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Editorial.

THOSE of us who have survived the strain and stress of this remarkable term cannot fail to be struck by the several innovations and changes, which, we feel sure, have already received the august approval of all, from the smallest boy to the braided prefect. It had long seemed desirable to effect some drastic change in the School cap, chiefly because of the similarity between it and the caps of other schools, and it was the Headmaster's intention that no confusion could exist over the recognition even at a distance of any of the School. He has attained this result by the use of colours whose exact tone it is extremely difficult to reproduce. The green of the High School is a distinctly pleasing shade, while the red of the Commercial School cannot but accomplish the object for which the change of cap was intended. The addition to the peak of a silver braid for prefects had much aided the effectiveness of that powerful body, whose influence is gradually assuming the limits to which it ought to extend. The change in the football shirt has also been accomplished to the satisfaction of all, and it seems to have in no way affected the success of the team, whom we heartily congratulate over their sterling play and good sportsmanship.

The inauguration of a voluntary games' subscription is also an advance, and we hope it will never again be allowed to fall into abeyance. Apart from the facilities it will afford for increased athletics, it will render timely help to many of the smaller societies, which have hitherto been forced to struggle against a scarcity of funds. As time goes on its advantages will be more apparent, but the ready response which was made to the first appeal is a clear indication of the feeling of responsibility which was lying latent in the hearts of all.

The Old Boys' Association seems to have regained its youth, and, under the influence and enthusiasm of its leaders, bids fair to establish a closer union than has hitherto existed between the Old Boys of the School. The present organisers are ambitious, but justly so. Surely it is possible from the numerous list of footballers and cricketers, who at school played their part in the playing fields, to found a club capable of at least holding its own with the first amateur teams in the district. We wish it success in all its branches, and urge every Old Boy who has not already joined to hesitate no longer, but to become a member of the Association at once, and so help it to attain all its objects.

We are sorry not to be able to record any further development in the existence of the Choral Society. It is true that one meeting was held, but only one, and no doubt the reason is to be found in the lack of health of the Headmaster, but it is to be hoped that he will soon feel strong enough to undertake the work once more, and

so develop what once promised to be one of the most enjoyable features of the school life.

If the Choral Society has not flourished, the same cannot be said of the Cadet Corps, or, as it is now, the Officers' Training Corps. In point of numbers and enthusiasm it is far in advance of previous years, and is indeed fortunate in being able to secure the services of Lieutenants Wheeler and Whiting, who have taken commissions in place of Captains Parkes and Norman.

Swimming Gala.

THE annual Swimming Gala was held at Lodge Lane Baths on Friday, October 29th, in the presence of a fairly large gathering of parents and boys. The Headmaster presided, and the arrangements for the evening were, as usual, in the capable hands of Mr. Eaves and Mr. Bickerstaffe, to whom the School is deeply indebted for the very great interest which they always take in this side of the school life.

During the course of the evening the Headmaster addressed a few remarks to the visitors, thanking them for their kind interest in the doings of the School, and regretting that there were not more present. He strongly advocated swimming as not only a most useful, but also an extremely healthful form of sport, and urged all boys to join the School Swimming Club. In conclusion, he heartily thanked Mr. Eaves and Mr. Bickerstaffe for their untiring efforts on behalf of the School swimming, and also Mr. Warriner for so kindly coming to give us a display of ornamental swimming.

Some excellent sport was witnessed during the evening, but many of the events were not as keenly contested as usual, a large number of the competitors failing to come up to the scratch.

In the Squadron Race the Commercial School again carried all before them, and added one more to their long sequence of victories. The result of the race was not left long in doubt, for from the very start the Commercial School commenced to forge ahead, and gradually increasing their lead, won by fully half a length.

In the Four Lengths' Scratch Race only two of the eleven competitors could be persuaded to start, and of these one was soon in difficulties, being seized with cramp and having to be helped out of the water by three boys who at once plunged in to his rescue, and who brought him out in the approved life-saving fashion in excellent style. Davidson was thus left to complete the course alone.

The Old Boys' Race only produced one competitor, Webster, who accordingly swam over the course alone.

The Championships of the High and Commercial Schools were won respectively by Ramsden and Huntington, the victory in each

case being an easy one, and the number of competitors very small. The other races produced many good performances, and the general standard of swimming was high, although there was no one who shone conspicuously above his fellows.

In the Neat Dives the number of competitors was less than usual, especially in the Senior event, for which only two turned out. The latter was won, after a close contest, by W. Clarke, while the prize for the Juniors was—for the second year in succession—carried off by his brother, J. H. Clarke, who proved himself a particularly good diver, all of his dives being very neat and clean, and one of them in particular being almost perfect. Skill in diving evidently runs in the family.

The Obstacle and the Clothes Races provided considerable amusement, and were won respectively by J. M. Bain and J. W. Jones.

The usual interlude was provided by an Old Boy of the School, Mr. W. J. Warriner, who treated us to a wonderful display of ornamental swimming, including several fancy dives, imitations of porpoises at play, a sinking ship, a monkey on a stick, a fly walking on the wall, &c., and concluding with the "Merry Widow Waltz."

His efforts were received with the hearty applause which they thoroughly well deserved, the most popular of all, perhaps, being the singing under water, when the well-known strains of "Kelly, from the Isle of Man," floated across the water and fairly brought down the house.

The following is a list of winners of the various events:—

One Length Handicap (beginners).—1st, Bickerstaffe, H. D.; 2nd, Mylchreest, J. H.

Neat Dive (under 15).—Clark, J. H.

Squadron Race.—Commercial School.

Two Lengths' Breast Stroke.—Jolley, S.

Four Lengths' Scratch Race (under 15).—Davidson, W. H.

High School Championship.—1st, Ramsden, W. F. S.; 2nd, McKenzie, R. G.

Commercial School Championship.—1st, Huntingdon, L.; 2nd, Clark, W.

Neat Dive (over 15).—Clark, W.

Four Lengths' Scratch Race (over 15).—Clark, W.

Old Boys' Race (6 lengths).—Webster, F.

Two Lengths' Handicap.—Group A: 1st, Corson, D.; 2nd, Huntingdon, L. Group B: 1st, Wilson, R. B.; 2nd, Stopford, E. F.

Clothes Race.—Jones, J. W.

Obstacle Race.—Bain, J. M.

Mr. Tovey's Recitals.

WE are getting to like good music, and we have been more than fortunate this term. That distinguished artist, and, if we may venture to say, our old friend Mr. Donald F. Tovey, has given us two recitals, one on the morning of the 9th of October and the second on December 5th. At the former his programme contained:—

Novellette, by Schumann; Mazurka, by Chopin; F Minor Polonaise, by Chopin; Berceuse, by Chopin; Prelude and Fugue, by Bach; "Moonlight" Sonata, by Beethoven; and Rhapsody, by Brahms.

At his second recital we were treated to:—One of the early sonatas, by Beethoven; Berceuse again; Impromptu, by Schubert; and another Rhapsody, by Brahms.

Some of the few words of characteristic comment by Mr. Tovey on points of interest remain in our memory. The Prelude and Fugue by Bach, he told us, was called by Samuel Wesley "Saints in Glory." Wesley was the first Englishman to appreciate and bring the knowledge of the works of Bach before English people.

He expressed wonder at the name "Moonlight" applied to the Beethoven sonata. The first movement is solemn, the second pretty, and the third a "regular tempestuous whirl of emotion." A similar misnomer, he said, is found in the term "impromptu" applied to the Schubert item. An impromptu is supposed to be a sort of "on-the-spur-of-the-moment" piece, and cannot, as this does, repeat, precisely, long and elaborate passages. The name was given by the publishers after the composer's death.

He described the second of the two Rhapsodies as a solemn epic containing a weird procession.

We reserve till last the wonderful Berceuse. We have heard it twice from Mr. Tovey, and could better appreciate the marvellous nature of the embroidery displayed in the right hand upon a groundwork in the base consisting of a simple phrase—a cradle song—"getting so sleepy towards the end that it could not even finish its usual beat."

Mr. Tovey's delightful clearness in phrasing and marvellous accuracy in his scale passages struck us with amazement, and the rapt attention of the School was itself a tribute to the power of the performer. His expression bordered on the emotional.

In lieu of a Thursday night lecture, the Head gave us the opportunity of attending a concert of chamber music on November 4th in the Hall.

This time Mr. Tovey was assisted by Frau Marie Soldat (violin) and Miss Edith McCullagh (singer). The programme contained:—

Sonata for Piano and Violin (Beethoven); Song, Die Junge Nonne (Schubert); Violin Solo, Hungarian Dances (Brahms-Joachim); Piano Solo, Polonaise, F sharp minor (Chopin); Songs:

Am Sontag Morgen, Nachtigall, Der Schmied (Brahms); Sonata for Piano and Violin (Schumann).

What a programme! Again the very best of music performed by great players, and Frau Marie Soldat is not a stranger to us either. She delighted and kept us spellbound on this occasion as she did before. We wanted more and we got it. She good-naturedly gave us two encores. Miss McCullagh did her full share with her flexible and well-trained voice, delighting us with the grace and sweetness of her singing.

This is rather a long article, but we feel that the more we hear the better we appreciate the highest form of the art our Head would have us understand. He sets the feast—we partake. We come again and still want more. We get deeper into his debt. The thanks of the School are his. We peep into another world than that of X²⁷. To Mr. Tovey and the ladies we place on record another tribute of gratitude. May they come often again.

Chat on the Corridor.

OWING to changes on the School staff, it is our pleasant duty to greet the arrival of Messrs. Kirsch, Griffiths, Roche, and Ellis, while the change of Mr. Ryan from the Commercial to the High School was regretted by the former as it was welcomed by the latter. We sympathise with Mr. Book in his serious illness, and offer our hearty welcome to M. Riedelski, who is fulfilling Mr. Book's duties until the latter recovers. We take this opportunity of congratulating Captain Parkes upon his appointment as Under-Secretary of the North-Western Territorial Division, with the rank of Major, while deploring the fact that this compels him to sever his connection with the School, in whose interests, both in the Cadet Corps, as treasurer of the Athletics Club, and in numerous side issues, he has worked so devotedly.

We were especially pleased to notice that the new Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Williams) is an Old Boy, and we will have a more public opportunity of offering him our congratulations at the Prize Distribution. Another distinguished Old Boy, Sir Henry Roscoe, has also lately received additional distinction, for in the Birthday Honours his Majesty the King was pleased to appoint him as member of the Privy Council. Sir Henry is one of our most honoured Old Boys, and we are fully conscious that this is a further acknowledgment of the debt which science in general owes to him.

Subsequent to a lecture by the Head on the Navy and Miss Weston's work among sailors, a subscription was opened in the School for the purpose of endowing a bed at her Sailors' Rest at Portsmouth. The required sum was forwarded to Miss Weston,

and, in addition to her letter of thanks, she sent a copy of her autobiography, which has been added to the library.

The inauguration of a voluntary games subscription is one of the most outstanding features of this term. The first term's subscriptions have so far amounted to £17 3s. 8d., which has been handed over to Mr. Tiffen, and it is hoped that as time goes on, and the advantages of the fund become more visible, the amount will become still greater. One of the most important calls upon it will come for the upkeep of the new pavilion. It will relieve us from having to charge admission to functions to which all parents and friends ought to be invited, and will give the masters who spend so much of their time upon out-of-school societies and clubs greater help and freedom. The management of the fund will be in the hands of the following committee:—Chairman, The Headmaster; Vice-Chairmen, J. A. Owen and H. J. Turner; Treasurer of Games Fund, Masters who supervise Cricket, Football, Sports, and Swimming, Heads of High and Commercial School, Captain or Vice-Captain of Cricket, Captain or Vice-Captain of Football, Colour Sergeant of Cadet Corps, Secretaries of Cricket, Sports, Football, Swimming, Camera and Field Club, Editor of *Magazine*.

Still more Old Boys' successes are notified. P. J. Rose, who proceeded from the Institute to Cambridge, and enjoyed a most successful career there, has received promotion in the Scottish Office, and is now Private Secretary to the Secretary for Scotland. We also hear that J. J. Bell has been appointed Lecturer in History at the Goldsmiths' College, and C. G. Barkla Professor of Physics at King's College, London.

We also congratulate H. H. Mackney, a more recent Old Boy, who secured a Second Class Honours in his Classical Finals, upon his appointment in the Indian Civil Service, and hope that he will maintain his health and prosperity in his new sphere of action.

J. Goldstein has been appointed Editor of the *Magazine*.

Just before going to press the news came to us as a great shock of the death of Sir Alfred Jones, who by a strange and mournful coincidence passed away almost at the very moment when, at the Prize Distribution, Mr. Danson was speaking in feeling terms of his good works to the School. It is only three years since Sir Alfred was the chief guest at the Prize Distribution, when he generously bestowed upon us the Rifle Range and four scholarships to the Local University, and we join in the civic and universal mourning over a man who, by his own efforts and integrity, has risen to such a position of honour and eminence in the worlds of commerce and medicine.

The School prizes have this year been awarded to the following:—Lord Derby Prize for Mathematics to L. R. Davies;

for Chemistry to S. C. Moss; for French and German to E. H. Ritson. The William Durning Holt Prize for English Essay to J. Goldstein; for Latin to J. McWilliam; for Science to R. H. Callow. The Samuel Booth Prize for Mathematics to R. Holt, and for Natural Science to D. Campbell.

The following were successful in the Matriculation Examination of the Joint Board of Northern Universities:—First Division: C. R. Bolton, D. Campbell, R. Coope, J. Goldstein, R. Holt, W. F. Inglis, L. Jennings, M. Kinnish, S. C. Moss, E. H. Ritson. Second Division: H. A. Whitaker. The following passed the Oxford Local Senior Examination:—Second Class Honours: C. H. Breckell, S. A. Morrison. Third Class Honours: K. A. Fulton, A. McK. Reid. Passed: F. Binder, P. A. G. Clark, J. McG. Clouston, C. Crisp, A. H. Cunningham, J. Gledsdale, H. Hockaday, W. M. Hutchinson, W. R. Jones, W. P. Kelly, W. H. T. Laidlaw, G. H. Ledger, P. Moses, J. Moss, M. P. McNeill, L. Oldershaw, A. Rennie, E. A. Shacklady, H. R. Shone, V. A. Stookes, H. N. Teaz, A. Thomas, A. White.

Prize Distr.ution.

THE Annual Prize-giving took place in the School Hall on the evening of the 13th December, when the Lord Mayor distributed the various awards in the presence of a numerous gathering. Mr. F. C. Danson presided until the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress arrived, and on the platform were also Colonel R. A. Porter, Messrs. J. Gordon, C.C., H. V. Weisse (Principal), S. Brown (Headmaster, Liverpool Collegiate School), A. D. Cameron, J. A. Owen, H. Turner, Miss Melly, Mrs. Weisse, Mrs. Herdman, Mr. Harold Whalley (secretary), and the Rev. C. C. Elcum, M.A. The School Officers' Training Corps formed a guard of honour for the Lord Mayor.

In the course of a lengthy report Mr. Weisse elicited great applause by saying it was an Old Boy who would distribute the prizes and certificates. Coming to the serious business of the evening, he stated that a few years ago many boys in the highest forms of the High School and the highest class in the Commercial School were candidates in the Oxford Local Junior Examinations, while a very few boys in both Schools entered for the Oxford Local Senior. There were always in the High School certain boys who took the matriculation examinations as candidates for scholarships. This year the Oxford Local Junior Examinations had not been officially recognised, but he ventured to assert that if they had kept these boys working on the lines of this examination until they were sixteen years of age, they would have made a brave show in the honours' list. The same thing could be said of results which could have been attained by keeping the upper boys for two years after

that working at Oxford Local Senior honours' work. He would urge parents to believe that the preparation of young boys for honours' displays was not only a waste of time, but was detrimental to the solidarity of the boy's education. In a progressive city like Liverpool they ought to have a normal proportion of young boys put under their care as young as eight. There ought to be a four years' course for such children, and there ought to be so many children ready to avail themselves of the opportunity, that the School could firmly refuse to accept any boy over twelve and a half not fit for the third form and decline to accept any boy into the preparatory department over eleven and a half. The Head also said that he was delighted to see how the school line was lengthening, and was fully persuaded that one of the first duties of the educational powers was to increase the number of the free admissions to the local University as the number of secondary school pupils increased. Finally he paid a compliment to the excellent work done by Colonel Leslie to make the Cadet Corps what it was, regretted that he did not see more of the parents, and emphasised that they made rules not out of the sheer lust of ruling, but for the protection of all the boys.

During his address before distributing the prizes the Lord Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present. He was deeply indebted to the School where he had received his early education, because it gave him his first start in life. One of the first recollections had been the Headmaster. They had hopes of what secondary education would bring forth in this country, which would put them on more equal terms with Germany and America. In Germany and America the parents were prepared to make great sacrifices so that their children might have an adequate education for their fight in life. He urged the parents present to give their boys an education, if possible, until they were sixteen, and thus give them a decent start. If this country was to maintain its position in learning, in manufactures, and in the commerce of the world, they must get this link of secondary education properly welded so as to have the whole system of education in such a condition as would place the country in a position to compete with the other nations of the world, who were threatening us on every side. In conclusion, his lordship urged that, while the parents and the School had their duties, they boys must also remember that they also had duties to perform.

Have courage, boys, to do the right;
Be bold, be brave, be strong.
By doing right you gain the might
To overcome the wrong.

The distribution of the prizes, certificates, and medals was next proceeded with, after which Mr. Danson gave a brief address. Colonel Porter proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, which was ably seconded by Mr. Brown, the Lord Mayor suitably responding.

Literary and Debating Society.

IN this utilitarian age, when the tournaments of the knights of old have given place to the no less fierce combats of the platform, when the sword and buckle of former days have been ousted by the far more dangerous weapon of the human tongue, it is natural that the Institute, ever careful of the welfare of her sons, should seek to arm them well for the arena of oratory. In this endeavour, as a knowledge of her past achievements might have led us to expect, she is succeeding well, and there can be no doubt that the near future will behold men who, tutored within these walls, will rise—

Th' applause of listening senates to command!

In short the Literary and Debating Society is prospering. Its increased attendances and furthered activities well testify to the greater interest which is being taken by the School in its doings, and point to a splendid future lying before the Society if that interest be consistently maintained. As a rule there are about fifty members present at the meetings, at Mr. Rice's first lecture there being more than one hundred, whilst the general character of the debates has given the officers much cause for congratulation. The discussions are no longer a monopoly of four or five individuals, but quite a large number of boys have taken the plunge, passed the shivering stages of the maiden speech, and have developed into fairly good speakers. Moreover, the habit of writing speeches beforehand has fortunately fallen into disuse, extempore speaking being recognised at its true value, a fact which has led to an absence of those "lulls" and painful silences that strike terror to the heart of the debater. A timely motion on the part of Mr. Bain has led to greater formality being adopted with regard to the moving of votes of thanks and such matters, and this, in conjunction with the election of a committee and the printing of syllabus cards, has given the Society a fixed constitutional standing and a new prestige. What is, nevertheless, more to the point, is that members appreciate their dignity and responsibilities, a statement to which their readiness to read papers or to open debates well testifies.

It would, however, have been too much to expect a perfectly smooth running of events, and the misunderstanding which arose between the secretaries and certain members momentarily caused some amount of friction, but a due comprehension of the cause of the differences righted the matter. This impasse cleared away, the Society had settled down to its customary state when a far more vital difficulty occurred. It appears that, on the night of Mr. Rice's first lecture, some person went down to the dining room at the close of the meeting, switched on the electric lights, and came away without turning them off. As a result, the Headmaster said that he could not allow any further meetings to be held unless the guilty individual came forward, or unless there were a porter present at each debate. It

is a matter for extreme regret that the person in question did not make himself known, and as a consequence of his action a porter has now to be in the building whenever a debate is held, and meetings have to commence at 7 o'clock instead of 7-30, as formerly, in order that they may be finished by 9 o'clock. This fixing of a time limit has caused much "gnashing of teeth" amongst our more verbose members.

However, the advance of the Society has in no wise been retarded by these untoward occurrences, for it must needs be a crushing catastrophe that could stop its progress at this stage. Much of this success has been due to the excellent co-operation between individuals, but in a very large measure it is a reward of the energetic and enthusiastic efforts of Messrs. Bain, Hickinbotham, and Parsons, who have worked so tirelessly in the Society's cause since its inception.

With regard to the debates and papers proper, a high standard has been set up and adhered to. The lectures of Mr. Rice have created a welcome precedent, and the forthcoming inter-debate with the Collegiate Schools may materially widen the sphere of activity. Many of the members of last session have come back with increased powers, whilst several of the newcomers give evidence of ability in the art of rhetoric. The most outstanding fault amongst all is indistinctness. Members fail to adapt themselves to the acoustic properties of the room in which they are speaking, and in some cases make no direct effort to do so. Practice will, no doubt, remedy this failing, and the long programme of meetings will provide the opportunity.

The first meeting of this session was held on September 21st, Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair, when the following officers were elected:—

PRESIDENT—The Headmaster.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Messrs. Tiffen, Hickinbotham, Parsons, Bain and Kirsch.

SECRETARIES—J. Goldstein and E. H. Ritson.

The last nomination was necessary owing to the inability of J. McWilliam to continue with this work by reason of the stress of his other duties.

The next meeting was held on September 28th, Mr. Hickinbotham being in the chair, when, after a vote of thanks to J. McWilliam for his past services had been moved and loudly carried, J. Goldstein read a paper on "The Lost Empire of England." Never before has the Society received such a shock to its expectations. To hear an avowed Liberal of suspected Socialistic tendencies rail against Old-age Pensions and Free Trade, and prophesy the gradual decay of our Empire if the policy of Radicalism were persisted in, completely flabbergasted the members present, and left them incapable of maintaining a coherent debate. The speech of the evening was made by Mr. Parsons, whose sarcasm was particularly deadly, but the question of one gentleman as to

whether the paper was intended seriously or no, reflected the situation appositely. After mature consideration the decision has been arrived at that an elaborate attempt was made to "pull the Society's official leg"—and that it succeeded.

On October 12th a meeting was held, Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair, at which B. Heathcote moved that "Theatre-going is Beneficial." He dealt with his subject in a naïve and ingenious manner, bringing to his aid a host of familiar quotations, and dazzling us with the brilliance of his language. He proved that the stage is very largely a minute facsimile of humanity, and pleaded for the music-hall and theatre as welcome refuges from the cares of a work-a-day existence.

R. H. Turner attacked the motion in business-like fashion. He dealt with the moral factors of the stage, criticised the "up-to-date" pantomime and variety entertainment, and made a determined effort to impress us with a description of his knowledge of matters theatrical. Finally he presented an indictment of child-acting and the influences which permit it. Other members having spoken, the motion was put, and carried by 25 to 15.

The next meeting was held on October 26th, Mr. Hickinbotham occupying the chair, when F. McNeill read a paper on "The Condition of England." After commenting upon the Machiavellian methods of the secretaries, McNeill discussed the universal desire for wealth existing at present and its effects. He laid before us a clear view of the economic aspects of town life, spoke in prophetic tones of the anomalous position of the House of Lords, and strongly deprecated the present lack of taste of the masses. He vigorously declaimed against the coercion of ability by influence, and ended by remarking how sparingly he had drawn upon the facts at his disposal.

The debate which followed was very brisk, and gave evidence of the interest with which the paper had been listened to.

On November 9th a meeting was held, Mr. Bain being in the chair, when R. Coope moved that "The Modern System of Education is Benefiting the Nation." He commenced by apologising, in the time-honoured manner, for the incoherent nature of his remarks—an utterly inconsistent proceeding in view of the speech which followed the preamble—and went on to give certain definitions of education. He explained to us the value of a moderate indulgence in sports, spoke of the passing of the "nursing" system of teaching, urged that boys were beginning to realise their responsibilities, and in conclusion quoted with telling effect from "his friend" Epictetus.

E. H. Ritson, in opposing the motion, led off with a pæan of thunderous metaphors, stirringly attacking modern teaching methods, and spoke with scorn of the incompetent product of the schools of to-day. The "Internal and External Evidence" system was subjected to a vigorous onslaught, and the speaker put it to us that the numbers of the modern loafer is directly attributable to their failure to make good use of leisure time. Several members

participated in the discussion following, which partook of a very animated nature, and finally the motion was put to the vote, and lost by 7 votes to 39.

A meeting was held on November 16th, Mr. Hickinbotham being in the chair, when Mr. Rice delivered the first part of his lecture on the "Poor Law and the Recent Commission." The lecturer commenced by giving a sketch of the rise of pauperism and the development of the Poor Law System. He traced the question of Relief from the Black Death until to-day, and presented a vivid picture of its varied phases. He then proceeded to deal with the defects of the present Poor Law methods, pointing out that the deserving poor are penalised, that proper accommodation for the different classes of individuals has never been provided, and that outdoor relief is often inadequate, a fact which leads to the raising of the infantile mortality rate.

A number of questions put by members were replied to by the lecturer, after which a most interesting meeting was brought to a close.

On November 30th, Mr. Hickinbotham occupying the chair, Mr. Rice continued his lecture. After giving a résumé of the first part of his paper, he went on to deal with Private Charities. He deprecated the individualistic spirit of such bodies, which causes an extreme amount of overlapping of reliefs, and is largely instrumental in checking progress. The favourite theory that poverty is generally a result of moral defects was shown to be utterly untrue, after which Mr. Rice laid before us the proposals of the Majority and Minority Reports with regard to unabled-bodied relief. He mentioned that both schemes advise the abolition of the Boards of Guardians and of workhouses, and that both hope for and rely upon the co-operation of voluntary aid. He contrasted the complex organisation of the Majority Report with the simplicity of the Minority scheme, and observed that the former would, in working, probably lead to much confusion.

At the close of his elucidating and most entertaining paper Mr. Rice again answered the questions asked by members, and finally promised to give a further lecture next term on "Unemployment," a promise of which full advantage will be taken.

The next meeting was held on November 7th, Mr. Hickinbotham being in the chair, when B. Sibbitt read a paper (prepared by him and A. L. Turner jointly) on "Lewis Carroll." The paper largely took the form of a reading from the author, and the meeting was regaled to a very pleasant rendering of "Old Father William" and of the stories of the Mock Turtle and other favourite characters. Those members present who had a previous knowledge of "Alice in Wonderland" and "Alice through the Looking-glass," were well pleased to meet old friends once more, whilst those who had not were given an introduction to those delightful works, which will certainly lead to a further acquaintance. The enthusiasm of Mr. Sibbitt for his subject was always apparent, and it materially added to the pleasure of listening.

Lectures.

THE first winter lecture was given by the Headmaster on October 7th. He took as his subject "The Navy from the Inside," and this proved to be an account of the history and development of Mrs. Weston's great work among our bluejackets. In its early days this work consisted in writing letters to our sailors, for Mrs. Weston found that nothing helps a man more, when he arrives in a foreign port, than to receive a cheerful letter from home. Gradually, as her correspondents grew more numerous, the letter developed into a printed leaflet, giving news of old friends and of old ships. In a few years' time Mrs. Weston bought a small house in Portsmouth, where her numerous friends of the sea might find a sheltering place from all the land-sharks and other thieves who are ever ready to welcome and deprive Jack of his money on coming into port. This small house has grown into large and handsome buildings which are now found in all the great navy ports of England. In those buildings the sailor can obtain food and a bed at a very low cost, and so well-liked are the "Sailors' Rests" that every night hundreds of our bluejackets are forced to sleep on the floor of the dining-rooms. The lecture ended with many slides illustrating the advance of the battleship during the last twenty years. The applause at the end of the evening proved that the boys had enjoyed the lecture on this most popular subject.

On the evening of October 27th the Headmaster delivered a lecture on "Microscopy" to a rather small but appreciative audience. The lecturer commenced with a brief sketch of the science of optics. With the aid of diagrams on the blackboard he gave his hearers a very clear account of the phenomenon of refraction or deflection of a ray of light through a prism, finally showing that, as a lens was merely a combination of prisms, it was possible by means of one to produce an image of any object, and proving his statements by a series of practical demonstrations. From the ordinary magnifying glass or simple microscope, the Head then worked up to the Compound Microscope, and explained in a simple manner the theory of the instrument. After the theory, its practical uses were demonstrated by means of a few well-chosen slides. Three photographs of samples of cream, ordinary milk, and skimmed milk showed its aid to the inspector; its utility to the botanist was proved by slides of various kinds of flowers and their parts; while photographs of colonies of germs demonstrated its value to the doctor. Not only is it useful in such cases, however, but it also gives an insight into the marvels of Nature and the perfection of her work, as, for example, the minute workmanship of a fly's eye, or the smoothness of the sting of a bee, which, though magnified a thousand times, shows no flaw. The lecturer closed with a description of microphotography, or the photography of the magnified image of an object too small to be distinguished by the

naked eye, and one can only feel sorry for those who did not hear such a splendid lecture.

On Thursday, November 11th, a lecture was delivered by Mr. Howard Reid, F.R.C.S., on "South Africa." After impressing upon us the great size of the country, the lecturer proposed to take us in thought on a short tour through the four states the Transvaal, Orange River Colony, Natal, and Cape Colony, which have recently combined to form the South African Union. Accordingly we imagined ourselves in a railway train dashing along at lightning speed, stopping now and then to look at some typical pieces of scenery, or to have a brief glance at some large town. We passed through Durban, with its massive Town Hall, through Pietermaritzburg, with its broad streets, through the garden state of Natal, and, skirting the edge of Zululand, passed into the Transvaal. We spent a short time at Pretoria, and then proceeded to Johannesburg, pausing for a moment to consider the rapid development of this vast city. Then we passed into Cape Colony, touching the mines at Kimberley, and ending our tour at Grahamstown. The districts through which we had passed were mostly hilly, and so we were able to gain some idea of the difficulties with which the British Army had to contend during the late South African War. The lecturer next spoke of the agricultural possibilities of the country, and by means of a rainfall map he showed us that England possessed the best-watered districts of the country. Even these districts, however, received their rain spasmodically, and not at the times most opportune for agricultural purposes. Irrigation, however, had been resorted to, and a large overhead trough passed through many of the farming districts, which was kept full of water pumped from a great reservoir. Each farmer had his own pumping apparatus, with which he could draw water from the trough and irrigate his land at will. The lecture was heartily appreciated by all present, and Mr. Reid was warmly thanked at its conclusion.

On the 25th of November Professor Newbury, who needed no introduction to the School, gave an exceedingly interesting lecture on his discoveries in Egypt. During the past twenty years he has been engaged in superintending excavations in Egypt. Most of his work lay amongst temples and tombs, and it was the latter with which he dealt in his lecture. By the hieroglyphics found on the walls of the tomb he illustrated to us the life of the person or persons buried there, and also the ways and habits of the Egyptians as a whole. The inscriptions gave us an impression of the gods and goddesses they worshipped, and how they served them; their priests and kings, their weapons, and their instruments for building. Their habits of dress and amusement were also depicted on the walls of their sepulchres. Professor Newbury specially dealt with the evolution of pottery in Egypt; how men discovered that, in the making of a vase or pot, by using different clays it took a better glaze, and became non-porous. The art of the Egyptians evoked

much amusement, for it seemed so uncouth to our modern ideas, though no doubt to them the pictures were veritable masterpieces. Another thing to which our attention was drawn was the plans of the tombs, which were almost identical; in fact, the only difference was in their size. Everyone was sincerely sorry when the lecture closed, almost abruptly, and Mr. Turner expressed the wishes of all in hoping that in the near future Professor Newbury would tell us something more of the life of the ancient Egyptians.

Cadet Notes.

FOLLOWING a time-honoured editorial custom, we examined the back numbers of the *Magazine* to secure a flowing opening sentence for these Cadet Notes, but, alas! our labours were fruitless, for the writers of the past had been forced to prefix either a lament or an appeal in terms like this:—"Why is it that one always feels bound to introduce a tinge of despondency when talking about the Cadets?" Often, too, they had been bound to confess that there were little of importance to chronicle. Well, we cannot begin in either of these ways. Never before has the Corps put in so much good work or been so efficient, and there is so much to say that we must keep to a strict chronological order to write a clear and lucid article.

At the end of last term the shooting competition for the Sir Alfred Jones Challenge Shield was held in the range at Greenbank Road. On the whole the shooting and attendance were very good, but some squads were very severely handicapped owing to the unnecessary absence of one or two "slackers," who failed to put in an appearance on the day on which their squad was firing. Some very close matches resulted, and in the final tie Corporal Hutchison, in command of No. 5 Squad, succeeded in defeating Corporal Atkinson, with No. 1 Squad, by a narrow margin.

The annual camp was again held at Irby. The advance party left Liverpool on Thursday, July 22nd, and, favoured by good weather, succeeded in pitching all the tents and in preparing the ground by the arrival of the main body on the following Saturday. We are rather timorous of writing about this camp. We are afraid of flying into hyperbolic language, for the oldest cadet cannot think of any camp to compare with it. Although the weather was not perfect, yet the amount, the quality, and the value of the work done was excellent. This was in a large measure due to the activity of Sergeant-Instructor Jenkins, but all those in camp deserve to be congratulated. And what a difference there was from former years in the food and in the general comfort! We all dined together in a large marquee, and the meals were served out direct from the cook house. There was no waste or scrambling for food, in which the amount obtained varied as the cube of the strength of the boy.

As in former years, the Thurstaston Hill and Common were the chief scenes of our operations, and there we did some very useful work, showing the action of the company in attack and defence. On Thursday there was a forced march for reinforcing, whilst on Friday a Chart and Compass Race was held between the sections. In this the sections had to find their way about the country by the aid of survey maps, and had also to collect information about the accommodation, the food supplies, and the water supplies *en route*. Marks were given for speed, information, and condition of returning. No. 1 Section, under Sergeant Ritson, were first with 153 marks; No. 4, under Sergeant Boyle, was second with 132; whilst No. 3, under Sergeant Gledsdale, and No. 2, under Sergeant Barber, were third and fourth. Wednesday was visitors' days, and for their especial interest the alarm was sounded. Immediately upon this signal down came every tent, whilst the tent-crews rushed out in various attire, grasping their rifles and belts, to line the hedges surrounding the camp. Of course, the cadets knew this was going to happen, and so were prepared, but on Friday morning, at 4 a.m., the alarm was again sounded, but the joy of turning out in a pair of trousers and very little else was not quite so keenly appreciated, although all the hedges were lined two minutes after the bugle had sounded. The inevitable camp concert was held on Friday night, and a glorious noisy time we had, although the topical song on the sergeants was spoilt because the words could not be seen by the two artistes, and because one of them could hardly speak owing to a severe cold. On Saturday we had to strike the tents, and, after giving three cheers for the cooks, we left camp for Liverpool at 12 o'clock.

During the holidays we were posted in the *Gazette* as an Officers' Training Corps, and so now, instead of being a disconnected unit, we form an integral part of his Majesty's forces. At the same time we were alarmed at a rumour that Captain Parkes had left the corps, but on further inquiry this proved to be untrue. He has indeed left the School, but, as he still remains in Liverpool, he will continue in his command.

This term we have 138 cadets on the roll, and we have also had to welcome two new officers, for on August 13th the following notice appeared in the *London Gazette*:—

Charles Norman Wheeler, to be Second Lieutenant, for service with the Liverpool Institute Contingent, Junior Division, Officers' Training Corps; and six weeks later the following also appeared:—

Thomas Whiting, to be Second Lieutenant, for service with the Liverpool Institute Contingent, Junior Division, Officers' Training Corps.

We hope that Lieutenants Wheeler and Whiting will remain with us a long time to aid us with their enthusiasm and valuable services.

As we are now over a hundred strong, we have been formed into two companies, under the command of the two lieutenants.

Sergeant-Instructor Jenkins remained with us again this term, and was of great help, especially as Captain Parkes has been unable to be present at every drill! On Monday, November 8th, the Corps crossed over to the Wirral and an attack was made upon Irby Mill Hill, which was defended by Lieutenant Whiting, with a skeleton enemy. The sham fight finished, the Sergeant-Instructor gave us practical instruction in the placing of outposts, and then we marched home, after having traversed some 18 miles. Once or twice the Corps has carried out some very useful extended order drill at Greenbank Lane, whilst the ordinary company and close-order drill has been held on Friday, when the Headmaster allowed members of the Corp to finish school work at 3-30, to be enabled to put in all their necessary drills.

In addition to this general work, the many branches of the Corps have been busy. A Scouting Class has been formed, and has been at work in the Wirral, learning the art of sketching and of obtaining and sending information. Sergeant Atkinson has been instructing his signallers, and the sound produced by the bugle band is steadily increasing. Promotion classes were held twice a week during the term, and the theoretical examination took place on Friday, November 26th, and on December 1st, Lieutenant Bailey, from Warrington, put us through our practical examination.

The following promotions were announced and confirmed:—

To be Colour-Sergeants.—Sergeant Ritson and Sergeant Royle.

To be Sergeant.—Sergeant Baçon, Armourer-Sergeant Stookes, Corporal Atkinson, Corporal Hutchison, Ex-Quartermaster Turner, Cadet Brood, Corporal Jones (J. W.), Cadet Turnbull, Lance-Corporal Gerrard.

To be Corporals.—Lance-Corporal Dean, Cadets Holt, Miles, Book, Robinson, Prichard, Williams (C. S.), Wright (F. E.), Lee (E. F.).

To be Lance-Corporals.—Cadets Jamieson, Burchill, Jones (S. T.), Mackenzie, Curwen, Roberts (H. N.), Evans (D. B.), Williams (A. C.), Inglis, Bedlington.

Band Promotions.—Lance-Corporal Tushingam to be Corporal; Cadet Parsonage to be Lance-Corporal.

On December 7th we had to bid farewell to Sergeant Jenkins, who returned to India on December 10th. At his last lecture Captain Parkes presented him with a dressing case and a travelling rug, subscribed for by the officers and cadets. In a short speech, Captain Parkes thanked him for his great help and activity, and wished him every success in the future.

Shooting at the Miniature Range, Greenbank Lane, has been going on steadily. Good attendances have been the rule, and most of the cadets have now passed the elementary tests.

On Friday, December 10th, the Corps was honoured by a visit from Colonel Stanton, who inspected us, and afterwards gave a short lecture in the hall on the aims of Officers' Training Corps.

On going to press we hear that Captain Parkes has left us, for in the *London Gazette* of December 7th, 1909, the following notice appeared:—

PROMOTION.—The following promotion is notified for information: Captain Harry R. Parkes, Unattached List, Territorial Force, to be Major, to date from November 20th, 1909.

We heartily congratulate Major Parkes on this well-deserved promotion, and hope that he will soon have two companies at full strength under him.

Old Boys' Association

THE Old Boys' Association, aroused from its latent condition of the summer months, began its season's work on the 30th September, when the Committee met under the chairmanship of Mr. Weisse to talk over prospects for the coming year.

The annual general meeting was held on October 13th, in the School Hall, with Mr. Weisse in the chair. There was a good attendance. The officers were elected for the year. No change was made in the list of vice-presidents. Mr. Weisse and Mr. Tiffen were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Mr. H. A. Lee, after filling the office of Treasurer for the last nine years, intimated that he did not seek re-election. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee for all he had done for the Association. He had taken an active part in the administration of the Old Boys' Union (now Association) since its formation, formerly as Hon. Secretary, latterly as Hon. Treasurer. The meeting, however, did not allow Mr. Lee to retire from all active work, as they elected him upon the Committee. Mr. Douglas Daizell was elected as Mr. Lee's successor in office. Mr. W. W. Kidd was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and at a later meeting of the Committee Mr. M. F. McNeill was appointed to share the duties with him. The members of the General Committee were then elected, and sundry other business was transacted.

The Literary and Debating Society, under Mr. A. F. Wright's able management, commenced with a debate on the Budget on October 13th (after the General Meeting), and has a very attractive programme for the season.

Football matters have been taken in hand by Mr. F. J. Roberts, and cricket, when the time comes, will be looked after by Mr. Glynn and Thomas.

A Chess and Draughts Club has been formed, and dates fixed for meetings. Mr. A. L. Turner is the Hon. Secretary for this branch.

The project of securing a club room in the city where Old Boys may have an opportunity of regularly meeting their former friends has during the last month assumed a definite shape. The rooms of the City Beautiful (Wayside) Café, 15, Harrington Street, have been adopted for the purpose. The Café is open from 10 a.m. until 10-30 p.m. daily, and from 7 p.m. until the time of closing is reserved for the exclusive use of the Old Boys' Club. Membership of the Club is open to all Old Boys on payment of a minimum subscription of 2s. 6d. for the season, and it is hoped that a sufficient number will join to enable the rooms to be kept open until the end of March.

The Wayside Café is admirably suited for the purpose, as the rooms are most artistically and comfortably furnished. There is a plentiful stock of books and magazines on hand, and it is expected that, later, lectures, debates, &c., will be arranged. Whilst during the day time the Café is to be considered as the general meeting-ground for all Old Boys, still it is in the evening that it offers the best opportunity for the gathering together of members of the Association. Any boys who are leaving school at Christmas and who wish to join the Club should write to the Secretary, Mr. W. W. Kidd, at 8, Gresford Avenue, Liverpool.

Liverpool University Letter.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I understand I have to write an Old Boy's letter or a University letter, or something of that sort. I am sure you hardly realise the tremendous difficulty of the task you have set me, or you would not have been so unkind. How can I be supposed to know what will interest your readers and what will not? But still it is a compliment to me for you to suppose that, in spite of years of toil, I still retain enough of my boyhood to know what is likely to interest boys. Even then, however, knowing, or being supposed to know, what to write, I find a difficulty in writing it.

It is for your energetic staff to glean facts of interest with regard to the doings of Old Boys, and I can't very well write you a letter about them, while my present doings are far too regular to interest anyone but a professor. Perhaps I had better give you some of my first impressions of the inhabitants of the seat of life and learning of which I was, at that time, a newly admitted and very bashful member. First I will observe that I propose to limit my observations to that side of University life which is not devoted to work. Well, then, the first thing I noticed in regard to the students, particularly the freshers, was their astonishing and overwhelming desire to be thought "men." It was obvious, of course, that the freshers had only just left school, and a little calculation will show that, at the beginning of a year, a second-year "man"

will probably have been released from the woes of school life for exactly one year. Yet they are all alike in their anxiety to be men. By the time that your readers have reached this point—supposing that their patience has allowed them to attain thus far—they will think that I am a person of extraordinary depth of perception. People used to say "Boys will be boys"; it seems to me that "Boys will be men" would be more appropriate. Now that I have said this, I am bound to confess that it does not sound original. Still few will know, so let it stand.

Well, what shall I say next? Shall I tell you of the hours I work? Even were that not touching on the forbidden subject it would be both uninteresting in that it effects no one but myself and is, probably, incredible. However, let me continue my impressions. My next observation was—what an ideal place the Tate is for anyone who wants to work; and after that—what an ideal place the Tate is for anyone who doesn't want to work but wants to think he's working. It seems as if I can't help talking about work. Let's turn to sports.

I have been playing hockey this year, and in that connexion let me remark how curious it is that the Institute should number hockey players among its exports. One of the towers of strength in the University team last year and for several years before was J. Frank, whom you will remember as a big boy when you were small. And now among the list of freshers willing to play I see the honoured name of L. R. Davies. Of the victories in the field I cannot speak. There has only been one, I regret to say, and on that occasion I wasn't playing. It looks as if my presence was closely connected with defeat! Of victories won in the realms of sport I know very little. It is for the Old Boys who play these games to proclaim in true Saxon style their own achievements. However, I do know that Milliken and Gourley have been playing regularly for the 1st Association Eleven.

I imagine, however, that you neither have room nor desire for anything else, therefore I will come to a too long-delayed conclusion by remarking that

I am,

Yours truly,

A. M. KININMONTH.

Old Boys' Dinner.

ABOUT fifty Old Boys assembled at the Stork Hotel on Saturday, November 27th, when, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tiffen, the annual dinner of the Old Boys' Association was held. After the toast of "The King" had been pledged, Mr. Tiffen called on the oldest Old Boy present to give the toast of "The School," and, to the surprise of all, this was done by Mr. Monck, who was looking

as young as the youngest. Mr. Bain, in response, expressed his pleasure at being called upon to reply to such a toast, and his hope that all boys on leaving the School would join the Association.

Mr. Tiffen, as chairman, in an excellent little speech, called attention to the advantages of an Old Boys' Society. It was pleasant for themselves, it enabled them to enjoy the company of those of their own age, and, moreover, it gave a reality and added value to the School feeling, which was so hard to cultivate in a day school. The Chairman then introduced an informal discussion respecting the future action of the Association towards a meeting-place. Mr. Pearse persuasively advocated a rather ambitious scheme for a permanent club room, having billiard table, ingle nook, &c., but was not supported on the ground of expense.

Every great occasion calls forth its great man, and now it was Mr. F. Bustard, who advised the hire of a café, week by week, as a test, at a cost of 20s. per week, and desired that it should be opened immediately. The Chairman was for postponing the opening until January 15th, and suggested sending postcards to members, asking for guarantees or subscriptions to the café fund, but a postcard asking for money has a "frigid and calculated" look, and Mr. Bustard's wooing accents succeeded in persuading those present to guarantee certain amounts. Councillor Davies, one of the oldest Old Boys present, generously promised to guarantee the first week's rent, and was heartily applauded, and thanked by the Chairman.

Then some pleasant piano and vocal solos were rendered by Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pollard, Mr. E. Gledsdale, and Mr. R. Bustard, while Mr. Nickson delivered a humorous recitation. Legislative tyranny, however, prevented the prolongation of the gathering, and a most enjoyable evening was concluded by the hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Chess and Draughts Club.

LAST year witnessed the revival of the Chess and Draughts Club after many years of inactivity, but now once again it threatens to lapse back into its ancient state of coma, and unless some new system is introduced it seems as though it were doomed to extinction.

At present it works under great disadvantages. The hours of play are during the dinner break and after School at 4-20. Now during the dinner-hour the boys either go home or else wish to play "footer" in the yard, and if they stay at 4-20 it means that they get home very late and very hungry. Moreover, the conditions under which they play are not of the most advantageous description, for the form of the School desks necessitates one boy standing during the whole of the game. It is when we consider these points that we think a new system necessary for the success of the Chess Club. If we had a really strong club, there is no reason why we

should not come back to School one night a week, or, once a fortnight. There would be no need to have the School specially kept open, for we could hold our meetings on the same nights on which the School Literary and Debating Society and the Old Boys' Literary Society hold theirs, for both these societies meet once a fortnight, and, as it happens, in different weeks. There would be very few members, not more than four, who would wish to attend both the Chess Club and the debates. We appeal to all members to do their best to help the society in its present difficulty, and to give any suggestions they may think of to the officers. There will probably be a meeting early next term, at which all members and all those interested in the Club are asked to be present.

And now let us record our work of this term. There has been but little play among the members, but our team is as strong as it was last year, although we have no players to fill the vacancies which will be opened after July.

Here we must apologise on behalf of the Club to Mr. Eaves and to Mr. Ryan, who kindly offered to give lessons in chess and draughts to beginners. The chance of learning or of improving one's knowledge of the two games was not accepted, and this is one of the worst signs of the lack of interest in the Club. Of course the Cadet Drills, which were held on the same nights as these lessons, kept away some who, perhaps, would otherwise have gone, but yet there were many more who might have attended if the officers had shown a little more energy and interest to repay the kindness of the above two gentlemen.

On September 24th the first meeting was held in Mr. Eaves' room, when the following officers were elected:—Captain, R. Ward; Secretary, E. H. Ritson; Committee, White, A., Price, N., Jamieson, N.

The Collegiate School were unable to accept our challenge to play them this term, but if we survive after the New Year we hope to meet them twice before the end of the season.

On Tuesday, November 2nd, we met a team of Masters, which Mr. Hicks had kindly got together, and succeeded in defeating them by 10½ to 7½ games. The following were the results:

Mr. Hicks	2	Sleggs	0
Mr. Eaves	1	Price	1
Mr. Hickinbotham	1	Ward	1
Mr. Parsons	2	Jamieson	0
Mr. Williams	½	Abrahams	1½
Mr. Doughty	1	White	1
Mr. Hardman	0	Laidlaw	2
Mr. Elliot	0	Ingham	2
Mr. Kirsch	0	Ritson	2
Total	7½	Total	10½

On Monday, December 20th, we meet the Old Boys', who, we believe, have a very strong team, so we will have to look to it that our record remains unbroken by a defeat. At the beginning of the term a tournament was arranged among the better players of

chess, and Mr. Weisse offered two medals for competition. The tournament, however, has fallen through, and unless next term witnesses a more energetic spirit pervading the Club, the offers of the Headmaster must be rejected, as were those of Mr. Eaves and Mr. Ryan. We sincerely hope that this will not happen, and once more appeal to all members to do their best to place the Chess Club in the foremost rank of the School institutions.

The Old Boys' Literary and Debating Society.

THE first meeting was held on Wednesday, October 13th, 1909, when the Headmaster presided. The subject for discussion was the Budget. There was a large attendance, but the discussion was very one-sided, for there was little said on the Conservative side. The meeting was adjourned to October 20th, when the subject was further developed before forty members. In the end the House supported the Budget by a considerable majority.

On November 10th A. F. Wright read a paper on "Liverpool, a Mushroom City," in which he stated his belief that the prosperity of the town was based on crumbling foundations. There were only about ten members present, but the informal discussion which followed was most enjoyable, in spite of the fact that the members as a whole were inclined to agree with the reader of the paper.

The December meeting took place on the 10th, at the Old Boys' Club (the Wayside Café, Harrington Street). H. Alexander gave a paper on "Modern Education," in which he unsparingly condemned its tendency to over-specialisation, and the consequent narrowing of the victims' outlook. He advocated "intellectual anarchy" in education. The ensuing discussion was undertaken with zest, not to say heat, by the ardent advocates of sectarian, unsectarian, and other types of education. The gathering was most successful, and the new place very comfortable.

Football.

IT is indeed a relief to be able with little fear of contradiction to congratulate ourselves upon having enjoyed for once in a way a successful term's football. Both the First and Second Elevens have so far won the majority of their matches, and it is only to be hoped that the same will continue after the Christmas dissipations, and that we will at last regain our hold of the Shield. Pearse was elected captain of the First Eleven, Sim sub-captain, and McWilliam secretary, while Wigley has officiated as captain of the Second Eleven. As the result of the change of School colours, a committee consisting of Mr. Hicks, Pearse, Sim, and McWilliam were appointed to consider the question of the new football shirt,

and they decided upon a jersey with vertical red and green stripes, the shade of the colour corresponding as closely as possible to the distinctive tints of the new caps. So far only the Elevens have worn the new jersey, but it is hoped that in time it will completely supersede the old shirt, and that it will then be possible to have a trial match in which the colours are not quite as varied as they have been lately. The weather has unfortunately proved most unfavourable for Form games, and it is to be feared that the Cup matches will soon be in a state of confusion. The necessity of having to play in the lacrosse field instead of the Old Farm Field in the park is also causing much annoyance and dissatisfaction, but evidently there is no help for it. So far the First Eleven have played 11 matches, of which 9 were won and 2 lost, while 73 goals have been scored for and 19 against them. I am sure that all will sympathise with Sim, whose regrettable accident prior to the first practice match has prevented him from filling his place in the Eleven, and it is to be hoped that after Christmas he will be able to resume his position.

INSTITUTE v. BOOTLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

This match was played on Wednesday, October 13th, when the Institute lined up as follows:—Miles; Macartney and Clark; Heathcote, Burchill, and Kewley; Mackenzie, Burnett, Pearse, Breckell, and Boyle.

Pearse won the toss, and elected to play with the wind and sun at his back. Shortly after 3 p.m. Bootle kicked off, and for a time assumed the aggressive. The Institute, however, gradually obtained the upper hand, and Boyle scored three goals in quick succession, all from centres from the right. Another goal accrued shortly afterwards through Breckell, following upon another smart centre by Boyle. Pearse quickly followed this with another as the result of an individual effort. After Mackenzie had hit the bottom of the upright with a fine cross shot, Burchill scored two in quick succession, the first with a long drive and the second from a corner. Half-time then came with the score—Institute, 7; Bootle, 0.

On resuming, Miles, after making a weak clearance, effected a fine one-handed save. Mackenzie then obtained a well-earned goal, and Boyle brought his own total up to five and the full total up to ten with two good shots. Burnett, the only forward who did not score, twice got through on his own, and was unfortunate in not obtaining a goal. Just before the finish Mackenzie again hit the post with a powerful shot. When the whistle sounded for full time the score was—Institute, 10; Bootle, 0.

The strength of the team was undoubtedly the forwards, who combined in promising style. Burchill was the pick of a good line of halves. At back Macartney was the better of the pair, as Clark ballooned the ball too much. In goal Miles was quite safe, and did all that was required of him.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.

Played at Greenbank on Wednesday, October 20th. We were represented by the following:—Miles; Macartney and Clark, P. A. G.; Heathcote, Burchill, and Kewley; Mackenzie, Burnett, Pearse, Breckell, and Boyle.

Pearse lost the toss, and we started in face of a strong sun and powerful wind. The opening stages were certainly in the visitors' favour, and Burchill was once prominent in relieving a threatening movement. Then we took up the pressure, and Burnett put in a hard shot, which was saved at the expense of a corner. The game at this point was very fast, and once our goal was in danger, but Miles saved. The play so far was even, though our forwards were not very dangerous when near goal. There was no score at half-time, but shortly after recommencing Boyle scored a lovely goal after a splendid run up the field. We maintained the pressure for a time, but were unable to score, though Boyle had hard luck with a good shot. Then the ball was transferred to our goal, and Miles was prominent with a good save. The game continued to be fast up to the end, when the score of one goal to none in our favour was about a fair representation of the day's play.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

This interesting feature was decided at Stoneycroft on October 23rd in very unsettled weather. The Institute lined up as follows:—Miles; Macartney and Clark, P. A. G.; Heathcote, Burchill, Kewley; Mackenzie, Holt, Pearse, Breckell, Boyle.

Losing the toss, Pearse started for Institute against both rain and wind. From the start the Institute were the better team. The College forwards were completely held up by the visiting halves. After a lot of pressing the Institute scored through Breckell. The College then took up the running, and Miles saved well from the centre and right wing respectively. The ball then travelled to Mackenzie, who was too hampered to shoot, so he tipped it to Pearse, who scored with a shot which left the home custodian helpless. The rain then came down more heavily than before, and when the whistle went for the interval the score was—Institute, 2; College, 0.

From the restart the College never looked like a winning team, thanks to the opposing halves; Kewley especially was playing a great game. Pearse then added a third goal with a long shot, which should have been easily cleared. The home team then had a run-away, which resulted in Smith scoring their only goal. Resuming, Pearse was brought down heavily in the penalty area. The kick was entrusted to Clark, who put the ball over the bar. This was a pity, as the full-back had throughout played a magnificent game. It was now a question of how many goals the Institute would get. Pearse quickly added two more, and the game ended in an easy victory for the Institute. Final—Institute, 5; College, 1.

For the winners Miles was quite safe in goal. Clark was slightly the better back. The halves were a fine trio, while Mackenzie and Pearse were the best forwards.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank Lane on Wednesday, October 27th. The Institute lined up as follows:—Miles; Macartney and Clark, P. A. G.; Heathcote, Burchill, and Kewley; Mackenzie, Burnett, Pearse, Breckell, and Gordon.

The weather was delightful when Pearse kicked off against a strong wind. From the first the Institute pressed, and McKenzie scored the first goal from Gordon's centre. Following this Burnett missed several fine openings, but Pearse made amends by scoring three goals in rapid succession. His second goal was a particularly brilliant effort, being the result of an individual run from mid-field. After this play became more even, but Pearse added a fifth before half-time.

Playing with the wind the Institute did even better than in the first half. Eight goals were scored in the first thirty-five minutes, Pearse (4), Breckell (2), Burnett, and Gordon being the scorers. The last ten minutes were, however, more evenly contested, and no more goals were added. The final score was thus 13—0 in our favour.

In spite of the result Calday played really well, and the victory was due chiefly to the fine combination and shooting of our forwards, among whom Pearse was especially in fine form.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD INSTITUTE.

The above match was played at Prenton on November 3rd, the School being represented by:—Miles; Macartney and Clark; Dumbell, Burchill, and Kewley; Mackenzie, Burnett, Dowler, Gordon, and Boyle. In the absence of Pearse, Boyle captained the side, and Dowler came into the team as centre-forward. Heathcote also was an absentee, his place being taken by Dumbell.

The ground was very treacherous, and the players, especially Boyle, found great difficulty in keeping their feet. For the first quarter of an hour the homesters were penned up in their own half, but gradually they began to assert themselves, and after some mid-field play opened the score. Keeping up this pressure they increased their score before the interval, and half-time arrived with the score—Birkenhead, 2; Liverpool Institute, 0.

Soon after restarting Gordon scored for the School, but Birkenhead, who were now playing a fast game, added to their score. Nothing could hold the opposing forwards, and only the skill of Miles saved the School from a heavier defeat. As it was, two further goals were scored, and the Institute retired defeated by 5 goals to 1.

Some excuse for this first defeat of the season may be found in the fact that Birkenhead's team were, with one exception, over age for the shield, and that the School had to take the field with depleted forces.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was decided at Manchester on November 10th in wet weather. Pearse lost the toss, and started for the Institute against a stiff breeze. The Institute at once pressed, and Gordon scored with a good shot. After some mid-field play Manchester equalised with a well-placed shot. In attempting to save a shot from the home right, Kewley handled with fatal results. Another goal quickly followed, and half-time arrived with the score—Manchester, 3; Institute, 1.

On resuming Manchester for a time monopolised the play, and their knowledge of the ground led to five goals being scored against the Institute. A rally by the visitors resulted in play being taken into the home goal, and good combination by the forward line was rewarded by Pearse placing the ball into the net. The whistle then sounded for the cessation of hostilities without any further score.

The cause of this heavy defeat was the wet state of the ground, as the greater weight of the Manchester eleven materially assisted them. The score was by no means a fair reflex of the game, the School maintaining their previous good form. In goal Miles had no chance with any of the scoring shots, and Clark and Macartney defended well. Burchill was the star performer of a good line of half-backs, and the forwards as a whole played well, although they were at a great disadvantage in having to meet a defence much larger than themselves.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played at Greenbank on Saturday, November 13th. The following represented the Institute:—Miles; Macartney and Clark, P. A. G.; Heathcote, Burchill, and Kewley; Mackenzie, Burnett, Pearse, Breckell, and Bradshaw. Pearse won the toss, and after the game had been in progress only a few minutes Wallasey's left-half kindly put the ball through his own goal from a corner. Soon afterwards Pearse added another two, both of them being the result of good individual work. Not content with these, he soon met with another success, this time having merely to beat the goalkeeper after Burnett's shot had been saved. Bradshaw was next conspicuous with a good run down his wing, and from his centre Pearse added a fifth goal. Mackenzie then tested the goalkeeper with a hot shot, which was saved at the expense of a corner, from which Burnett nearly headed the ball into the goal. Before half-time arrived Pearse and Burnett both scored, thus bringing the score up to 7—0 in our favour.

The second half was more evenly contested, though we succeeded in bringing our total number of goals to twelve. The first two of these fell to Mackenzie, who was playing a splendid game. Bradshaw scored once from a really excellent shot, and Pearse added the last two.

The team as a whole played a very loose game, but individually they all played extremely well. Miles had little to do in goal, both the backs were reliable, while the halves were all sure, though Burchill sometimes was slow in parting with the ball. Of the forwards Pearse was chiefly conspicuous by his individual runs, but he was well marked, and might have passed more with advantage. Mackenzie and Burnett combined very well, and Breckell and Bradshaw both did good work. The final score was 12—0 for the Institute.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. OULTON SECONDARY SCHOOL.

This match was played at Greenbank Lane on November 17th. The Institute was represented by the following team:—Miles; Macartney and Clark, P. A. G.; Heathcote, Burchill, and Kewley; Mackenzie, Burnett, Pearse, Breckell, and Gordon.

Pearse won the toss, and Oulton kicked off in face of the sun. For the first five minutes they gave our defence an anxious time, during which Miles made an excellent save. Eventually Clark kicked clear, and Mackenzie obtaining possession centred to Pearse, who rushed between the backs and scored with a splendid shot. Our forwards kept up the pressure, and soon afterwards Burnett registered a second point. Oulton livened up a little, and they would have scored if their shooting had been better. Their attack did not last long, for Kewley mastered their right wing and passed to Burnett, who forced a corner, from which Breckell headed through the goal. Later on Burnett made a splendid individual effort, and scored our fourth goal. Not long afterwards our left wing was conspicuous in another attack, and ultimately Gordon hit the post with a fast shot. Luckily the ball rebounded to Pearse, who scored another goal. A few minutes later half-time arrived, with the score 5—0 in our favour.

After the interval the game was of an even character. Our half-backs fed the forwards well, and eventually Pearse added a sixth goal. Play then became somewhat slow, but shortly before full-time Oulton scored. Final—Institute, 6; Oulton, 1.

PEARSE, H. T., has made an excellent captain, and though occasionally apt to hug the ball, has proved the best "centre" we have had for some seasons. He is especially dangerous from individual runs, when he makes good use of his speed.

BRECKELL has developed considerably during the season. Is an extremely clever dribbler, though sometimes he is apt to lose himself in addition to bewildering his opponents. His shooting has also much improved.

GORDON has, unfortunately, only been able to play in a few matches. Is fast and particularly strong in centreing, and it is to be hoped that after Christmas he will be able to play more consistently.

BURNETT, though he began well, has somewhat dropped off in his play. Is apt to dally too much, and is frequently weak in shooting; but his combination with McKenzie is brilliant, and he ought with a little more confidence to prove more successful.

MACKENZIE appears to have lost none of his last season's form. He and Burnett combine well, and his corners and centres are admirable. Is an extremely good shot, and might do even better if he could manage sometimes to take the ball further down before he centres.

BURCHILL has played some of the best games of the whole team. Has improved wonderfully since last season, and both in tackling and passing to his forwards has proved the most consistent of the halves. Sometimes is apt to dribble too much.

KEWLEY has fully justified his inclusion in the team. Has been good both in defence and attack, while his weight is a distinct advantage, and he has steadily improved from the beginning of the season.

HEATHCOTE is to be congratulated upon at once securing a place in the team. His tackling is splendid, and he is fairly fast, but he ought to pass more to his forwards, and not put the ball straight up the field. He also is the fortunate possessor of more than average "bulk," and knows how to use it in moderation.

CLARK, P. A. G., should prove a most useful back in Shield matches. He is heavy, and though occasionally apt to transgress the rules, has been fortunate so far in escaping prominent notice. A powerful kick, though too prone to "balloon" the ball. Is a splendid tackler.

MACARTNEY always plays a vigorous game. His tackling is good, and though he occasionally misses his kick, he invariably makes a brilliant recovery and saves the situation.

MILES has been very smart in goal, and always reliable. He ought not to startle the spectators so much by indulging in drop kicks, but should use his hands more. He also ought to learn to grow, and then perhaps he would be perfect.

The Second Eleven have had a very excellent season. They have played so far eight matches, of which seven have been won and one abandoned. The goal average is 55—18 in our favour. The team plays well in the first half, but has a bad habit of slacking in the early part of the second half. Several games have nearly been lost through this, but the team invariably rallies and finishes well.

On October 13th we met Liscard High School at Liscard. The game was rather erratic. In the first half we had by far the best

of the game, leading at the interval by 6 goals to 1; but the second half was extremely exciting, and our defence was sorely tried. The final score was 7—5 in our favour.

The following Wednesday (October 20th) we met the Catholic Institute at Wavertree. Our forwards played very well, but were weak in shooting. The Catholic Institute were an uneven eleven; some were exceedingly good, others just as weak. We fully deserved our win, playing very consistently throughout the game. Score: 7—3.

The Saturday afterwards (October 23rd) we played the Collegiate School at home. The weather was wretched. After a very poor and scrappy game we were forced by the heavy downpour to leave the field a quarter of an hour before full-time. Unfortunately, when we abandoned the game, we were losing by 3 goals to 4.

On Saturday, October 30th, we met Wallasey Grammar School. Our shooting was exceedingly feeble, but our combination was far better. We clearly outplayed our opponents, who were spasmodic, and won by 6 goals to 4.

On Wednesday, November 3rd, we routed Birkenhead Institute at Birkenhead Park by 9 goals to 0. The game was badly contested, especially in the second half, and our success was largely due to the weakness of the opposing halves.

Camera and Field Club.

THE approach of winter and the rapid shortening of the days have rendered outdoor photography almost impossible to the amateur. The Club has not been idle, however, and an admirable Winter Programme has been arranged, which includes some evening meetings.

On Tuesday, October 26th, a preliminary meeting was held to consider the programme for the new session. During the evening a limelight lecture on "The Norfolk Broads" was given by Mr. Wheeler.

The following Wednesday we visited Messrs. Nuttall's glassworks at St. Helens. We were shown the various stages in the manufacture of many kinds of bottles. Next we visited the mould room, and watched the great machines as they slowly cut out the shape of the bottle in a solid block of iron. After playing some time with the familiar Rupert's Drop, we thanked our host and proceeded to the station.

On Friday, November 5th, Mr. Wheeler gave a demonstration of S.C.P. printing, showing the various effects which may be obtained by a careful use of the many grades of this paper.

It was a small but merry party which defied Jupiter Pluvius and visited the Garston Bobbin Works on Wednesday, November 17th. Most of us had only one idea of a bobbin, namely, that

associated with the ordinary penny reel; but we were soon amazed by the endless variety of shapes a bobbin can assume, and also by the wonderful machinery, for none of us expected to see such a marvellous display of what inventive genius can do. We started with the raw product (which, by the way, the Tariff Reformer is not going to tax) and saw immense logs sawn up with lightning rapidity—squared, turned, bored, and finished in beautiful style. Everything was done automatically, even the painting, and though the machine may have gone wrong and disfigured the faces of the party with vermilion, rumour says that Tushingam was the culprit. We had a really fine time, and came away with ideas rich in the boundless possibilities of automatic motion, feeling that the time was at hand when strikes shall be no more, when all the work will be done from a switchboard, and the British workman as extinct as the Dodo. When we had viewed the works we were kindly invited to tea at the Tushingam's, an invitation which we gladly accepted.

The following Wednesday we went to Messrs. Bryant & May's Diamond Matchworks. As at the bobbin works, here again we were confronted with many wonderful machines. It was indeed interesting to see thousands of matchsticks travelling round on belts, each row in turn dipped into the sulphur bath, and then switched into the grooves and placed in boxes. Perhaps the most wonderful machine was a printing machine fed from a roll of thin cardboard. The cardboard was cut into lengths, glued together as box lids, printed on both sides, and the sandpaper sticker affixed. The finished box lids issued from the machine at a rate of 800 per minute.

Next term we hope to arrange demonstrations in enlarging and copying, and expect to increase our membership.

Editorial Notices.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*Savilian* (2), *Wyggestonian* (2), *Fettesian* (2), *Holl School Magazine*, *Wallaseyan*, *College Echoes*, *Esmeduna*, *Kelly College Chronicle*, *Birkonian*, *Catholic Institute Magazine*, *Yellow Dragon*, and *Hymesian*.

Obituary.

**Edgar J. Blevin, aged 30, who perished
in the foundering off the Mersey Bar of
the s.s. *Ellan Vannin* on Friday, Dec. 3rd.**