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WILLIAM JAMES BLUNDELL.
Master in the Institute—1839 to 1885.
Born 1813. Died 1902.



THOSE who read the Editorial of our last issue, will remember that our respected predecessor in this, the most unenviable of offices, described his own ceaseless endeavours to improve the *Magazine*, and compiled a list of "Don'ts for Editors," for our personal benefit. His intentions were kindly, and we have thanked him for them, but now, faced with the hard reality of our duties, we find that he has removed certain obstacles, only to raise new ones in their place. He has made known to all the success which attended his efforts to make the *Magazine* representative of the School, he has betrayed the methods by which this was achieved, and his denunciation of destructive criticism has brought around us a host of people who believe that they have constructive ideas. In our awe, dismay, and bewilderment we feel that we cannot do better than follow his precepts "lest we should wantonly destroy that peculiar individual spirit which lends charm to anything which has behind it a long and worthy tradition."

Liverpool Cathedral.

Hail! Virgin edifice,
 Unblemished maidenhood, ethereal light,
 O! sacred shrine where holiness abides,
 Illuminating atheistic tides
 Which seethe around our souls: Hail! virtuous sight,
 Peering thro' foamy clouds
 Austere, nocturnal shrouds
 Or scintillating crowds
 At Heaven's bower.

Thine is a younger sisterhood: and thou,
 Arrayed in nuptial sheen, with blushes sweet
 And pious mien, wilt take thy chosen seat
 Amongst thine aged sisters, who will bow,
 Do homage and revere;
 " What beauteous maid is here,
 Fair, lily-fresh, so dear
 For qucenly power?"

Thine is a history yet to be: What blast
 Of bygone glory can compare with that
 About to be? O! consecrated spot
 On which, raised by the present o'er the past,
 Thou smilest on the tomb,
 Plucked from this earthly womb
 Purging the onerous gloom
 Which shrouds the world.

Ye heavenly odours stream upon her face,
 And may her reed pipes soothe the sorrowing head;
 In silence let her guard the sleeping dead
 'Till awful clarions call each to his place,
 When absent friends meet friends,
 And this procession wends
 Its final path, and ends
 In mists unfurled.

Hail! virgin edifice,
 Unblemished maidenhood, ethereal light,
 On whose warm breast those sovereign feet have trod;
 Hail! Sanctified oblation to our God,
 Triumphal, monumental Gothic might!
 This humble sacrifice,
 Our passions to suffice,
 This virgin edifice,
 Accept, O God!

A.L.B.

Chat on the Corridor.

There are 638 boys in the School, of whom 530 are members of the Sports and Arts Club.

On returning to School last September, we learnt with regret that Mr. Ryan had left us in order to take a post as French Master at Stoneyhurst College. Mr. Ryan was always one of the most vigorous personalities on the Staff, and was personally responsible for the foundation and education of the Boxing Club. On behalf of the School, we wish him every success in his new sphere.

On Monday, 16th October, Mr. Force, a Cambridge undergraduate, addressed the Sixth Forms on the "Schools' Missionary Movement."

The Comte de Croze gave a very interesting lecture to the Upper forms of Blackburne House and the School on the "Songs of Provence." 6 Am became the "cynosure of neighbouring eyes," and the infectious character of laughter was proved beyond all doubt.

We congratulate our friends from Blackburne House on the first number of their *School Magazine*. While wishing them every success in the future, we suggest that the numerous obscure references to ourselves be explained in their next issue.

On Thursday, November 3rd, Colonel Campbell gave a short lecture on "The Work of Boys' Clubs." He was eminently suited to give such a lecture as he was Superintendent of Army Games during the War, and is now Organizing Secretary of the London Boys' Clubs.

We take this opportunity to thank the Centenary Players for their generosity in devoting the proceeds of their dramatic performances to the Fund for the Improvement of the Mersey Road Football Ground.

Speech Day.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes and Certificates was held on Monday, 14th November. The awards were given away by Dr. H. J. W. Hetherington, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, who devoted his speech to a demonstration of the benefits derived from a classical education. His address was therefore short. The large number present ensured that discomfort—the traditional characteristic of all such functions—should not be lacking.

On Monday, December 19th, a concert in aid of the Children's Hospital Christmas Party, was given by members of the Staff. By the kind offices of Mr. Rustace, members of the Playhouse Circle presented "Legend," which, though rather inappropriate to the occasion, was very much appreciated. To all those who took part in the entertainment we extend our heartiest thanks.

The Choral Society is making another attempt to get going. W. J. Bradnock has agreed to take up the duties of a conductor, and a meeting has been called for the 20th Jan., at the School at 7-30 p.m. All who are interested are asked to be present.

Cross-Country Running.

The School cross-country team has run two matches this term, winning one. The run against a team from the University was over a five mile course, some part of which was known to

most of us. The pace at the beginning was very fast, and the mud deep. Eventually, however, the School won by 65 points to 71. The other run was against the North Liverpool Gymnasium Harriers. A course of four miles was taken over frozen country, via Sefton and Maghull. E. Crosby (N.L.G.H.) defeated B. Williams by twenty yards, the time being 23 mins. 24 secs. North Liverpool won by 11 points. Result:—

N.L.G.H.—1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 13th = 34 points.

INSTITUTE.—E. Williams, 2nd; Donithorne, 6th; A. G. Martinez, 7th; F. D. Alder, 9th; A. Rice, 10th; P. C. Burnham, 11th = 45 points.

House Notes.

COCHRAN.—Cochranites! We will rid ourselves of all sickly sentimentality and review our record in the broad light of day.

SUCCESSSES.—Winners of First Round for Paul Linnick Chess Cup. First in House Efficiency Competition.

ACHIEVEMENTS.—Finalists in Junior House Football; 3rd in Gymnasium Competition; narrowly defeated in Horsfall Football Competition.

FAILURES.—None.

These facts show the development of real team spirit. May it flourish!
D.W.M.

Danson. This term has been the most successful term that we have had for some time. We have maintained our position at the head of the House Efficiency Competition and we have won the Gymnasium Championship.

But many marks have been lost unnecessarily through boys accumulating ridiculous numbers of "Order marks" and "Wednesdays." This is totally unnecessary and should be avoided in future.

In football we were unlucky—and in cross-country running and in boxing insufficient enthusiasm has been shown by the House. Remember that Danson must turn out two Steeplechase teams in March. Don't concentrate on School-work and neglect Sport. Remember your House motto *Mens sana in corpore sano*—a healthy mind in a healthy body.
D.C.M.

Philip Holt.—To those enthusiastic members of the House who read these notes, I address the following remarks. Our position in the Efficiency Competition depends on the number of those who are "willing to serve." We can safely say that, with respect to skill, we are better off than any House—1st in the Horsfall Cup and 2nd in the Gymnasium Competition.

What we need is a recruiting campaign. I want all of you who have helped the House in the past term to fix upon some unsuspecting comrade and talk to him like a father (there are fathers and fathers) until you are sure that he is going to do *something* for the House. E.W.

Owen House.—Last year we held our position at the bottom of the table in spite of all competition; this term we have spent our time in uneventful repose at fourth place. From this we were aroused on the last Saturday of term by eleven of the Middle House, who won the competition for the Horsfall Cup. If the rest of us followed their example, our aristocratic rivals would surely be displaced.

A New Year comes to quite a number of people: let it come to Owen. L.A.G.H.

Tate.—By the time these notes are read let us hope that the House has realised its position. In the House League Football Competitions we have not won a match; this failure is largely due to the fact that members of the team have failed to turn up on several occasions. However, we must not omit to congratulate the Senior team on winning its way to the Final of the Horsfall Cup. With regard to the Efficiency Competition—the less said the better. We have not yet retrieved our position.

Just to brighten ourselves up we might mention that preparations for the "annual" soiree will be well in hand by the time these notes are published. R.A.F.

Hughes.—The House has not been to the fore this term. Winning two House matches in the football competition very decisively early in the term, we hoped to carry on the good work, but our hopes were dashed to the ground when we were beaten in the first round of the Horsfall Cup. We must not be discouraged, however.

Boxers have been a little scarce this term but, on the whole, teams have turned up quite well.

Our position in the House Competition is not one to boast about, but we have the satisfaction of having at last got away from the bottom rung of the ladder.

L.N.S.S.

Alfred Holt.—In the first step into the new School year, we have had but little success. We still occupy a lowly position at the foot of the House Competition. Our Gymnasium team tried, but could only come fifth, and football results are not too promising. Our cross-country teams however, show signs of future victories. (And of past victories.—Ed.)

Underlying our failures, is the lack of a true House spirit, and without such we cannot hope to attain to any priority over our rival Houses. Let a spirit of ambition and good-fellowship spring up among us, and then—if the fates so will it—Alfred Holt may emerge from the Hobby Show and the Sports with flying colours and once more occupy a lofty position in the House Competition. T.R.M.

The final results in the House Efficiency Competition were as follows:

1.	Cochran	...	...	...	...	1,301	pts.
2.	Danson...	...	...	...	...	1,262	„
3.	Philip Holt	...	...	...	...	1,201	„
4.	Owen	...	...	...	...	1,077	„
5.	Tate	...	...	...	...	960	„
6.	Hughes...	...	...	...	...	755	„
7.	Alfred Holt	...	...	...	...	627	„

A Constructive Idea.

We've studied now for many weeks,
The temples of the ancient Greeks,
With capitals voluted;
The triglyph and the balustrades,
The architrave and colonnades
Of columns (mostly fluted).

But what I like above all these,
Is how they decorate the frieze
That runs below the cornice;
On this they carve designs of art,
Especially the "egg and dart,"
Or *lingua imagonis*.

Their powers however of invention
Were kept in check by stern convention,
From all ideas reactive;
But think how well upon a strip,
A patten of the "fish and chip"
Would look—and how attractive.

E.W.

A Midsummer Night's Dream.

ON a previous occasion, the Junior School gave a successful presentation of "Alice in Wonderland," but from Lewis Carroll to Shakespeare is a great transition and one which could not but be made with great trepidation. The play chosen—"A Midsummer Night's Dream"—comprises the three arts of the stage—speech, music, and dancing—and thereby entails a threefold labour of production.

In spite of their youth, the actors shewed remarkable ability. Theseus possessed the courtesy of a nobleman and the tact of a courtier, but withal there was in his voice a note of command which left no doubt as to his superior rank. Hippolyta, played by Martin, R. A., seemed to be neither an Amazon nor a court lady, but rather, a discontented bourgeoisie with a very poor esteem for her husband's prowess and intellect. Egeus, is described in the play as "a noble Athenian"; his anger would therefore be restrained and dignified. As portrayed by Butler, however, it was more befitting a country squire than a nobleman.

Helena was undoubtedly the best of the lovers, for her love for Demetrius seemed natural and unrestrained, and her actions gave full effect to her words. Hermia was at her best when her feline impulses were given free scope; at all other times she seemed at a loss to dispose of her hands. Demetrius was very passionate in rejecting the advances of Helena, but seemed to lose all this fire when making love to her. He would have been much more effective had there not been a continual shade of indignation and simplicity in his voice. Lysander's love-making was more spirited, but still not intense enough to develop into an elopement.

The workmen who perform Quince's play were well received by the audience, and the producer is to be congratulated on his skill in transforming respectable members of the School into disreputable, unlettered mechanics. Newmark surprised everybody with his inspired characterization of Bottom, although his acting became rather farcical towards the end of the play. He was well supported by his fellows, all of whom seemed to be suffering from chronic curvature of the spine.

The moonlit forest, where Oberon and Titania held their simple courts was in pleasing contrast to all this grim reality of the world. Rhythm and song ran through all the fairy scenes, and the sole discord was the quarrel between Oberon and Titania. The fairy king had a pleasant voice and a graceful bearing, but, at the beginning of the play, he tended to turn from the audience, and many of his speeches were inaudible in the gallery. Titania was daintier than the majority of her

red-kneed attendants, and was truly charming when defending her right to the changeling boy. The character of Puck was undoubtedly the most difficult to portray and called for someone who possessed many of the traits when off the stage. Hawkins had good enunciation, graceful agility, and, above all, a mercurial temperament, and the audience was not slow to judge and to applaud.

If the actors gave the play its main charm, there is no doubt that the orchestra enhanced that charm and gave a sense of completion to the performance. As usual, there was a dearth of wood-wind instruments and the parts for the latter had to be played by strings. The clarinet player is to be congratulated on the skilful manner in which he assisted the vocal soloists. It is, at best, very difficult to give incidental music its proper volume of sound; the difficulty is much greater when the actors are young boys with no very great power of voice. Only on very rare occasions was speech rendered inaudible by the music.

It is impossible to estimate the time and labour which are required in order to make such a performance a success, but we can, at least, offer our thanks and congratulations to all those who helped in the production—to Miss Makins for her patience and skill in training the immortals, teaching dances, and designing costumes; to Mr. Rose and the Orchestra for their care in rehearsing the music; to the ladies and gentlemen who so readily lent their assistance in the Orchestra; and finally, to Mr. Hicks, who has added another success to the many which already stand to his credit.

To all those who took part in the production, we would offer the words of Theseus: "Your play needs no excuse." L.A.G.H.



"Strife."

TO produce a Galsworthy play is a difficult thing, and to produce it in five weeks is harder still. From this latter fact arose most of the faults in the production, for whilst the main characters were excellent, the minor characters, suffering apparently from lack of attention, were not as good as is usual in the School plays.

The two most outstanding characters were those of old John Anthony, the Chairman of the Directors, and Roberts, the fiery agitator, played respectively by Nussbaum and Grieve, G. J.

Grieve was perhaps the better of the two, for though he found some difficulty in facing both audience and directors, he was consistently natural and realistic. He played his part almost to perfection, and his last scene was really effective.

Nussbaum, too, was very effective, although a palsied hand and a firm, steady voice are hardly compatible with each other. However, he managed to hold his audience on both nights in a scene which was very difficult to play. The fact that there was not one laugh or titter from the audience when he staggered across the stage with a somewhat unnatural gait is ample testimony to his dramatic abilities.

There was one great "discovery" in this play, and that was Harness—played by Butler, T. A. His enunciation was perfectly clear and distinct and he fitted his part wonderfully well.

The first part of the first act was dominated by the personality of Wilder (Martin, H. W.), but afterwards he had very little scope for his talent.

The other chief male characters were all sound, save one. It is true that no amount of practice can give anyone histrionic ability, but there can be no possible excuse for a boy playing an important part who does not know his words, and who, instead of being a nervous, fussy old gentleman, does his best to imitate George Robey.

Most of the workmen were well made up except Williams, who seemed more like a lonely hermit than the leader of the furnace-men. He wavered between Cambria and Palestine, but was quite effective in the crowd scene.

One more remark with regard to the crowd—when a man feels himself forced and impelled by his conscience to speak to his fellow-workmen, he does *not* stand with his hands in his pockets and his shoulders drooping in an attitude of dejected indifference.

The women were as usual, very good. Penn, as Enid Underwood, was natural and managed to reproduce several essentially feminine touches. As for Madge Thomas, it is sufficient to say that her part was played by Servian. The other women—especially Annie Roberts—were very good indeed; and though MacArthur had a rather colourless part to play, he did as well as possible.

Some very good light relief was contributed by one or two of the most minor characters, such as Frost, the Parlourmaid, and Jan. The latter was surprisingly free from stage-fright, and amused everyone by his pranks.

On the first night the play began rather stiffly, but grew steadily better, and on the second night the production was a complete success, and the Producer—Mr. E. W. Hicks—is to be congratulated for having obtained such a high standard of acting in so short a time.

Thanks are due to the School Orchestra for their admirable renderings of light music during the intervals.

THE DRAMATIC CRITIC.

A Boys' Club.

SHORTLY before Christmas, 1927, a dozen or so of boys, aged 16 to 18, were assembled in the cellar of a house in a court lying between Mill Street and the Docks of the southern end of Liverpool. The cellar was small and low, with a stone floor, and was lighted by a single candle, but there was a fire in a small grate and at least it was warm and dry. The furniture was a couple of forms and a rough table, at which some of the boys played draughts, snakes and ladders, or the like, while the others looked on, and talked. They had drifted together somehow; they had played football together where they might in the parks; they had loitered and chatted at street corners; and in the end they had put together the few coppers which they could spare from their weekly wages, to hire this shelter from the inclemency of the weather.

The Warden of the Florence Institute heard of their enterprise, and visited them. He told them that they could do better for themselves than they were doing. Within half-a-mile there was ready for their use, a roomy, well-warmed, and well-lighted club house. There they could meet, and chat with each other or with a hundred other lads like themselves; there draughts or chess, billiards or table-tennis, could be played at any time; there they could keep themselves fit in the gymnasium, or boxing class, or by running with the harriers, playing handball, or joining the Wednesday or Saturday football teams. They would also have the use of a good library, and free medical or dental advice if they needed it, and when summer returned many other possibilities would open out for them. They accepted his advice, joined the Florence, and should soon be very useful members of that club. For us it should be a pleasure to help those who have done what they could to help themselves.

The Weekly Fund.

THE amount collected in the School last Term for the Fund amounted to £37 14s. 5d., a contribution of 1s. 2d. for each boy in the School. So far as that goes, that is just satisfactory, but it should be noted that while some Forms exceeded the average, others were below it. It would be invidious to give a list of the delinquents, but there were 14 Forms below the minimum consistent with honour. In one Form, the amount collected was equal to less than 6½d. from each boy for the term. That is not good enough. It is of course evident that some boys will give more than 1d. a week to the Fund. That is all to the good, but it doesn't relieve the others from their obligations. It is quite certain that most of

those who don't give, do so not because they are out of sympathy with either of the objects to which the money is devoted, but because they forget. We want better memories, then, if you please.

There seems to be some misapprehension in the School, too, as to the meaning of the word "minimum." Like the big drum in the band, the minimum is there simply to be beaten. Admission to the Entertainment at the end of term was a minimum of threepence. Yet the School beat the minimum by only 10/- in the total amount taken. That was not very satisfactory. For the regular Fund, the minimum from each boy in the School is 1d. per week. See that it's well beaten this term.

The Treasurer and the Matron of the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital wish to thank the School for the money sent by the School for the upkeep of the cot, and for the £9 given towards the Christmas Tree and the Tea for out-patients. The Christmas Tree was a great success, as it always is, and the Tea, as ever, was a joyous riot. The Royal Liverpool Children enjoyed themselves in a Royal Liverpool manner. The guest of the Institute over Christmas was a boy of seven, a photograph of whom, playing with a toy acrobat, is posted, with other pictures of the Ward, by the iron gates.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE Society met in the Masters' Room, at 7-0 p.m., on Tuesday, October the fourth, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. It was decided to postpone to the next meeting the election of two committee members. Mr. Rose was elected a Vice-President. Printed copies of the Society's Constitution also were distributed and audible sanction was given to the presence of Mr. Benjamin. The chairman then called on Grieve to propose that "In the interests of progress, the foolhardiness of the individual ought not to be curbed." He declared that individuality was invaluable, and, reviewing the pioneering spirit through the ages, cited Columbus and Nelson. In opposing, O'Neill decried the taking of unnecessary risks, and poured a torrent of abuse on Atlantic airmen, Martin, who seconded the motion, classed initiative and foolhardiness together. The grave state of our social system was due to lack of initiative. Tunnington also attacked the Atlantic flyers, but after speaking of sandwiches, lorches, and multitudes, relapsed into a permanent silence. The motion was then thrown open to debate. Cohen spoke of Greek literature, as the mirror of Greek civilisation. Revell praised Roman conservatism. Foulkes regarded Polar and Everest Expeditions as both valuable and necessary. Burnham declared that the suppression of foolhardiness would mean stagnation and death. L. N. S. Smith philosophised about a penny, and Adams about steam-rollers. Williams, E., spoke of word groups and evolved a series of extremely doubtful words from the parent word, "foolhardiness." Mr. Benjamin explained the value of high speed tests in motor construction, while Harrop drew an analogy between society and soup, comparing the foolhardy to "the scum that floats on top." Jones, E. G. P., declared that channel-swimming was valuable, if only to stimulate our interest

in swimming. Grieve, in his reply, said that contemporary judgment was rarely correct and that much which is regarded as madness in the present would meet with sympathy in the future. The motion was carried by twenty-five votes to ten. E.W.

The Society met in the Masters' Room, at 7-0 p.m., on Tuesday, October 18th, with Mr. S. V. Brown in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been pulled to pieces, Smith, J. N. S., was elected to the office of Lord High Poker in Chief. The matter of the two vacant places on the committee was left in the hands of the existing committee. The chairman then called on Harrop to propose that: "Vital services should be nationalised." Nationalisation, he told us, would mean economy, and would abolish strikes and costly competitive advertising. Foulkes, who opposed the motion, championed competition, quoting its success in local shipping and in the school. Nationalisation would rob us of Civic Week and the Mustard Club. Burnham, who seconded, suggested that nationalisation would result in less people living on the margin of existence. Continental railways, being nationalised, were much cheaper than our own. L. N. S. Smith, in seconding the opposition, insisted on the fact that he was vital to the society. Nationalisation was impossible and the proposer was a hypocrite.* The motion was then thrown open for discussion. Adams, after learning to address the chair, declared all State controlled railways a failure. Lindsey likened profiteering to blackmail, and O'Neill said that nationalisation could not go far enough back since it was bounded by our coasts. Nussbaum supported the nationalisation of "colliery mines" in that the middleman would vanish and that the Government would have all the transport services at its disposal. Martin, R. A., said that nationalisation was co-operation, and co-operation was indispensable. Mr. Fell then proceeded to make rude remarks about the society. Tunnington said he could see no reason why nationalisation should prevent strikes. Grieve asked the Society to be practical and spoke of Henry Ford. Jones, E. G. P., supported the motion as did Gibson, who spoke from experience of the horrors of coal mines. Cashin indulged in a confidential chat with the Chairman and Society alternately. In his reply Harrop exhorted all to vote for the motion and to enlist in the cause of nationalisation after leaving School. The motion was carried by 21 votes to 9. E.W.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Masters' Room, at 7-0 p.m., on November 1st, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were again attacked until the time for private business elapsed, and Lindsay was called upon to propose: "That animals have the same right as man to security of life." Man's superior brain, he said, had enabled him to enslave the animals, but he had gone from slavery to butchery. The slaughtering of animals for food would be regarded as a horror in days to come. Martin, in opposing, called to his aid the satire of the author of "Erewhon." Morgan, in seconding the motion, cited fox and deer hunting, greyhound racing and bull-fights as examples of the cruel spirit of the present age. Adams took for his text the words: "Wer nicht arbeiten will, soll auch nicht essen." The motion was then thrown open to debate. O'Neill, after recounting how he had nearly committed suicide with a razor, said that he would continue to sweat flies unless they were willing to sign peace treaties. Burnham attempted to justify, by means of Darwin's Theory, the "top dog" position. Grieve spoke of ducks and vicious circles. Jones, E. G. P., showed a touching faith in the good intentions of flies. Booth, startled everyone by declaring that man was an animal, and Cashin by expressing the opinion that some men would be more useful as meat. Newmark said that man has a right to kill animals for food and clothing, but

* We have always held a different opinion of him.—JDS.

Williams, E., disagreed since life was the greatest of all gifts. Smith, L. N. S., said that animals had added nothing to the world and therefore had no right to live. Lindsey, replying, said that the ideal state would be that in which the rights of animals were recognised. The motion was lost by 17 votes to 22. E.W.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Masters' Room, at 7-0 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15th, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. Morgan and Tunnington were elected to the vacant seats on the committee. Mr. Reece said he thought it was a pity that no member of the removes was on the committee. The chairman then called on Mr. Doughty to deliver his paper on "The Errors of our Senses."

Mr. Doughty defined a sense as "A power located in the brain capable of reacting to the stimulation of certain nerves in such a way as to produce consciousness of things and happenings external to ourselves." He made many experiments on blindfolded patients, dealing first with the sense of touch, next with those of smell and taste, and finally with hearing and sight. On the whole, the paper was both interesting and educational. As is usual on such occasions, a vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by the secretaries, which, after J. N. S. Smith, Mr. Reece, and the chairman had supported it, was carried by acclamation. E.W.

A meeting was held in the Masters' Room, on Tuesday, November 29th, at 7-0 p.m., with Mr. Hicks in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and were signed after Burnham, Adams and Martin had proposed alterations. The Society then passed on to public business, and the chairman called upon Smith, L. N. S., to propose that: "The development of mechanical warfare has a demoralizing effect upon the personnel of the fighting forces." The speaker said that modern conditions caused the soldier to lose his identity and his initiative, without which he could not but be demoralized. People looked at the instrument and not at the operator, and all man's generous impulses were lost. Nussbaum, opposing the motion, said that mechanical instruments had been in use since the most "barbarious" times, and, as man was growing up along with them, they could not harm him. Martin, R. A., seconding the proposer, said that no man could fight properly when he knew that his friends at home were in danger. Jones, J. T. R., said that as a soldier did not see the result of his work, he would not be demoralized. On the motion being thrown open to debate, Cashin and Grieve both tried to convince the Society, the former by uproar, the latter by an affectation of impartiality. O'Neil was confident in the indomitable courage of the British soldier, but Burnham was not so favourably disposed to the latter, mainly because he did not come up to the Danson House motto. Adams declared, on his own authority, that the British soldier was still efficient. Harrop did not doubt this, but ignored it, and proceeded to draw a comparison between the mercenaries of the past, and the mechanics who would be the soldiers of the future. Williams, E., said that science must stop in order that morals may catch up. Mr. Fell, having been in the O.T.C., said that the modern infantry-man was very intelligent. Smith, L. N. S., replying, said that modern soldiers, when fighting, were desperate, and therefore demoralized. On being put to the vote, the motion was lost by 15 votes to 32. The meeting then adjourned. L.A.G.H.

On Tuesday, December 13th, at 7-0 p.m., the Society met in the Masters' Room for an Impromptu Debate. Owing to the absence of the chairman, the chair was taken by Harrop, and Burnham was elected secretary for the occasion. The minutes were read, and passed with one trifling alteration, and the Society proceeded to public business. Tunnington regarded the introduction of a square ball and a circular

goal into the game of football as vitally important, but Nussbaum, speaking from inexperience, said he did not know which to kick, the gall or the bowl (*sic*). Cashdan drew attention to his own singular personal beauty, and betrayed a profound ignorance of the motion by declaring that a gold tooth was superior to a glad eye. The weighty arguments put forward by Denny influenced the Society to vote against the motion. Cohen and Burrows attempted to estimate the inconvenience which would result, if the swift-footed janitor brought coffee round with the Roll. Foulkes made a touching defence of younger sisters, but O'Neil won his point, mainly by virtue of the statement that, as a girl grows older, she wears more clothes. Wells ruined the cause of the country labourer by describing himself as a typical agricultural product. Fitch failed to see any point in the proposers' arguments, and in this was supported by the Society. Williams, E., and McNaughton indulged in very involved speeches regarding the seeds of the pomegranate as influenced by the straight banana. Burnham was unsuccessful in convincing the Society that a flying buttress will never win the Schneider Cup, although Warren's arguments were far from lucid. Higginson spoke at some length upon the sentiments of "athletes" upon the subject of death, but was far from clear. Harrop, in opposing, cast several reflections on his own moral character, made many references to silk pyjamas and their dimensions, and concluded with an apt quotation from Macaulay (*sic*). Fergie and Baxter, discussing three-wheeled bicycles showed a remarkable lack of rhetorical skill, and the division was equal. The motion was carried, however, by the chairman's casting vote. The meeting then adjourned. L.A.G.H.

School Football.

SO far as we have progressed in the present season, we have enjoyed unalloyed success. The team has a strong foundation of old colours, and a good combination has been built up from the available material. Including a semi-practice match against a Liobians team, the 1st XI. has played nine matches, all of which have been won by a substantial margin. In these games, we have scored 75 goals and had 14 scored against us.

The 2nd XI. has been captained by Griffies, but has not been very successful. Six matches have been played, three being won and three lost. 31 goals have been scored for us and 25 against.

A Junior team has also been playing under the charge of Mr. Sproat, but has done little of note so far.

We offer our hearty thanks to Mr. G. L. Brown and Mr. Peters for their benevolent supervision of the 1st and 2nd XI.'s respectively, and to Mr. Reece for his guidance and general organisation of all matters concerned with School Football.

2nd XI. Colours have been awarded to A. W. Pickup and R. B. Cherry.

A.J.B.C.

SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on Saturday, October 8th, 1927. Won 14—1.

The team turned out as follows:—Marsden; Pickup, Cherry; Miller, Cooper, Cohen; Harrop, Williams, L. J., Tunnington, Owen, Prowting.

Scorers.—Tunnington 6, Owen 5, Williams, L. J., L. Harrop 1, Cooper 1.

SCHOOL v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1927. Won 6—4.

The team was:—Marsden; Pickup, Cherry; Miller, Cooper, Cohen; Harrop, Williams, Tunnington, Owen, Prowting.

Cooper lost the toss and the Warrington captain elected to play up the slope. We pressed from the start, and pinned our opponents in their own half, except for occasional desultory raids. The wet, slippery ball was not conducive to accurate play, and the forwards frequently lost control through the ball skidding. Eventually, however, Tunnington scored from close in to open our account. We still kept up the pressure and the Warrington goal had several narrow escapes, both a post and the bar being hit by good shots. Warrington then broke away, and only luck and Cherry combined prevented the opposing forwards from getting a gift goal, after Marsden had failed at a first-time kick. Warrington came back, however, and scored through their outside-right with a good cross-shot. The School then took up the attack again and Cooper scored from well out to complete the first half scoring.

On resuming, the Warrington forwards went off with a rush but were repulsed, and our forwards went right away and scored in the first minute. Tunnington raced an opposing back and shot into the top corner of the net. The game then developed into an end-to-end struggle. The Warrington forwards had slightly more of the attack than ourselves, but we made much better use of our chances. The further scoring alternated between ourselves and our opponents, each side scoring three more goals each.

Owen scored two for us, and Prowting one. One of Warrington's goals came from a free-kick awarded for carrying by Marsden.

Considering the wretched weather, the team as a whole played well. Apart from a tendency to use his feet too much, Marsden was sound in goal, and both backs were safe, Pickup excelling. The left wing and centre combined splendidly, but the right wing was weak. Harrop's comparative ineffectiveness was partly due to a sartorial difficulty. Williams was poor.

SCHOOL v. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on Saturday, November 5th.

The School fielded the following team:—Marsden; Pickup, Cherry; Miller, Cooper, Cohen; Harrop, Fletcher, Tunnington, Owen, Prowting.

The game commenced late. The School lost the toss and were made to kick downhill against a strong wind. The School were first to attack, but were repulsed, and Hulme, attacking in their turn were successfully held by Pickup and Cherry. From a breakaway on the left, Prowting scored from close range. Hulme then attacked, and shot just over with a good drive. Marsden meanwhile made some excellent saves, and the School attacked once more, the halves distributing better than usual. From a high centre, Tunnington pushed the ball over the line with his body. The score remained 2—0 until the interval.

On resuming, the School attacked and, following a fast open movement, Fletcher scored from close range. The rain continued to fall, as is his habit, and Tunnington and Fletcher scored for the School. Hulme then attacked, and, after two attempts, beat Marsden, who was playing a very good game. Tunnington then added another, and the game ended with the score 6—1 in favour of the School.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS' XI. (University).

Played at Mersey Road, on Wednesday, November 16th, 1927. Won 7—2.

Scorers.—Tunnington 4, Owen 2, Harrop 1.

The team was the same as that of the previous match.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Manchester, on Saturday, November 19th, 1927. Won 6—1.

The team was somewhat modified on this occasion and turned out as follows:—Marsden; Pickup, Cherry; Miller, Cooper, Cohen; Harrop, Owen, Tunnington, Fletcher, Prowting.

The weather was very dull but there was no rain. Manchester won the toss but gained no advantage by doing so. We kicked off on a very muddy pitch which was reminiscent of Mersey Road at its worst. The first half was very even and keenly contested, but we were slightly superior on the whole. The great difficulty of moving quickly in the deep mud, made the play slow, especially as the ball often became so embedded in the mud as to make a good kick impossible. Both sides had several chances, but the difficulty experienced in shooting was responsible for the failure to score. Owen managed to scramble the ball into the net, however, from a mix up close in. Play continued on even lines, but Tunnington put us further ahead with a mud-cutter. Manchester reduced their arrears, however, before half-time, scoring a good and well deserved goal. Thus, at the interval we led by 2—1.

On the resumption, we definitely took the upper hand, although our opponents were by no means quelled. Our halves made a point of swinging the ball out to the wings, thus making ground quickly, and consequently the inside forwards were well plied with centres. Prowting in particular was well served, and amply repaid the attention paid to him by making a series of good runs and centres.

Manchester's inside forwards lost many chances through a tendency to pass out to the wing when near goal, when a pass into the middle would have been of more value. Our success was thus largely due to superior tactics for the weather conditions. Of our inside forwards, Tunnington was the only one who shone, but he made up for his partners by scoring all four of our goals in the second half. One of these was a fine header from one of Prowting's centres.

This game was a triumph in that it was the first occasion for some time on which we have beaten Manchester. For this, we were largely indebted to Prowting, who played a brilliant game on the left, and Tunnington, who performed the remarkable feat of scoring five goals in succession. Both backs were good, kicking well, and the halves adopted the right tactics, but the experiment of reversing the inside forwards was a distinct failure. Harrop was good without being prominent.

SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on Saturday, November 26th, 1927. Won 8—0.

The team was unchanged from the previous week, except that Owen and Fletcher returned to their original positions.

The weather was fine, but the pitch was in an extremely muddy and sticky state.

Cooper won the toss and set the School to play down the slope. The game started at a fast pace, and we immediately attacked. Throughout the first half the Collegiate could do little but keep out the severe and continuous attack to which their goal was subjected. Their defence was good, but it was very fortunate to yield only one goal during this period. Our opponents' goal survived many shots very narrowly, the ball on one occasion hitting the inside of a post, and rolling right along the goal-line without being tapped into the net. We secured one good goal, however, Owen scoring from a centre by Harrop. Although given little scope, the Collegiate forwards were always dangerous and carried our several spasmodic raids. At half-time the score was 1-0 in our favour.

In the second half we wore down our opponents and over-ran their defence. Our forwards put on seven goals without reply. Of these Owen scored three, Tunnington three, and Fletcher one. Tunnington had a hand in several goals besides those which he himself scored*.

The Collegiate's team was not so inferior to ourselves as the score would indicate. Their forwards were rendered ineffective by a strong defence and were allowed little chance to shoot. In addition, they apparently had the idea that they would find it easier to play down the slope. This was obviously not the case in this instance.

Marsden had an easy day and was not tested. Pickup was as fast as usual, and played a very good defensive game, while Cherry was moderate. Of the forwards, Prowting and Tunnington were most prominent. Prowting again displayed clever wing play, and provided a number of good centres. Owen did not play so well as it would appear from the goals he scored, for he lacks anticipation. Harrop was not given many chances, and those that he was given were generally out of his reach. Under the circumstances, he played quite well. Fletcher hung back too much when a dash would have gained him the ball. Both wing half-backs were excellent, Cohen showing skill in constructive passes, and Miller breaking up well. Cooper was off form. As has become usual with us now, we adopted the right tactics for the conditions, swinging the ball about in long passes.

SCHOOL v. KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER.

Played at Chester, on Saturday, December 10th, 1927. Won 7-3.

Owing to Prowting's absence through illness, Cohen was moved to outside-left and Jones, J. T. R. was brought in at left-half. The team was otherwise unchanged.

Cooper won the toss and took advantage of a strong wind and a slight slope. The pitch was like a marsh, and it is no exaggeration to say that the mud was ankle-deep over the greater part of the field. In the first half play was restricted almost entirely to the vicinity of King's School's goal. Our defence had scarcely anything to deal with, and our opponent's goal was constantly being threatened. Goals were scored in quick succession by Tunnington and Owen, each scoring twice. Some time later Owen added a fifth goal, and just afterwards we were awarded a penalty, Cooper being fouled when about to shoot. Tunnington took the spot-kick but drove the ball straight at the goal keeper, who cleared. A few minutes later our opponents were also awarded a penalty. This was the result of a charge in the back by Miller, who

* The Referee seems to have been particularly unobservant.—EDS.

was over-eager. The shot was sent past the wrong side of the posts however. We continued to press and Fletcher scored our sixth goal, the ball sticking in the mud on the goal line when Tunnington shot.

In the second half, King's School made the majority of attacks, but we were much more on the aggressive than our opponents had been in the first half. The Chester forwards managed to reduce their side's leeway from 6 goals to 3, but Owen again scored for us, and the game ended without further addition to the score. In order to strengthen our defence, Cohen and Jones changed places midway through the second half.

This game was greatly affected by the condition of the pitch and the wind. When playing against the wind, headway was made only with the greatest difficulty, for it required a kick of quite exceptional power to send the ball any appreciable distance. The quagmire was largely responsible for the failure of the backs, and the defence in general, to play up to their normal form. Under the circumstances, little else could have been expected. Marsden was not at all safe and fumbled several times. Both wing men and Tunnington played well, Cohen adapting himself quite well to his temporary position. Fletcher did little of note, and Owen, while finishing excellently, was comparatively poor in midfield play. Miller played an energetic and very good spoiling game, but Jones was wild and erratic, though occasionally effective.

SCHOOL v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on Saturday, December 17th. Won 9-1.

The team turned out as follows:—Marsden; Pickup, Cherry; Miller, Cooper, Cohen; Harrop, Fletcher, Tunnington, Owen, Prowting.

House Football.

THIS season has seen the introduction of a new House Competition. This is the House League, which is organised in the approved manner, points being awarded for wins and draws. As far as possible, each House plays every other House in turn, so that a League Table can be drawn up. Philip Holt topped the League last term; Owen being second!

The Horsfall Competition was quickly played through near the end of last term. Philip Holt was the winning House in the Senior Competition, and Owen won the Junior.

Details:—		SENIOR.			
1st Round.		2nd Round.	Final.	Winner.	
Philip Holt	11	Philip Holt 4	Philip Holt 7	Philip Holt.	}
v.	Alfred Holt 2				
Hughes	1	Cochran 3	v.		
v.	Cochran 7				
Danson	3	Owen 2	Tate 4		
v.	Owen 6				
Tate (bye)	9	Tate 9			

JUNIOR.			
1st Round.	2nd Round.	Final.	Winner.
Philip Holt ... 2	Owen ... 9	Owen ... 8	} Owen
Owen ... 3			
Alfred Holt ... 3	Alfred Holt 0	r.	
Danson ... 2			
Hughes ... }	Tate ... }	Cochran ... 2	
Tate ... }			
Cochran (bye)	Cochran ... }		

We desire to thank all those who have organised and refereed the House matches for us. A.J.B.C.

Camera and Field Club.

FIELD SECTION.

THIS term, we have had many excellent excursions, which have been well attended. The membership has not been so good for several years, and it is to be hoped that it will not be affected by the many other School activities, which are now carried on every Wednesday. Remember, the more members we have, the wider our field of activity will become.

As usual we began with a visit to the White Star liner *Cedric*, on October 5th. This being no novel experience it needs no further comment.

On the following Wednesday, October 12th, came the big excursion of the term, when a party of 40 accompanied by Messrs. Elliott, Reece, and Bartlett, explored a coal pit at Skeimersdale. Stiff backs, sore heads, and grimy faces fell to the lot of the excited explorers. After a thorough inspection of the pit, we returned to the surface and found that, thanks to the manager, tea had been provided. This revived our weary and injured limbs, and we returned to Liverpool.

October 19th saw us making an experimental visit to the Cold Storage Warehouse, at Alexandra Dock. We made an interesting but a rather brief tour of the warehouse, and then departed in all directions seeking other objects of interest.

On Wednesday, November 9th, a party of 25 accompanied by Messrs. Elliott and Bevan went over s.s. *Tetla*, one of Elder and Tyffe's banana boats. This excursion was very popular, but unfortunately the cargo had been discharged.*

The next Wednesday, November 16th, we visited Francis Morton's Engineering Works, at Garston. Here we had one of the most enjoyable, interesting, and instructive afternoons of the term. Everything was clearly explained, and, at the end of our tour, we were generously supplied with refreshments.

On Wednesday, November 23rd, a large party of 34, led by Mr. Elliott, invaded Strawson's Mineral Water Works. After a brief inspection of the works, we turned our attention to the various types of mineral waters in stock, and were told to help ourselves. For nearly

* We used to hear a song about this. Pbs.

an hour we remained there, and the pile of empty bottles grew apace.

The following Wednesday, November 30th, a party of 26, accompanied by Messrs. Elliott and Stell, and Mrs. Stell visited Goodlass Wall's Paint Works. We were shown the many processes in the manufacture of different paints and varnishes. When we had seen all these, we were led to the dining hall where tea was provided.

The last excursion of the term was to Wilson Brothers' Bobbin Works. As on many previous occasions we had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

JUNIOR BRANCH.

The Junior Branch has carried on well this term.

On October 6th, a party of 18, accompanied by Miss Hudson, went to Tree Woods.

The following Thursday, October 13th, Mr. Mumery and a party of 20 went over a White Star liner.

The other two excursions of the term were led by Mr. Bartlett. These took the form of a visit to Bryant & May's Works, at Garston, on October 20th, and on November 10th a ramble to Oglet and back along the beach (?) to Garston.

J.B.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION.

This term members have made good use of the increased facilities in the dark-room, and much interest has been fostered among the younger members. Still there are some professed members who seem ignorant of a dark-room and its uses.

Mr. Stell, Mr. Williams and myself are always willing to help members and to solve their difficulties.

This term the Hobby Show will be upon us and I hope there will be a good exhibition of prints and enlargements, so that all past exhibitions may be surpassed.

T.R.M.

The Lost Fisher.

ONE day twelve of the wise men of Gotham went to fish in a brook. Some waded and some stood on dry land.

When they were going home, one of the fishers said "I hope none of us are lost." Another said, "Let us count ourselves if anyone is drowned." So each one counted in turn and forgot to count himself and so only counted eleven.

So they went back to the brook to find him, but they could not find him.

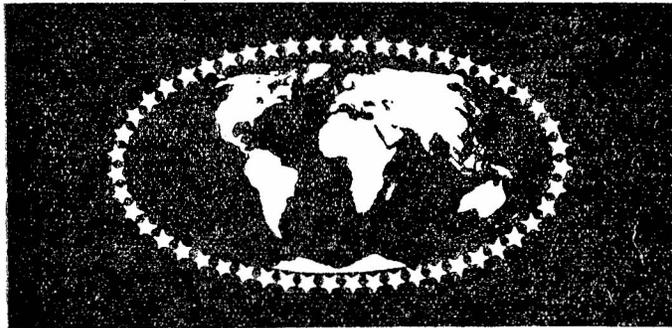
So they began to mourn for him.

At that minute, one of the King's servants came along and asked what was the matter, and they said twelve of them went to fish in a brook, and one of them had got drowned. So he said, "Count yourselves."

So they began to count, "One, two, three, four, five, six," and so on to eleven.

The King's servant said, "What will you give me if I find him?" "All the money we have on us," they said, "if you can find him." So he went round and gave the first a hit on the shoulder with his whip, and the second, and third, and so on to twelve. All the fishers cried, "God bless you for finding the lost man."

D. C. BUSHNELL, Form K
(Age 8 years).



L.N.U. Notes.

THE SCHOOL officers for this year are as follows:—
Hon. Secretary: P. C. Burnham. Hon. Treasurer:
L.A. G. Harrop. Burnham was appointed Vice-Chairman
of the Liverpool and Merseyside Branch!

The first meeting held this term was an Inter-School debate between the School and the Liverpool Collegiate School, upon the question of "Disarmament, Arbitration and Security." Considering that the School was unaware that it had to provide speakers, until two or three days before, owing to some unaccountable defection on the part of one of the Girls' branches, it did very well to win its case.

The second debate was held in the School Hall, on Friday, November 10th, when members from Aigburth Vale and Belvedere gave some excellent readings on "Tariffs and World Peace." After many of the male members had spoken on their side, Belvedere carried their point. The standard of speaking at this debate was, however, much lower than is usual at such meetings, and we hope that it will improve in time for the Annual Speech Competition next term.

We have also been fortunate in securing the presence of Professor Roxby from Liverpool University; Mr. George Haines, a well-known Liverpool speaker and Mr. Hayes, from Ambleside, to speak on various subjects.

Of these speakers, Mr. Haines, spoke to the School Branch alone. This constitutes the first move in an attempt to arouse more enthusiasm in the School for the L.N.U., and to instruct them a little more in various "League" topics.

Altogether, this term has been quite successful from our point of view, and we hope that even more people will attend the lectures and debates next term.

L.I.O.T.C. Notes.*

THIS term the corps entered on a new stage in its history. C.S.M. Foote has left. No sooner had Sgt. Fell received the torch from his predecessor than he, too, passed from us, and now C.S.M. Griffies bears the brand aloft.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a band of recruits who have proved themselves willing to learn, and in whom the sprouts of L.I.O.T.C. efficiency are beginning to be noticed. It is on this account that our two Field Days have proved so successful.

On October 13th, we marched to Thurstaston, where platoons 1, 2 and 3 attacked a machine gun position. Sgt. Grieve, of No. 1, unfortunately, erred from his way like a lost sheep, and it was a hungry flock that marched in half-an-hour too late.

With regard to actual tactics, the second Field Day, at Altcar, was the most successful that any N.C.O. or Cadet in the Corps has ever remembered. Before lunch Nos. 1, 2 and 3 attacked No. 4 platoon in the sandhills. So well was the attack timed that the actual onslaught of the two flanking platoons coincided and the defence was exterminated. After a small encounter later on, in carrying our dead off the field of battle, some stretcher bearers inadvertently dropped their charges into ditches of water. These martyrs found their watery graves less to their taste than the deaths they had suffered.

On the occasion of Armistice Sunday, a party turned out for the march past, on St. George's Plateau, before the G.O.C. the Western Command, Lieut.-General Sir Richard H. K. Butler, K.C.B., K.C., M.C. A memorial service was then held in the Cathedral.

* It will be noticed that we do not put "Strife" between the L.N.U. and the O.T.C.—Ed.

The miniature range has been open each Wednesday this term, but the corps as a whole has not availed itself of the excellent opportunities for shooting that are offered.

The following awards for 1927 were presented on Speech Day:—

SECTION COMPETITION.—Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Cup and Spoon for Section Shooting: C.S.M. Griffies, No. 5 Section.

Captain Murray Hutchinson Memorial Cup: Sgt. Fell, No. 4 Platoon.

Major Parkes Cup and Spoon for Individual Shooting: Cadet Macarthur.

Capt. Wheeler Memorial Cup and Spoon: Sgt. Dove, Section 13.

CAMP TENT COMPETITION.—Silver Medal: Sgt. Burke. Bronze Medal: Cpl. Cousins. Attendance Spoon: Cadet Nicholson.

The Canoeists.—A Tragedy.

TO begin with, it was all Brown's fault; he said that he knew all about canoeing and persuaded us to venture out on the Granwell.

First of all we obtained a canoe—long and narrow to suit Brown's desire for speed. In order to do this we reviewed the stocks of three boat-builders and finally came back to the first of all. Then, with Brown in front to keep time with the strokes, and myself in the stern, we set off.

We proceeded quite well for some distance, when Brown complained of my not keeping in time with him. But when I pointed out that perhaps he was not paddling regularly, he didn't seem to like it at all. Then, after progressing in a more or less orderly fashion for a couple of hundred yards, we suddenly discovered that we were heading for the bank at a most alarming speed, and only by great presence of mind on the part of the man in the stern was disaster avoided. At this point, Brown started to blame me for paddling too strongly, whilst I responded with equal heat, telling him that he was shirking his job and letting me do all the work.

However, after this little contretemps, things went on quite smoothly for about half-a-mile or so, when Brown suggested increasing our speed. Being naturally averse to hard work of any sort I demurred a little. But my friend would have none of it. "It's quite easy," he said, quoting the *Complete Canoeer*, "you've only got to keep your bottom arm fairly stiff, holding

the paddle well down, rear the blade—so as to get a wide sweep—get your head down, put your back into it and take time from me." This produced a remarkable turn of speed for about five minutes; but so much had both of us got our heads down that we failed to notice where we were going and the result was that we tried conclusions with the pier of one of the many bridges that span that delightful river. The next thing that we knew, was that we both had received a very nasty knock in the middle of the back and that Brown's paddle was floating down stream.

After a great deal of manoeuvring and maledictions on my part, we recovered the paddle and proceeded. Except that we were nearly run down by a "four" and nearly swamped by a coach's motor-boat we made good progress for some distance, when Brown again proposed livening up the pace.

We met no more bridges this time, but we did come to the place where the mill-race comes into the river. Brown hastily "backwatered"—according to the instructions of the *Complete Canoeer*, but he forgot to warn me. The result was that we capsized.

When I came to the surface, still holding firmly on to my paddle, it was to see Brown, the canoe, his paddle and the rest of our goods floating down stream.

That ended our day's canoeing. A month later, on Brown's birthday, I called round at his house to wish him many happy returns of the day, etc., and to present him with a few cigarettes. Here I was informed that he had gone out—raging fearfully—after opening a parcel from his dear old aunt (from whom, I may say, he expected at least a "fiver.")

"But what was in the parcel?" I enquired. They showed it to me—a bound library copy of *The Complete Canoeer*.

They found Brown's body in the Granwell!

P.W.M.

Lost Diamonds.

(A short story *par excellence* by the Editor of 3B Form Magazine).

IT was reported to a detective in the town of London that there had been a big diamond taken out of a ring in a house near the Thames. So he and his dog Fearless, which was an Alsatian, went to the house where the dog picked up the scent. Then it jumped in the river and swam to the other side, where it entered a cave and they found the men and also the diamonds and another dog.

Gymnasium Notes.

THE Christmas term is now always the Gymnasts' term, and for since the time of the Gymnasium Competition has been pre-dated to this term, it is in December that the year's activities in the Gymnasium come to a head.

This year the Competition was one of the most successful and satisfactory for years, though the general standard was perhaps a little lower than usual. A welcome innovation was the short display given by the Third Form boys, which had two great merits: first, it was surprisingly good, and showed great promise; and second, that it gave the teams a much needed rest.

The Old Boys gave their usual display, and terrified several of the ladies present by their tricks on the Box-horse.

The new judge was highly satisfactory, and will be present, we hope, in future years.

RESULTS.—

- HOUSE COMPETITION FOR THE PLEVIN-GRIEVE TROPHY:
1st, Danson, 217½; 2nd, Philip Holt, 217.
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—Prowting, J. W. (fourth time)
35. RUNNER UP: Pickup, A. W., 34½ points.
Gym. colours re-awarded to:—Prowting, J. W. (P); Pickup, A. W. (D); Lunt, H. R. (P).
And awarded to:—Payne, J. H. (H); Burnham, P. C. (D).
P.C.B. (Hon. Sec.)

The Tragic Fate of Himpul Wimpul.—A Poem.

In erlie springé, whan that flourés growe,
And allé briddés singen highe and lowe—
And mussherrómés in a roundé ringe
Oote of the grounde among the grassé sprynge:
Than doth the Himpul Wimpul from hys neste
Aryse and looke about hym, wher he beste
May find a juicie Leedle, for hys brekker,
Whyche he doth kille and carye by the nekké
Unto hys layré, hidne under the rok
Wher he hys preye doth in the ofen lok.
In ordre it y-cookéd wel may bee.

Oon morné that the sonne shon murilee,
Into the layr of sik an Himpul Wimpul
Ther strayed a Swoosélok ful shy and symple
Just as the beest hys brekker eten woldé
The Swoosélok bethought hymselfe wer goodé
To save hymself from being madé foode:
For he was but a smalé litel fowle—

But Himpul Wimpul wythe a fearsom skowle
Looked at hym, and frooze hym in to stone
As it wolde seme, for he ne koudé move:
It was as if hys allé flesshe wer boone.
And so the Wimpul put him onné stooove
And fried hym into a goldné broon,
And kooked wel, he swalowéd him down.

Alak! the boonés of the Swoosélok
Into the throte of Himpul Wimpul stuk
So that he coghed and snezéd evermore.
Indeed it was for hym the throat ful sore
The bones of the well y-baked fowle
Made Himpul Wimpul for to schrie and howle
The prikyngé of the spyké was so grete
That it decided Himpul Wimpul's fate.
From oot his nekké camé bloodé reed
And swift as lyghtnyng was the beesté deed.

The meenyngé of thys vers is pleyn to seen
For to the wightés thatté greedie been
It is a warwenyngé: ye ne most etc.
For youre brekker bothé fowle and mete.
If ey you have for brekker, no bacoun
Mosten you ete, else you will dyen soon.

F.A.C.

School Orchestra.

IN spite of the fact that several members of the Orchestra left last summer, we still can muster a goodly number. Several violins have been added and the woodwind section has been increased, thereby producing a more balanced orchestra.

Practices were held on several evenings of the past term, and although they were very long, the enthusiasm of members was not damped. Here we would like to thank all those members of the Staff, Old Boys, and friends of the Orchestra who have attended so faithfully, many of them at no small inconvenience.

On two occasions this term the Orchestra has assisted in other circles. We played for two performances of "The Importance of Being Earnest," by the Centenary Players, at the Crane Hall, and for two performances of the School Play.

The best performance the Orchestra yet has given was on November 2nd and 3rd. The success of the performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on those two evenings was largely due to the excellent rendering of Mendelssohn's Overture and incidental music by the orchestra. Much practice was put in—both at home and at School—to achieve this result, which delighted the unusually large audiences.

The Junior Orchestral class has carried on as usual. There is still an opportunity for those desirous of becoming members, especially in the wind section. R.A.F.

Chess Notes.

CHESS, in this School, is being weighed in the balance, and unless some enthusiasm is shown by younger chess players next year, it will be found wanting.

At the beginning of the term the first team was in an extremely precarious position. Two members alone remained from last year's team, and players whose skill had not yet been put to the test were hastily mustered.

We will pass over the matches against the Collegiate and Oulton Schools. We make no excuse. They were admittedly superior teams. But let them not think that they will escape as easily next time. After our two failures, our blood was up, and we were spurred to greater deeds. We defeated Merchant Taylors, Wallasey Grammar, and Oldershaw Schools successively, and have won and drawn in two games against the Florence Institute. Our record is a more successful one than that of last year.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Mr. Williams or his gift of boards and sets. Nothing goes further to stimulate enthusiasm than good chess-men.

In conclusion, if the younger spirits would come forward and offer to play members of the team, the latent talent of the School would surely come to light, and the basis of a good team for next year would be made. B.W.M.

Correspondence.

(To the Editor of the *School Magazine*.)

SIR,

I desire to protest against the publication of the letter from "A.D. 1927" re the O.T.C. in your last issue. It was thoroughly unsportsmanlike to act on the principle "Get the blow in first; three months will elapse before a reply can be made by those who tolerate or encourage the O.T.C."

I am constrained to ask these questions:

1. Is the *School Magazine* to become the organ of covert propaganda for the League of Nations?

2. Are the best brains on A.D. 1927's side only?
3. Is the volunteer spirit in our race and School to be abolished?
4. In case of war, who will fight for and win peace; the conscript or the trained volunteer?
5. Who deserves our respect and admiration—the Cadet or the Leaguer? Work not words.

This country does more than "claim to lead all others." She has demobilised her war forces, reduced the army and navy, and quite lately has cancelled the contracts for two cruisers. Europe is armed to the teeth.

Our imperial responsibilities exist. Our trade routes, the vital channels of our food supplies, have still to be guarded. Personal duty as citizens remains and membership of the O.T.C. is one means of carrying this out.

In all solemnity I ask, "When our hour of trial comes, whom shall we trust—the League or our own kith and kin?"

The object of the O.T.C. has never been denied. It trains valorous men for a national emergency. The O.T.C. justified itself in 1914. A short memory is very convenient.

Yours,

G.D.E.

(To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.)

DEAR SIR,

I am sure I am not alone in decriing the present tendency to give too much stimulus to School activities. In my opinion, the House element should only enter into those games which are popular and progressive. Cross-country running, boxing, and gymnasium have had a fair time of trial, and have gained very little favour. The policy of demanding House teams for such minority amusements is fatal both to House spirit and to success in more popular sports.

Yours,

A.G.

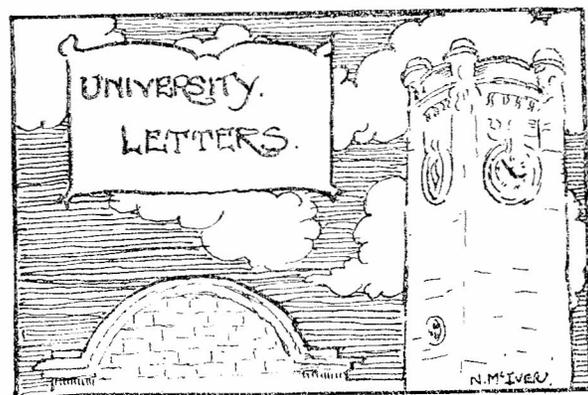
(To the Editor of the *School Magazine*.)

DEAR SIR,

At a recent lecture, it was suggested that a party should be formed to visit places of architectural interest in Liverpool. I think the movement would become more popular if it were adopted by the C. and F. Club, and if a Cycle Party were formed. Places further afield could be visited, and members would combine healthy recreation with intellectual pleasure.

Yours,

F.B.



The Union,
Cambridge,
Michaelmas, 1927.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have often wondered what it felt like to be called upon to write a University Letter. Now having received that rude postcard of yours—I know. It is not a very satisfactory sensation, and I warn you, sir, that it will soon pall. However, I presume that, in accordance with tradition, my letter should begin by a display of wit, eloquence or incomprehensible words, proceed to more or less amusing scandal about the private lives of the gentlemen here, and should conclude with an exhortation to all members of the Institute to come to Cambridge when they grow up. (And by the way, Mr. Editor, never use a preposition to end a sentence with). Personally, I, as you know, am incapable of supplying the wit and have never yet known any exhortation since, Caesar's so effectual as—, as—. Further, I am awkwardly placed with regard to the scandal, for what may be told is not interesting, and what is interesting may not be told. That we reserve for your private ear, Mr. Editor.

We are five: Three significant seniors; two insignificant freshmen. There is Mr. Redington, of Magdalene, who must not be considered apart from Mr. R. O. Williams, of Emanuel. These two gentlemen, alas, have lost the enthusiasm of their earlier days. No longer do they enjoy rum buns and "dead-lies"; they are boot-faced and hard-boiled. They give fatherly encouragement to the young idea. Seen together, with their chubby, smiling faces and their fat, rosy cheeks, wearing their gowns and artistically battered "squares," they resemble nothing so much as Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Mr. Strick-

land, also of Emanuel, is a man of mystery. Of his doings we know nothing, except that he rows and acted as prompter for the Dramatic Club. As for the new blood, Mr. Sankey, who appeared at Pembroke, is obsessed with gloomy forebodings of examinations to come. Otherwise he has held forth in the Union, has been seen at the Liberal Club, and at those select little dance-teas of the German Society. Then at Downing, we have Mr. Stray, who works very hard and is saving up for a hockey stick. On November 5th, Mr. Stray sallied forth to see the fun, met the Proctor and was told to be a good boy and go home to bed. I cannot publish Mr. Stray's views on this treatment, for I must hasten to a conclusion.

I am, Sir, yours,

D.Y.

The Union,
Bedford Street.

Sir,

We hasten at the Editorial summons and write quickly, apologising for the verbosity of our epistle with the plea that two terms have elapsed since we were last in print. Our first and most pleasurable task is to welcome the freshers—thirteen of them. Our numbers are now larger than in any previous year, but—a word for your private ear—the infant, L.I.O.B.U.B. is languishing. Mr. Maddock, Jun., is carrying on the family tradition in Dramatic circles and Mr. A. D. Baxter has been seen surreptitiously smuggling quantities of orange festoonery into the Gilmour. Mr. Booth now has a companion (or is it two?) on his Saturday afternoon trips from Wyncote. We understand that Mr. Maiden has been approached by Panto Committee with a view to his performing a séance on St. George's Plateau.

But what of the Seniors? We would inform you, sir, that we ourselves have now arrived at that blest estate. Mr. Hesselberg's pullover is still as unique as ever. Messrs. Macdonald and R. S. White continue to adorn the dismal premises of the Vet. School. Our dour Scot, not content with one set of letters after his name is still laboriously dissecting dogs and cats.

Mr. Albert Wilson's movements are shrouded in mystery. We have our own theory, but—. As for Mr. Solomon, he has evidently been working; no longer does the Gilmour quake before the onslaught of his rhetoric. Modesty forbids us to prate of our own achievements, but we must record that our slumber has been violently disturbed by the arrival of a real red-headed Bolshevik! Mr. Dunn now casts a fatherly eye upon us from the heights of Olympus, while Mr. Bartlett pursues a course of original research in Ornithology.

But *Dulce est desipere in loco*, and our final word is an earnest hope that the recent visit of the Vice-Chancellor may prove to be but the beginning of a close and valuable association between School and University.

We have the honour to be, sir,

Yours effusively,

LIOSPHINX.

Editorial Notices.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologises for any omissions:—

Blackburne House Magazine, Caldeian, Elizabethan, Wyggastonian, Uula, Kelly College Chronicle, Hinckley Grammar School Magazine, King's School (Chester) Magazine, Otavian, Wallaseyan, Liverpool College Magazine, Holt S.S. Magazine, S.E.X. Magazine, Anchor, Birkonian.

The Calendar.

January 10	...	Easter Term begins.
Fri., Jan. 27th	...	House Soiree (Hughes).
Fri., Feb. 3rd	...	L.I.O.B.A., 8 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 8th	...	Latin and French Exams. Periods 1, 2, 3, and 4.
Fri., Feb. 10th	...	House Soiree (Philip Holt).
Wed., Feb. 15th	...	House Boxing Competition.
Mon., Feb. 20th	...	O.T.C. Field Day.
Thurs., Feb. 23rd	...	House Soiree (Owen).
Fri., Feb. 24th	...	English Exam. Periods 1 and 2.
Sat., Feb. 25th and	...	
Mon., Feb. 27th	...	Half Term.
Tues., Feb. 28th	...	Maths. Exam. Periods 1 and 2.
Fri., Mar. 2nd	...	L.I.O.B.A., 8 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 3rd	...	School Orchestra Concert.
Thurs., Mar. 8th	...	Physics Exam. Periods 1 and 2. Chemistry Exam. Periods 3 and 4.
Fri., Mar. 9th	...	House Soiree (Tate).
Sat., Mar. 10th	...	No football fixtures after this date.
Tues., Mar. 13th	...	O.T.C. Field Day.
Wed., Mar. 14th	...	Hobby Show. (Junior School half-holiday on Wednesday.)
Wed., Mar. 21st	...	Steeplechase.
Wed., Mar. 28th &	...	
Sat., Mar. 31st	...	SPORTS. (Heats.)
Mon., April 2nd	...	SPORTS. (Finals.)

Term ends, Wednesday, April 4th, afternoon.

Football Fixtures.

Date.	Opponents.	1st XI.	2nd XI.	3rd XI.
1928.				
Jan. 21	Wallasey Grammar School	...	H	A
" 28	Manchester Gram. School	...	H	
Feb. 4	Quarry Bank High School	...		H
" 18	Aisop High School	...	A	H
" 25	Collegiate School	...	A	H
Mar. 3	Liobians	...		A
" 10	Warrington Gram. School	...	A	
" 10	Ruhne Grammar School	...	A	

Old Boys' Section.

Old Boys' Log.

WHILE some papers were being cleared out of the Board Room, an old plan of the School was brought to light. It dates back to the fifties of last century, for the names of the Masters who taught in the various rooms are written down, and they are those of the early days of Mr. Sephton. It is interesting to note changes that have been made since those days in the structure of the School and the arrangement of the rooms. In a future issue, it may be possible to print a reproduction of the old plan; it would be of great interest to our Older Old Boys.

What is now the Tuck-shop was then the class-room of Mr. Blundell. As he was on the Staff for 46 years, the following details of his work here will not be without interest. Two years after the fire which delayed the opening of the premises in Mount Street (in 1839, that is) Mr. William J. Blundell came to the Institute as an English master in Lower School. Mr. Blundell, who had been in the Law and in journalism, belonged to a Crosby family. The first Headmaster under whom he served was Dr. W. B. Hodgson, afterwards Professor of Political Economy in the University of Edinburgh. Others were Mr. A. McIlveen, the Rev. Joshua Jones (afterwards Hughes-Games) and the Rev. John Sephton.

Mr. Blundell enjoyed to the full the privilege of hearing and meeting the numerous prominent people who, in those more leisureed days, came to give addresses to the members of the Mechanics' Institution. Among these were Mr. Gladstone, Lord Brougham (who opened the Queen's College, in 1857), Charles Dickens, W. M. Thackeray, R. W. Emerson, Bishop Stanley (of Norwich), Lord Granville, Prof. Huxley, Lord Goschen, and Sir B. W. Richardson. He had a very high regard for Mr. R. V. Yates, one of the founders of the Institution—a pioneer in all educational work.

When, in 1885, Mr. Blundell retired from the School, a farewell dinner was arranged, and he was presented with an address and an armchair by his colleagues. There was also a farewell concert in the Lecture Hall, which was crowded by enthusiastic Old Boys and friends. He died in 1902, aged 88 years. He is a fine example of those masters of the School, who gave themselves liberally and devotedly to the work of sound education and of whose self-denying services there is often too little recognition.

During last term, the O.B. Association has been busy with many devices for gathering the money for the New Playing Field. Not all of these from the Treasurer's point of view have been successful. Appended is the first list of those who have contributed to the Appeal fund. We expect many more, and the smallest contributions will be welcome :-

LIOBIAN A.F.C. PLAYING FIELD.

DONATIONS TO THE APPEAL FUND.

Left.	First List.	£	s.	d.
'19	Smith, R. E.	1	1	0
'24	Smith, W. K.	0	2	0
'94	Crichton, J. D.	0	10	0
'77	Parkinson, B.	2	2	0
	Sharps, P.	0	10	6
	Lord Mersey of Toxteth	2	2	0
'97	Jones, J. Richard	3	0	0
	Hughes, A.	2	2	0
'57	Davis, E. M. "In Memoriam" per H.J.D.	1	1	0
'81	Davis, Herbert J., C.C.	1	1	0
	Fletcher, W. C.	1	0	0
'74	Eastwood, W. H.	2	2	0
'83	Hooper, R. H.	5	0	0
'10	Evans, S. S.	2	2	0
'80	Shone, J. A.	2	2	0
'67	Chim, Col. L. H., V.D.	2	2	0
'18	Laver, J.	0	10	0
'04	Johnston, J. G. G.	0	10	0
'23	Myles, P. J.	0	5	0
'26	Rhind, W.	0	2	6
'97	Potter, C. R. A.	1	1	0
'13	Moore, J. H.	0	10	0
'93	Evans, H. B.	0	10	6
'20	Holmes, H. E.	0	5	0
'12	Dicken, H.	1	0	0
'15	McDavid, H. G.	0	10	6
'06	Gledsdale, E.	0	5	0
'79	Hughes, E. J.	0	10	0
'90	Wood, Norman	2	0	0
	Staite, G. F.	0	10	6
	Bain, G. W.	0	5	0
'25	Moseley, S. E.	0	2	0
		£38	16	6

(Signed) G. D. EDMS.

A Whist Drive was held at the Minsterley Cafe, on the 23rd November. There were only 28 present, but the evening was a great success--all the more as the first prize for gentlemen was annexed by one of the Association secretaries. Those present voted that there should be another shortly, and the date was fixed for the 25th of January, a Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m., in the Minsterley. We want at least 56 there next time. Tickets may be had from Mr. G. D. Ellis at the School.

The Old Boys' Dance at the School on the 17th December was an unqualified success. There were as many present as the Gym. could conveniently hold, and the function went off with the usual *eclat*. The next will be held at Ridgways' Café, on the 4th February.

The two Smokers were fairly well attended. These were held on the 4th November and the 2nd December. On each occasion there were about 70 present. Our thanks are due to all who contributed to the programmes, and to Messrs. Russell and A. C. Williams for arranging things. In the second of the two, Mr. T. L. Thomas scored a great success by his lecture in the Impromptu Lecture Competition.

The other Smoking Concerts of the Winter will be held on the 3rd February and the 2nd March. Old Boys are asked to roll up in large numbers.

Congratulations to Sir Frank Morrish Baddeley, Deputy Commissioner of Nigeria, on his Knighthood. Sir Frank figures in the New Year's Honours list, as a Knight Bachelor of the Order of Saint Michael and St. George.

We have had a letter from Dr. N. L. Corkill, who is now in Baghdad. He has just taken up the posts of Civil Staff Surgeon and Lecturer in Zoology, at the new Medical School, Al-al-Beit University. He has been occupied fighting cholera, with over 250 cases to look after in the district under his care the Muntafik Liwa. Some relaxation was obtained in touring the district, and in shooting. Dr. Corkhill mentions gazelle, hyena, leopard, porcupine and many game birds. Duties in Baghdad will be more of the routine order. Boys of the School greatly appreciated a number of stamps sent to them by Dr. Corkhill. Will readers abroad kindly note?

We have had a visit from H. E. Long ('90), who is now Headmaster of the Secondary School, at Sowerby Bridge. Whittington, W. H. ('06) and Wilkinson, R. A. ('05), have also been at the School on all too brief visits. The Secretary grumbles that he cannot manage to get the information he wants for this Log from these birds of passage. N. F. Ellison also paid a call. He has followed his inclination for the Stage, and has for the last six months been touring.

Ralph Fraser ('23) has written, but as he forbids quotation from his letter (a dirty trick!) his vivacity cannot be properly represented here. Peru must suit him, as he is extremely lively—on paper. He also mentions football, hockey, tennis and ping-pong, but professes to miss his game of marbles in the Upper Yard. (Or was it the Lower?).

Chris Musgrave Brown ('17) was ordained on October 2nd, and is now curate at St. Mary's, West Kensington. His brother Frank ('19) is still at Wycliffe Hall, and is much stronger and in better health.

Marriage.

SCOTT-CRITCHLEY. December 28th, at St. Bartholomew's, Roby, by the Rev. Canon Sylvester, M.A., John Alexander Scott, M.D., D.P.H., to Marjorie Mary Critchley, B.Sc.

Our congratulations and best wishes to "Long John."

The Old Boys of last century had a Dinner at the School, on the 26th November. There were 48 present, and the Old Centurions enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Councillor F. B. Brown ('85) gave a brief but witty speech in proposing the toast of "The School." There was a sing-song afterwards, and most of the songs in the old School song book of the nineties were sung.

Acknowledgment must again be made of the display given by Old Boys at the School Gym. Contest. Although in numbers they were handicapped by the change in date, they gave the present members of the School and the visitors a fine exhibition. G. J. Bowman and Mr. Stell are especially responsible and deserve our thanks. It may be mentioned that there are still some vacancies in the class and any Old Boys who care to join will be welcome. The class meets on Mondays, 8 to 9-30, and the charge is 5/- a term.

The Centenary Players gave "The Will," at the David Lewis Theatre, on the 21st October, in the British Drama League Competition, but were unsuccessful. To us, the criticism seemed quite harsh. We expect better success next time.

On the 5th and 6th of December, "The Importance of Being Earnest" was produced at Crane Hall. Those who were present, will agree that the performance was the best the Centenary Players have yet done. There wasn't a weak part in the whole cast. Haydn Davies (as Algernon) and Harry Roddington (as John Worthing), with Mrs. Muir-Little (as Cecily) and Miss Elsie Smith (as Gwendoline) caught the true atmosphere of paradox and epigram, and were well supported by Miss Inglis (as Lady Bracknell), Miss Henry (as Miss Prism) and Alan C. Williams (as the Rev. Canon Chasuble). It was the real Wilde air.

The next performance of the Centenary Players is at Crane Hall, on the 1st and 2nd of March, when they are giving "Dear Brutus." Old Boys simply cannot miss this production. It is hoped that there will be a full house each night.

On the 29th March, the Players are giving a Miscellaneous Entertainment at the School. Those who were present at the similar show last year will not miss this. It is the occasion when the Players go a-playing.

Meetings of the Play Reading Circle were held on the 11th November and the 9th December. At the former, "Arms and the Man" was read; at the latter, "Doctor Knock" was taken. A few more members would be welcomed. Further meetings will be arranged, of which details may be had of Mr. A. G. Russell, at the School.

The General Meeting of the Centenary Players will be held at the School, on Friday, the 27th January, at 7-30.

Kneale, W. C. ('23) has gone to Fribourg for a six months' course; he intends to have a similar course in Paris and one in Italy afterwards. Wardle, D. B. ('23) is having an interesting time tutoring in Warsaw; we should like to have his own account of his experiences. Kennan, J. M. ('23) is reading for the Bar; we congratulate him on his Scholarship at the Inner Temple.

The following should be corrected in, or added to, the List of members of the Old Boys' Association issued last November.

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| | Bartlett, H., Liverpool Institute. | |
| '11 | Bedlington, H., Glenmayne, Marlowe Rd., Wallasey. | L. |
| '22 | Bosworth, C., 42 Alexandra Drive, Orrell Park. | |
| '91 | Brooking, G. A., 6 Comely Avenue, Egham. | |
| | Broomfield, G., Isca Grange, Caerleon, Monmouth. | |
| '89 | Burn, Sir Richard, 9 Staverton Road, Oxford. | |
| '14 | Corkill, Dr. N. L., Civil Staff Surgeon, Royal Hospital, Baghdad. | L. |
| '79 | Cowley, C. E., 44 Canterbury Road, Wallasey. | |
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