the exhibits were very good, and we trust every boy will endeavour to beat his exhibit of the previous year. In *Drawing* we would always prefer to see original work in the place of copies.

"(Signed) W. McQUIE GREEN."

After the inspection of the exhibits, all assembled in the Lecture Hall to listen to a delightful entertainment given by the Juniors. The boys performed their parts admirably. Just before the commencement, the writer heard some remarks as to the programme being rather ambitious; but from the very first it was evident that the boys had not misjudged their ability, and at the close it was the general opinion that the concert could not have been better.

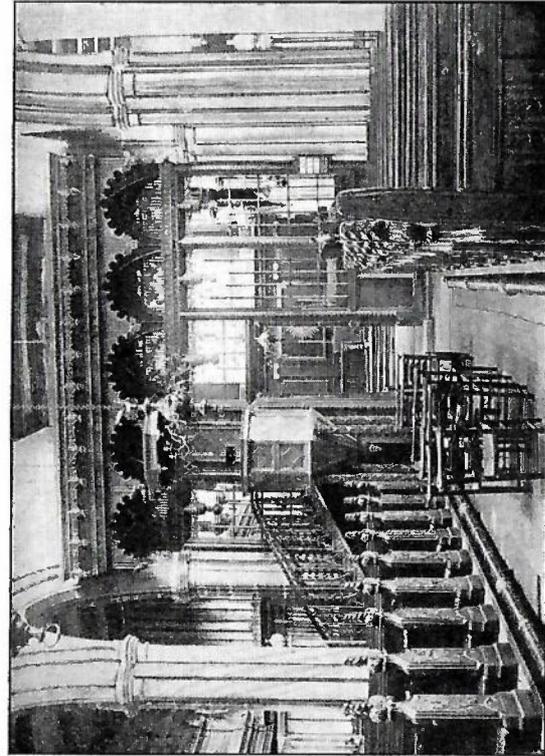
As to the individual items, it would be difficult to say which deserved the most praise. The violin solos and duet met with great applause. The songs were excellently well rendered, though, if we may be permitted to offer a little suggestion, in the case of the longer pieces it might perhaps have been an improvement if the choir had sung the choruses. The recitations also did not fall behind the general excellence, one of them, the "Death of

Marmion," being really dramatically rendered by R. C. R. Shand. We must not forget the pianoforte solos, which formed not the least enjoyable part of the programme. The contributions of the choir were, as usual, well received, though it was at a disadvantage through the unavoidable absence of Mr. Book, who was to have conducted them. Mr. Groom very kindly accompanied.

Two new items were introduced this year, some drill exercises—which were performed in excellent fashion—and the acting of the "Mad Tea-party" scene in *Alice in Wonderland*. The latter created the greatest amusement, the parts being played splendidly. No doubt Master C. H. Book would be highly insulted to hear it, but he makes an excellent girl. The squeaks of the dormouse were most realistic, and it was really delightful to see in flesh and blood our old acquaintances the Mad Hatter and the March Hare. We would, however, like to suggest, firstly, that if at the next performance there is a tea-table to be set, some of the sisters of the boys be invited to assist at the ceremony, inasmuch as some confusion was occasioned by the efforts of three or four youths to unravel the inexplicable folds of the table-cloth, serious doubts being entertained at the time as to whether the same would survive; and, secondly, that they be invited to assist also at the removal of the above table-cloth, inasmuch as it occasioned a slight shock to the audience to see all formality abandoned, and the aforesaid article unceremoniously bundled up and dragged out by the tail, so to speak.

Appended is the Programme:—

1. SONG .. .. "The Poacher" .. .. .  
LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE CHOIR.
2. PIANOFORTE SOLO .. "The Sailor's Dream" .. .. .  
W. PRIDMAN.  
J. G. CORFIELD.
3. RECITATION .. .. "Hohenlinden" .. .. .  
Campbell.  
L. WEST.
4. SONG .. .. "Won't you buy my pretty flowers?" .. .. .  
G. W. PERSLEY.  
G. A. HENDERSON.
5. VIOLIN SOLO .. .. "Selection from Tannhauser" .. .. .  
Wagner.  
R. P. ROBERTS.
6. RECITATION .. .. "Scots Wha Hae" .. .. .  
Burns  
C. EYTON-JONES.
7. SONG .. .. "Jack's the Boy" .. .. .  
L. Monckton.  
T. H. PATCHING.
8. VIOLIN DUET .. .. "No. 3" .. .. .  
Pleyel.  
H. W. ARGENT AND M. E. ZEPER.
9. RECITATION .. .. "Polonius' advice to Laertes" .. .. .  
Shakespeare  
S. WALLEY.
10. SONG .. .. "The Snowman" .. .. .  
Scott Gatty.  
C. H. BOOK.
11. PIANOFORTE SOLO .. .. "Waltz by Durand" .. .. .  
C. EYTON-JONES.



INTERIOR OF SEFTON CHURCH.

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12. RECITATION .. "The Death of Marmion" .. Sir Walter Scott.  
R. C. R. SHAND.
13. VIOLIN SOLO.. .. "No. 10" .. .. Mozart.  
M. E. ZEPER.
14. DRILL EXERCISES .. .. ..
15. .. .. "The Mad Tea-party" .. Lewis Carroll.  
(Alice in Wonderland).  
Persons Represented.
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| ALICE .. ..          | C. H. BOOK,     |
| THE MARCH HARE .. .. | V. S. HAMILL.   |
| THE DORMOUSE .. ..   | P. CHRISTENSEN. |
| THE MAD HATTER .. .. | R. C. R. SHAND. |
16. SONG .. .. "Song of 1813" .. .. Arndt.  
LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE CHOIR.  
"GOD SAVE THE KING."

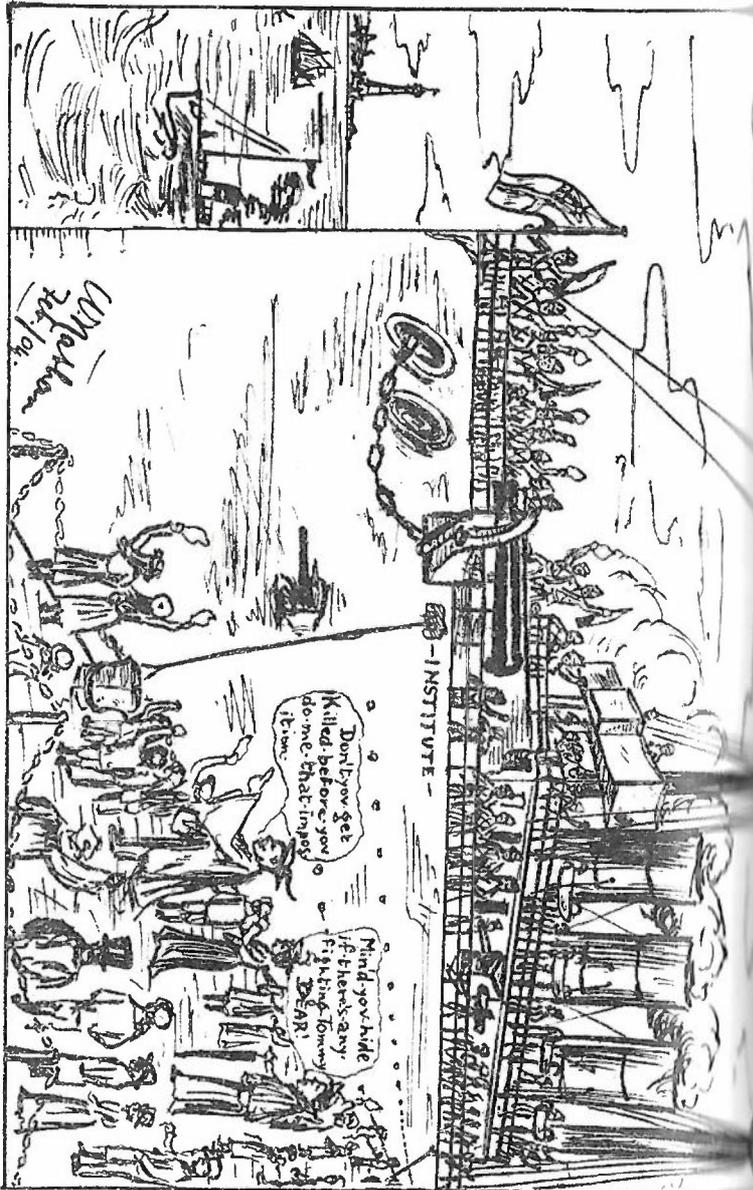
Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and we think it only right to say that, if the boys are to be congratulated on their performance, much more do they, and indeed the whole School, owe their best thanks to Mr. Coxhead for introducing this excellent innovation, and for his unremitting efforts to make it a success.

At the end of the concert, the visitors adjourned to discuss light refreshments in the dining room, and thus terminated a very pleasant entertainment.

Games Reports.

FOOTBALL.

WE are now well on in the season, and may say, in a retrospect, that on the whole we have done well. Out of a total of seventeen games we have won eleven, drawn three, and lost three. The Second XI have also enjoyed some good football, and, from what I have gathered, the presage for football for next year is good and encouraging. The Shield matches will soon be upon us, and when we remember that the Shield has not seen the Institute for the last five years, it ought to stir us up to see whether we cannot attain the object of contention. This year there are six secondary schools competing for the Shield, viz., the Liverpool College (holders), Liverpool Institute, Wallasey Grammar School, St. Francis Xavier's, Bootle Municipal Technical Schools, and Birkenhead Institute. Of these, the College and Wallasey Grammar School have received byes, and if we succeed in beating Bootle and then Wallasey, we will be in for the final at Goodison Park, which, as far as is known, will take place on 16th March.



The 1st. Cadets, The King's (L'pool) Regiment, embarking for the Far East

~THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR~  
~CADETS TO THE RESCUE~

W. M. G. 20/10/04

I may say that Bennett bids fair to make a good outside-left, and, together with Milliken as right-half, will be playing in the Shield matches. The halves have improved much, especially on the left, while the forwards are certainly fast and good. Galley and Frank combine well, and Probyn and Bennett seem to take to one another, whilst Rumjahn is in evidence, as usual, as a steady goal-getter. I regret to say that sometimes the lads that watch the games at Wavertree indulge in sundry ungentlemanly remarks. This has been noticed by several of the masters of the visiting teams, and I hope that they will drop this foolish and unsportsman-like behaviour.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On 20th January, at Wavertree, we met Wallasey Grammar School. The game was by no means fast, but Galley and Frank were conspicuous for neat combination, and Galley's corner kicks were taken with good judgment, a goal being scored by Rumjahn through a scrimmage before the goal mouth. Lee played a good game at centre-half, showing a distinct capacity for dribbling, while Probyn on the left succeeded in scoring a goal from a smart sprint. Frank did some individual running, from one of which he succeeded in obtaining a further goal. In a smart run on the right, Galley centred, but again receiving the ball from one of their backs, caught it on the bounce, and scored the fourth goal by a nicely-placed shot. Their forwards failed to get to really dangerous quarters, thanks to the sound defence of the halves and the backs. From a foul near the centre, the right-back shot a goal. Play became very fast on the part of the Institute, but without further result. The whistle blew, leaving the score at 5—nil for the Institute.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL.

At Field House, on Wednesday, 27th January, our return match with the University took place, in favourable weather. The opposing team was much heavier than the Institute, and certainly had a suspiciously strong right wing for the Second XI. The Institute defended the Smithdown Road goal, and were immediately attacked by the University. After several minutes' play their outside left shot from the line and dropped the ball into the far corner of the goal. The Institute now pressed, but without any result. The whole forward line were playing well, whilst Rumjahn almost succeeded in scoring from an individual run. From a foul on the Institute's left the ball was placed very near our goal, and play was kept rather more in our half than in theirs. Before the half-time whistle blew, the University succeeded in adding another goal quite beyond our goalkeeper's power to stop. In the next half, play was much faster, and it became a matter of keeping them out of our goal. Almost from the re-start our hopes were raised by a goal scored by our centre-forward in another individual run. Our hopes were disappointed, however, for their right wing ran down and shot a goal with fine judgment. Again the University pressed, and again there

was a goal scored against us, but this time by Rumjahn. The Institute now livened up, but without any definite result; the ball returned to our half and two more goals were scored against us. Full time was then announced by the referee after the last goal had been scored by a penalty kick which had to be taken twice owing to some mistake, whether real or imaginary I do not propose to say. We trooped off the field with the score 6—1 ringing in our ears. Several goals might have been averted if the wing halves had watched the two wings, and I may say that the forwards did not play their usually good game, but perhaps Galley's absence had something to do with this.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v CALDY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Saturday 30th January, at Wavertree, we played against Caldby Grange Grammar School the return match of 30th Sept. First half we played with the slope, but play being rather desultory on both sides, not much was done until towards the end of the first half, when three goals were scored in rapid succession, one by Rumjahn, one by Plastow, and one by Galley, the latter being a penalty shot. Play now quickened up, and was almost entirely confined to their half, except for a few spurts on the part of the "School." Probyn and Galley also put in other goals, Probyn's goal certainly being deserved, as he worked very hard on the left. As the weather prevented a long game, the whistle was blown by Mr. Tiffen, leaving the score as 5—0 for the Institute.

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v LIVERPOOL COLLEGE.

At Wavertree, on 3rd February, the above match was played, or rather the allotted time was whiled away. It was one of the dulllest and tamest of the season, and the Institute only won 1—0, certainly a most miserable display. Nothing much can be said about the game, as it was played in the bitterest of weather and with a continuous drizzle of rain which wet the players through. Our one goal was contributed by Frank, who had worked up the field by himself, and took a hard shot which beat their goalkeeper. Both teams were heartily glad when the whistle blew for full time, judging from my own feelings.

R. W. T. M.

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In Memoriam.

W. G. JONES,

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