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Editorial.

IN taking up our pen to write so important a work of art as an editorial for an autumn magazine, we confess that we are assailed by a considerable temptation to analyse our emotions. The usual feelings of unworthiness and utter inability certainly harrow us, but the balm to all editors of knowing that their words are unanswerable almost leads us to be didactic. The first term of a new year has gone by: our well-known mathematical talents inform us that two still remain. Surely there could be no more appropriate time to address a homily to the School. Surely there could be no more appropriate pen than that of an editor, who can look down from his throne of unassailable dignity upon the busy life of a school, wise in the wisdom of a hundred editors. It is only a certain suspicion, surviving from the time when humbler spheres saw our presence, to the effect that the charms an editorial wields are not so enthralling as they might be, that prevents that homily.

Yet we may be pardoned if we become reflective. There is that in this issue of the School Magazine which might provide the most unthoughtful with food for thought. Not only has the School been deprived of a highly valued member of its staff, it has also lost two of its most cherished connections with the outside world. Sir Charles Santley's death, however, carries with it an especial significance. Sir Charles' very long life has practically synchronised with the existence of the School. He was one of its earliest scholars. He attended the School even before it had acquired its present name. His death, therefore, is a call to us to reflect on the position of the School.

It is not our intention, however, to speak of the past. For an editor of some few years hence that task will be far more appropriate. We would but reflect for a moment on the nature of change in the life of a school. In the facts of school existence, of course, change is extraordinary small. The school-boy is notably conservative. He is so pre-occupied with his own affairs that he goes untouched by the happenings of the outside world. Of him we might say, "si fractus illabatur orbis, impavidum ferient ruinae."

Nevertheless there can be, and is, a steady change in the spirit of a school. One of the most obvious and greatest factors in the bringing about of such a change is music, the goddess to whom Santley dedicated his whole life. The growing place, therefore, that music is taking in the School is a happy augury for the future. The School Chamber Concerts are certainly not attended by every possible boy who could attend, but at least the number is steadily increasing. Moreover, outside concerts organised for the benefit of school-boys have not passed unnoticed.

The fact that the School has produced so wonderful a musician as Santley should act as a spur to boys to look for the great benefits that Santley, above all men, knew that music could confer. There need be, then, no fear for the spirit of the School.

Obituary.

SIR CHARLES SANTLEY,

BORN 1833.

DIED 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1922.

Sir Charles Santley has won more fame than any other Old Boy of this School. It is unnecessary to speak of his position in the world. Wherever great music was known and appreciated, there Sir Charles' name was loved and revered.

It may be of special interest, however, to mention his last connections with the School. In 1908, on the occasion of his 74th birthday, Sir Charles visited the Institute. The School made him a present of a silver bowl and had the happiness of hearing Sir Charles sing some of his famous old songs.

THE REVEREND GEORGE McNEILE,

Appointed a Master of the School January, 1918.

DIED 6TH OCTOBER, 1922.

LADY HERDMAN,

Appointed a Governor of the School, 1906. Chairman of the Liverpool Institute School for Girls Committee, 1911.

DIED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1922.

HUGH HENRY HUGHES,

BORN 7TH JULY, 1909.

Entered the School, August, 1921.

DIED DURING THE MIDSUMMER HOLIDAYS.

RICHARD RUSSEL PARKINSON,

BORN 8TH APRIL, 1908.

Entered the School, August, 1920.

DROWNED 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1922.

Soliloquy.

Night reigned o'er all the weary world. The day
 Unto sweet slumber had resigned its care.
 All was at peace, a peace that bred despair.
 And overhead a night-hawk made its way.
 Nature unceasing vigil kept; and I,
 Alone with Nature, mused. The cool night air
 Fanned my moist brow as though with balsam rare,
 Healing and soothing. When, lo! from the sky
 A star fell, a sudden and awful fall
 That filled my heart with dread. But as of old
 The heavenly host marched on; nor recked at all
 Of him that now in empty space was rolled.
 Unaltered shone the blazing worlds on high.
 In sleep unknowing man and beast did lie.

W. M. W.

Chat on the Corridor.

It was with great pleasure that the School returned after the summer holidays to find both the Headmaster and Mr. Hickinbotham restored to health.

We welcome as newcomers to the Staff: Messrs. Hart, Parson and Ledger. Mr. Hart has filled the place rendered vacant by the sudden death of Mr. McNeile.

One of the first and most pleasant intimations of the new term was that the School Chamber Concerts were to continue. We were especially delighted to see the names of Miss Fanny Davies and of the "Bohemian String Quartet" once more on the programme.

The School performance of the "Merchant of Venice" is a welcome resuscitation of a broken dramatic tradition.

We congratulate the School on its success at the Inter-School Swimming Gala, in which its representatives gained first place in the senior division, second in the junior, and first in the aggregate.

We deprecate the precedent, but were glad to see that Mr. Parson's sudden immersion was followed by no harmful results.

The School has been attended during the past term by several diploma students of the Liverpool University.

Two of the most interesting matches of the School Eleven have been played against Staff teams, notwithstanding the fact that in both games the Staff were somewhat overwhelmed.

We are glad to see that the old football fixture with Manchester Grammar School has been revived.

The results of the parliamentary election held in the School were a close parallel to those of the country. The Conservative candidate won on a minority vote.

A new English Society has been formed in the School by the efforts of Mr. H. M. Brown. We wish it every success.

On November 24th the School had the pleasure of listening once more to the singing of Mr. Crawshaw.

We are glad to see that several younger members of the School have attended the excellent series of concerts organised by Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper.

It is a pleasure to us to learn that I. Silverman and D. D. E. Johnson have both been awarded scholarships to Liverpool University.

Certain members of the Sixth have had the pleasure of attending the meetings of a new play-reading society organised by the great kindness of Mr. Hickinbotham.

We congratulate Mr. Thorpe on his marriage.

Our congratulations are also due to Mr. S. V. Brown on the birth of a daughter.

Kneale and Baxter have been appointed Sub-Editors of the Magazine.

We heartily congratulate W. C. Kneale on his latest achievement. He has won the Junior Hulme Scholarship at Brasenose College, Oxford.

The School has been painted.

League of Nations Union Society.

THIS term seems to have been devoted entirely to Merseyside L.N.U., since there have been no school meetings, but at last a definite scheme for the School Society has been arranged.

Study circles will be held each week during the dinner hour, to discuss political situations affecting the League, and thus prepare material for the School meetings, which will be held each month. These together with the meetings arranged by the Junior Committee, should make next term the best the Society has had.

A soirée was held at the beginning of the School year at Belvedere School; unfortunately, as many schools wished to attend, and as there was only room for 100 in the hall, we only received 25 tickets. There is, all the same, reason to believe that certain members of this School thought it a decided improvement. Kennan, who organised our share in the evening's entertainment, rendered "To Anthea" with great vigour, thus foiling the pianist's efforts to turn it into a pianoforte solo. The soirée was successful in its object—to make members of the various schools less frigid to each other; and a strong desire has been expressed to hold another at the end of the year.

Mr. Wheelan, who had just come from Geneva, gave us an admirable account of the League at work; but deplored the fact that little or nothing was known in England of the League's activities, especially when it is considered that it was the League which put the barrier of hospitals across Northern and Eastern Europe to stop typhoid from Russia; Kneale was the proposer of a well-deserved vote of thanks.

We also had the pleasure of hearing two Oxford Rhodes Scholars, an American and an Australian, who gave their country's views on the League.

A Model Assembly was held at Aigburth Vale High School, near the end of the term; Kneale took the chair. The representative of Greece, from Belvedere, moved that—"It is a mistaken policy to admit Turkey into Europe;" the representative of Sweden from the Collegiate opposed it in a witty speech. Albania's representative caused great amusement by stating that his was a peaceful nation! France, represented by Pearson, defended Turkey's readmission on the grounds that trying to keep Turkey out of Europe was an insult to the Mohammedan world, and caused great excitement amongst the Moslems. The main idea of the representatives was that Greece had no right to complain of the cruelty of the Turks, as she was equally guilty of atrocities. There was a slight majority against the motion, but, as the voting was not unanimous, the motion fell to the ground.

At all these meetings there has been an excellent attendance of members of the School; and this year our membership is the largest in the district, being over a hundred. The Society ought, therefore, to be extremely active; and next term, please let there be a good attendance at all the meetings of our own Society.

J. M. P.

Our Symposium.

[What is your opinion concerning a Brighter School? This was the question we asked of some of our famous contemporaries. The following are their replies.]

- H. J. SQUABBLIN: In accordance with the best principles of citizenship, it is my opinion that the substitution of self-restraint for external control in the School would make everyone brighter and happier.
- D. G. BISHOP: There should be more Swimming Galas. They provide great amusement.
- J. A. WHEATAN: The organisation of high-class boxing matches in the School would add greatly to its brightness. All homework, except French, should be excused on Stadium night, which should be carefully kept free of all other engagements.
- W. C. STAND: The problem is a moral one. We must begin from the beginning. We must weigh carefully in our minds whether the advantages of a Brighter School counter-balance the disadvantages. We must.—[Thanks.—Ed.]
- S. D. EMMIOTT: The School, in my opinion, should be provided with allotments where "Dorothy Perkin" roses might be grown.
- W. B. DAWDLE: The provision of pocket wireless sets to all members of the School would brighten things considerably. Think of the "listening-in" parties we could have; think of the bed-time stories for the kiddies; think . . . [We do.—Ed.]
- S. V. GREEN: The happiness and brightness of the School depend largely on the Sports and Arts Club. Therefore I propose that the subscription be raised to 7/6, and everyone be forced to join. We have already arranged to distribute picturesque receipts.
- S. S. CHISBAD: Those nasty masters who make such horrible remarks about long hair should not be allowed.
- G. D. EAVENIS: I think there ought to be more staff-organised riots.
- W. H. TROTTER: Everyone ought to have a supply of Ucaloids free.
- F. W. H. BRIDE: Such a question is entirely beyond my province.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the Society in the new session was held on September 26th, under the chairmanship of MR. H. M. BROWN. The Society was in the very beginning somewhat startled by the fact that two sets of minutes were read and one of these signed twice: being resolute, however, it did not swerve from the path of custom, but passed a vote of censure on the Secretaries, this time for not providing an efficient reader.

KNEALE was now called on to propose, "That Bureaucracy is the form of government most suited to the needs of present age," and attempted to do so by demonstrating the necessity for governmental experts. PEARSON, in opposing, made a few well chosen remarks on the *Daily Mail*, Spiritualism, credit in French, and an Englishman's rights. WILLIAMS seconded the proposition with a nice definition of Bureaucracy, as a means of government absolutely indispensable; while BALL, G. B., speaking for the opposition demonstrated his originality by omitting all reference to the "Lusitania" catastrophe and concentrating on Russia.

In the debate which followed, KENNAN, DENNIS, WARDLE, MR. MCKIE, MR. ABRAHAM, WIGNALL, MR. FRASER, and WILSON, A., expressed their views, each in his peculiar manner which has earned for him the laurels of eloquence in the Society. On a vote, the motion was carried by a majority of one.

The Society's second meeting was on October 10th, under the chairmanship of MR. HICKINBOTHAM. The minutes were passed with a remarkably small amount of opposition: but WIGNALL managed to create a disturbance by disclaiming membership of the Committee; and certain sympathisers offered condolence to Jones, E. B., who was in the grip of a deadly malady. A vote of censure was also carried on the Secretaries "with perfect justice," because they had been negligent in preparing the programme.

The CHAIRMAN then called upon himself to read a paper on Poetry. After citing various definitions and demonstrating their unreliability, he proceeded to the various qualities recognised as existing in good poetry. Technique, and particularly that of rhythm, was considered first: it was, however, secondary in importance: the qualities of subject were of greater weight. In concluding, the speaker especially emphasised seership and philosophy. Throughout illustrations and quotations had been profusely offered to the Society.

A considerable silence followed, finally broken by KNEALE with a few disjointed remarks in proposal of a vote of thanks. The next speaker was WARDLE who, in seconding the motion, enquired whether the reader did not consider form of a little

more importance KENNAN, however, was all for seership, and his remarks about Pindar gained the Society's complete approval. MR. ABRAHAM spoke of Wordsworth, and asked the Chairman how far he considered sincerity necessary to poetry. The CHAIRMAN replied and declared there was a super-rational element in good poetry.

The Society met on October 24th, with MR. HICKINBOTHAM in the chair. The minutes provoked much discussion, and feeling ran especially high when it was found that the Secretary had actually misrecorded one of the well-known quotations used in the previous meeting. This was only the beginning of a lengthy private business, during which it was decided to hold an election in the School, and various votes of censure were proposed: first upon the Secretaries for providing unduly poetical minutes: secondly upon the Chairman for starting the meeting too early: and thirdly by the Chairman upon the proposer of the previous motion for failing to button his military coat during debate.

After considerable wrangling of this nature, the House at last turned to public business, when BAXTER proposed Vegetarianism. His chief argument was a contrast between the number of sheep and the number of cabbages which could be grown on a square yard of field. WARDLE, however, maintained Vegetarianism was an exaggerated fad. ROBERTS, in seconding, professed a deeply religious feeling for the ideal of vegetables, while WIGNALL began "in principio" and cited the evil effects of apple diet in Eden. Among the many speakers following were KENNAN who quoted Wodehouse and gave reminiscences of his poetic moods, KNEALE who spoke touchingly of the cow as an asset to the landscape, WILSON, A., PEARSON, BROADBENT, DENNIS, and MR. BARKER. The CHAIRMAN concluded the debate with a speech on the latest scientists in regard to vegetable sensation. The motion was then put to the vote and lost by 16 to 32.

MR. HICKINBOTHAM took the chair at 7 o'clock on November 14th, when the minutes furnished much material for comment. Among the agitators who endeavoured to harass the Secretaries were BALL, G. B., and DENNIS. The former was successfully repulsed by the curiously appropriate christening of "Glaxo Baby," while the Chairman's stern ruling averted the Communist demands of the latter for a free tea.

When the House turned to public business, LEIPER eloquently pleaded the cause of Free Trade, using a profusion of historical analogy which deeply impressed the Society. BROADBENT opposed the motion on the grounds of practicability. RABETT then reversed this argument and proved that complete Protection was a mathematical absurdity, while PEARSON, in seconding the opposition, advanced the claims of Imperial Preference.

A hot debate followed opened by BAXTER, whose speech had at least the merit of brevity. JONES, E. B., the hero of the hour of the lost tea episode, talked eloquently of starvation. KENNAN followed with a statement of distrust in the apparent simplicity of Free Trade. GRAHAM and WARDLE, however, supported the motion, while WILSON spoke of the Manchester School, and KNEALE discovered that the problem was a moral one. A vote of the House gave the following result: for the motion 33, against 13.

MR. HICKINBOTHAM was again in the chair on November 28th, when, after a stormy private business in which the minutes of the previous meeting were rejected, MR. REECE read a paper on the "Einstein Theory." The reader gave a full and very lucid account of the theory of relativity, referring to the black-board diagrams throughout his discourse, the main trend of which was that things that we have always considered as absolute and independent, such as space and time, are really relative and can vary according to the circumstances of observations. He cleared up very satisfactorily the mystery which always seems to shroud the theory of Einstein. The gratitude of the Society to Mr. Reece for his kindness to them in undertaking a task entailing so much trouble and preparation was expressed by a unanimous vote of thanks, proposed by WARDLE and seconded by KNEALE: while PEARSON, MR. F. A. BALL, and the CHAIRMAN spoke in support of the motion. In his reply, MR. REECE was not deterred from answering questions by the fact that he had not been asked any.

When the Society met on December 12th with KENNAN in the chair, the Einsteinian minutes of the previous meeting proved so overwhelming that the usual agitators could only seize on a few details for amendment, and the attempt of one intelligent member to correct an obvious scientific error was received in ignorant apathy. A new version of the minutes of the meeting-before last was rejected itself after a dramatic debate.

DENNIS was now called upon to propose "That the execution of Charles I. was an unjustifiable crime." His chief point was the impossibility of justifying bad means to a good end. Yet ROBERTS boldly gave him the lie in his teeth. (The Secretary was so enamoured of the sweet music proceeding from the Hall that he missed the rest of this speech.) PEARSON then used profound historical arguments, while GRAHAM, in seconding the opposition, announced that he had listened to some amazing arguments that evening.

In the debate which followed, speakers for the motion were BROADBENT, KENNAN, BAXTER and KNEALE; against JONES, E. B., WARDLE, WIGNALL, MR. WATKINS and MR. ABRAHAM. A vote of the Society showed the motion as lost by 11 to 25—a clear case of the defeat of wisdom by numbers.

In conclusion, we wish to state, that we are glad our Chairman, Mr. Hickinbotham, has been able to attend meetings so regularly, and we hope he will soon be completely recovered. Our numbers have not fallen this session, but we nevertheless wish the Removes particularly would turn up in large crowds. It is only a big attendance of these that can ensure a prosperous future for the oldest School society.

House Notes.

HUGHES HOUSE.—There have not been many activities this term, and consequently House notes will be few.

However, in the activities that there have been, we have upheld our reputation. The Swimming Gala was held at the beginning of term, and we were fourth in the Senior, third in the Junior, and fourth in the Aggregate. Our swimming captain, Percival, H. C., was a representative of the School in the Inter-School Swimming Sports. Our condolences to Walker, W. H., who, after a long and valuable term of service, has left us to lead Owen House. On the other hand, Webbe, Broadbent, and Williams, R. O., have been made Prefects. The duty of the House is to back them up.

P.J.B.

PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.—There is little to record this term. The House, to use a well-worn metaphor, has been hibernating through the winter of form football. We did not shine greatly in the Swimming Gala, though the juniors, mainly owing to the efforts of Tunnington, W. F., were not entirely unsuccessful. I am sure that the House will show its mettle in the Horsefall and Gymnasium competitions next term. It is with great regret that we bid farewell to Worgan, A. C., who has left us to become captain of Tate House. Finally, it is our pleasant duty to extend a hearty welcome to J. Douglas, and W. M. Williams, who have joined us this term.

D.B.W.

DANSON HOUSE.—The Swimming Gala has been held this term. Possibly some other House captains may have mentioned it. Possibly some House captains have even congratulated themselves on it. We certainly cannot. Danson House, we confess, was certainly never pre-eminent in the swimming world, or rather ocean, and in this last gala we have done no better than we might have done, despite the gallant efforts of Lunt, our swimming captain.

In other spheres, however, our prospects are distinctly bright. We are the House with a future. For the last four years Danson has figured in innumerable finals, but has gained few first places. In the Gymnasium competitions we have been

second four times. This year we must be first. The Horsfall Cup is also in our grasp; we have seven members of the 1st and 2nd elevens. The Singing Cup, too, would not be unsuitable as an adornment of our walls. We have the talent; keenness and enthusiasm is all we need. With these qualities to spur us on, we will obtain our rightful position as Cock House of the School, and we will be able to say with great truth that we have come "per ardua ad astra."

We retain as prefects of the House—Redington, Roberts and Pethick, and offer them our congratulations.

J.M.K.

OWEN HOUSE.—The lack of news and the loss of the more prominent members of the House last term make the writing of these notes extremely difficult. First, we must congratulate our late House captain, Buckley, on his winning a Senior City Scholarship, in the July examinations.

Two events have tended to brighten up the dull term, namely, the Swimming Gala and the Election. In the former, Owen were placed third in the total aggregate, a disappointing result, considering our position last year and the fact that over half our marks were gained by Williams R., who was runner up in the championship and thereby earns our thanks and congratulations. In the latter, the successful candidate was Pearson, a member of Owen.

It is incumbent upon every individual member of the House to do his share in the effort to maintain the high standard of efficiency and enthusiasm, which has always been the hall-mark of Owen House; next term the Gymnasium and Football competitions take place, and we hope that the teams under Williams, R. and Danks, will be as successful as last year.

Lastly, a word about the Sports and Arts Club. This term there has been a sad falling off in the number of members; next term I hope to see all Owen House joining and giving an example to the rest of the School.

W.H.W.

TATE HOUSE.—We have started well this term, and I hope everyone in the House will see to it that we continue to do well throughout the year. We were second in the Swimming Gala, while the juniors carried all before them; this gives bright hopes for the future, and next year we hope to win the shield. Apart from this, the term has been a very quiet one, and everybody should be preparing for the strenuous activities of the next two terms. It is never too early to begin training, and I urge everyone to bear this in mind, so that he will be ready when the time comes for him to do his bit for the House. At the House meeting, Bosworth was elected Gymnasium captain, and the team should do well under his leadership next term. House football begins next term, and the Hobby Show takes place; we can only remind everyone to do what he can for his House; if we all do this, there

will be no lack of success.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to our late House captain, J. McHugh, on winning the School Chemistry and Physics Prizes, and wish him every success in his University career. This term, we had the misfortune to lose our Swimming Capt. T. E. Mason, and we also wish him much success in his future career.

Lastly, we must extend a very hearty welcome to all the new boys; and congratulate Paterson on being made a prefect.

A.C.W.

COCHRAN HOUSE.—There are three kinds of people who read these notes. Firstly, those who have nothing better to do; who have extracted the maximum of pleasure from the rest of this Magazine, and who turn to these notes as a kind of unpleasant duty. They will evidently read anything, and thus may be ignored. Then there are House captains, who read them to see how far they surpass their own; they deserve our pity. Finally, there are those who hope to find their names inscribed therein, and are usually annoyed that sufficient justice has not been done to their talents. By the process of elimination, the last are the only ones that matter. Therefore, we offer our hearty, though somewhat tardy, congratulations to our old House captain, Abraham, on winning a classical exhibition to St. John's College, Oxford; also on gaining the School Latin Prize. Renault is also to be congratulated on winning an Edward Rathbone Commercial Scholarship to Liverpool University, which, however, he has resigned. Turning to more recent events, the House is to be complimented on its success in the Swimming Gala, for which Swan, Beattie and Baxter, A. D., were mainly responsible. But it is to be deplored that the junior members of the House made a comparatively poor show. We have decided to refrain from giving any advice on our future, or depreciation of our past conduct; it would affect nobody one jot. Therefore, there is nothing else to write.

A.T.R.

ALFRED HOLT HOUSE.—Our Trappist re-union at the beginning of the term elected King as captain of Football and Gym., and Wilson Swimming captain. Wilson and Taylor, both "of ours," are our new prefects; we congratulate them. Beyond the Swimming Gala, inter-house activities during this term have been more or less in abeyance. The Gala left us in a good position in the senior division, thanks to the services of Jacobs, who swam well for his old House. The juniors, however, must improve in every respect during the coming year. The spring term will be more strenuous in House activities, so we take this opportunity of wishing the Gym. team good luck in the approaching competition and the Football team better luck this year in the Horsefall.

H.L.

The School Chamber Concerts.

THE first of these concerts was held on Thursday evening, November 9th. It was very satisfying to see that they were being received with growing appreciation, both within and without the School. The names of the artistes on the programme were earnest of the standard of the concert we might expect. In addition to the joy of hearing once more the art of Miss Fanny Davies and the Misses McCullagh, we were to be delighted by a stranger to the School, Miss Cecilia Brenner, the eminent Dutch singer.

In the first piece, a Fantasia for pianoforte and violin by Schubert, Miss Isabel McCullagh played with great power. To a high standard of technique she added considerable depth of feeling. Miss Fanny Davies played the pianoforte part with her customary perfection.

Miss Cecilia Brenner's choice of Beethoven's "Creation Hymn" was very happy. At once we were able to realise the great power, tone and expression her voice possesses. In addition to the "Evening Song" and "The Blacksmith," Miss Brenner sang as encores two delightful little Dutch Folk-songs with great charm and dramatic effect.

In the "Etudes Symphoniques" of Schumann, Miss Fanny Davies showed that she had lost none of the art with which she has delighted this country for many years. Her rendering of this fine work, which has lately gained a new lease of popularity, seemed perfect. With admirable power and sustained control, she led up to that magnificent burst of melody which forms the climax. In the "Träumerei," which she played as an encore, she displayed to the full that wonderful touch, for which she is rightly famous, which endows her notes with the expression and haunting quality of a violin.

Following Miss Fanny Davies, Miss Brenner sang some wonderful old folk-songs. All were gems, though perhaps "The Hymn of John Huss" and "Songs my mother taught me" stood out for their respective magnificence and pathos.

A delightful concert closed with a trio by Brahms for pianoforte, violin and violoncello. This piece possessed an especial interest from the fact that Miss Fanny Davies played from the original copy of Brahms, signed by the composer and Clara Schumann.

We have long come to expect perfect accord and subjugation of self to the whole in the playing of Miss Isabel and Miss Mary McCullagh. This very beautiful trio of Brahms was conspicuous for these qualities.

At the second concert, held on Friday, December 1st, we had the pleasure of welcoming an old favourite of the School, Miss Taormina Méo. In addition to the Misses McCullagh, there

played Miss Gertrude Newsham, Mrs. Rawdon Briggs and Mr. Stephen Whittaker.

The playing of Mozart's "Quartet in C Major" was exceptionally fine, allying, as it did, great vigour to a finish of no small delicacy. The second and third movements, however, were conspicuous for the beauty both of the playing and the music.

In "Spring Sorrow," "Dream Valley," and an Italian song, Miss Taormina Méo delighted her audience with her bell-like tone and grace of singing. Her voice is wonderfully clear, and its haunting quality was well shown in Ireland's very beautiful "Spring Sorrow." However, perhaps Miss Méo's rendering of Dr. Arne's "Where the bee sucks" was most appreciated for its sprightly tone and gay lilt.

The playing of the strings in Schumann's "Quartet in A Major" seemed to us to be even better than in the Mozart quartet, though perhaps this was because we preferred Schumann's music. The first movement is one of exceptional beauty, and this and the whole piece received the rendering it deserved.

The concert concluded with a Cantata by Bach for Soprano, Oboe, String Quartet and Figured Bass. The School, by being present at rehearsals, had already been able to hear this piece twice. For ourselves, we confess that it was not until the third time that we began to appreciate anything like the full beauty of the piece. The soprano and the oboe makes it splendidly dramatic, and though its movements are exceedingly various, it never loses its entity. Miss Méo sang magnificently, and Mr. Whittaker was an accomplished player of the oboe. One of the most beautiful movements was the trio between the voice, the violoncello and the piano, and the piece had an appropriately fine climax in the Gavotte.

J. M. K.

Punica Fides;

Or Total Eclipse of Rhyme and Reason.

They're teaching me Astronomy,
I've got to know the stars,
It's star-ting my economy,
In fact, it even mars

My appetite; it's *plane* to see
I'll never learn the system;
They say I'm *er cury*-osity
If I can't remember a list o' 'em.

The Great Bear and the Little Bear
Bear-den my quiet rest;
Fierce Capricorn and bold Cancer
Can cer-t'nly be a pest.

I'm growing thin—too small f'r my clo'es,
 I'm oon-ly twelve stone three,
 And now I've told you all my woes,
 I ask—*Jupiter* me?

LXXXAH.

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The Election.

IT is the usual custom when a General Election takes place for Parliament to have one in School. This year it took place during the latter part of October, and the first half of November. When it was announced that we were to have an election, a youth small of stature, but very loud of voice, was seen upon the School of Art bicycle shed roof gesticulating. Upon investigation, he was found to be a Communist, but eventually became a Commulabsoebolshind, and at last died out. His death left the field open for the real rascally old politicians, who quickly formed four parties: Conservative, J. M. Pearson; Ind. Liberals, G. S. Ball; Nat. Liberals, J. M. Kennan; Ind. Labour, W. C. Kneale. As the School had just been painted, we were only allowed to put up notices in specified places, and these speedily became full. As only the fifths and above had been enfranchised, the Conservative party did its best to ensure a large majority by demanding "votes for the fourths." The old beans who ran affairs were wily and did not allow this. At last came November 5th, Polling Day, and also the day for final speeches. It was now that the only blot on the procedure showed itself. The intention was good, but the carrying out of it weak. Under the guidance of the Returning Officer, the fourths and below were gently but firmly excluded from the meeting, which soon got under way. The Conservative aspirant was the first to make his bow, and he was lucky. For three-quarters of his speech the audience was orderly, but then the fourths and thirds raided the meeting and made further speeches impossible, and while the Labour candidate—the last of the bunch was orating, the meeting became a free fight. This was soon stopped, but as it was getting late, we proceeded to polling. Order prevailed, and at 12-20 p.m., the poll was closed, and the authorities dashed from the Lower Lab. to the P.R., where the count was made. At 12-35 p.m. the result was known. It was as follows:—

Conservative—J. M. Pearson	137
Nat.-Libs.—J. M. Kennan	91
Ind.-Labour—W. C. Kneale	64
Ind.-Libs.—G. S. Ball	32

Propaganda was then removed and we forget all about the whole affair at once.

N.B.—It is no good giving Candidates' aims, because they hadn't any.

R.O.

Corps Notes.

A SPIRIT of optimism is a great ideal, and we offer that thought for the careful consideration of all concerned.

We are not, let us hope, as despondent as the outwitted Titans of idyllic memory. We are merely, to put things baldly, symptomatic of a fashionable complaint, that of "taking things easily." This, however—and we say it to everyone connected with the Corps—cannot go on, and it will not be until a paternal Government has taken back its misused gift, that we shall miss that, which we have derided. Let us make no mistake about our position and about our responsibilities. The Corps as an O.T.C. is a privilege held by no other purely Secondary School; our webbing equipment, our telegraph outfit, our very existence indeed is held on sufferance from the Powers that Be. In the light of our position, therefore, we stand or fall upon our own merits, and no amount of mutual recrimination after what will be our almost certain demise if things continue as they are, will alter the fact that we ourselves are to blame. As for our responsibilities, they are two: Firstly to the School; this is sufficiently obvious without further explanation; and secondly, to ourselves, which also needs no further explanation. The Military Service Bogie should not, and among people of common sense worthy of the name, cannot arise. The Corps exists for us, *merely as a means to extract a little more interest out of life, and to further the chances of the non-athletic part of the School of becoming "something" other than "Swots."* The Corps is, in effect, as little militaristic as are the Boy Scouts and the Labour Party. Nobody but a maniac would allow a collection of boys, all under eighteen years of age, deliberately to learn the Art of War. As well let them be supplied with ball ammunition and with the powers of life and death. However, let us take these things to heart, and retire with our grievances into winter quarters, in order that we may play the game next term.

We have a band—so we are led to believe, and we now become accustomed to hearing weird sounds comparable to the Last Trump during the dinner-hour, or in the stilly night. It has actually paraded, and was "in attendance" on a route march in which we were rash enough to indulge. We wish the said band convivial greetings, and our best wishes; for Captain Ellis, after the Free Tea following the route march and probably as a result of a surfeit of petits-fours, has definitely promised them an instructor in the New Year. While upon the subject of instructors, we consider that it would constitute a step forward if a Sergeant Instructor were to be provided to worry and bully us into keenness once a week. Perhaps one could be shared by another corps and our own, without financial strain.

The Signalling Section is now making strides under its new and less comatose commander, Lee.-Sergeant Robinson.

We also heartily congratulate Lance-Sergeants J. H. Robinson, R. S. White, and Cpl. R. J. Broadbent on passing the Practical Examination for Certificate "A."

We also possess seven more N.C.O.'s, to whom we extend our felicitations, namely: W. E. Davis, L. Deakin, H. Leiper, H. K. Lunt, J. R. McArthur, A. Tunnington, and D. S. Webbe, promoted to be Lance-Corporal as from 2/12 '22.

Other promotions have been as follows: Sgt. Rabett to be C.S.M.; Cpls. White and Robinson to be Lance-Sergeants.

S.R.W.R.

Camera and Field Club.

WE are very pleased to welcome Mr. Ledger among our supporters on the Staff. He has shown great interest in the work of the Club this term.

Several changes have been made in order to complete the new constitution of the Club.

In future the Executive Committees of the Sections will be elected annually by the members of the Sections at the end of the Summer Term. The members of the General Committee will then be elected at a General Meeting, from the members of the Executive Committees.

Boys wishing to become members of only one section of the Club, will in future be able to do so.

The membership of the Field Section has been quite up to the usual average, but why do so few boys patronise the Photographic Section? It cannot be the extra subscription, because that is purely nominal. The total membership of the Photographic Section was only 27 this term. There is no need to outline here the advantages of membership. They are too well known, and any extra information can always be obtained from the Secretary.

A Soirée that we hoped to hold this term has been postponed until next term.

Street, H. W., has been elected to the General Committee in place of Mason, T. E., who unfortunately left us during the term.

FIELD SECTION

There have been a fair number of excursions this term, in spite of the difficulty in obtaining entrance to works on account of the depression of trade.

The activities commenced with two very successful visits to the Cunard Liners, the "Laconia" and the "Carmania." The comfort of the passenger accommodation and the beauty of the decorations were especially remarked upon by the members of the parties. The first party was accompanied by Miss Robertson, Miss Buchan and Messrs. Elliott, Stell and Ledger. Our hearty

thanks are due to the Cunard Steamship Co., Limited, for their kindness in permitting the parties to visit the vessels.

On October 4th a party of 20 members, accompanied by Miss Buchan, paid an extremely interesting visit to Messrs. Tate and Lyle's Sugar Refinery. The excursion derived additional interest from the fact that the commodity manufactured is one which is in universal use. Our thanks for a very instructive and pleasant afternoon are due to Mr. C. Potter, the Works Manager, and to Mr. J. Flanner, of the Laboratory Staff, who conducted us through the various departments and took great pains to explain everything fully.

On the 11th October, a party of 40 members, accompanied by Messrs. Stell and Ledger, paid a visit to the works of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Limited. The various processes in the manufacture of large cables were seen in detail from the entrance to the works of large copper ingots to the shipment by rail of the finished cables. We extend our hearty thanks to the Works Manager and to the guides who conducted the party round the Works. We sympathise with a member who cycled to Prescot and on the return journey blew out one valve and punctured his other tyre while three miles from home.

Accompanied by Mr. Stell a party of 20 members was enabled by the kindness of Mr. Halliday, the Managing Director, to pay a visit to the works of Messrs. Francis Morton and Co., Limited, Engineers and Contractors, Garston, on the 1st November. The visit was very enjoyable, and Mr. Halliday receives our thanks for the arrangements made for our reception and for the excellent refreshments provided before the party left the works.

On the 8th November a party of boys paid a visit to the Flour Mills of Messrs. J. Rank and Co., Limited, of Birkenhead. There was a fairly good attendance in spite of the bad weather, and those members who turned up were well repaid. May we again express our thanks to the Works Manager and to the guides appointed to conduct us round the Mills.

On the 22nd November a visit was paid by a party of 20 members, accompanied by Mr. Elliott, to Goodlass Wall's Paint Works, Old Swan. The manufacture of paints and varnishes was witnessed in detail, and was clearly explained. Refreshments were provided before leaving the Works, and were much appreciated. Our hearty thanks are due to the Works Manager and to the guides.

An attempt to organise parties to visit the Jubilee Exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery on Wednesday, 29th November, and on Saturday, 2nd December, was abandoned owing to the apathy of the members.

Several excursions have already been arranged for next term, and it is hoped that they will be well supported.

J.H.R.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION.

The efficient working of this section of the Club has been hindered to some extent by the unfortunate loss of our hard-worked Secretary, T. E. Mason, but the Club is now in its usual working order. We wish our late Secretary all success in his future career.

The dark-room has been used fairly frequently, but not so extensively as last term. The membership of the section is very low, no doubt since it is winter, and many members do not support the Club because they do not require the dark room. We hope to see an increase in the number of members next term.

There will be, next term, a Competition for two classes of photographs: 1, Outdoor Subjects; 2, Indoor Subjects. There will be a prize for each section, consisting of photographic materials. The particulars of the competition, with dates of closing, etc., will be announced later. G. S. Ball was elected to the Committee in place of T. E. Mason.

Any practical suggestions for the improvement of this section of the Club will be welcomed by the Secretary. The lack of co-operation among the members of the section has not disappeared, but we are still hoping for an improvement in the near future.

F. M.

Chronicles; or Foiled Again.

BUT we digress. A diary! (Visions beset me of a "maths-spent" youth, neglected homework, "accommodations" entered in that priceless (1/3) publication side by side with other information that "boots" not mention here.) But let's back and start. The curtain rises on a wooden scene: parquet floor: converted greenhouse: seagreen walls unadorned except for ink and lockers. A dais faces you on entering: upon this lonely piece of educational furniture sits the Wizard. Through (?) the windows (one translucent pane) one may with luck discern a variegated semi-subterranean panorama of the prison yard and cemetery. All mentioned is enacted in tense silence, broken only by scrapes with pen or feet, or by frequent injunctions to continue speaking and to hold an *alfresco conversazione* there and then.

a. d. IV. Id. Oct.

The star turn in Maths. am I. Six (not out). Top of averages so far: worked so much that have been approached by Hon. Sec. and Treas. of Affiliated Society of Dauntless Workers of Fifths for contravening art. 1328 of Union's Statutes, *re* Over-industriousness and Undue Keeness. Direly censured.

a. d. XIII., Kal: Nov.

Working terribly hard, feeling strained after this remarkable volteface: became blackleg yesterday, and joined Assocd. Socy. of Swots. Have almost filled one Maths. exercise book already!!

a. d. VI., Kal: Nov.

Asked to-day for new book. "Where is the old one?" Old one produced. "Why, man, look here," said he, pointing to a "blank" page, "Go, and don't bring it back till you've filled it up." Unnerved and went out for a Blob. Result: censured by A.S. of S. Scylla and Charybdis!!

a. d. IV., Kal: Nov.

Repeat performance (see last week) out for an omicron again. Renounced by both the A.S.D.W.F. and the A.S.S., I am now deprived of all my former prestige. (See Wolsey's speech in *Henry VIII.*) Another Rebuff *re* Notebook.

a. d. V., Id., Nov.

Will I *ever* get a new book? At the Greek Kalends, perhaps! Repulsed again. Told me to "Go and fill up that," pointing to a semi-circle, and added, "Why, when I was at school we could have inscribed all the Maths. we did in a month in that space. Go *on* and do some work, man!" and I staggered seatwards.

a. d. XV., Kal: Dec.

Still making circular scores in Maths. Entreated for a new book: despair—mental prostration.

a. d. IX., Kal: Dec.

My ideals are now shattered, and I spent most of my time solving an abstruse problem in Knoughts and Crosses—that noble and time honoured game, compared with which chess is a mere upstart, a usurper: that be-beavered and hoary science played by such antiques as the Mikado, C. Julius Caesar, and George Robey, the second of whom, often had a round or two with Mark Twain, while these things were being ascertained "Somewhere in Gaul. O! Knoughts and Crosses, spartan diet on which the incomparable ancients were reared: for them no Put and Take, Tiddleywinks or Golf (don't suppose you realise that Hadrian's Wall was erected to prevent the straying of Caledonia's gowf ba's into the Pax Romana). s'a fact!!!

a. d. XIV., Kal: Jan.

Dogged him, waylaid him, cajoled him, beseeched him, prayed him, even did my homework for him. Asked for a new book: "Where's the old one?" quoth he. He got it: and I rejoiced in my heart: loopholes there were none (in my book, not my heart), for I had written on pages i., ii., iii., iv., of cover: I had filled in the numerous squares on the respectively numerous hypotenuses, inside the exceedingly skew quadrilaterals, until the architectories of the whole was that of a Cubist chef-d'oeuvre.

"Yes, but as it is the last day of term do your work on this," and he handed me a miserable piece of paper, only one stage removed from rag

[PARENTS' NOTE.]

The recollection of this dire moment proved too much for our poor Willie's overtaxed brain and he expired in frightful agonies on the doormat which we bought last July, after falling down 7 stairs and strangling the cat.

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Chess Notes.

THE activities of the Chess Club this term have been considerable, and there is every sign that the revival which took place last year will have a permanent effect. Many alterations have been made in our first team, and it is partly on account of this that we have not met with so much success as we might have expected. In our match against Wallasey Grammar School we proved victorious by eleven games to five. On the 20th November, Merchant Taylor's School sent a strong team here, and eventually won 4-2. We paid a very enjoyable visit, on the 23rd November, to the Florence Institute, and after the match, we were conducted round the various rooms in the building. All who went were greatly impressed by what they saw, and we wish to thank Mr. Tiffen for the willingness with which he gave us an insight into the workings of an institution which is, unfortunately, so little known to this School. We proved rather too strong for our opponents, winning 11½-4½. The match of the season took place on the 23rd November, when we confronted the Masters. The results are given in full:—

Broadbent	0	Mr. Reece	1
Wilson, A.	2	Mr. Hickinbotham	0
Bieber	0	Mr. Hicks	2
Levy	0	Mr. Thorpe	2
Ormerod	2	Mr. H. M. Brown	0
Swan	1	Mr. Hart	1
Graham	1	Mr. Williams	1
Jones, E. B.	0	Mr. Williams	2
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We lost 3-5 to the Old Boys on December 14th.

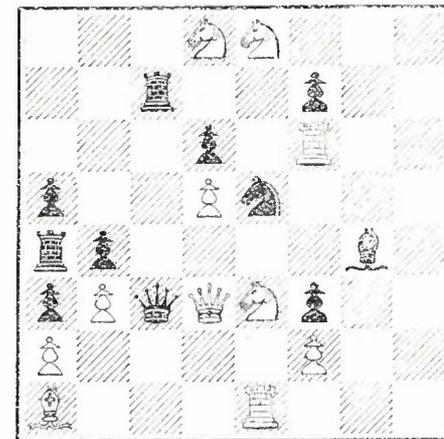
As these pages are the only medium offered to the Chess Club for informing the School of its activities, we desire to appeal to those boys who play chess and yet are not members of the School Club. Anyone who is at all interested in the game should give his name to the Treasurer, Mr. Hicks, at the beginning of the

term. Mr. Ledger's room is available for play on Mondays and Fridays, from 4-30 to 5-30 p.m. and every opportunity is given to beginners of learning the game.

The Club has increased in numbers to such an extent that we are hoping to renew inter-House matches next term. After much deliberation, a Chess Trophy has been bought, which will be awarded to the leading House each year.

Finally, there is one thing to be noticed with regard to the problem that follows. We have read violent philippics from the pens of previous writers against those who solved the problems published, but omitted to send in their solutions. These seem to have had but little effect, and our own feeble oratory would, we fear, have been less. We will therefore let the simplicity of this problem speak for itself.

BLACK (11)



WHITE (11)

White to play and mate in two moves.

R.J.B.



Junior Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the Society was held on Thursday, October 7th. The subject for debate was "Should the Turks have Constantinople?" Orme took the chair and introduced the subject; after discussion, the vote went in favour of Constantinople being taken from the Turks.

The second meeting, on October 14th, was held in Miss Riddel's room, the subject being "Should boys smoke?" Spencer took the chair and introduced the subject. Orme argued on the

affirmative side, and was supported by Williams. Lassman spoke briefly for the negative side, and on the taking of the usual vote, the meeting decided that they should smoke.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The Dramatic Society has been meeting for several months and hopes shortly to entertain the School. [This is sudden.—Ed.]

The Third Forms' Soiree.

THE Third Forms held their Soirée on Saturday, the 9th of December. Thanks are due to Miss Riddell and Mr. Parson for providing a very enjoyable evening. The first performance was given by Form 3A, who had got up a Nigger Minstrel Troupe. This performance created much laughter and was cheered heartily.

The next item on the programme was a song by Mr. Parson, which was loudly applauded. The singing was accompanied by Mr. Hart, to whom thanks are due.

The next item was a play by Form 3B, entitled "The Eight Spirals." It was a Spanish play of the type generally called "A Deaf and Dumb Show." Mr. Hart then gave a song entitled "Sing Ho! for the days of drinking." This was a very laughable song and was cheered lustily.

Form 3B gave a second performance, entitled "McGinty's Waxworks," which consisted of boys dressed to represent notable characters. Among the most laughable were Jack Horner, a typical Eton school boy; Noah, a Welsh lady, and an American. This performance was very amusing and highly delighted the audience.

Next came the interval, and all went into the dining hall for refreshments. All went well, and we returned to the hall for the next performances. Mr. Ellis now gave a song entitled "When I was a boy at school." In this song references were made to his own form, and called forth much laughter. The stage was then taken by Form 3B, who represented a Law Court. The prosecuting counsel accused the prisoner of breaking into a bakehouse and eating some food. The case proceeded, and the jury returned the verdict, "Not Guilty."

The next performance was given by Form 3D. This consisted of Individual Items which included a violin solo, a song, and a recitation. The final item was a Nigger Minstrel Troupe by Form 3X. This was extremely amusing, and provoked roars of laughter.

The entertainment was concluded by the National Anthem, followed by three cheers for Miss Riddell, Mr. Parson, and Mr. Hart.

O.G.J. (Form 3B).

The English Society.

IT is perhaps characteristic of an English boy not to know nor to appreciate the literature of his own language; so, it was with this in mind that it was decided to found an English Society in the School. Its object is purely and simply appreciation: appreciation of the works and what they have done for the English language. Through this, it is hoped to build up a love of good literature, the possession of which no one has ever regretted. The books and poems to be read and discussed are those very seldom, if ever, included in the ordinary school curriculum.

The play of Shakespeare which has been under discussion is *A Winter's Tale*. This is one of the last, and in many ways, one of the finest, of Shakespeare's plays. What scene in any English drama could be finer than that in which Paulina vainly pleads Hermione's cause with Leontes, and lays his newly-born daughter at his feet? Splendid though the play is, it is not without faults; and one cannot help thinking that Antigonus ought to have been resuscitated in the last act, together with the other dead characters.

The second part of the programme has been composed of several of Browning's works, mostly art poems. Browning has been compared to both Tennyson and Carlyle; though this, at first sight, may seem to be a paradox, yet when considered carefully, it will be found that it is not. With Tennyson, Browning shares a marvellous power of description; but how differently have they used their gift? With Carlyle he shares the quality of having a message to deliver in comparison with which words were but a secondary consideration. Yet this is but half a truth; for Browning conveys in a very few words what would cost Tennyson several sentences. In *Fra Lippo Lippi* and in *Andrea del Sarto*, Browning clearly states his opinion about art. In the former poem he deprecates the painting of soul without reality; in the latter, the painting of reality without soul. Fra Lippo Lippi was an Italian painter patronised by Cosmo de Medici. He lived at the time when painters were losing sight of nature and depicting nothing but soul. Andrea del Sarto, "the faultless painter," and his contemporaries had lost sight of soul. He could, according to nature, make a perfect picture, but there was no soul in it, nothing but nature. In both poems Browning's power of word painting are present in a great degree. Who can read *Fra Lippo Lippi* and not imagine himself present in that mediæval Florentine street with the monk and the watchmen? In *Abt Vogler* he pictures a musician sitting at an organ building a perfect palace of sound. It vanishes "never to return." *The Grammarian's Funeral* affords an excellent example of Browning's treatment of nature: while *Balaustion's Adventure*

is a translation of Euripides' *Alcestis*: a translation and yet more than that.

Dickens, like Chaucer and Goldsmith, introduced something entirely new to his literary world, and there is no doubt that Dickens' forte is the description of lower class life. *The Curiosity Shop* contains many fine examples of this: the Nabblies family, Mrs. Jailey, Swiveller and others. One often wishes that Dickens had confined himself to such scenes instead of indulging in such Sunday-school sentiment as the death of the little scholar. The character of Nell herself is not perfect, for she thinks and feels like one far above her years. In spite of all this, *The Curiosity Shop*, though not Dickens' best, is certainly a great novel.

In conclusion, the Society wishes to thank Mr. Brown, who has so admirably conducted it, Mr. Williams, who has on several occasions deputised for Mr. Brown, and Broadbent and Williams, W. M., who read papers at the first meeting.

"Cornwall."

I see those towering cliffs of fabled Lyonesse
That rise in rugged grandeur from the foaming deep,
Those thick scarred crags; and boulders, lashed by mighty stress
Of wind and storm—when rolling billows curl and leap

Against the adamantine walls. The elements
Themselves do seem to glory in the thundering din
And tumult of their struggle for omnipotence,
While nature's music plays o'er all, around, within.

I see those furrowed sentinels, and sadly muse,
Ye rocks, men have not your immutability!
Not so can they gainsay time's pitiless abuse.
That brings to naught all mortal pomp and vanity.

The Play.

ON the night of Monday, the 18th December, and again on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 19th, 1922, the School gave performances of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." A new precedent was followed in dispensing with scenery and the curtain, with the resulting advantages that nothing went wrong with this, and that the stage was visible from practically the whole of the hall. The rôle of Shylock was very ably played by H. Paterson, without the usual stoop. His

diction was good and clear, and his acting was effective, although the part perhaps called for a little more movement and gesticulation than he employed. Dennis made a very handsome and dashing Bassanio: but, please may I be allowed to object to "between you and I?" Ellis was well fitted for the part of Antonio, but would have done better to have affected more of the lordly superciliousness natural to so influential a man, when talking with Shylock. Heron, as Portia, was very charming and queenly, and the only criticism which can be made is that she (or he: how is one to speak of these hermaphrodites?) might have unbent a little and become more playful with Nerissa: also, her gestures in bidding a servant make haste rather gave one the impression of someone shooing a cat off the stage. But her acting in the court scene was really excellent, and her diction throughout was faultless. The humorous characters, Gratiano, Old Gobbo, and Launcelot, played by Bartlett, J. M. King, and H. M. Taylor respectively, were all very good: Taylor in particular was a great success. Dennison and L. N. S. Smith, as Lorenzo and Jessica, played their parts well: though in the elopement scene, they ran off as if they were doing a quarter-mile in the Sports: the object of a "stage run" is not so much to bolt off as quickly as possible as to give the appearance of haste, and at the same time to give oneself time to say those awkward last lines so that they can be heard. Wikeley made a pretty Nerissa, but was inclined to be stiff. Baxter had a very ducal appearance and carriage; he would have added to the effect if he had spoken his lines a little more pompously; and the two magnificos were most impressive (who said "beaver"?). Frangopulo, as the Moroccan Prince, could certainly not have been "misliked for his complexion," but was a little jerky. There is no criticism to be made of the acting of Tubal, Salanio, and Salario, by Maddock, Broadbent and White respectively. The parts of the two latter were difficult in that they were mainly ornamental characters. They were there chiefly to look nice; in doing which they succeeded very well. "Tell me where is Fancy bred" was sung very nicely by I. Jones, to a charming little air of the Headmaster's composition.

The general organisation was admirable; everything went forward without a hitch; and there were practically no mistakes. Amid the plaudits with which we receive the actors themselves, we must not forget that the Headmaster and Mr. Hickinbotham, and all others who helped in the organization, are mainly responsible for making the performance so great a success, and that it is mainly due to them that the School's dramatic traditions have been so worthily upheld. The proceeds go to the Children's Hospital Fund.

Swimming Notes.

THE number of entries for the School Swimming Gala was much better than last year, although still poor. There is surely something wrong when out of 800 boys only 120 enter for the Gala. However, those who did enter at all, generally entered for several events, with the result that there was a long list of heats, and our thanks are due to Mr. Reece for the manner in which he got us through the programme.

Once started, the events went off regularly, but the start of the afternoon (not on the programme) was the submersion of Mr. Parson, who was timekeeping. In this we think he went a step too far.

On Gala night things went without a hitch, even to the "rescue" of Mr. Stell.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SENIOR.—1st, Cochran, 242 pts.; 2nd, Owen, 149 pts.

JUNIOR.—1st, Tate, 172 pts.; 2nd, Cochran, 58 pts.

AGGREGATE.—1st, Cochran, 300 points; 2nd, Tate, 263; 3rd, Owen, 149; 4th, Hughes, 132; 5th, Alfred Holt, 124; 6th, Philip Holt, 75; 7th, Danson, 34.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, Swan, S. R. B. (C.), 95 points; 2nd, Williams, R. (O.), 75 points.

HOUSE SQUADRON RACE.—1st, Cochran; 2nd, Owen.

50 YARDS BACK STROKE.—1st, Swan, S. R. B.; 2nd, Percival, J. R.

50 YARDS OPEN.—1st, Swan, S. R. B.; 2nd, Williams, R.

150 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, Swan, S. R. B.; 2nd, Williams, R.

50 YARDS BREAST STROKE (Open).—1st, Percival, J. R.; 2nd, Rookshy, W. H.

500 YARDS OPEN.—1st, Swan, S. R. B.; 2nd, Williams, R.

NEAT DIVE (Open).—1st, Beattie, G. J. F.; 2nd, Dennis, P. W.

LONG PLUNGE.—1st, Jacobs, P.; 2nd, Lee, J. F.

50 YARDS (under 15).—1st, Tunnington, W. F.; 2nd, Ellis, E. T.

100 YARDS (under 15).—1st, Ellis, E. T.; 2nd, Baxter, A. D.

50 YARDS BREAST STROKE (under 15).—1st, Kirk, E. H.; 2nd, Ellis, E. T.

NEAT DIVE (under 15).—1st, Kitchen; 2nd, Ellis, E. T.

BEGINNERS' RACE.—1st, Southam, J.; 2nd, Burnett.

LIGHTED CANDLE RACE.—1st, Percival, J. R.; 2nd, Danks.

CLOTHES RACE.—1st, Percival, J. R.; 2nd, Conway, J. W. H.

OBSTACLE RACE.—1st, Jacobs, P.; 2nd, Jones, C. E.

OLD BOYS' RACE.—1st, Slater, F. (O.); 2nd, Cox, G. H. (H.); 3rd, Williams, P. (A.)

At the Inter-School Gala, held at Queen's Drive Baths, the School nobly upheld its reputation by winning the Senior Championship and also the Aggregate.

T.E.M.

Library Notes.

A CONSIDERABLE number of books have been added to the Library this term, for many of which we have to thank the Head. The chief matter to record, however, is the preparation of brass tablets for both the Library and Prefects' Room. These have long been due, and we are glad to see that within a few weeks they will be completed.

W.C.K.

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 University Letters.

The Union Society,
Cambridge.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

This term has been more or less like any other term, except that it has been exceedingly dull; but, of course, what do you expect a Michaelmas Term to be? Especially in such a place as Cambridge, where, if it does not rain, it is foggy, and *vice versa*. Strictly speaking, I should talk of this term as a thing of the past because it ended, officially, last Friday, but there are a few unfortunate people still up, either because they have exams., or have their terms to complete, and a few more unfortunate people who have both. We were very pleased to meet Mr. R. B. Onians, whom you, no doubt remember. After having taken a B.A. degree in classics at Liverpool University, he has reformed and has come up here to read for a Ph.D. He is "at home" some evenings, when he may be seen reading Greek, as though he really enjoyed it, but, as a rule, his evenings are taken up by learned discourses with the select Societies of Trinity. He keeps to one of the numerous courts of Trinity College, which is distinguished from the others by a statue of a youth recently found in Italy. Unfortunately the said youth does not look at home in the centre of the grass plot; they have tried him on a pedestal, but that did not become him, so he is now merely left there sitting in the middle of the grass.

Of our other numerous O.I.'s we need only mention Mr. A. V. Russell. After having researched in agriculture, he has left us, we hear, to read medicine at Liverpool.

In March we are expecting a visit from one of the members of the School, who intends trying for a Downing Scholarship, and we wish him every success.

Now, Mr. Editor, having given you all the news there is, we can await in peace your next demand.

We remain, yours sincerely,

CANTAB.

Ornithological Museum, Oxford

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,

This, Sir, is the last day of term and we look about us hurriedly for material for a letter—but our pen falters. We have seen so little of the several specimens—each one of them a “*rara avis*”—that it seems impossible that this narrative should be, as its tradition demands—truthful

Let us return to the specimens which perhaps are dearest to your heart. Mr. Fraser—what does he do? “Tell it not in Gath,” but he has fallen a victim to the Balliol vice. He works hard. He has taken for his motto “*labor vincit omnia*.” And in the still small hours, when the stars of heaven are shining bright, a light gleams in a certain room in Balliol, that faces on the Broad. Moreover, Mr. Fraser whets his keen sword on the grindstone of debate. Yes, sir, your suspicion is right. He has addressed the President and the benches (very bare benches alas, sir!) of the Union Society, and bids fair to rise to loftier heights. Mr. Abraham has accompanied his Scottish contemporary. He, too, has orated and seeks to convert young Oxford from its apathetic conservatism. He lives in rooms which one reaches after traversing many a tortuous stair-case, only to find him out (a speciality, it would seem, of St. John’s), and for recreation, rows and runs. History relates how that he went forth garbed in the vesture of a runner, and indulged in a cross-country race; but, alas, fell halfway and crowned this success by losing himself some miles from Oxford. Let us draw the curtain of charity over that scene.

And for the older, more sophisticated members of our collection, what would you, sir? We shall be brief, since they are birds whom brevity delights. Mr. McKie, of Brasenose, has at times recovered from the lethargy, which perpetually enthralled him in its misty toils, sufficiently to bear away the prize for a philosophical essay. Mr. Knox, of Pembroke, is wrapped in the garment that the philosopher holds for food as well as clothes and raiment—Thought. He follows that divine command which was emblazoned in letters of gold in a certain room (which shall be nameless) PUTA. He still revels in the music of Bach and Brahms; and in that magical phrase, he

“Scorns delight, and lives laborious days.”

And of our two last remaining specimens, let us speak in one breath. Mr. Milburn, of University, and Mr. Thomas, of Pembroke, go burdened by the horror of Schools soon to come. In March they undergo the process of relief—the process so aptly compared with a visit to the dentist. Let us spare them any more thought of it.

Now, sir, you have read our letter: must we apologise for any truth which may be therein contained?

Yours faithfully, J. I. NOXCHLAVE.

The Union,
Bedford Street,
Liverpool.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Sir, in the past—I learn from a perusal of the old volumes of the noble Magazine, whose pages this letter will soon adorn—it has apparently been the habit of all Varsity letter writers to bemoan the harsh fate, which took them schoolwards a few days before the Magazine went to press. But is that the right spirit in which to receive such an honour? Mr. Editor, I really must venture to disagree with such woeful wights. It is not. Think, for a moment, of the visions recalled by long glorious Wednesday afternoons spent in the warm, congenial atmosphere of Mr. Eave’s room. Ah! happy hours were those! It is at such times as these that one really appreciates the joys of past schooldays; recalling the occasion of a successful landslide of enormous magnitude prepared in a rival’s locker; recalling the “know any more parlour tricks” of one master, the utter inability of another to deal with matters lying outside his province, and so on, and so forth. What? Oh quite, Mr. Editor, you desire news not reminiscences.

Let me first therefore reassure you as to the fate of those who have most recently exchanged the P.R. for the Vic. Mr. Binger, it is quite true, now smokes a pipe and no longer wears the School cap. Mr. Cohen has already acquired the medical habit of driving a car. It took an O.I. to extract his society subscription from Mr. Buckley, while Mr. McHugh was seen not long ago riding a motor-bike round the quod—“but the bike’s all right.” Of the older O.I.’s, Mr. E. S. Roberts is now lecturing at Rennes and, according to latest information, finds life rather slow after his last very hectic year at Liverpool. Mr. A. G. Russell is at the British School of Archæology at Athens. Mr. R. E. Williams, of editorial and secretarial fame, is teaching something somewhere. Mr. Buckingham, Bill of that ilk, is a very great man indeed, known locally as the Duke. With apologies for any omissions or inclusions.

Yours paternally,

O. I. LOWE-HILL.

The Poster Habit.

I EXPECT that I was not the only one who thought that the old place looked rather dull after the removal of the posters which, during the election, added a touch of brightness to the entrance-hall with their gay-coloured lettering and sloganistic phraseology. Moreover, the advertisement campaigns of the various candidates revealed much talent for sign-

writing, which talent, in the ordinary course of events will be entirely wasted: while I have no doubt that many advertising-agents have plenty of various coloured inks left on their hands (metaphorically), which they would only be too glad to turn to some good use. This being the case, why not apply the poster idea to the notices and announcements of the various school societies? Why, instead of the untidy array of notices, sometimes illegible, and always plain and uninteresting, which now is displayed on the various notice-boards, why do we not have striking and artistic posters, such as we beheld stuck up on the poster-board during the election? By this a double object would be attained, in fact, two birds with one stone: firstly the evils mentioned above, viz., dullness of entrance-hall, no work for talent in sign-writing, and waste of coloured ink left over from the election advertisement campaigns would be obviated, and secondly, much more interest in School societies would be aroused. For instance, I am quite sure that many members of the School never read the modest notices, which from time to time appear like museum exhibits behind the glass of the Camera and Field Club notice board. Many people go about in complete and appalling ignorance of the fact that the said Club propose to make an excursion to so-and-sos' Margarine Factory on such-an-such a Wednesday afternoon. But how different if the fact were advertised by an artistic poster done in bright colours and with a good catch-phrase, placed in a position conspicuous to all, something like this:—

THE CALL OF THE COUNTRY!

ARE YOU TIRED OF BEING COOPED UP IN A STUFFY,
SMOKEY TOWN? DO YOU LONG TO BE UP AND AWAY,
TO BREATHE THE FRESH AIR OF THE COUNTRY LANES
AND GREEN FIELDS? IF SO,

COME WITH US!!

Join the CAMERA and FIELD CLUB!!!

There Will be an Excursion to

WIGAN IRON WORKS

on Wednesday next.

(or whatever the place and date should happen to be).

DON'T MISS IT !!

etc., etc.

That shows you what I mean. The Corps does not give so much scope: a corps' notice is difficult to put into poster form effectively. Of course it could be announced at the end of each notice that "The Celebrated Corps Band will render the 'Fall In' at 3.50 on Tuesday," the —th of whatever month it is.

But the Debating Society has endless possibilities in this way. Apart from a good, fruity poster announcing the Debate or Paper, like this:—

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION!

on Tuesday —th, at 7 p.m.

(Name)

Will Read a Paper on

(subject)

WE PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR HOMEWORK!

ENTERTAINMENT!

EDIFICATION!

the proposer and opposer might start advertising campaigns before the debate, thus offering wide scope for poster-artists. Furthermore, the annual election of officers might be livened up. The candidates for the secretaryship, for instance, instead of sitting still, endeavouring to express by their attitude that their natural modesty would not allow them to stand if they did not feel it their duty to do so, instead of this, I say, they should start a vigorous campaign of speeches and posters: they might introduce the party system into the Society, so that every Annual General Private Business Meeting would mean a repetition of the hectic excitements of the School Election, and a fresh opportunity for the exercise of talent for poster-design; this is the sort of thing I mean:

IT IS A FACT

That last session, the Conservative Secretaries were

CENSURED 97 TIMES.

Make Sure of Having

EFFICIENT SECRETARIES

This Session by Voting for the

LABOUR CANDIDATES.

Finally, instead of the curt notices which come round on Tuesdays, to the effect of "Smith, T., Wednesday afternoon," etc., it would be a great improvement if a neat notice was pinned up in the outer hall—a notice with gilt edges and the School Arms embossed at the top, in the correct style, with some such inscription as this:—

MR. BAILEY

At School, on Wednesday afternoon, the —th,
Requests the Pleasure of the Company of

and the list of the condemned would follow.

That's my suggestion as to how the School Notices should be done, and, though I say it that shouldn't, I think it's rather a good one. Don't you, Mr. Editor?

X.X.X.

School Football.

WE have not been as successful as we hoped this season. The First have won 8 matches, lost 5, and drawn 1. The Second have won 5 and lost 6. The old fixture with Manchester Grammar School has been revived, but we were unlucky to lose by 5 goals to 3. Of our present team three members are over age for the Shield: Kennan, Danks and Waide, but with a little juggling we should be able to produce a strong team. Our hopes for the Junior Shield also run fairly high. Mainly through the efforts of Mr. S. V. Brown, a team of youngsters has been raised and from what I have seen and heard of them, they show distinct promise. With the First Team our lack of success may be attributed to two facts; firstly, we have been unfortunate in having, at various times, such a number of players absent, either through illness or injury; and, secondly, for the first time for many years we have failed to produce a really first-class goalkeeper. Waide has done his best, but is very weak in dealing with low shots, and is so tall that agile movement is next to impossible. Our goal average shows this, as we have scored 60 goals for and have had 43 goals scored against. A feature of the season has been the bravery of the Staff. Two games have been played—we have won both. Amongst the new arrivals to the Staff are Messrs. Ledger and Hart, both of whom have taken a great interest in affairs generally and have refereed several matches, and to them and to Messrs. S. V. Brown, Reece and Williams we offer our sincere thanks. Only one fact is deplorable, that is, that so few boys attend the matches. I think this should be remedied.

SCHOOL v. STAFF.

We were surprised, and that agreeably, when we received a challenge from the Staff. This game took place under the control of Mr. Ellis, on Wednesday, October 4th, at Greenbank. Official result: School 7 goals, Staff 2 goals.

The School were represented by: Waide; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Kennan, Thompson; Drinkwater, Glover, Baxter, Bosworth and Danks. The Staff by: Messrs Stell; Hicks, Parson; Davis, Reece, Koerner; Ledger, Eustace, Gerard, S. V. Brown, Williams.

The School won the toss and very quickly scored. Two goals in two minutes by Bosworth and Danks led to a request from the referee that we should begin afresh. This was granted, and to show their gratitude the Staff attacked and ultimately scored through Kennan, who unfortunately administered the "coup-de-grace" to a well-meant effort of our opponents' right wing. This liked us not a bit, and after a series of attacks, Baxter succeeded in equalising. After this, we had a spell of attacking, and several shots went just over the bar. Great merriment then ensued from the goodly crowd, the cause of it being the downfall of several members of the Staff. The latter now, although rather blown, began to find themselves, and Messrs. S. V. Brown and Williams did some clever things. The right wing, not to be outdone, replied, while Mr. Gerard in the centre was playing a storming game. The game had at this point to be stopped for a member of the canine species came on to the field of play to investigate. Soon after this, Bosworth gave us the lead with a good shot. Several more onslaughts either went astray or were nipped in the bud by the wariness of the defence, especially of Messrs. Reece and Hicks. Half-time arrived with the score unaltered. In the second half, playing uphill, the School applied five more goals—Baxter 3, Kennan and Drinkwater one each. The features of this half, however, were a very good goal by Mr. Gerard and the clever play of Mr. Hicks, who saved himself much running by placing our forwards offside. Towards the finish the referee, who could not make his side win by means of his whistle, tried to help, but his efforts were unavailing. The Staff, who fought very gamely, deserve thanks for providing us with a good game in which there was not one foul either for or against either team. Let us hope that this will become an annual affair.

SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Walton, Wednesday, October 11th. Lost 6-2.

We were forced to make alterations in our team, and were represented by: Ball, G. S., Loughlin, Hogg; Williams, K. P., Goldblatt, Thompson; Drinkwater, Glover, Baxter, Bosworth, Danks.

Losing the toss we kicked off against the wind, but could make no headway, and after a few minutes, Alsop scored. This unexpected reverse put us on our mettle, but owing to the weakness of our halves, who could not be relied upon for a pass, more or less accurate, the Alsop forwards again attacked and their inside left drove hard and fast into the corner of the goal. Two down—we did not like it. The forwards all played hard, and after several unsuccessful attempts, Bosworth beat the Alsop keeper, with a swift ground shot. Goldblatt now improved, and although his tackling was resolute, his passing and kicking were erratic. Glover had hard lines with a shot which was put over. Half-time arrived with us still pressing. Upon resuming we went away with a rush, but failed at the last hurdle. Alsop again attacked and got two more goals, both of which were too

high for Ball to reach. Following this, Danks sent across a very good centre, which Baxter converted, and the latter had very hard luck a few seconds later when he hit the goalkeeper with a fast and furious shot. Also again rallied and scored two more goals. Our defeat can be attributed to three things: (1) Weakness in the half-back line; (2) lack of dash on the part of the whole team, and (3) the uneven character of the ground.

SCHOOL v. ODYSSEY 3RD.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, October 14th. Won 4-3.

Following Wednesday's inglorious display, several changes were made, and we lined up as follows: Waide; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Kennan, Baxter; Slobom, Butler, Poadham, Glover, Danks.

Losing the toss again, Poadham kicked off, and we swept up the field in a determined manner, only to be repulsed by Jones, S., who, with Drinkwater, was playing for Odyssey. Odyssey then attacked, but after a few moments our half-back line had settled down and proceeded to hold our opponents in check. After a few futile efforts, we at length scored, through Kennan following up a good effort on the part of the right wing. Odyssey's reply was to break through on left and equalise. Waide was rather slow in getting down to the ball, but this can be excused, as he was playing with a damaged left wrist. Soon our opponents swept down again on the left, and again scored. This second reverse woke us up, and after Baxter had put the forwards in possession, Danks equalised. We now began to dominate the play, and Glover added a third. Our fourth goal was a very unsatisfactory affair. Our forwards had followed up an attack, and Danks fell heavily and the goalkeeper went to attend to him. Owing to the crowd in the goal area, Mr. Brown saw nothing of the accident, and neither did Baxter, who made no mistake when the ball came to him. There was no further score in the first half. In the second half, playing with 10 men, Danks having retired, the School just about managed to hold their own although Waide was again defeated. Waide in goal played a sound game. The backs were always there when wanted, and the inclusion of Baxter and Kennan in the halves did much to strengthen the team. The forwards were good, although rather slow in the matter of shooting, also they lacked dash, but considering this was their first game in this formation, and the handicap of playing with Danks absent in the second half, they game promise of good things to come.

SCHOOL v. OULTON SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, October 18th, won 9-2.

Waide was absent and Ball took his place—Bosworth returned for Butler—Brydon took Danks' place. Glover went inside right and Bosworth inside left.

As we lost the toss again, Poadham kicked off against the wind. For once in a way the usual attack was stopped, and the Oulton forwards got going; they were repulsed however by our defence. After a short time they were at it again, and Hogg accidentally touched a shot out of Ball's reach. We soon neutralised this, as Poadham went through on his own to score a good goal. Oulton again took up the attack, and a good effort on their right led to a further goal. We kept up the pressure, and after a few minutes Baxter equalised, Bosworth having previously been unlucky with a good shot, which hit the crossbar. From now till half time no further score was added, but the School did most of the attacking, and were unlucky not to find the goal on several occasions. After half-time, playing up the slope and with the wind at our backs, we ran riot.

Seven more goals were added by Poadham 3, Bosworth 2, Glover and Kennan 1 each. Our opponents rarely visited our half, and when they did, were never really dangerous. The School halves showed that they had learnt one thing at least, and that was that much more accurate passing can be obtained if the ball is kept low.

SCHOOL v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Wallasey, on Wednesday, October 25th. Lost 4-3.

The School were represented by: Ball; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Kennan, Baxter; Slobom, Butler, Poadham, Glover and Danks. For once in a way Baxter won the toss, and Wallasey immediately after the kick-off invaded our half, but we repulsed them and attacked severely. Another breakaway by our opponents was rewarded with a goal. Ball stopped a hot shot, but could not get it away, and their centre-forward showed no mercy. The teams now settled down to a real hard game, fought at a terrific pace, and soon Danks equalised from a centre by Slobom. About this time one of Wallasey's backs twisted his knee, and until he went off shortly after half-time was a passenger. Nothing daunted, our opponents surged round our goal, and their inside-right scored a beautiful goal. Not to be outdone, we replied, and again drew level, Poadham very prettily converting a centre from Slobom. This only served to make the pace faster than ever, and it was not till just on half-time that Baxter gave us the lead. Upon turning round, Wallasey again raided our goal, and equalised with a good but rather lucky effort. Kennan now fell and sprained his wrist, but continued merrily as ever. Dame Fortune did not smile upon us, and after we had put behind by a few inches several times, Wallasey added another lucky goal. We now played for all we were worth, but luck was against us, Baxter in particular being unfortunate, for he had to endure the misery of seeing a shot which the goalkeeper could not have hoped to stop, hit the cross-bar. The second-half was fought at quite as fast a pace as the first, and it was a relief to us all when the whistle blew. Wallasey played very pluckily, but taking all things into consideration, we just about deserved to win, but we must thank them for a most enjoyable and clean game.

SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, November 1st. Won 4-2.

Illness and injury prevented Waide, Kennan and Bosworth from turning out, and we lined up as follows: Ball; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Baxter, Thompson; Slobom, Butler, Poadham, Glover and Danks.

We lost the toss again, and Poadham kicked off against the wind and slope. Play had not been in progress more than a few minutes when Baxter headed a goal from a good corner by Danks. Collegiate attacked and kept our defence busy for a short time, but eventually we broke away again, and their left-back had the misfortune to put through his own goal. After this, the Collegiate again attacked, and succeeded in beating Ball. Play now became of a very even nature, with both defences holding the forwards. Shortly Baxter, with a good hook shot, put us further ahead, but the Collegiate centre-half reduced our lead with a good solo effort, Ball having no chance. No further score was added in the first half. Upon the resumption with the wind and slope in our favour, we did most of the attacking, but owing to the inability of our forwards to offer or take chances, which were generally made for them by the halves, only one more goal was scored, and that by Glover. The Collegiate made valiant efforts to reduce our lead, but owing to the play of our defence they were kept under. Full time arrived with us still pressing.

SCHOOL v. STAFF.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, November 8th. Won 10-2.

School: Waide; Loughlin, Baxter; Goldblatt, Kennan, Thompson; Slobom, Glover, Poadham, Hogg and Danks. Staff: Messrs. Stell; Ledger, Parson; Mosscrop, S. V. Brown, Koerner; Harvey, Davis, Gerard, Reece and Hart.

The Head had very kindly consented to kick off, and accordingly did so for the Staff up the slope, as Baxter had won the toss, for a change. The School immediately made ground, and only the goal-keeping of Mr. Stell saved the Staff, and he could not be blamed at all, when Danks ran through on his own to score a good goal. The Staff replied, but were beaten on both flanks. Play, once again, surged round their goalmouth, and Hogg scored from a mix-up. The Staff then attacked, and Mr. Reece was unlucky with a shot, which hit Waide's knees, and rebounded for a corner. They still kept up the pressure, and only the fine first-time kicking of Loughlin kept out their right wing. Soon Slobom ran through and scored with a well-placed shot. Glover was playing quite well, but could not do anything against the heavy defence. At half-time, as neither Baxter nor Hogg was "at home," the team was altered, Hogg going left back. The rearranged forward line now read: Slobom, Poadham, Baxter, Glover, Danks. This change was beneficial, for after the Staff had scored a good goal by Mr. Gerard, the School forwards enjoyed themselves, seven more goals being added, whilst Mr. Reece scored again for the Staff with a shot which Waide saw only when it had been stopped by the net. The School goals were scored by Baxter 3, Poadham 2, Danks 2, Goldblatt, Slobom and Hogg one each.

SCHOOL v. CASUALS 4TH.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, November 11th. Won 5-1.

Team: Waide; Loughlin, Abel; Goldblatt, Kennan, Thompson; Slobom, Poadham, Baxter, Glover, Danks.

Baxter won the toss and elected to kick down the slope. This policy was soon justified, for, after a few spasmodic attacks by both teams, Danks ran through and scored. This goal led us on to further efforts, and after our backs had effected several good clearances, the halves gave our right wing possession, and a corner was forced. Slobom took this very accurately, and Baxter had no difficulty in converting. Play was now of a more even nature, and only the weakness of the Casuals forwards in front of goal prevented them from scoring when opportunities offered themselves. At the other end we were unlucky with several good efforts. A few minutes later our lead was increased by Danks, while just before half-time Baxter added another. Upon the resumption, the Casuals started very determinedly, and owing to Abel's not understanding Loughlin's methods, two goals were quickly scored. A stoppage was soon effected upon this mode of procedure, as Slobom took another corner with remarkable accuracy, and Baxter again scored. Before the end the Casuals added two more goals, and excitement ran high, until the whistle blew. The fact that four goals were scored against us does not reflect at all on the defence. The halves, especially Kennan, all worked like Trojans, while the backs played well, and Waide had no chance with three of the shots which beat him.

SCHOOL v. ST. FRANCIS XAVIERS.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, November 15th. Lost 4-0.

As Hogg was still an absentee, our team was the same as that which played the Casuals.

Baxter won the toss, and S.F.X. immediately went through our defence, but put the ball outside. Shortly after this, they forced a corner, and a mistake by Abel led to an easy goal. Not many minutes had passed before Baxter rushed the goalkeeper and equalised. The School now began to dominate the play, and Danks put us ahead with a good solo effort. Not satisfied with this, Poadham added a third. After half-time, our forwards could do nothing right, although we had bad luck, and once Danks was tripped inside the area, but the referee did not see it. Our opponents, on the other hand, seemed to wake up, and gave our defence a gruelling time. The latter stood it well, and played splendidly. Waide was wonderful stopping shots, which looked impossible for him to reach. Loughlin was kicking, tacking and doing a part of Abel's work like a giant, while Kennan was here, there and everywhere all at once.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, November 18th. Lost 5-3.

For this match, which we looked upon as our best, Danks and Bosworth were off, and we lined up as follows: Waide; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Kennan, Thompson; Slobom, Poadham, Baxter, Glover and Brydon.

Baxter won the toss, and Manchester kicked off up the slope, but were easily checked. We soon settled down, and in a few minutes Baxter had opened the account with a very twisting shot. Our opponents bucked up, and after a good movement, their outside left scored from a rebound. The School again moved down in good style, but were repulsed time and time again. Hogg, with a bandaged knee, was none too sure in the early stages, but improved considerably. Thompson completely subdued the Manchester right wing, and eventually passed to Brydon, who ran down and beat the goalkeeper with a dropping shot. Soon after this, Manchester equalised from a corner, their centre-forward scoring a clever goal. Play was now very even until half-time. Upon the resumption, our heavier opponents began determinedly and scored at length from close range. This only served to make the game more lively, and great was the excitement when a neat piece of work between Baxter and Slobom resulted in the former equalising. The Manchester fourth goal was a lucky affair. Our defence stopped to claim an offside, but were overruled and could not catch the Manchester forwards, and their outside left scored with a lovely first time drive. Play was again brought to the other end, where Baxter hit the crossbar and Glover and Brydon put outside. Our opponents stalwart defence managed to keep us out, and at length got the ball away, and their forwards forced a corner. From this, Hogg and their centre-forward both kicked the ball at once, and the net result was another goal for them. The School again took up the cudgels, but it was no use, and we retired beaten but by no means disgraced. Waide was good and safe whenever he had a chance. Loughlin was the better back. All the halves were good, Thompson being, perhaps, the best, but both Kennan and Goldblatt stuck to their guns resolutely. Of the forwards, Poadham played well, but lacked dash and shooting power; Baxter distributed the ball well, but the other three were too light to give us their best display; even then they played very well.

SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Holly Lodge, on Wednesday, November 22nd. Result 4-4.

Kennan was added to our list of crocks, but Danks resumed, and we lined up as follows: Waide; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Baxter, Thompson; Slobom, Glover, Poadham, Danks and Brydon.

Baxter won the toss, and the Collegiate immediately attacked, but were repulsed. We attacked for a spell, and then they again, and as Waide mulled a shot rather badly, they scored. We now settled down to a real hard fight, and eventually Poadham equalised. We did not long enjoy our success, for the Collegiate centre-forward converted a very good centre from their right. Play became faster still, and at length we equalised—Poadham following up a long shot of Baxter's. Both goals had narrow escapes, but no further score was added in the first half. Upon the restart, we went right through, but could do nothing right, while our opponents added another. Baxter and Poadham both tried hard to equalise, and both hit the bar, the former from the half-way line. Danks at length scored a good goal, to be followed almost immediately by another, the same player having an easy job from a well-taken corner by Slobom, who was playing well and combined very nicely with Glover. Brydon, on the other wing, could do nothing right. Shortly before full time the Collegiate outside left beat Waide with a hard drive. Considering that three of our team were suffering from more or less severe physical ills, we did quite well. Waide, after his lapse in the first half, played a very sound game.

SCHOOL v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, November 29th. Won 3-2.

Kennan resumed, but Tanner deputised for Danks (injured). Losing the toss, Baxter kicked off against the wind and slope. We immediately made ground, and for some time kept the Wallasey defence busy. At length our opponents got going, and our defence acquitted itself well. We again pressed, but could not score. At length Wallasey made ground on the left, and the ball hit the post and came across the empty goal. It resulted in a goal. Following this, we again attacked and kept Wallasey in their own half for most of the first half. Upon the resumption, Baxter equalised with a fast shot which the goalkeeper touched, but could not stop. Following this play became of a ding-dong nature, with us always predominant, and the Wallasey goalkeeper making some good saves, especially from Baxter. Eventually Poadham scored. Soon after this, Tanner ran down and added a third. Glover was now injured, and this rather demoralised our forward line, but we more than held our own. Wallasey added a second goal some ten minutes before the finish. Our defence played well, but their feeding is rather inane, and Slobom was completely out-classed. Tanner made quite a good debut, but first-time centres are generally desirable when up against a big defence.

SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, December 6th. Lost 2-1.

Team: Waide; Loughlin, Abel; Poadham, Hogg, Thompson; Slobom, Bosworth, Baxter, Glover, Tanner.

Alsop kicked off with the slope and wind. After a few minutes our forwards kept their defence busy, but at length a breakaway led to a very silly goal—Waide being totally at fault. Following this we kept up the pressure, and after numerous corners, Baxter equalised. The same player and Bosworth both saw several good efforts turned aside. Alsop were never really dangerous, and at half-time we were still equal. The School made an effort directly upon the resumption, but the Alsop goalkeeper exhibited an uncanny knowledge and quickness. Time and time again we nearly scored, and but for their goalkeeper we would have done so. Tanner and

Glover combined well, but Slobom was not as good as usual. The Alsop defence at last cleared, and their inside left was again allowed to score, thanks to the slowness of Waide. Our halves played well, all things considered, Poadham completely subduing his wing, but he would do better to curb his desire for pretty dribbling. The backs were quite good, Abel's kicking being strong.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

Played at Greenbank, Saturday, December 16th.

The team, unfortunately deprived of the able assistance of our captain, was as follows: Waide; Loughlin, Hogg; Goldblatt, Kennan, Thompson; Slobom, Bosworth, Poadham, Glover, Tanner.

The Old Boys' team was heavy, but slow to settle down. The result was a very scrappy first half. Buckley was the most energetic of the opposing forwards, although Wallace gave Thompson considerable trouble. Half-time came with no score.

In the first few minutes of the first half, the Old Boys pressed hotly, and owing to some miskicking on the part of the School, secured the first point. Spurred on by this reverse, the School pressed in their turn. Poadham was putting in some good work, but the left wing was utterly ineffective. Granted the Old Boys were a heavy team, there was still no excuse for the extreme timidity displayed by some of the forwards. However, the School still continued to press, and a pass from Poadham enabled Kennan to equalise. After this, the game improved considerably, and became a ding-dong struggle. The halves put in a lot of good work, especially Thompson, and the backs were kicking more surely. Our reward came when Poadham scored after a good solo effort. The Old Boys continued to attack hotly, led in good style by Buckley, but were held back by the strong efforts of the defence. For the Old Boys, Ball, E. S., showed his old-time capabilities in goal, combined with his well-known flair for the dramatic, while Holmes, Evans, Wallace and Buckley were especially conspicuous.

A most enjoyable game terminated in favour of the School by 2 goals to 1, a victory which the School certainly deserved.

Form Football.

This has again been run at Thingwall Road with a fair amount of success. Six games every Wednesday afternoon allowed about 138 boys to play each week. For this we again owe our thanks to Mr. S. V. Brown, who drew up the fixture list, and to Peter—"the man on the spot"—who has spent a great deal of time seeing that everything runs smoothly.

P. J. B.

Vale.

MASON, T. E.—Entered 1919 (Jan.), Va, Tate; Prefect 1921, Tate; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1921; House Swimming Captain 1920-21-22; School Swimming Captain 1922; O.T.C. 1921-22; School Certificate (Exempt. Matric.) 1920;

Literary and Debating Society Committee 1922; Camera and Field Club Committee 1921-22; Photographic Society Committee 1921; Assistant Secretary 1922; Secretary 1922.

Old Boys' Association

THE Annual General Meeting at the School on October 12th was even worse attended than usual. The customary business was achieved, and in addition, Mr. H. G. McDavid was appointed Captain of Football, and Messrs. Bain, Coomer, Myers, with the Captain and the Secretary were elected to the Football Committee, with the duties of looking after arrangements for the Old Boys' Shield Matches.

Two smokers have been held during the term; one at the St George Restaurant on 8th November, when about 40 members spent a most enjoyable evening together. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Gilchrist, Wright and Kennedy, who entertained us. At this smoker, questions in connection with the Lunch Club and Old Boys' Football were discussed. The second smoker was at the School on November 18th, when members of the La.D.S. were also present. This was also a jovial evening, but the writer would like to endorse Mr. Tiffen's remarks on chorus singing, and to assure the School that Old Boys do not like to have their choruses spoilt and mauled out of all recognition by noisy groups of eccentric irresponsibles. The treatment of some choruses was pure Bolshevism, which O.I.'s not only deplored, but resented. We hope the School will see to it.*

At the moment of writing, we are looking forward to the Dinner, the arrangements of which are in the capable hands of Messrs. Ellis and Brown and Miss Robertson.

During the term, an Old Boys' Football XI. has been started, under the name of "Liobeians." A very capable side has been gathered together, though it is handicapped by lack of age and weight and experience of senior football. Three matches have thus far been played, and, although each one has been lost, the form of the side has been highly satisfactory: their "gameness" is admirable, and even though goals are accumulated against them, they are keen triers to the very last minute. We have promised to join, next season, the Lancashire Amateur League, a local section of which is to be started. Other clubs joining are Collegiate Old Boys, University, Casuals, Old Holts, Marlborough Old Boys, etc., so that we shall have much good football. We have already the nucleus of two good sides, but we would welcome a few older players—if there are any not already engaged with other clubs—to give the side weight and

balance. Above all, we need the services of some veteran as Coach. There is surely some O.I., skilled in football, available, who could lick this promising material into shape. The Secretary will be glad to hear from him, and from any O.I.'s desiring to join the XI. Fixtures already arranged are given below; others are being made, including a number for a second XI., which has already played once. Our thanks are due to the School, for allowing us the use of Greenbank. We would rather play there than anywhere else, though next year we hope to have our own ground, adequately fitted, and with three or four elevens playing regularly.

A Special General Meeting was held at the School on 7th December, to consider the formation of a Lunch Club. For some time past a number of us have felt it desirable to have some sort of a club in the town, and at the Smoker held at the St George, it was proposed that we should start a Lunch Club. Various café proprietors have since been interviewed, and, amongst others, Messrs. Cottle were willing to let us have a room at the Edinburgh Café. This room would be available for the whole day, and so would in effect be a permanent club-room. Notices explaining these facts, and calling the meeting, were sent to all members. Already some 70 members have promised to join the club, and at this meeting, it was decided to go ahead. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Forrest, Gledsale, F. Hill, G. K. Lunt, Tiffen and Bryson, was appointed to make all arrangements. We hope to start early in the New Year, and it is hoped that all O.I.'s who can, will make use of the club, not only for lunch, but for the general purposes of a club-room. Magazines, papers, stationery, etc., will be provided—members are asked to give 2/6 each to pay for these—and the club will be made as comfortable and useful as possible.

Work at the Florence has proceeded as usual, under the energetic direction of Mr. Tiffen.

Fixtures for next term: "LIOBEIAN" XI.

- Dec. 23rd. v. St. Barnabas, Elm Hall Drive.
 Jan. 6th. v. Thingwall, Thingwall Road.
 „ 13th. v. St. Barnabas, Greenbank.
 „ 20th. v. Casuals, Greenbank.
 „ 27th. v. Thingwall, Greenbank.
 Feb. 17th. v. University A, Greenbank.

SMOKERS: Jan. 31st and March 17th (at School).

FOOTBALL: O.I.'s v. School, March 17th

J.L.S.B.

*[We feel bound to point out that it was chiefly Old Boys themselves who were responsible.—Eds.]

Correspondence.

L. I. P. R.

L.I.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

It is disgraceful. Yes it is. Is there a Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Steam-Rollers? I sincerely hope so. There has been one poor specimen trying to get up Duke Street for the past three weeks. It keeps slipping down again, but the cruel driver keeps it at it. I am sure that it must be tired by now. I have written this to your journal so that it may become public and possibly a Society, to deal with this matter, formed.

Yours sincerely,

A KIND-HEARTED AND BENEVOLENT OLD GENTLEMAN.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Cannot the School have a Choir?

The House Choirs are supported enthusiastically; and there must be good enough material to have made them successful.

The Liverpool Institute prides itself on its Concerts, why should it not be proud of a School Choir?

Yours truly,

MUSIC LOVER.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

The Treasurer of the Sports and Arts Club is curious to know

- (i) How many half-crowns which leave parents get lost on their way to him?
- (ii) Whether those members of the School and Form Eleven who are not members of the Sports and Arts Club consider they are being adequately rewarded for their athletic prowess, or whether they would prefer to accept a retaining fee?
- (iii) Whether the School does not consider it disgraceful that less than 60 per cent. of its members are in the Club.

Yours, etc.,

S. V. B.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

We are forced to protest strongly against the outrageous conduct of the middle School, and of the instigator of the riot in Hall on Wednesday, November 15th, second period.

Surely the Senior School is quite competent enough to carry out an Election without unwarrantable interference from outside.

Yours, etc.,

F. GOLDBLATT.

J. M. PEARSON.

 Editorial Notices.

The Editors wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions:—*Alleynian, Birkonian, Caldeian, Elizabethan, Holt School Magazine, Kelly College Chronicle, King's School (Pontefract) Magazine, Liverpool College Magazine, Oulton, Ryym, Ulula, Wyggestonian, Xaverian, Thermometer (Yuma High School, Arizona).*

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