



The New School Organ.

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My dear Old Boy,

By sending you, on behalf of the school, a copy of the Magazine with pictures of YOUR Organ and the new Gymnasium, I am endeavouring to express to you our warm Christmas Greetings and our Love and Admiration for you all.

Since the Magazine was printed the school has received another magnificent gift; a new Prefects' Room and School Library, beautifully furnished in Oak and filled with about 3000 volumes of the greatest books.

Whilst we thank the nameless Donor, we do not forget that he is inspired to this generosity by the great honour you, dear Old Boys, have conferred upon the school by your courage and your patriotism.

In sincere affection

Yours ever

HENRY V. WEISSE.

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Editorial.

IN taking up our pen to write this, our first Editorial, it seems impossible to escape the time honoured, yet hackneyed type of Editorial which has graced this page for so many terms. That is, of course, a summary, with comments of the term's events and an endeavour to present each event in its proper light before the School.

Undoubtedly the most important event of the term was the opening of the splendid Organ which now adds grace and beauty to the former comparative bareness of the Hall. The Organ has been built as a memorial to those Old Boys who have joined his Majesty's forces, but, rather strangely, the School seems not to have realised that it is such a memorial. However, that fact will remain indissolubly linked with the Organ, and it will lend it all the sanctity of tradition in time to come.

The Gymnasium is now completed, and is an exceedingly fine building, of which the School will be proud, and of which it will do well to make the utmost use. It is, perhaps, rather unfortunate that the Upper Forms have to have their gymnasium period after school, when they are fatigued with the stress of a long day's hard toil; yet the great good which they receive from that instruction more than repays them for their slight inconvenience.

Another valuable institution which has been made this term is the inauguration of the House Honours' Boards. The School have, unfortunately, but a very vague idea of the purpose of these Boards, and their great importance and value has not been duly recognised. We see in them a step towards the recognition and permanent remembrance of those feats which make tradition for the School, and which up to now have been entirely forgotten.

We welcome the revival of the Chess Club, and hope that, with the infusion of new vigour, it will have a more prosperous and lengthy existence than have previous clubs. We would also draw attention to the Museum, which has been languishing in neglect, as our brilliant contributor has but too truly pointed out. We hope that it, too, will be revived and have a bright career in the future.

The Roll of Honour in the Hall steadily grows longer, unfortunately, and while we feel a reverent sorrow for those who have died for their country, we cannot but be proudly elated by the noble way in which they met their death.

Editorial Notice.

The price of the Magazine will next term be fourpence, and twopence for members of the Sports and Arts Club.

Chat on the Corridor.

DURING the last fortnight we have been living under Arctic conditions and, unfortunately, have had to endure the hardships of the icy cold without experiencing any of its pleasures.



We wish to congratulate F. G. Norris on gaining a Senior City Scholarship, which he has since resigned.



Our heartiest congratulations to Capt. Ellis on his marriage to Miss Cox, of Birmingham.



J. L. D. Watson, F. G. Norris and J. I. McKie have been appointed Editors, and W. J. Laird, Advertisement Editor of the Magazine.



We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Makins, who has returned to the School, and to Mr. Stell, who has undertaken the duties of Gymnasium Instructor.



During the holidays a large number of boys from the School were engaged on the work entailed by National Registration. The elder of us were employed at the University, while the younger helped in the task of enumeration.



We congratulate most heartily J. I. McKie, who has gained the first prize in the Essay Competition of the Colonial Institute. and also J. L. D. Watson, who was placed fifteenth. The competition is open to the whole Empire, so their success is all the more splendid.



J. L. D. Watson has been appointed Cricket Secretary, and A. B. Tytler Sports Captain, to supervise the training for the Inter-School Sports.



Hearty congratulations to Mr. Ryan on the birth of a son on November 19th.



The School has suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Mr. Sephton, formerly Head Master of the School. This great loss was soon followed by the death of Mrs. Sephton, who died but a few weeks after her husband.

The new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Charles Wakefield, is an Old Boy of the School, and we wish most sincerely to congratulate him on the high honour he has received.



During the holidays, after camp, Sergts. Tytler and Capstick were engaged on military duties at Weeton, and Sergts. Dumbell and Loughurst at Southport.



We wish to congratulate K. L. Scott, J. H. Tranmer, R. C. H. Ellam, and F. H. Bacon on their obtaining Commissions in H.M. forces.



On November 30th, the School had the great pleasure of hearing Mr. J. E. Wallace, B. Mus., an Old Boy, play the new Organ. Mr. Wallace obtained his degree at Durham but two months ago, and in 1914 he achieved a brilliant success in gaining the first prize in the F.R.C.O. examination.



The following are the successes of the School in the Oxford Senior Locals this year: First-class Honours, W. C. V. Rosney, T. M. Knox; Second-class Honours, E. S. Jackson, D. G. M. Jackson, J. Laver, S. K. Maddrell, J. A. Scott, J. Wilde; Third-class Honours, G. A. Chesters, R. Low, J. S. Macdonald, T. H. Wilcox, R. E. Williams; Pass, A. J. W. Bebbington, A. F. C. Christian, W. E. Dumbell, E. T. Griffiths, J. Henderson, D. Lloyd, J. R. Oddy, V. E. Pritchard, W. Turnock, S. E. West, L. R. Wright.



The School Prizes have been awarded as follows: Latin—F. G. Norris; Essay—J. I. McKie; French—F. G. Norris; Maths.—J. H. Tranmer; Physics—E. H. Sawyer. The German Prize was not awarded.



The following are the successes in the Matriculation Examination of the Joint Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities:—First Class: A. G. Russell; second class, K. N. Black, E. G. Broadbent, E. Capstick, J. S. Fell, W. H. Fletcher, J. Goldberg, H. Kingan, W. J. Laird, A. F. Stoker, A. B. Tytler, F. J. Wright.



We would remind boys of the Hobby Show, which takes place next term, and would urge them to prepare their intended exhibits during the dark nights which now weigh upon us.

We learn, on going to press, that the Chess Club have been challenged by Wallasey G.S. to a match, and have accepted the challenge. We wish them success.



We wish most heartily to congratulate W. Hill, an O.I, who has gained the first place in the Students' Intermediate Examination of the Surveyors' Institute and gained the Institution prize of 15 guineas.



As the results of various recent entertainments, the School has been enabled to send the sum of £25 to the "Children of Empire" Fund.



We wish to express our sincere sympathy with Mr. Owen, whose son has been reported as missing since September 25th.



We hear that both Captains Whiting and Ellis are now in France with their battalions.

The following Old Boys of the School have recently died for their country:—

WILF. BARBER, Lance-Cpl. 6th K.L.R.
 C. M. ELLICK, Lance-Cpl. 10th K.L.R.
 R. LITTLE, Private, 10th K.L.R.
 H. GEE, Lieut. 16th K.L.R.
 J. G. PATERSON, Sergt. 10th K.L.R.
 T. H. WEBSTER, Sergt. 10th K.L.R.
 F. J. ROBERTS, Lieut. 1st K.L.R.
 RONALD FRASER, 2nd Lieut. 69th Punjabis.
 R. B. WILSON, Pte. 10th K.L.R.
 H. RIMMER, Trooper London County Yeomanry.
 W. SCOTT (DIXON), Lieut. R.F.A.
 J. REG. JONES, Gunner Lancs. & Cheshire R.G.A.

The following Old Boys have been wounded and missing for some time :—

Colin Boyle (Private), 10th K. L. R.

Percy Owen (Private), Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

Vivian Macartney (Private), 13th London Regiment (Kensingtons).

O.T.C. at Camp.

THIS year, owing to the disturbed state of the whole country, and in particular of the War Office, the usual official camp was not held. Thanks, however, to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we were able to hold a private camp in the Wirral. The site chosen was a large field at Irby, and preliminary preparations were well in hand by the beginning of July.

On Tuesday, July 27th, the advance party, consisting of the sergeants, a lance-corporal, and several handy and hefty privates, meeting at Central Low Level in the early hours of the morning, caught the 7-50 train to West Kirby. From West Kirby they marched to Irby, arriving about 9-15 a.m. Here they met Lieut. Doughty, and under his direction proceeded to put up the tents, and commenced making sanitary arrangements. After putting in a hard day's work, they retired to bed about 9 p.m., hoping for a well-earned rest. This was, however, not to be, as between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. they were treated to the severest thunderstorm that had been experienced in the Liverpool district for some time. As the tents were somewhat the worse for wear, the party emerged next morning slightly damped. The work had, nevertheless, to be finished, and after breakfast they started again in earnest, and when the sanitary arrangements were completed, filled palliasses, distributed blankets, and unpacked tent-boxes. This work lasted until about 3 p.m., when they made everything ready to receive the main body, who were marching from Birkenhead. Arriving about 5-30 p.m., the main body, under Lieut. Broom and Sergt. Tytler, were much refreshed by the excellent tea which awaited them. Camp had now properly commenced, and 79 N.C.O.'s and men and two officers were ready to make the best of ten days' training under canvas. The general daily programme was:—Reveill e at 6 a.m.; rouse parade, 6-45—7-15; prayers, 7-15; morning parade, 9 a.m.; kit inspection, 2-15 p.m.; and an occasional afternoon parade at 2-45 p.m. Fruit was served out at rouse parades, through the kindness of Mr. Lawrence Holt, who, with Mr. Hickinbotham (as medical officer) and Mr. Tomas (our hon. quartermaster), stayed with us several nights.

On Thursday morning we paraded in field order and marched on to Thurston Hill. Here instructional practice in the principles of attack was first carried out. After the rank and file had become used to manoeuvring on the rough ground, a small instructional battle was arranged. Sergt. Tytler took charge of half the platoon in the defence, and the remaining half, under the command of Sergt. Capstick, advanced over a series of parallel ridges in short sectional rushes, the attack finishing by a charge and counter-charge. Distance-judging was practised with varied success during the interval between the instructional skirmishing and the miniature battle. In the afternoon we paraded to arrange the camp sections, and dismissed after a thirty minutes' uninteresting but necessary parade. At 7 p.m. our first guard was mounted, and from thence onwards the ceremony of changing guard took place every night. The period of duty was twenty-four hours so that interest was added to our marchings in and out by the saluting of the guard.

On Friday morning we paraded at 9 a.m. for a concentration march on West Kirby. We divided into two parties at Irby Mill Hill, two sections, under Sergt. Tytler, taking the route through Lower Caldby, and the other two sections, under Sergt. Black, the route through Greasby and Frankby. The concentration was excellent, a distance of only ten yards separating the two parties at the appointed time. Reaching the station, we were dismissed for half-an-hour, and, falling in again at 11-45 a.m., returned home along the sea front and through Caldby Village. In the afternoon we had a manual instructional parade, during which the sergeants gave a very smart demonstration of rifle drill. The guard ceremonial was then demonstrated in order to smarten the changing of the guard.

Saturday morning was employed in outpost work. The command of the platoon was given to Lance-Corporal Wright, who received orders to defend a definite section of an imaginary outpost line. He divided his men into three piquets under Lance-Cpls. Fletcher, Chesters and McDavid. Two of the positions chosen were good, but the third was badly exposed, and a mistake was made in sending out no covering scouts before the platoon was brought up into position. Sergt. Tytler then took command of the platoon, and arranged another piquet line on the same ground, with the sergeants as piquet commanders. This was carried out satisfactorily, and we returned home earlier than usual, Saturday being visitors' day. In the afternoon, to provide amusement for our guests, the N.C.O.'s tried their mettle against the ranks in a football match. The game was fairly even and the result a draw (3—3). A cricket match was also played, and provided interesting sport. Unfortunately, the day ended dismally with rain. In spite of a heavy drizzling rain, the platoon paraded on Sunday morning and marched to Heswall Parish Church. The weather, however, was

fine for the return march, and we soon learnt that marching in great-coats was not a pleasure to be sought after too often. *En passant*, congratulations to Cpl.-Dr. Hohenrein on the excellence of the band at camp. Was it, however, a bandsman in tent number one who blew "lights out" out of tune one night? The signalling section under Sergt. Black also did some very useful work.

On Monday, August Bank Holiday, we confined ourselves to the camp fields in order to escape the inquisitive eye of the hundreds of pleasure-seekers in the Wirral. The morning was therefore occupied in instructional attack practice in the field, varied with a little distance-judging. The proposed gymkhana for the afternoon had to be postponed through bad weather, but the organised sing-song in the evening proved a great success. It is very difficult to keep a sing-song moving when there are only eighty from whom to select entertainers; but a number of "stars" obliged more than once, prominent among them being Sergt. Longhurst and Cadet Askey.

A route march was the order of the day for Tuesday. Parading in field order, we marched via Greasby and Meols to Hoylake, where we had a half-hour's halt. We returned through West Kirby and Lower Caldy. The day was exceedingly hot, and fourteen miles in full kit before dinner was no mean performance.

Wednesday morning was occupied by a sham fight on Thurstaston Hill. The attackers, sections 2, 3 and 4, were placed under the command of Sergt. Tytler, and the defenders, section 1, and the band under Sergt. Capstick. The attack developed rather slowly at first, and its left flank, under Sergt. Black, was trapped and wiped out by a well-placed and cunningly concealed advanced post under Lance-Corporal Chesters. As the main attack appeared to be developing on a front half-left from the main position, Sergt. Capstick transferred this squad to his left flank and placed Corporal-Dr. Hohenrein with a squad in a position from which it was possible to enfilade the attack in the later stages of its advance. The first stages of the attack had not promised well, but the brilliance with which the final stages of the main attack were conducted amply made amends, and a successful assault on the main position brought the fight to a conclusion. On falling in after the cease fire, Lieut. Doughty commended Sergt. Capstick on his choice of the defensive position and the placing on the flanks of the squads under Lance-Corporal Chesters and Corporal Dr.-Hohenrein, adding that if the latter squad had only taken better cover the attack would certainly have failed. He also complimented the main attack very highly on its final offensive. The return to camp was then made, and the postponed gymkhana was held in the afternoon. Here the sergeants gave a further proof of their all-round abilities, carrying off seven points, while the nearest rivals, tents Nos. 9 and 10, succeeded in amassing only four points each. A notable victory of the sergeants

was the tug-of-war between them and the officers, Lieut. Griffiths, on a visit from Manchester, assisting his late colleagues. Another football match between the N.C.O.'s and ranks was played in the evening, Lance-Corporal McDavid distinguishing himself by doing the "hat-trick," incidentally giving the N.C.O.'s a handsome victory (3-1).

Thursday was a notable day, the platoon, under the command of Lieut. Broom, marching to Parkgate. The day was very close, and before we reached home several of our younger members needed the assistance of a conveyance. Lieut. Broom, marching at the head, did not spare us, and the sixteen miles was covered in excellent time. It would, perhaps, have been wiser to spread the news of the cancelled afternoon's parade after dinner, for appetites increased with the added cheerfulness.

Thurstaston Hill was again the scene of operations on Friday, when sections 3 and 4 began an attack practice over a difficult piece of level ground, while sections 1 and 2 criticised. Several of the caustic comments by these latter might have caused trouble when the practice was reversed. Fortunately for sections 1 and 2 the rain prevented this, for it made the continuance of the operations on the hill impossible. To prevent chills we marched briskly home by a long route, via Irby Mill Hill. Rain continued for the rest of the day, preventing an afternoon parade. The organised sing-song in the evening proved a great success, and "lights out" was blown later than usual to allow of its prolongment, this being our last night under canvas.

On Saturday morning it was, most unfortunately, raining, and in striking tents and packing up for coming home, many got rather wet. Quite cheerfully, however, we marched off after dinner, and passing through Greasby and Upton, arrived at Birkenhead Ferry about 5 p.m. At Liverpool we were given the option of going home immediately or of marching to School to get kit-bags. Thus, rather dismally, ended one of the most successful camps we have ever had.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Lieut. Doughty and Lieut. Broom, who worked so hard to make the camp such a complete success. We also take this opportunity publicly to thank the anonymous donor, without whose aid no camp would have been possible.

The Conquerors.

A flock of falcons, from their native haunts,
Tired of enduring long-drawn misery.
Captains and warriors hied them forth from home,
Intoxicated with a brutal dream,
That was heroic, still. They went to seek
The fabled metal of the distant mines.
Ripened, all golden, by Cipango, there
The favouring winds thither inclined their sails,
Where lies the boundary of the Western world.
At even, dreaming o'er the morrow's deeds,
Worthy a place in epic, charmed was their sleep
By the El Dorado, promised by the sea,
The tropic sea, one phosphorescent blue ;
Or, near the prows of their white caravels,
They watched, at ease, new stars ascend the heavens,
Till then unknown, rising from Ocean's depth.
From the French of Hérédia.

The New School Organ.

AT last, after prolonged and hideous disfigurements of the Hall, and all sorts of weird noises that have disturbed our laborious studies, the new organ stands in all its glory, high up above the platform. On the 18th of November Sir Walter Parratt, the King's Master of Music, Organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and Professor of Music at Oxford, did us the honour of coming to Liverpool to open this unique concrete expression of our pride in, and gratitude for, the heroism of the Old Boys. Hardly for any less impressive ceremony would the great veteran musician have travelled through two nights, in order to lend to the occasion the dignity of his presence and the majesty of his art.

In a brief speech of welcome to Sir Walter and thanks to all subscribers the Head Master spoke of what the organ stands for, with its simple invitation to the school to "Praise the Lord," and its single line of dedication carved in oak along the front of the base: "Patriæ qui vitam consecraverunt sodalibus ex honore sodales." It was with deep emotion that the Head spoke of the calm devotion and unostentatious bravery of our Old Boys, of the sorrows that must be, and of the pride that will survive all sorrow.

Sir Walter, in accepting a golden key with which to open the organ, spoke a few friendly words of thanks, and then invited those present to join in singing, "Now thank we all our God," whilst he, as he quaintly put it, "tried to drown them." He then played a programme of music largely by composers from among our Allies,

ending up with the Great D minor Toccata of Bach, and the wonderful Fantasia written for mechanical organ by Mozart. For these two works Sir Walter claimed that they were "super national."

The tones of the organ are all beautiful, except perhaps the trumpet, which is almost too powerful ; and one or two of the stops on each manual, such as the clarabella, the clarinet, the voix celeste and the two diapasons, are quite exceptionally good and reflect the highest credit on the builders. Indeed, Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper are to be congratulated on erecting this noble instrument under structural difficulties which at first seemed insuperable. The whole action is pneumatic, the tubes running from the console under the gallery, through beneath the platform, into the workshop, and from there up through Miss Wilson's room back into the hall about 25 feet higher up. The player has every conceivable device at his command for "building up" the volume of sound ; pneumatic buttons below the keys, pneumatic pistons above the pedals, and every variety of coupler between keyboards and pedals, as well as between the sub-octaves and super-octaves of the swell organ itself. The great organ has seven stops, the pedal organ has three, and the swell seven ; but with its octave and sub-octave couplers the effect of the swell is that of a much larger instrument. The only thing approaching to a fancy stop is the voix celeste, which with the soft gamba and the tremulant gives a sort of approach to the "vox humana" stop, which is considered so very effective by many organists.

We should not forget that all our efforts to get the organ, especially to get it now, would have been vain, but for the generous help of one friend, whom we regret not being able to thank by name.

Swimming Club.

IT is pleasing to be able to record that the disappearance of the obstacles which prevented the holding of the Annual Competition last year enabled the members this season to give a public display of their accomplishments, and from the time the date of the Gala was fixed, an enthusiastic, if comparatively small, band of swimmers turned up regularly twice a week at the Lodge Lane Baths and practised vigorously, with the inevitable result that, from the swimming point of view, the final meeting was an unqualified success.

From the social point of view, however, there were three regrettable absences, each of which in itself was sufficient to mar that perfect satisfaction which would have prevailed otherwise. First was the unavoidable absence of the Head Master from his

accustomed place in the President's chair, where we—and we are sure that we may include the Acting-President on the occasion—feel that nobody can adequately replace him. Secondly, the absence from the programme of the 'Old Boys' Race, which has hitherto brought together, year after year, a group of the most proficient and enthusiastic swimmers in the city, most of whom were amongst the first to offer themselves for their country, and if they have not given their lives for it, are now serving it with the same whole-heartedness which characterised their work in their swimming practice, both at school and afterwards; and thirdly the absence for the first time of Mr. Bickerstaff, whose genial and cheery presence was much missed, especially by his colleagues. This seems to the writer, who was perhaps more intimate with him in relation to this department of his school activities than anyone else, a fitting opportunity to refer to his 37 years of self-sacrificing and untiring work in connection with the swimming organisations work, the far-reaching effects of which can never be gauged, which will be remembered with gratitude by some hundred of old boys for many years to come, and which will be passed on by them in ever increasing fruitfulness to succeeding generations. It must be a great consolation to him now that ill health has forced him to cease from active exertion, to reflect upon the results of his labour, and we trust that he may be long spared to derive pleasure from the keen interest, which he still maintains, unabated in the doings of the club.

The quality of the swimming was very good throughout, but that of the Championship grade was excellent, and in this, never before has there been such a satisfactory display. Ten boys swam in the preliminary test, 500 yards, and all but one did the distance within the standard time $11\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, E. M. Fry's performance being the best, 9 min. 55 sec. Of these, five entered the final stage, 150 yards, and, after an interesting race, H. H. Griffiths won easily in $139\frac{1}{2}$ secs., E. M. Fry coming in next, 11 secs. later.

The most exciting contests in the old days between the High and Commercial School squadron teams, did not surpass that between the Cochran and Hughes Houses. When Griffiths entered the water as last man for Hughes House, their chance of recovery seemed hopeless, but his marvellous effort soon reduced the Cochran lead, and, though the result was in doubt to the last stroke, he secured for his team a most popular victory, if we may judge by the amount of applause which greeted it.

The 100-yard races produced some strenuous work and good swimming. J. L. Roxburgh won both races in the excellent time of $92\frac{1}{2}$ and 95 secs. respectively. The effort in these races was so praiseworthy, that a prize for the second place in the under 15 race has been awarded to T. E. Gornall (106 sec.), and a special prize to K. N. Black for his performance (103 sec.) in the semi-final heats of the open race, in which he beat J. Halliday by 2 seconds.

The Breast Stroke Race, which is justly becoming more popular, produced some very good examples of this most important stroke. A. Eschwege's (43 secs.) and J. Halliday's (45 secs.) performances were exceedingly good, and reminded us of Mr. W. W. Robinson, an old boy of the school who, a few years ago, held the 200 yards Championship of Liverpool, and who won the King's Cup in the Olympic Festival.

The diving in the open contest was so even that the work of decision gave the judges considerable trouble. Eventually the best man was discovered in K. G. Trainor, while E. C. Lightfoot's place as second was well earned, for he was little behind the winner in points.

The spirit of patriotism was shown in admirable form in the way in which several boys, who had undertaken really too many events, honoured their promises for the sake of the credit of their Houses, though they evidently suffered from their consequent over-exertion. These boys set an example worthy to be followed by the rest of the School.

W. N. Owen, an Old Boy, was kind enough to give a clever exposition of the "crawl" and "back" strokes, which were fully appreciated. A demonstration of amusing and instructive examples of swimming, given by Mr. S. McDonnell, assisted by Mr. J. Clark, a native of the West Indies, and of breast-stroke swimming and motionless floating by Master Williams, seven years of age, delighted the spectators, and, together with the school exhibition, should have the effect, as Mr. Tiffen afterwards said, of stimulating the desire to learn the art; but it is difficult to nurse good resolutions in this direction during the course of a long and discouraging winter, and when the spring returns the greater number of them are found, alas! to have perished.

Mr. G. W. Bain occupied the chair, and ably fulfilled its duties, in the absence of the Head Master. Later in the evening he was supported by Mr. Tiffen, one of the Vice-Presidents, who proposed a vote of thanks to all the Masters who had been instrumental in accomplishing the success of the meeting.

The thanks of the School are most especially due to Mr. Eaves, who spent many valuable hours in arranging the details of the Gala and, with Mr. Bailey, the all-important handicaps.

The Craven-Carefull Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate marks was won by J. L. Roxburgh with the fine total of 71, J. Halliday being second with 54.

The Challenge Shield for the House gaining the highest total

of marks was won by Hughes' House. The marks gained by Houses are as follow :—

Hughes	...	...	...	...	144
Cochran	...	...	...	...	127
Tate	...	...	...	...	114
P. Holt	..	...	...	...	100
A. Holt	...	...	...	...	86
Danson	...	...	...	...	34

SWIMMING COMPETITIONS—RESULTS.

(PRIZES.)

- 25 yards (beginners).—1, B. J. Owens (24 secs.).
 Neat Dive (under 15)—1, J. L. Roxburgh
 Squadron Race (Hughes House)—J. W. Procter, E. M. Fry, E. F. Waide, H. H. Griffiths.
 50 yards Breast Stroke—1, A. Eschwege (43 secs.); 2, J. Halliday (45 secs.).
 50 yards Back Stroke—1, E. C. Lightfoot (50 secs.).
 100 yards (under 15)—1, J. L. Roxburgh (92½ secs.); 2, T. E. Gornall (106 secs.).
 150 yards Championship—1, H. H. Griffiths (139½ secs.); 2, E. M. Fry (150½ secs.).
 50 yards Handicap—1, E. F. Waide (43 secs.); 2, R. E. Q. Corlett (45 secs.).
 Neat Dive (open)—1, K. G. Trainor; 2, E. C. Lightfoot; 3, R. E. Q. Corlett.
 100 yards (open)—1, J. L. Roxburgh (95 secs.); K. N. Black (103 secs.).
 Obstacle Race—1, E. M. Fry; 2, K. G. Trainor; 3, E. F. Waide.

O. T. C. Notes.

THE first term of the School year is never one fraught with much excitement, and the work of writing these notes generally becomes one of chronicling the changes that have been occasioned by the entrance of many of our senior cadets into the higher training corps of commercial life. This year several of those who have left us have gone to uphold the name of the school in his Majesty's Forces, and to those we offer our best wishes. Among their number is Lieut. Simon, who has obtained a commission in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. We welcome Mr. Brown in his place, and heartily congratulate the corps on obtaining such an excellent officer. The school is keeping in touch with all its old officers. Captain Whiting is now "somewhere in France," with the Pals, and Captain Ellis is still at Winchester. To the latter we offer our best congratulations on his marriage on September 18th. During the summer holidays, our four Sergeants took advantage of the War Office offer to allow them to assist in the training of territorials, and

they proved themselves very useful. Sergeant Tytler and Sergeant Capstick had a rather wet time at Weston, with the 5th Battalion Loyal North Lancashires, while Sergeant Dumbell and Sergeant Longhurst had a more comfortable time, in billets with the 7th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, at Southport.

Our work this time has been confined for the most part to the school premises. Scout classes, under the management of Lieut. Broom, have been a great success, and an epidemic of signalling has broken out as a result. Lieut. Broom has not confined his efforts to this, however, and has succeeded in getting an excellent military library together, the use of which is allowed to all senior cadets. Unfortunately for the band, Corporal Dr.-Hohenrein has relinquished his post as its commander. Several members, however, still gather in the orderly room every Tuesday night, in an effort to shake the foundations of the School. The shooting is improving, although there was considerable trouble at the beginning of the term, through the slackness of several individuals. Lieut. Doughty took considerable trouble to correct this, and the corps is at last realising that it does possess a range. Shooting generally does improve towards the end of term, and last term there was keen competition for Sir Alfred Jones' Shield, won by Section 5, under the command of Corporal Wright, C., who displayed, in more ways than one, his prowess with the rifle. The victory was only obtained after a hard tussle with Section 7, under Corporal Fletcher, whose brilliant descriptive powers on the landscape targets, brought his Section to within 11 points of the winners. At the beginning of the term, all uniforms and equipments were overhauled, and we give our best thanks to Mr. Tomas and Lieut. Doughty, for the trouble they have taken in this matter.

The following promotions were made at the beginning of the term: Cpl. Black to be Sergeant; Lance-Corporals Wright, F. J., and Fletcher to be Corporals; Corpl.-Dr. Hohenrein to be Lance-Corporal. Besides these promotions, the following cadets were made Lance-Corporals as the result of a stiff practical and theoretical examination held in October, following a series of lectures by the officers:—Cadets Christian, Scott, J. A., Goldberg and Bebbington. These promotions bring our number of N.C.O.'s to twelve, our full establishment. On company parades Sergt. Tytler acts as Coy. Sergt.-Major, and Sergt. Longhurst takes his place as Platoon-Sergeant. Cadet Eschwege, as senior cadet, takes command of No. 3 platoon.

Work this term has been necessarily confined to school premises, but we have managed to have one field day and two route marches.

On Monday, October 18th, the corps combined with Merchant Taylor's Cadet Corps for a field day at Ainsdale. Parading at 9-30 a.m., the senior platoons, 104 strong, marched down to Exchange Station, and entrained at 10-15. We were joined at Waterloo by Merchant Taylor's, and all detrained at Ainsdale Station. The march down to the beach was done in excellent time, although the pace appeared to us more of a dog-trot than a march. After marching for about a mile along the beach, we entered the sandhills, where we doffed kits. After a rest, our opponents marched off and took up a position on a large, steep sandhill, and prepared to defend it against our attack. Our forces, under Sergt. Tytler, were divided into five sections, three forming the firing line, and the other two the supports. Advancing in short sectional rushes, over a high ridge, and then across a sandy level, protected by a screen of scouts under Sergt. Black, we lined a low ridge under cover of a steep hill. The advance to the next ridge was done without loss; but here we were held up by a small party of the enemy, who had taken up a position on our left, incidentally out of bounds. A small section, under Cpl. Fell, was brought up on our left from the reserves, and was able successfully to drive them back. The main force then advanced to a ridge quite close to the main defensive position. One of the enemies' piquets now managed to enfilade and wipe out a squad of our men, but was itself soon obliged to retire when Sergt. Longhurst appeared with a small squad and a large amount of bluff. Sergt. Capstick then took command of the main body, while Sergt. Tytler attempted a flank advance, to achieve what Cpl. Fell, who had got lost, was supposed to have done. Unfortunately, the referees refusing to remain longer without food, the cease fire was blown, and we fell in again, and marched back to get lunch. The referees' cheerful decision after lunch was that the position was impossible, and the reports which were exchanged afterwards tended to support this. Entraining at Ainsdale, we dismissed at Exchange Station at 6 p.m., after a most interesting and useful field-day.

The Wednesday following the field day, the corps paraded 140 strong for a concentration in the Allerton district. We marched through Sefton Park and up Mossley Hill Road to Mossley Hill Church. Here we divided into two parties, Sergt. Tytler taking the two senior platoons and marching south by a long route, with orders to concentrate at Allerton Church at 5-5 p.m. Lieut. Doughty took charge of No. 3 platoon and followed shortly afterwards, intending to take a shorter route via Booker's Lane. Booker's Lane, however, not looking inviting, and the platoon having plenty of time on its hands, it was decided to follow Nos. 1 and 2. Much to the surprise of these platoons, therefore, they joined up with them where they had halted about a mile from the church. Sergt. Tytler then took command of the company, and arrived at Allerton Church at 5 p.m. exactly, according to orders. The corps dismissed about 5-20 at Queen's Drive. The marching on this occasion was excellent,

and the day made the march very enjoyable. Corporal Fletcher expressed himself delighted with the beauty of the landscape—and other things.

On Saturday, November 6th, the Corps paraded at 2-15 p.m., and marched to the school grounds. Here we divided into two parties, Sergt. Capstick taking command of platoon 1, and the recruits—who, by the way, are an excellent section of enthusiasts; and Sergt. Tytler taking platoon 2 and the rest of No. 3. Sergt. Capstick, having the longer route, marched off first, and proceeded via Penny Lane and Church Road to Wavertree Clock Tower. Here they were met by an unofficial civic guard, who escorted them for a considerable way with much joy. Passing along Thingwall Road and Rocky Lane, they encountered a path going by the name of Score Lane. The other party fared better, their route taking them down Rose Lane and along Crompton's Lane to Dunbabin Road. Here, owing to a difference in names on the ordnance map and the roads, they lost a minute and consequently were late by that much time. Combining at Childwall Abbey, we marched back to Wavertree Clock Tower, where we dismissed at 5 p.m. The marching was good, but we should like to see one or two members of platoon 3 paying a little more attention to covering.

On Friday evening, Nov. 26th, we were privileged to hear a Lecture by Lieut.-Col. Harvey-Gibson, on the West Point Military Academy. The lecture was rendered more interesting by the fact that our Lecturer had a personal knowledge of the Academy. The West Point Academy is situated on a prominence overlooking the Hudson River, and was originally a fort, built in 1778 to guard this river. Its curriculum combines a civil and a stiff military education, the idea being that the training of a good soldier makes a good citizen. Upon entering the Academy, a cadet takes an oath of service for eight years, although he may take up a civil profession at the end of the four years' training. Our lecturer outlined the life of a cadet, and mentioned the extraordinarily rigid discipline which was kept. The absence of Greek, Latin, German and other dead languages from the curriculum was noticeable, while emphasis was laid on the presence of Physics and Chemistry. No pocket-money is allowed, nor are any indoor games. The hardness of the fare on which the cadets existed went to the hearts, or rather to the seats, of the affections of many of the audience. The lecture concluded by a description of the procedure through which a cadet had to go before he could even see his relatives. In thanking the lecturer, Lieut. Doughty drew the audience's attention to the difference between the way an English and an American boy learnt to do his duty to his country and became a good citizen. The vote of thanks was carried in the usual vigorous manner, which the lecturer stated was far more pleasant than any he had heard in America.

Mr. Beaufort's Entertainment.

ON October 19th Mr. Beaufort, the celebrated London entertainer, entertained the school and friends with a delightful programme.

The first part of the entertainment was devoted to feats of conjuring and sleight of hand, the second to the recitation of humorous anecdotes and to various vocal performances. The conjuring tricks were performed with amazing dexterity, and Mr. Beaufort succeeded completely in deceiving his audience. First he managed to obtain a cigarette (we hear that the sometime owner still bemoans the loss of his Abdullah!), and proceeded to discover in it a card. Next he performed an exceedingly smart trick with the help of a wedding ring and a small boy. In his next trick, however, Mr. Beaufort filled us with a surprised and marvelling amazement—he managed to borrow a shilling from a Scotch member of the staff.

After a short interval Mr. Beaufort related some humorous stories, which were more or less new, but his delightful way of relating them added greatly to the humour of them all, and produced roars of laughter from the audience. He next imitated various species of singers and their songs, and amused us all by his clever facial expressions and vocal contortions. He then proceeded to sing a lengthy song, "When I was a Boy at School," which, we thought, was most appropriate. In any case, it was received with great applause, especially by the more youthful, who, no doubt, felt a kindred sympathy with the subject of the song. Mr. Beaufort concluded his programme with a ventriloquial item, which was exceedingly well done, and which deserved the hearty approbation it received. The entertainment was concluded, somewhat abruptly, by the singing of the National Anthem.

We wish to offer most grateful thanks to Mr. Beaufort for his very pleasant entertainment, and to the House Captains, by whose efforts chiefly it was made a success. The proceeds, together with some money from previous concerts, have been devoted to the Fund for Blinded Soldiers, which thus benefits by some £25.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE Literary and Debating Society affords a pleasant avenue to the cultivation of a faculty the value of which cannot be over-estimated.

Young has truly said :

"Speech ventilates our intellectual fire."

The development of this power is within the reach of all, yet far less than half the boys who have this opportunity are wise enough to seize it. We are pleased to note, however, the growing popularity of the Society and the ardent enthusiasm evinced by the younger members. We desire, therefore, a more widespread realisation of the valuable training offered by the Society, and the discontinuance of that pointless folly which has infected a few members.

The Annual General Meeting, held on September 20th, with Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair, resulted in the following elections:—President, the Head Master; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. W. Bain, E. Hickinbotham, C. G. M. Broom, W. H. Doughty, S. V. Brown and F. G. Norris; Secretaries, R. B. Onians and J. Goldberg.

The first meeting of the Society was held on September 28th, with Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair. After the usual inevitable attacks on the innocent Secretaries, Norris was called upon to move: "That permanent State control of railways is desirable." In reading a brief but condensed speech, he informed the Society that the source of the undesirability of the present system was the struggle between the three conflicting influences entailed—the shareholders, the railwaymen and the public. He instanced the success of the Continental State railways, giving a brief history, and declared the present system a fraudulent farce. He concluded by saying: "If we are to have monopoly at all, let it be State monopoly!"

Onians, in reply, with fluent eloquence, dealt with the subject at length from three points of view—the public welfare, the Parliamentary difficulties, and the financial impossibility. On the first ground, he showed that the public interests were well protected at present by the Government supervision, and that, taking all railways into consideration, the company-owned lines excelled the State railways in comfort, cheapness and efficiency. Among the Parliamentary difficulties, after pointing out the merely class and party nature of the agitation, he revealed the opportunities for corruption and for the embroilment of Parliament in strikes, and the financial failures and excessive work which would follow in the train of Nationalisation. By his profound knowledge of statistics, he then proved the financial superiority of the present system and concluded with a magnificent peroration.

McKie then rose to make a feeble indictment against the honourable opposer for some imaginary weakness in his copious speech, only to subside again, however, confessing his inattention, upon the crushing defence of his indignant victim. Williams, Baxter, Capstick, Tytler, Fell and Dudley also addressed the chair. After Norris had replied, the motion was carried by 21 to 20.

On October 12th Mr. Hickinbotham called upon Goldberg, in the unfortunate absence of McKie, to read the latter's arguments, "That Morality has not Increased with the Advance of Material Civilisation." Plodding through manuscripts with the skill of an Egyptologist, Goldberg read, that the morals of the Homeric Epics were as good as those of the present day, that the immorality of the Homeric Pantheon, so often attacked, did not exist, and that in every field of self-respect we moderns have made no improvement. Laver, in reply, excited the imagination of the Society by a vivid description of ancient Bacchanalian orgies, bear-baiting shows, bull-fighting and cock-fighting bouts, and declared that man's taste to-day is not so blood-thirsty. He concluded with the clear rhetorical question: "If we have not improved in our morals, why not return to barbarism."

Fell made an attempt to answer him by saying that we should not be more moral if we were savages. The Chairman, after commenting upon the vagueness of the wording of the subject, asked whether we should take individual or national standards of morality. Longhurst, doubtless quoting from the best Latin authors, concluded that both civilisation and morality had increased. Onians, after pointing out that the Homeric epics do not give us a correct idea of the morals of their age, having been expurgated and cleansed by the refined Ionian Greeks, gave us his definition of morality. Quoting from Byron, that "The Tree of Knowledge is not that of Life," and instancing the Decalogue as an example of the high standards of some ancient moralities, he gave his opinion that knowledge and civilisation do not always bring an increase of virtue. Baxter, with specious quibbles and deluding, frivolous equivocations, soon succeeded in enmeshing himself in the cobwebs of his own sophistry. Mr. Doughty, in a well-balanced speech, gave a clear definition of civilisation, and thought that by gauging the moral standards by the contemporary literature, our present morals were more superior. Goldberg, from his mine of philosophic erudition, gave the critical definition of positive morality. Scott, Tytler and Reid also spoke. A vote was taken, and the motion was lost by 15 to 26. The discussion was spasmodic, being with difficulty sustained until 8-30 p.m. We urge members to give a little preparatory thought to the subject of the debate and so to avoid that petty spirit of cavilling criticism, and the gaps which marred the continuity of this evening.

A meeting of the Society was held on October 26, Mr. Doughty presiding over a select and expectant assembly. After the preliminary business had been satisfactorily accomplished, Mr. Hickinbotham rose to read his most erudite and interesting paper on "Poetry." After dilating upon the enduring character of poetry, its power to immortalise both the poet and the theme, he described its wonderful influence upon our emotions, its inspiring and soothing effects. Defining its essential characteristics, he said:—"Rhyme and metre do not make poetry; beauty, depth, grandeur and truth are its real distinguishing traits. Rhythm and cadence are employed as vehicles of expression. Again, rhythm is a universal principle throughout nature." After pointing out the different metres and treatment required for different themes and languages, and the preponderance of musical sound over logical analysis in lyric poetry, he passed on to deal with the poet. "Seldom is a great poet recognised in his own age." Only intellectual progress to the level of his novel message can pierce the obscurity enveloping the unrecognised bard. Acute perceptions of, and true sentiments upon life and its meaning, with a philosophy of truth, are faculties as indispensable to the poet as creative talents and powers of song." After asserting that poets see beauty in commonplace objects, where it passes unnoticed by the vulgar throng, and dwelling with ecstatic rapture upon the scintillating colour beauties visible in some apparently prosaic and inoffensive scaffolding poles, erected in the construction of the school organ, he concluded with the statement that "the poet experiences an emotion deeper than mere phenomenal beauty. It is his inspired solution of the riddle of life."

Mr. Broom then entertained the Society with a critical and stimulating speech, evidencing both his poetical taste and widespread reading, especially of classical poetry. After voicing the difficulty of differentiation between good and bad poetry, he proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hickinbotham. Norris seconded, Laver made some enlightening remarks, Baxter succeeded in losing himself and the Society in a pointless maze of sophistry, and subsided, leaving the other members completely mystified. Mr. Hickinbotham's helpful reply concluded an entertaining and instructive evening.

On November 9th, Mr. Hickinbotham called from the chair upon C. F. Walbank to propose—"That this meeting is in favour of the permanent establishment of Coalition Government in this country." In well-rounded periods and deliberate accents, applying the metaphor of the ship of State, he compared the party system to a division of the crew of a vessel into halves, taking turns at rowing, both pulling opposite ways, the result being the stoppage of all progress. Conceding that the party system ensures criticism, he declared that debate and criticism upon a subject still exists in Coalition Governments. After pointing out the disabilities of the party system, he concluded with the statement that a coalition

unites the virtues of all parties. Reid read a fine speech in reply. He believed that there would be the same system of government after as before the war. Startling the audience with the statement that man was a curious being, he waxed philosophic and declared man's need of opposition for efficiency. He said that the party system did not diminish individual liberty of opinion, but merely introduced discipline into debate. After declaiming upon the ill-success of two out of three previous English coalitions, he concluded with some well-chosen quotations, thank Heaven in English, from Burke.

Williams, in seconding the motion, asserted that Coalition government, if no better, was certainly no worse than Party government. In the course of his rather blunt speech, he split three infinitives, evidently labouring under the delusion that to violate grammatical rules was a proof of wit. Knox, seconding the opposer, drew a gloomy picture of the member who, failing to vote for his party, had to face not only the storms of indignation, but also the material tokens of esteem with showers of which his constituents would greet him. He concluded, remarking with cryptic subtlety that there can not be a non-party member of Parliament. In a scholarly discourse, Onians, with fluent and rather diffuse eloquence, gave a compendious review of the advantages of each system. With a multitude of exhaustive and erudite arguments, and a lavish display of prolix rhetoric, he enlightened the Society on many points. His theme was this, Coalition is desirable, but impracticable. The party system is the natural and inevitable outcome of the character and history of the English people. The mould of necessity is the best. His motto seems to be "Brevity is the soul of wit." Jackson, in charming but strange tones, delivered a creditable speech. He made several apt allusions to antiquity, to which his own appearance gave considerable effect and support. Baxter was extremely pathetic in his efforts to be facetious. The motion was lost by 8—19.

On the 23rd November, Mr. Hickinbotham, in the chair, called upon Tytler to propose that "The great soldier is of greater value to the State than the great statesman." In phrases that savoured of military staccato, he declared that "Deeds, not words," was the motto by which we ought to judge. After giving a brief outline of Sir John French's daily routine, he inferred that great hardship was the lot rather of the general than of the fireside statesman, who delivered speeches composed by his secretaries. Hence, the general required a greater ability than the statesman. He brought much historical evidence, and concluded by saying that, although in the future the statesman might hold unchallenged sway, in the past the general had proved of greater value to the State. Capstick drew up his line of arguments in well-ordered array, behind the rather unstable defences of the reading-desk. He bombarded his opponent's position with volleys of historical examples, by which he endeavoured to prove that great generals had wrought their country's ruin. Her

statesmen, and not her generals, had laid the foundations of England's freedom. He concluded with the assertion that statesmen were really greater than generals. He then evacuated this position, and retired to his seat, in favour of the enemy's supports, in the person of Longhurst, who begged the audience not to shoot him. With graphic pictures of ancient tribal life, he concluded that the general (or chief) was more indispensable than the statesman (or priest). Jackson said his speech should not be specious, and supported the opposer with similar missiles from the pages of the history of Europe, Asia and Zululand.

Onians was unusually brief, but to the point and original. Goldberg spoke with calm eloquence and irresistible logic. Mr. Broom delivered a fiery oration in defence of the soldier. Wright passed some useful remarks, and Black quarrelled with Onians' metaphor of the body politic.

Fell, Hutchison, Fletcher, Baxter, Scott, Wilde, Williams, all spoke. After Tytler's witty reply, the motion was put to the vote and lost, 15—19.

On November 30th the Debating Society turned up a very good muster, and proceeded, with much merriment, via boat and tram, to Wallasey Grammar School. There we were welcomed by their headmaster, who, from the chair, called upon Wallasey to propose the motion that "The present war has given a great impetus to Socialism." Fenn opened, and propounded his case in an excellent speech. We, in opposing, found Goldberg in his element. McNeally then seconded Wallasey in an entertaining and enlightening speech; and Onians opposed in a fine, short, noteless oration. Jeane fluently supported the motion, and Reid, in several well-chosen and pointed words, supported the school. The motion was then open for debate, and many members on both sides took this opportunity of setting forth their ideas and opinions. All made extremely creditable speeches, Dudley, Tytler, and Fell speaking on our side. After Goldberg and Fenn had replied to the storms of criticism levied against them, the motion was put to the vote, and lost.

We must thank Wallasey most heartily for acting as our hosts in passing a very enjoyable evening and taking part in an entertaining debate; and we venture to hope that these inter-debates will form a permanent, regular, and more frequent feature of our programme.

[Self-praise is no recommendation.—EDS.]

The Battle of the Sphere.

The field of battle, and the scene of war,
 I sing, as I have never sung before.
 Behold the warriors, upon either side,
 Ready to pour, like an impetuous tide,
 Into the rival goal, or send the sphere
 Hurling to Heaven in its mad career.
 A trumpet sounds (a whistle, I should say,
 The signal that 'tis time to start the play).
 Look where the battle joins, where host on host
 Rushes, with many a warlike threat and boast!
 There Fletcher stands, alike in war and peace,
 The conqueror, and the hopeful pride of Greece.
 A rival chieftain marks him for his prey,
 And rushes on, with never swerving way,
 Straight to the mark, then crashes shield on shield—
 The foe lies stiff and stark upon the field.
 Nor stops the Greek to snatch his battered helm,
 But hurls the sphere into the foeman's realm.
 Well might have ended then proud Ilion's show,
 And all her troops been sent to fields below,
 But that the warden of the city gate,
 A Trojan true, and one like Hector great,
 Marked how the bolt came flying o'er the field,
 And boldly interposed his brazen shield,
 And stayed it, and then sent it smoking, back
 Along its former blue ætherial track.
 And Venus, ever to the Trojans kind,
 Took care to help it with a favouring wind.
 On sped the bolt, straight at the captain's head;
 If it should touch him, then his life is sped.
 Minerva saw, and trembled on her throne
 (For Gods can never leave these things alone).
 Then down she shot, her wings with vigour plied,
 And, just in time, she smote the ball aside.
 Fain would I, but, alas, I cannot stay
 To sing of all the glories of that day.
 How that the very gods came down to view
 The rival parties, and to help them, too.
 How that the fight went on at such a pace
 (When Venus scratched Minerva's pretty face),
 That Jove, despairing of an early peace,
 And fearing that the strife would but increase,
 Decided it was time to interfere,
 And blew the final whistle loud and clear.

Great was the joy in all the Grecian hosts,
 And loud were heard the captain's vaunting boasts,
 And praise of all by whom these deeds were done,
 By whom the hard-fought battlefield was won.
 The match was won by seven goals to nil:
 And then of plunder each man had his fill.

J. L.

House Notes.

PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.—The Philip Holt House has brilliantly maintained its reputation this term, both at work and in the field. Norris, in addition to winning a Sinclair Scholarship, has gained a Senior City, both of which he has relinquished, and he goes to Oxford next week, where we wish him every success. The lesser lights performed well in the Matriculation and Senior Oxford, but, as of yore, our chief strength has lain in the football team. Under the captaincy of Tytler, we have fielded strong teams for every match, and have made amends for our ill-luck of last year. We have dropped but one point so far, and have every likelihood of carrying off the Shield. The juniors have been almost as successful, with Pullan as captain, and hold second place in the league. Their highest score was 14—0 v. Danson's, and much keenness has been shown all round.

In the Swimming Sports we were best represented by Eschwege, but although we did fairly well, much more keenness might have been shown.

The Literary and Debating Society is always well attended by members of our House, and Tytler and Reid have been elected representatives.

Only about half the House has subscribed to the "Honours Board," which we hope to fill thoroughly, and having filled it, to be able to pay for it.

W. H. F.

ALFRED HOLT HOUSE.—The House record this term is unfortunately not very cheerful. The senior football team has been very unlucky, and the juniors have not won one match out of three. Slackness and lack of spirit have given the prevailing tone to the term's work. In the Swimming Gala over half the very poor total of marks was gained by one boy, Lightfoot. Even in a matter which so nearly concerned the House as the subscription for a Records Board, it was in the extreme difficult to rouse any interest in the boys, and next to impossible to raise any money. Altogether, the House has nothing upon which to congratulate itself, as a body, this term. McKie's success in the

Empire Essay Competition reflects some honour upon his House, but it can only accentuate the drab background of failure and indifference.

DANSON HOUSE.—Although school functions this term have exerted unwonted pressure upon all, the House with its usual patriotic enthusiasm, has acquitted itself with honour. The football field now claims our undivided attention. Both senior and junior divisions exhibit that spirit and ability which has so often led them to victory in the past. The House teams, however, often regret the absence of a number of their best players, enrolled in the ranks of the School elevens, but with justifiable confidence and unflagging ardour, have taken their part in the House football with comparative success. Every hope may justly be entertained for their success in the Horsfall Cup Competition if they can muster all their busy champions. Hohenrein has successfully assumed the captaincy of the senior team, and has a very able second in Daly. The juniors are well led by Taylor and have met with considerable success. The fund for the House Record Board is progressing favourably, although some members have been rather tardy in subscribing. Onians and Wilde have been appointed committee members for the Literary and Debating Society, and the former's election to the secretaryship is a well earned tribute to the literary merits of the House. Danson's were regrettably behind in the Swimming Gala this year, but we must remember that no zealous enthusiasm can compensate for lack of ability. We offer to all new members of the House a hearty welcome, mingled with the hope that they will worthily succeed their distinguished predecessors. Onians has now taken the helm as head prefect, and under his able guidance the House looks forward to a prosperous year.

TATE HOUSE.—During the term, Tate's, although they have not performed any feat of outstanding brilliance, have worthily upheld their name for steady consistency and serious effort. We may look back on the term with a certain amount of satisfaction, for with a paucity of talent, we have managed successfully to hold our own in the various sports which have occupied our attention during the term. Both the senior and junior members of the House have striven most keenly to uphold its reputation, but the middle division has been rather disappointing, and we would appeal to them to devote more time and interest to the House and its occupations.

Football, of course, has been the main sphere of activity during the term, and here we have performed quite creditably. We have not, it is true, held the League Shield which we gained last year, but it must be remembered that we have a much weaker

eleven. In the matches played, we have only won one, against Alfred Holt's (6—3), but the others were only lost by very narrow margins. We hope to do better in the Horsfall Cup Competition, but we will be greatly handicapped by the loss of Bebbington, our valued and keen captain.

The juniors have displayed a praiseworthy keenness in football this term, and have turned up to matches with greater regularity. Despite this, however, they have had a very disappointing term, having lost all the three matches played.

We wish to congratulate Roxburgh on his fine achievement at the Swimming Gala; we refer, of course, to his winning the School Championship in his first term, an exceptionally fine performance. Largely through his victories, the House finished third in the Inter-House Championship, with a total of 114 marks.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Brown, who has become our House Master, in succession to Mr. Griffiths.

The Captains this term are as follow:—Football: Senior, Bebbington; Vice-Captain, Watson; Junior, Tonkin; Vice-Captain, Holmes. Swimming, Watson. The Representatives to the Debating Society are Watson and Russell.

COCHRAN HOUSE.—In the great athletic event of this term—the Swimming Competition—Cochran House has distinguished itself by no means badly. A margin of six inches in the Squadron Race left us second only to Hughes' House in the Championship. For our good result we are deeply indebted to the good organisation of Black and to the excellent swimming of several members of the House. We especially wish to congratulate Halliday on obtaining second place in the Individual Championship.

On the football field the House has shown great improvement on last year's achievements. The attendance could, and ought to be much better than it has been, though the House has been no worse in this respect than others. Up to the end of November, out of three games the senior team has won one, which was by far the best game played this term. The other two matches we lost to admittedly better teams, who were favoured by an advantage in numbers. The result is that we are fourth in the Senior League, but we have hopes of improving our position before the end of the term. The junior team's record is precisely the same, although out of this team there are at least three boys who usually play for either the second or third School eleven.

During next term the Singing Competition takes place and the House, we feel sure, will do its utmost to provide a choir which will compete successfully with those of other Houses in an effort to win the much prized trophy awarded by the Headmaster.

HUGHES' HOUSE.—This term has seen a great influx of members of the Middle into the Senior Division of the House, and in consequence we have experienced a fairly successful term. Our Captain is now E. Capstick, who was appointed to the position on C. Wright leaving to take a Commission in His Majesty's Forces, where we wish him every success in the future.

At the meeting held at the beginning of the term, to elect officers, Longhurst was chosen Senior Football Captain, Chadwick Sub-Captain, Griffiths Junior Captain, and Moreland Sub-Captain. In swimming our interests were to be looked after by Griffiths as Captain, and Longhurst as Sub-Captain. The Swimming Gala has since been held, and it is our pleasant duty to congratulate all those who helped to gain for us the Championship for the first time in our existence. Griffiths and Fry may be especially congratulated on their individual performances.

In the senior football, we have not done so well, as at present we occupy a low place in the Senior League. This is, however, not on account of a dearth in football players, but rather on account of a large number of our players being in School elevens, so that we are looking forward confidently to the Horsfall Cup Competition, held next term. The junior team has carried nearly all before it, for, with the exception of Cochran's, it has beaten all its rivals and at the same time obtained an exceptionally striking victory over Alfred Holt's of 21—1.

Goldberg and Laver were appointed Literary and Debating Society Representatives, and subsequently Goldberg was made one of the secretaries, so that in yet another branch of School life we are well represented. A House subscription was opened some time ago, in order to defray the costs of a House Honours Board, which we hope will adorn one of the walls of our Senior House Room next term.

The School Museum.

HAVING once little or nothing to do, I determined to while away my time by inspecting the School Museum. I was not really certain of its existence, but had merely heard it rumoured that there was a museum. Nobody seemed to know anything definite about it. After several unsuccessful attempts to discover the museum, at last I found it in the darkest corner of the darkest room in the school. Indeed, it was not until I had searched in many dark and grimy corners that I succeeded in discovering the glass-fronted case, which might, with a little luck, hold a respectably sized fossil. This, then, was the magnificent Museum!

I proceeded to examine this curious receptacle of wonders, and found, after wasting many matches, for the case was poised in dim obscurity, that it was divided by two shelves, the top-most of which was entirely empty. Upon the bottom of the cupboard were deposited some curious looking stones, with illegible labels attached to them. Not only was the writing utterly undecipherable, but the labels were often upside down, so that, even after much squinting, my neck seemed like a corkscrew when I finally abandoned my heroic efforts to read the curious characters. The stones were either specimens of ore, or fossils. Alongside of these interesting exhibits, was some white, fluffy stuff, clustered around some dark green leaves. By a terrifying stretch of imagination I presumed this to be cotton. In the corner was a jar of pickles, or of something resembling that detestable product, and, except a most interesting cardboard box, there was nothing else to be seen on this bottom row.

The second shelf held some lovely and daintily-coloured little boxes, that had once held either pills or jewelry. Unfortunately, they had been heaped in a disorderly pile, and some boxes of the most beautiful tints were hidden beneath others of bilious hue. There was also a bundle of grass, or so it seemed, perhaps it was once a bird's nest. An interesting collection of Tate sugar boxes (slightly smaller than THE Tate sugar boxes) next attracted my attention. They were neat little boxes, but what was in them is a mystery. Lurking behind them was a piece of sugar cane; at least, it looked like sugar cane, but there was nothing to verify my daring assumption. A smart little biscuit box completed the exhibits on that shelf. The top shelf, as we have said, reclined (save for the accumulated dust) "in innocent nakedness."

There was once opened a fund for this museum, but it does not seem to have been entirely successful. More publicity must be given to the museum, and the interest of boys in it kept alive. The Camera and Field Club should endeavour to obtain specimens for it on their excursions, and a little more "personal attention" should be devoted to it. The existence of the Museum Fund should be made known, and an official appointed to whom odd pence may be given.

Perhaps, in time, sufficient money would be collected to purchase a more magnificent home for the exhibits; perhaps, even these will become so numerous that a separate room will be needed for them. In the meantime the Guardians of the Museum should purchase relics of famous "Institutions," for instance, we fondly remember the ponderous sack under which one mighty Prefect used to toil along. That should certainly be preserved for the admiration of future ages—how they would

gape at the bulging sides, still groaning under the strain of their over-heavy contents. The owner of that mighty bag, would perhaps, bequeath to the museum the library which once caused its sides so enormously to bulge, and we would suggest that, over the shelves which would be needed to house this enormous collection of books, a pair of bones, crossed, should be placed to remind us of the donor.

In the archives of the museum could be stored those valuable literary gems—the exhortations which appear periodically on the House notice board. There, too, could be placed the venerable tomes of the “Laws of the Medes and Persians,” but these, of course, would need to be preserved under glass cases, for otherwise they would crumble away, after the manner of all ancient and antiquated documents. The many volumes of the works of the school poets (notably R. Bunyan’s) would be valuable additions, while the Pronouncing and Etymological Dictionary of Mr. Saul Tee, in which, we believe, every word is traced back to the Sanskrit, would be of infinite worth.

No doubt there are many other valuable articles which would add to the interest of the museum—we ourselves would like to add some of that ink which we once found in the school. That was not a mass of moistened dust, as, alas! all modern ink is. If boys would only keep their faculties of observation awake, and would exercise their power to help the museum, it would undoubtedly soon become a splendid and valuable collection, and would be promoted for the undeserved obscurity in which it now cowers.

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House Football.

IT has been very gratifying to observe a certain improvement in the attitude of the school towards House football.

Although the attendance at games is not yet all that can be desired, it is much better than it has been in past seasons. Players still seem rather reluctant to change, and stringent rules may have to be laid down, if boys refuse to see that it is to the advantage, not only of the game but also of their health, to play in football clothes.

The standard of play in the House matches is, for the most part, not at all what it would be if Captains made better use of the material to hand by making more discriminate selections of players for positions.

The Horsfall Cup will be contested next term, and Captains would be well advised to make a selection of their teams with a view to possible practice games.

SENIOR.

HOUSE.	MATCHES				GOALS		Points
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	
Ph. Holt	4	3	0	1	22	13	7
Danson	3	2	1	0	14	14	4
Al. Holt	4	1	2	1	26	19	3
Cochran	3	1	2	0	9	11	2
Tate	3	1	2	0	13	18	2
Hughes	3	1	2	0	6	15	2

JUNIOR.

HOUSE.	MATCHES				GOALS		Points
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	
Hughes	5	4	1	0	48	9	8
Ph. Holt	4	2	1	1	27	18	5
Danson	3	2	1	0	21	30	4
Cochran	3	1	2	0	12	17	2
Tate	4	1	3	0	12	30	2
Al. Holt	3	0	2	1	7	31	1

Camera and Field Club Notes.

THE first excursion that took place this term was to Woolton, on September 29th. Some eighteen boys took part in it, and they were accompanied by Miss Wilson and Mr. Elliott. The return journey was made via Childwall, and just before reaching Wavertree the party broke up.

On October 6th about forty boys were privileged to see over a part of the works of Messrs. Lever Bros., at Port Sunlight, through the kind permission of the firm. The Museum was also visited by most of the boys.

On October 27th, a similar number of boys made a party to visit Messrs. Morton and Co.’s ironworks, at Garston. The party split up into three sections, and after seeing over the works, united again to enjoy lemonade and other good things, kindly provided by Mr. Halliday, through whose influence the visit was made possible. On each of these two excursions the boys were accompanied by Messrs. Elliott and Stell.

It is hoped to arrange two more excursions before the end of the term, and a visit to the Walker Art Gallery.

A Photographic Demonstration was given by Mr. Doughty, on Nov. 17th, to about ten boys. The subject was “Enlarging.” Mr. Malkin also, before his regretted illness, had promised to demonstrate, on Dec. 1st, on “How to make Lantern Slides.”

There are two more things to say before concluding these notes. The membership has been very encouraging, and the number of active members stands higher than for some time past. But we do still ask that more boys will interest themselves in the Club and join it. The second matter to be mentioned is our indebtedness, as a Club, to the late Secretary, W. V. Harrison. His services were most valuable, and we greatly regret his enforced resignation.

C.T.M.-B.

The Junior Corps.

THE Winter term is, necessarily, one of comparative inactivity; the afternoons are generally cold and short and, in consequence, outdoor work is impossible for young boys. It had been intended, however, that classes for signalling and other incidental work should be held, but circumstances have not been favourable. Yet there has been one pleasing feature of this term, namely, the very enjoyable afternoon at Ainsdale. There on the sandhills we hid and crawled to our heart's content. Six members disappeared with such remarkable thoroughness that only one was captured by the remaining forty. We were pleased to have two members of the O.T.C. with us; and it is said that Sergeant Tytler was visibly touched at the sight of our forty youths, each with a ginger-beer bottle in his hand and a fairy smile on his countenance.

To the members of the Corps we would respectfully make a few observations:—

1. The parades are usually held on Wednesdays. Consequently "Wednesdays" are a nuisance. The remedy is obvious.
2. When marching, keep your fours and do not break ranks, however strongly tempted; besides, dead horses are *not* nice.
3. Homework is set to be *done*, not to be excused.

S.V.B.

A Few Descriptions.

E. C-pst-ck.—Learned

In all youthful sports and pastimes.

W. H. Fl-tch-r.—Flies like a courser near the goal.

R. G. B-xt-r.—A gentleman that loves to hear himself talk.
And will speak more in a minute than he will stand to in a month.

D. G. M. J-cks-n.—This boy of infinite remembrance was.
And things foregone through many ages held.

W. J. L--rd.—With lids half-closed, he lies
Dreaming of days to come.

Pr-f-ct's R--m.—"The bowers where Lucy played."

E. S. J-cks-n.—As if his whole vocation.
Were endless imitation.

F. H. H-h-nr--n.—He who so well the bugle played.

A. B. -sk-y.—Turning to mirth all things of earth
As only boyhood can.

L. I. O.T.C.—Whom Bruce has often led.

The Editor.—Patron and publisher of Rhymes
To thee, with hope or terror dumb,
The unfledged M.S. authors come.

J. G-ldb-rg.—I've learned to think, and sternly speak the truth.

A. B. T-tl-r.—I love the women, too (forgive my folly).

R. B. On--ns.—He—being a man who seldom used a word too much.

F. G. N-rr-s.—The patriarch of all the flock.

Football.

FIRST ELEVEN.—This term our team started well, but soon fell away. They have now recovered and have every appearance of finishing the term successfully. The defence is now very good and fairly consistent, and Fletcher's inclusion in the forward line has livened it up considerably. The team is, however, largely over-age for the Shield Competition, so that the under-age candidates will have to train hard if they want to keep the trophy another year.

SECOND ELEVEN.—This team has not had a very successful term, and is badly in need of coaching. It is eleven individuals rather than a combination of eleven parts. They have won four matches, lost three, and drawn two, their goal average being 29—25.

THIRD ELEVEN.—The third eleven have had a rather unsuccessful term since, while only winning one match, they have lost two and drawn two. Their goal average 8—13 is therefore against them. Its under-fifteen members will have to improve enormously, if they wish to perform creditably in the Junior Shield Competition.

CRITIQUE.

LONGHURST.—A useful but rather unpolished goalkeeper.

TRAINOR.—A sound defender who tackles well and kicks hard, but must watch his position more.

CHADWICK.—A plucky, dashing, but rather erratic back, who must learn to use both feet.

TYTLER.—A sound half, strongest in attack, who might improve his kicking.

CAPSTICK (Captain).—A thoroughly reliable and hard-working centre-half, and a very successful Captain. Shoots well sometimes from long distances.

WAIDE.—A half of good judgment with a good kick.

HOHENREIN (Sub-Captain).—One of the mainstays of the team. Is very fast, shoots well, but might centre more accurately.

DALY.—A very clever player, but inclined to waste time in over-dribbling and turning back.

FLETCHER.—A heavy centre who can go through anything, feeds his wings well, and is a deadly shot.

BEBBINGTON.—A clever and experienced forward, passes well, but might improve his speed.

JONES, W. G.—A clever dribbler, but handicapped by lack of weight and speed. Keeps the ball too long before centring.

GRIFFITHS.—A clever forward, but altogether too greedy, and often entirely forgets to shoot.

FIRST ELEVEN v. ALFRED HOLT.

At Cressington, on October 9th.

Team: Ward; Maddrell, Chadwick; Tytler, Capstick, Fletcher; Hohenrein, Daly, Trainor, Bebbington, Jones (W. G.)

In this match we had the pleasure of playing against a team in which there were nine O.I.'s. Opening stages were in our opponents' favour, but owing to the efforts of our halves, they failed to convince in front of goal. At last our right wing settled down, and after good combination between Hohenrein and Daly, the former scored a grand goal, giving the goalkeeper no chance. Our opponents were now effective and managed to equalise after pressure. Soon afterwards our left wing got away, and Jones scored after a fine solo-run. Half time arrived with the score in our favour. On resuming, the Holt forwards came down in good style, and their inside left scored a good goal. After even play for some time, Daly scored from a mix-up in the goal mouth. Our halves, of whom Fletcher was the pick, now held the opposing forwards fairly well, and towards the end Trainor, taking a deceptive forward pass from Capstick, slipped through the Holt backs and scored our fourth. Full time arrived with the score 4—2 in our favour. The forwards combined well, the halves managed a difficult task of checking brilliant forwards creditably, but the backs were not so good as usual.

FIRST ELEVEN v. CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.

At Wavertree Playground, on October 13th.

Team: Ward; Maddrell, Chadwick; Fletcher, Capstick, Christian; Hohenrein, Daly, Trainor, Bebbington, Jones (W. G.)

Capstick lost the toss, and we were set to face a very strong sun. Owing to the heat, the game was poor and not very energetically contested. We, however, soon asserted our superiority, and Trainor opened our account. Soon after, however, through some misunderstanding in our defence, our opponents equalised. By half time we led by the comfortable margin of three goals. On resuming, we played with the sun behind our backs, and Christian and Capstick played steadily if not brilliantly in the defence. During this half, Hohenrein did much useful work, although the honour of scoring was reserved for other forwards than him. Towards the end our opponents played up well and gave us a little anxious time. Full time arrived with the score 9—1 in our favour. Scorers: Trainor 5, Daly 2, Jones and Bebbington.

FIRST ELEVEN v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, on October 16th.

Team: Ward; Trainor, Fletcher; Tytler, Capstick, Christian; Hohenrein, Daly, Griffiths (H. H.), Bebbington, Jones (W. G.)

After several drastic changes in our team, we hoped to change the usual result of this match. In a very few minutes, however, Manchester asserted their superiority and opened their account. Soon afterwards they added another through clever forward play. Meantime, however, our right wing had been dangerous on more than one occasion, when Daly scored a grand goal through a solo effort. At half time we were two down. On resuming, Manchester immediately obtained a goal, and scored frequently during the remainder of the time. Our defence was now playing fairly steadily, especially Fletcher and Trainor, who repeatedly broke up the opposing forwards' rushes. Our forwards, on the other hand, were painfully weak, and could not get going, although the halves provided them with numerous chances. Full time came with the score 7—1 against

us. In goal, Ward was greatly handicapped by his size, as several of the shots were well out of his reach. As before indicated, the backs played well, the halves were fairly steady, but the forwards entirely failed to combine and were the chief weakness of the team.

FIRST ELEVEN v. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE.

At Clubmoor, on October 23rd.

Team: Ward; Trainor, Chadwick; Procter, Capstick, Christian; Hohenrein, Tytler, Daly, Bebbington, Low.

Further changes were tried in this match, but they brought us no better success. Capstick lost the toss and we were set to face a fairly strong wind. During the greater part of the first half we were kept strictly on the defensive, and we were two goals down at the interval in spite of the fact that we had played up well in the last ten minutes of the first half. In the second half we failed to take advantage of the wind, and our forwards did not get going. Our opponents luckily scored from a run-away, but Daly replied by scoring our only goal. We played up well to the end, and although Capstick tested the goal-keeper with some long shots, we failed to augment our score. Our backs and goal-keeper alone played up to their usual form, Trainor was the only one who could be deservedly praised.

FIRST ELEVEN v. BOOTLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

At Bootle, on October 27th.

Team: Longhurst; Trainor, Chadwick; Tytler, Capstick, Black; Hohenrein, Daly, Jones (E.), Bebbington, Brown (S. L.)

Immediately after starting, our opponents surprised our defence who were slow in settling down, and obtained the opening goal. Our superior tactics, however, began to have an effect on the play, and, after pressure, Brown opened our account. Soon afterwards Bebbington put us further ahead. The game now became uninteresting, and the score remained unchanged at half time. On resuming, we quickly assumed our superiority, and Daly scored a good goal. Towards the end our opponents revived and somewhat luckily obtained another goal. The game finished with the score 3—2 in our favour. The game was spoilt by the unsportsmanlike conduct of our opponents, which aroused the feelings of some of our players. In goal Longhurst was safe, of the backs Trainor, as usual, was brilliant, and in the forward line Daly and Bebbington played well.

FIRST ELEVEN v. 6TH (RIFLES) K.L.R.

At Greenbank, on October 30th.

Team: Longhurst; Procter, Chadwick; Tytler, Trainor, Black; Hohenrein, Daly, Bebbington, Jones (E.), Brown (S. L.)

The Rifles turned out a very strong team. At the beginning of the game the Institute pressed hard on their opponents' defence, but the former lacked in weight. After a little mid-field play, the Institute forwards got away, and Hohenrein, after a hard run, scored the opening goal. The game then proceeded evenly until, through some misunderstanding of our defence, the Rifles equalised. When the game restarted, our opponents, having the wind in their favour kept our defence very busy. After a few scrambles in our goal, the Rifles were awarded a penalty through Procter handling. This was converted, giving our opponents the lead. Towards the end of the game the Rifles again scored from a corner. Though the team was without many of its usual players, the performance was fairly good, except that of the left wing, who appeared to be suffering from white livers.

FIRST ELEVEN v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, on November 3rd.

Team: Longhurst; Chadwick, Fletcher; Tytler, Capstick, Waide; Hohenrein, Daly, Trainor, Bebbington, Jones (W. G.)

The Collegiate started with ten men, and we immediately took advantage of this, Hohenrein obtaining a grand goal after work by the right wing. Soon, however, a good advance by our opponents' forward line led to the heading of a goal by their centre-forward. This rather unsettled our defence, and soon afterwards we were one down. Before half time we got going again, Hohenrein put in a hot shot; and the goalkeeper failing to clear, Jones rushed the ball into the net. In the second half we had much the better of the argument, but our forwards failed to seize their chances, and the game ended in a draw. In goal, Longhurst, although not polished in his work, was reliable; the backs played well, Fletcher especially added to his previous laurels. In the half line Waide made an excellent debut, but the forwards, though good in the field, were poor in front of goal.

FIRST ELEVEN v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

At Calderstones, on November 10th.

Team: Longhurst; Chadwick, Fletcher; Tytler, Capstick, Maddrell; Hohenrein, Daly, Trainor, Griffiths (H. H.), Jones (W. G.)

Capstick lost the toss, and the Institute was sent to face a strong wind. Play was very scrappy, and the only good combination was on the part of the Holt forwards. Soon their left wing got going, and after Longhurst had made a partial save, they scored. Shortly afterwards the Institute forwards attacked vigorously, and Hohenrein equalised. A few moments later, however, Longhurst miserably failed to keep out a slowly rolling ball, and until the interval the Holt team played much better football. In the first half the School had played a wretched game, Capstick, in spite of an injury, being the only reliable man. In the second half we hoped to pull up our arrears, but the forwards seemed to have no idea of where the goal lay. The backs were quite as unreliable, and, through Fletcher's dallying, the Holt outside left put the ball into the goal-mouth, where it was immediately put past the goalkeeper. Capstick and Maddrell played well in the attack, and with the aid of the wind the ball was constantly in our opponents' half. But our forwards quite failed to take any opportunities until Hohenrein shot hard, and Griffiths put the ball through the goal. After this success, play became absolutely aimless, Daly in particular kicking with ridiculous inaccuracy. Trainor also seemed to put the ball as far away from the goal as possible. Little was seen of Griffiths, consequently he was about our best forward, while Capstick was the only man who played even a moderate game, Tytler being far below his usual form, and Fletcher and Chadwick more erratic. Thus the game fizzled out with Holt's deserving winners, the Institute having given a thoroughly disgusting exhibition. Final 3—2 against.

FIRST ELEVEN v. WIDNES SECONDARY SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, on November 13th.

Team: Longhurst; Trainor, Chadwick; Tytler, Capstick, Waide; Hohenrein, Daly, Fletcher, Bebbington, Jones (W. G.)

Capstick won the toss, and elected to kick against the wind as it had every appearance of freshening. From a surprise break away

of the Widnes forwards were awakened our team. Hohenrein put in a hot shot which, after a partial clearance, came again from Hohenrein, who promptly netted. From a similar shot, mid-field play followed. Bebbington obtained our second goal. Good freshened, and, with the exception of one or two break-aways, play was entirely in our opponents' half, and we piled on six more goals. In goal, Longhurst had vastly improved from his mid-week form. The backs, though occasionally erratic, played well. Of the halves, Waide and Tytler showed up to advantage, and the forward line appeared to have been revived by the inclusion of Fletcher as pivot, Daly 3, Waide, Bebbington.

FIRST ELEVEN v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Greerbank, on November 24th.

Team: Longhurst; Trainor, Chadwick; Tytler, Capstick, Waide; Black, Fletcher, Bebbington, Jones (W. G.)

In the opening stages mid-field play prevailed, as our defence was in our best form, and the Wallasey defence was good enough to check our weakened forward line. After we had got accustomed to our opponents' extremely open methods of play, our forwards got away, and from a scrimmage in the goal-mouth, Fletcher scored. We continued to attack, and after Capstick had had bad luck with a long high shot the ball went to Black who immediately netted. Wallasey showed very good form, their half back play being very good, and our defence had an anxious time, but came out with flying colours. Wallasey began the second half in fine style and had us quite hemmed in; also, we were handicapped by the loss of Jones, who had been badly hurt. The defence, however, was very sure. Our depleted forward line was very ineffective, but Fletcher, after a brilliant solo effort, in which he defeated the whole of the Wallasey defence, succeeded in scoring, and after this, play remained in mid-field, with Wallasey playing well but not looking dangerous. Final 3-0 in our favour.

SECOND ELEVEN.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

Oct. 13th.—2nd XI. v. Catholic Institute. A fairly good game for the beginning of the season resulted in a victory for the Institute. Score 7-3.

Oct. 20th.—2nd XI. v. Waterloo-cum-Seaforth Secondary School. The team played poorly in a scrappy game. Lost 4-1.

Oct. 23rd.—2nd XI. v. St. Francis Xavier's School. Our opponents were much too strong for us, and heavily defeated us. Score 0-4.

Oct. 27th.—2nd XI. v. Oulton Secondary School. A well contested game, resulting in a draw (4-4).

Nov. 3rd.—2nd XI. v. Liverpool Collegiate School. The team only accomplished a draw with our keenest rivals. Score 3-3.

Nov. 10th.—2nd XI. v. Boteler Grammar School. The team was soundly beaten (0-6).

Nov. 20th.—2nd XI. v. Waterloo-cum-Seaforth Secondary School. After a blank first half, our forwards combined better in the second, and in consequence won (2-0).

Nov. 24th.—2nd XI. v. Wallasey Grammar School. Our team were deserving winners in a rather poor game. Score 2-1.

Nov. 27th.—2nd XI. v. Liscard High School. The team easily defeated our opponents' depleted team. Score 10-0.

Correspondence.

Dear Sirs,

Would it not be an advantage, as well as a saving of ink, if the word "School" were to be omitted from the front page of the cover in the context "Liverpool Institute Magazine?" I happened to see the other day a copy of a contemporary in which the aforementioned name was twisted into "Liverpool School Institute Magazine."

Yours, etc.,

MUTANDUMST.

[We would point out to our would-be reforming correspondent, that the word "School" is a priceless relic of the dim past, and, as such, should be sacred from all desecrating hands. Besides, what a void there would be on the cover, if the word were omitted!—Eds.]

A CHOCOLATE SOLDIER.—The Editors regret that your article on "Trench Warfare" arrived too late for insertion in this term's Magazine.

The Gymnasium.

THE new School Gymnasium is now almost complete, and we hope in a very few days to use it. It is an exceedingly fine building, with a floor space of 70 x 35 feet, and it has been erected on so ample and complete a scale that it equals, if not excels, any school Gymnasium in the British Isles. There is a commodious and well warmed changing room, lockers and four

shower baths, in addition to a large visitors' gallery. Altogether, it is a magnificent building, and the school can never be sufficiently grateful to the generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous. We tender him our most grateful thanks in the name of the School.

The gymnasium has been erected by the Drill Shed in the old Commercial Yard, and, to make room for it, the lavatories and the old armoury have been demolished, so that we still possess the advantage of a covered drill shed. The new building is, moreover, the School Theatre, and will hold some 500 people on the occasions when it is used as such. The total cost is £5,000.

The building throughout is provided with all the latest improvements. It contains apparatus for recreational gymnastics, as distinct from Educational Physical Training, in the way of horizontal bar, parallel bars, rings, boxing, wrestling, fencing. On the Swedish system, which is used in the Army and Navy, and forms the basis of all physical training in elementary and secondary schools and colleges in our country, it is well furnished with wall bars, beams, ladders, climbing ropes, stools, balancing beams, vaulting horse, buck, and box horse. Here a word may be said about the Swedish system, as it is very often not quite understood, and it is hoped that the explanations now added will enable people to recognise the object of physical training on these lines and use them with greater advantage.

Swedish gymnastics are based upon the teaching of anatomy and physiology, and their principle object is to develop the human body in health, strength and elegance of form, combined with hardihood and suppleness, resulting in presence of mind and courage; in a word, to develop all the physical qualities and form a complete education. The object of physical training in schools is not mere uniformity of movement, nor the mere formation of muscle. It aims at the correct shaping and harmonious development of the whole body, especially of the young and growing skeleton, so as to secure a well-formed frame, give each muscle its requisite strength and length, and each organ its proper space and place. It seeks to correct the bad effects of prolonged confinement in school, often in cramped positions; and, finally, it aims at increasing the powers of attention and nervous control. It gradually teaches the boys to economise effort. It enables them to resist fatigue both of brain and muscle, and invigorated by the exercises, to return fresh to their ordinary school work. In the past, too much stress has probably been laid on obtaining uniformity of movement, and on the production of big muscles, especially of the arms, without having regard to correctness of movement, and to the proper shaping of the body as a whole. Uniformity of movement will come when required, as the result of growing powers of attention and

obedience. Muscular development will come in due proportion if a well shaped body is secured by systematic training, and will be associated with a vigorous heart and competent lungs, and with healthy digestive organs, which provide the blood with tissue forming and energy expending elements, the basis of cerebral health and activity. This harmonious development of the whole body, to promote which is the object of physical education applied for use in the school take the form of a "drill" lesson with the boys arranged in squads or classes. The large number of movements, giving effects from the gentlest to the strongest, permits the useful employment of Swedish gymnastics by all ages, from the child of seven to the strong man. Swedish gymnastics enable a large number to work together, even with individualising, and the apparatus employed is constructed with a view to admit of this. The apparatus is employed both to simplify and to increase the severity of movements. The system can also be used without apparatus, but the development suffers very much from the lack of it. Every exercise employed has a beneficial effect on some part of the body. None of the exercises are either harmful or merely ornamental, and it is the sum total of all exercises employed, that produces the required results. Thus, there are exercises for every part of the body (arms, legs, neck, etc.), and, in addition, exercises of co-ordination (balance, marching, running, jumping, etc.), to ensure the harmonious working of the whole. It must be borne in mind that the performance of the various exercises in the Swedish system is only a means to an end; and that the training is not merely for the sake of the exercises themselves but for the ultimate effects of those exercises.

Old Boys' Association.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School, on Thursday, 14th October, with Mr. Weisse in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Weisse referred to the heavy toll that the war was making among Old Boys; some of those lost having been present at the meeting only a year before. He remarked on the happy recollections of the school by those at the front, and urged all Old Boys to support and keep in touch with the school by joining and getting others to join the Old Boys' Association.

The Hon. Secretary read his report for the year ending 30th September last. The membership had increased during the year by 69 to 480, and of the latter number not less than 150 were serving in the Forces. He reported on the entertainments,

football matches and social work which are mentioned in the July issue of the Magazine. He, further, asked for support for the Organ Fund and the Magazine.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts which, in spite of the extra expenses of the year, and the amount of subscriptions remitted, showed a small surplus. After explanations, these were accepted.

On the election of Officers, the retiring Vice-Presidents were re-elected together with Sir C. C. Wakefield. Mr. Weisse was re-elected Chairman, and Messrs. Tiffen and Kidd, Vice-Chairmen of the Committee; with a Committee consisting of Messrs. T. Blackburne, Jr., H. Boswell, F. H.-U. Bowman, E. G. Broadbent, G. A. Chesters, J. McG. Clouston, G. W. H. Creighton, A. Dicken, H. Dicken, W. H. Doughty, R. W. Evans, S. B. Filkin, W. Hill, T. L. Latimer, W. H. Leckie, H. G. McDavid, H. E. Price, E. H. Sawyer, J. H. Stowell, and H. Verity.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Messrs. Eric Gledsdale and Frederic Hill, Junr., for their services, and they were re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

A number of proposals were made in connection with the finances, athletics, entertainments, and social work for the ensuing year, all of which have had the careful consideration of the Committee.

On November 24th, an evening was spent at the Wayside Café. Cards were produced and small circles of friends formed and the evening passed only too quickly.

After the success of the Concerts in connection with the school last year it is anticipated that there will be a fair attendance at the Smoker on 18th December.

A number of Old Boys, sufficient to form one class, have expressed their willingness to join the classes in the Gymnasium next spring. If those who have not yet returned their "replies." will do so at once the Committee will know if it is possible to form two classes.

Editorial Notice.

The Editors beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions: Portcullis, Wallaseyan (2), Liverpool College Magazine, Holt School Magazine, Esmeduna, Hymerian, Kelly College Chronicle, Ruym, Wyggestonian, and Birkonian (2).

Obituary.

It was with the greatest regret that we learned of the death of the Rev. John Sephton, on July 25th of this year. Mr. Sephton was headmaster of the School for twenty-five years (1864-89), during which time he gained the respect and admiration of all. We ourselves only remember his kindly presence on the platform at the Prize Distributions, but even then we were profoundly impressed by his genial kindness and his sincere interest in the School. We quote this appreciation from an old magazine: "His kindly manner and interest in all things connected with the Institute will be greatly missed by all. His kindness and way of making work agreeable will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of being taught by him, and by his retirement we all lose a true friend."

Mrs. Sephton, who also took a very great interest in the School, died soon after her husband, on September 23rd. She was not only a devoted wife, but took a great interest in all his activities, so that, by her death, the School has suffered another great and irreparable loss. At the very last Mrs. Sephton has given proof of her interest in her husband's old school by bequeathing £600 to found a scholarship, to be attached to the Liverpool Institute, and to be called the "John Sephton Scholarship for Mathematics."