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### Editorial.

IT is the invariable custom of Editors in the April issue of the Magazine to refer to the Shield games of the past term. Such reference, of course, is generally no more than a cunning device whereby the harrassed Editor is provided with a theme of sorts on which to commence, and if very hard pressed, on which to sustain and conclude those empty remarks *à propos* of nothing in particular which usually constitute his Editorial.

But if we here refer to the Shield games it is not merely from a desire to perpetuate old Editorial custom; nor are we so unprincipled as to debase to unscrupulous Editorial purposes a struggle in which stout men have given of their muscle and others of their voices and enthusiasm, simply because we require a theme for a few empty remarks. We bring up the subject because we would record it as our considered opinion that the Shield games suffer from the cardinal defect of never being representative. Year after year, in the past, the School has produced a good team, only to see half of its members crooked by the latter end of the season, when the Shield games arrive, and compelled to look on from the touch line. If something cannot be done to remedy this the Shield games must, of necessity, forfeit all claim to be any test of a school's football strength, and suffer accordingly in interest.

With the planting of the trees in the Junior Yard last term we saw another step forward in the policy of making "Beauty prevail over Ugliness," which has already given us brighter paint work in Form rooms, the Rutherford pictures on the main landing, the windows facing on Mount Street, the "Anti-Litter" Campaign, and many other things for which we take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude.

With regard to the present issue of the Magazine, we would thank very heartily those who listened to our plea in a recent issue, and offered contributions. Small as their number was, yet it was greater than previous experience had led us to expect. We apologise to those whose efforts we have been unable to include.

Old Boys' News is no longer printed as a special appendix but follows immediately on our Chat on the Corridor.

### Spring.

The barren, shivering trees, bathed warm in light,  
 Bestir, burst wide their buds, and overflow.  
 Spring's dawning laughs away gaunt Winter's night,  
 Frees Nature from the grip of frost and snow.  
 The air breathes sweet and fresh upon the heath,  
 Where spiked gorse warmly glows with softer gold;  
 The young lambs skip and scamper in the fields beneath,  
 For Nature's young once more, that had grown old.

How fortunate is She, that so can be  
 Made young again, ere long grown sad and cold!  
 Nor, were Her secret known to us, would we  
 Long hesitate, in new and better mould,  
 To cast our cold thought, and a New World plan  
 Where Spring's warm hope might end the wintry cares of  
 Man.

E.W.H.

### Chat on the Corridor.

LAST term nineteen young trees were planted along the Pilgrim Street side of the Junior yard, in an attempt to shut out the sight of cobble-stones, sooty brick and slate which previously were all one could see on that side. The trees are going to have a hard struggle for existence against Liverpool's polluted atmosphere above, and her poor soil beneath, and it is up to the School, and especially the Junior School, to give them every assistance.

A Virginia creeper is also promised to clothe the nakedness of the five court walls. We very heartily commend the plan, and hope it will materialise.

Congratulations to M. Peaston on his Colquitt Exhibition at Brasenose College, Oxford, and to E. L. Rodick, on his Exhibition in English, at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

We are very pleased to note that Liverpool University have conferred the distinction of an Honorary M.A. on Mr. Groom, who resigned from the Staff last December, after 38 years as a Master, and 17 years as Vice-Principal, in the School. The degree was conferred in recognition of Mr. Groom's valuable work for the cause of education in Liverpool.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jones on their marriage, which took place during the holidays, and Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett on the birth of a daughter last term.

The Steeplechase took place on April 1st this year. We imagine that All Fools' Day must have seemed a singularly appropriate date to many of the competitors as they splashed wearily through the pond that marked the end of the fourth mile, surrounded by a grinning ring of their fellows, seemingly more fortunate, but in reality, infinitely more unfortunate, than themselves.

On Friday, March 10th, several members of the School attended the excellent performance by the Arts League of Service in the Hall of the Collegiate School. Not the least of the benefits they derived was a resolve never again to criticise the architecture of their own School, not even the shape of the Hall seats. Bad architecture and stuff which does not deserve the name of architecture at all, can have its uses in making us look more kindly and thankfully on buildings that are good in comparison.

On Tuesday, March 13th, the Inspectors descended on us, and spent a week probing our inner secrets, exposing our many weaknesses, asking shrewd, unanswerable questions, and generally making us uncomfortable.

We observed only one thing that we and our inquisitors had in common, and that was a profound disapproval of the methods of those responsible for setting the H.S.C. examinations. Our only regret is that gentlemen so authoritative and so influential seem unable to do anything about it.

A small party went across to Blackburne House on Friday, March 24th, to hear Mr. Stephen Jack, of the Liverpool Playhouse Company. Mr. Jack kept his audience highly amused and instructed by his explanations and illustrations of dialect and local speech in various parts of the British Isles. Those who went came away with a due sense of the slovenliness of their own, and of most other peoples' speech.

The new and more exacting regulations for the treatment of offenders against the lates rule must have come as a shock to those members of the Literary and Debating Society who made such an ardent, and, we hope, disinterested, plea at one of its meetings for the more lenient treatment of criminals.

The Headmaster's new book, "Walking in the Lake District," which was published at 7/6 by Alexander Maclehose, on April 10th, is reviewed on another page.

#### The Hobby Show.

The bi-annual Hobby Show took place on the evening of Wednesday, April 5th, after a fortnight's advertising with the aid of some excellent posters done by boys from Mr. Wedgwood's classes.

The Show itself seemed to us rather disappointing. We may be too exacting, but the exhibits—both in numbers and in quality—seemed below standard, and the percentage of badly finished work higher than usual. We confess that we were particularly disappointed by the disastrous drop in numbers of the confectionery exhibits. Whether we are all becoming too sophisticated to don an apron and wield a rolling pin, or whether the mischief was due to the limitations placed on those allowed to enter in this section, we do not know; but at all events, we sighed for the days when a large room was filled to overflowing with tempting confectionery, and when this room became the "cynosure of all eyes" round about 10 o'clock, when the time for the exhibits to cease to be exhibits, and to become nourishment, drew near\*.

The musical items were poorer than usual, but it should be said that the choice of the solo songs for competition seemed rather unfortunate. The House Choirs were an exception, being well up to standard, and showing that they had worked hard, and Tate are to be congratulated on a good win. The Choir Contest appeared to suffer, however, as on former occasions, from lack of method in organisation. Some definite and equitable regulations should have been published at the outset as to the preparation of the choirs and the conditions under which they would compete—as to whether piano accompaniment should be permitted, for instance, or made a handicap. Were this done, and were the Trophy competed for every year we feel sure that the standard of singing could be vastly improved.

The interesting photograph of the Staff in the nineties, which we reproduce on the frontispiece of this issue, has been lent us by Mr. Herbert W. Peck ('95). Mr. Peck is also most kindly presenting a Silver Challenge Cup for Cross-Country Running, for the House Competition.

At the end of term the Headmaster lectured to the Sixths, Removes and Fifths, on the Youth Hostels Association. He endeavoured to impress on the memory of his audience the address of the local office of the Association, by ingeniously proving that it was a very distinguished one—77 being "Holy

\* "O Temps, O Moeurs!"—EDS.

Numbers," A being the first letter of the alphabet, and Lord Street being the finest street in Liverpool. But he failed (willfully or otherwise) to clinch his argument by reminding them that the building in which the office is actually located is called "Cambridge Chambers."

On going to Press we learn with great pleasure that Mr. Wedgwood has had two Engravings and a Drawing hung this year in the Royal Academy.

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### Old Boys' Notes.

H. Holliday ('27) died in January of this year at Eccles, where he was teaching; he suffered four operations. His death was a great grief to many who were very fond of him. All who were in 6ac with him will remember what a likeable and sympathetic nature he had. He was buried by his contemporary, the Rev. John Bishop.

Dr. H. Lloyd Snape ('76) who died at Torquay in February, was from 1901-1919 Director of Education to the County Council of Lancashire; previously he had been Professor of Chemistry at University College, Aberyswyth.

Congratulations to A. M. Maiden ('27) and to A. G. Wynn ('27) on their Ph.D. at the University of Liverpool. The former is now a research chemist with the British Arkady Co., at Manchester.

We note that A. C. C. Baxter has run in the University Cross-Country team at Cambridge.

Capt. Arthur E. Ewart, R.N., Retd. ('80-'91), in the course of a letter blaming us severely for having given up Rugger and for not knowing the whereabouts of the Schools Rugby Challenge Shield, gives a good yarn of Rugger in his day: "In '91 we were beaten in the Final, 5-0, by Liverpool College, Upper School (then the Collegiate); in previous rounds we defeated Birkenhead School; they were led by Lord Birkenhead (E. H. Smith) who, though, I admit, a clever man, showed himself in that game to be . . . and we put it across him particularly. Our team that year contained four Kerrs, three Ewarts and two Marshalls. The Marshalls were fine players, but were forbidden by their father to play: so the rest of us had to bring up their football gear in bits, so that they were not seen leaving the house with it."—With this lesson to Fathers we cut the

extract short. (The foregoing lacuna may be filled in to taste.) The writer's father, E. B. Ewart, was boy and master at the Institute, without leaving it, from 1856 to 1907, and is said to have been the only Master, until the end of last century, who took the slightest interest in School games. Times change.

L. A. Jones had an "Honourable Mention" for the Porson Prize for Greek Verse at Cambridge—a good, rhythmical feather in the cap of a freshman. We have seen his version and failed to construe it. It only remains to add that the winner was a second year man from the Collegiate! Liverpool always did put practical things first.

We note the following at the University of Liverpool:—

L. HENRY: Torr Gold Medal in Anatomy.  
2nd M.B. Exam., Distinction in Anatomy.  
John Rankin Exhibition in Anatomy.  
H. R. LUNT: 2nd M.B. Exam., Distinction in Anatomy.  
Also A. J. GILL and J. LEIPER passed the 2nd M.B. Exam.  
J. J. GRANEK: Dawson Turner Prize, and Baring Prize.

Emrys Williams ('29) is Captain of the University Harriers, and H. L. Dove ('29) has won his Colours for Rugby Football.

Dr. Alan S. Kerr ('27) has been for six months House Surgeon under Mr. R. E. Kelly ('95) at the Royal, and is now for six months House Physician under Dr. John Hay ('90); in spite of the fact that his O.C.'s are in both cases Old Boys, he finds leisure a rare achievement.

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### Walking in the Lake District.

THE most promising aspect, perhaps, of the unparalleled advances now being made in speed and comfort of communications, is that it is only when men can travel about the world more quickly and easily, and when they can see at first hand countries and peoples which formerly they knew only from garbled newspaper columns, that hopes of abolishing narrow and militant national barriers, and of securing a lasting condition of World Peace and economic co-operation based on commonsense, can become tenable.

But at the same time, however acceptable this result may seem to be, we must face the fact that such rapid advances in communications can become very much of a mixed blessing. For there is grave danger that we shall, in time, forget not only the beauty and marvels of the earth on which we live, and how

to use our eyes to see them, but also that we may lose the use of our legs to carry us where we would go, and become permanent "tram-hogs," mere Eiffel Tower, Overhead Railway gazers, having forgotten that added beauty that any fine stretch of country acquires through the mere fact of our having climbed a long, perspiring hill in order to look at it; grave danger, too, that we may lose all sense of that "distance which lends enchantment to the mind."

It is therefore a relief to turn from speed records and express trains to consideration of such a book as "Walking in the Lake District,"\* by such a prophet of fresh air and fresh thinking as its author has already shown himself to be.

For the book is more than a mere Guide to the Lakes. Were it not so, it would interest me only when planning a walking holiday in the district. To write a good guide, of course, to such a wonderfully diverse and unspoilt piece of country as I am told the Lake District is (for to my loss I have seen little of it), is no mean achievement. And, as I can judge, "Walking in the Lake District" is a good guide. The routes described are fully and interestingly detailed, and illustrated with twenty excellent photographs; references to the "1 inch map, *par excellence*" of Bartholomew, are frequent and understandable, while references to such practical matters as sleeping and feeding accommodation have their due space. There is a chapter at the end which gives some very useful Hints on Walking (in the course of which the author declares himself against "shorts"), and another called "The Making of the Mountains," a very clear and readable discussion of the geological formation of the District. Moreover, numerous miscellaneous items of interest are included, such as a Papal blessing in Latin, on "Rock Climbers' Implements," and a suggested route for a week's walking holiday. For anyone, therefore, who contemplates a walking holiday in Cumberland, the book will well repay not only careful study beforehand, but a place in the rucksack as well.

But it is not as a mere guide book that we should chiefly welcome it, but as a powerful plea for that recognition of, and determination to enjoy unspoilt, the beauty of such stretches of the country as civilisation and the tram-car have left us. We have seen something of the prophet's zeal in the author's work in connection with making "Beauty triumph over Ugliness" in school and town-life, and in the work of the foundation of the Youth Hostels Association, of the Merseyside Branch of which he is Chairman. This is work which we ourselves, being "on the spot," have seen.

The present book must be regarded as an appeal in the same spirit to a wider audience. To quote from the author's preface:—

\* "Walking in the Lake District," by H. H. SYMONDS, with 20 full page illustrations. Alexander Maclehose, 7/6.

"For yourself, reader, my hope is that the book may stir, or else maintain, your interest in the greatest of our future National Parks, and that you will do something to create these. Many now preach the gospel 'Preserve the countryside.' Let us then preserve it in the best possible way, by teaching as many as we can to use and value it; not by locking it up, or by making a museum of it, a kind of spectacle which a man looks at with his hat tipped well back on his head, as if it were some sacred picture or some holy survival from a better past. . . . But we can only learn liberty by the use of liberty, and until we get this free access to the open country back again into our city life, we shall be still unsatisfied. For our roots are in the country, and we cannot be finally happy if we are entirely cut away from the places of our first origin. To the unconscious memory of man, the country is more than something which separates one town from the next; you cannot learn about it, or go back to the old racial experience, by riding through it in a motor 'bus. We love best that with which we have mixed our own labour, and therefore we learn the country as friends only if we walk it in the sweat of our brow, or with cold hands and frosty noses."

This shifting of organised interest into the fresh air stands, as the writer believes, for cleanliness and imagination, and good taste and sane feelings; for good buildings; for no litter; for a knowledge of the outdoor world; for an understanding of agriculture and for a decent humility in the presence of the most skilled of all workers, the agricultural labourer and the shepherd. It stands for the preservation of rural England.

And this plea for saner thinking about the countryside, and the guide to, and discussion of, the Lakes, with which it is incorporated, all is expressed with attractive and practical directness. The author's prose style never goes to sleep; it is continually enlivened and unexpected, as those who know him as a speaker can imagine. The text is continually, but not too frequently, interrupted by amusing discussions between the Auctor and his Lector, a well-trying device, but one which well bears repetition, for clearing up obscure points, such as the meaning, in Cumberland, of the word "man."

Lector: "Excuse me, who was Mr. Man, the Sergeant Man you just mentioned?"

Auctor: "Ignorant and interruptive reader, have I not spoken to you of 'man' in many places?"

Lector: "You have indeed—of man's doom, of man's experience in high places, of his spirit's adventure and what not."

Auctor: "Foolish Lector, a 'man' is a cairn. And this one is a high obeliscal cairn. The figure of speech is of the kind called—"

Lector: "Curse your philologies. What is an obelisk? Who was the fellow?"

Auctor: "Plain Mr. Sergeant, some unknown, some most unmilitary person, over whose bones, perhaps, they built a 'man.' Little is known of him. The cairn is on the county boundary, at the tip of a long wedge which Westmorland has driven into Cumberland. Some say that the late Mr. Sergeant was a Westmorland rate collector, forcing an economic entry into the better and wilder, but also poorer county, and that the men of Cumberland took up great white stones, and stoned the man."

Lector: "I am sorry I troubled you."

The book can be thoroughly recommended, both to those who want a first-class guide and companion to Lake District walking, and to those who are interested in that new attitude towards the countryside and life generally, of which the Youth Hostel Movement is so strikingly representative.

There is also a third class of people who should derive much pleasure from its pages. A few days ago a quite elderly gentleman, who knew the Lakes very thoroughly in his rather distant youth, called at my house with his wife, with no intention of staying longer than five minutes. But he took the book down from the shelf, where the title had caught his eye, and beginning to con its pages and illustrations, reminding himself of his adventures in this valley and that, he stayed for several hours! He was then only dragged reluctant away by his very impatient wife, whose day's programme the book had sadly interfered with.

For those, then, whose tramping days are over, as well as those who have them still to enjoy, "Walking in the Lake District" should provide excellent reading.

E.W.H.

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### House Notes.

**ALFRED HOLT.**—Congratulations! We were sixth; we are now **FOURTH!** For this we have to thank:—

1. The Senior Horsfall Team (and particularly the Captain, Foster, F. E.) who won the Terminal final, but were narrowly beaten on the following day by Hughes, a much fresher team, in the Inter-terminal final, by 1-2.

2. The Steeplechasers, who backed up well all term, and crowned their efforts by winning the Senior Team race on April 1st by a wide margin.

3. The Chess Team, who have to play Tate in the Inter-terminal final for the Paul Limerick Trophy.

4. E. L. Rodick, who raked in countless marks at one fell stroke, at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

5. The House as a whole, who, apart from a troublesome affection for O.M.'s and Wednesdays, have responded nobly to the calls made upon them during the past term, and have backed up the "big pushes," such as Hobby Show, Steeplechase and Sports entries.

(STOP PRESS NEWS: At the moment of going to Press we hear that the House has suitably ended a thoroughly good term by gaining top marks in the Hobby Show!)

STICK TO IT ALFRED!

WE ARE FOURTH: WE MEAN TO BE FIRST!

E.W.H.

**Cochran.**—The Spring Term has not seen any advance in our position in the House Competition; but the approach of Spring appears to have instilled new life into many of us and the House is to be commended on manifesting more of the "pull together" spirit. I think that the chief reason for our failure to advance up the ladder of the Efficiency Competition is the unexpected success of those two Houses with whom we once fraternised at the end of the list.

With regard to sport: in the Football world we won the first round of the Horsfall Cup by a very substantial margin, only to be defeated in the second round by a team who hardly justified their success even by such a small margin. Throughout the term we have managed generally without difficulty to provide our "quota" on the weekly runs from Fletcher's Farm. The Steeplechase was not too successful, although the Juniors secured third place, and it was pleasing to see how many of the House had the grit to finish a rather gruelling course. Both in the Fives, and in the House Choir Competitions we failed miserably, handicapped once again by our unfortunate lack of talent and by the small numbers of Seniors which we have in the House. Cricket, Swimming and Fives will occupy our attention in the sports field next term. Of cricket enough is said; but I would urge everybody to take up the two latter, two of the finest games in existence, very seriously, during next term. And so with the coming of the new term, let us pull together with a will.

K.J.C.

**Danson.**—This term has been, I am sure, one of the unluckiest in our history. We lost many of our hardest workers at the end of last term and we have not been able to make up their loss. As a whole the term's work has been unsatisfactory. While many have worked steadily all the time, a minority of the House have by their misdeeds gathered sufficient minus marks to balance the plus marks. Therefore, while the other houses have improved their position, we have gradually sunk. However if we remember that we are a House and that it is our common duty to do our bit for the House in school work, we shall improve our position. Those who have the power to get marks in school activities are few, and we have depended too much on them in the past.

Again we are losing valuable members of the House, and to them and especially to Rice, we wish the best of luck.

The summer term is the jolliest of the year. Let us all do our best to make the summer term 1933 the jolliest and most successful we ever had.

A.P.B.

**Hughes.**—The past term has been a very active one for the whole House and the results obtained have been extremely encouraging. First of all with regard to the House Choir. When it was first started we had comparative ease in finding trebles and altos, but for tenors and basses we had several hurly-burly fellows who were all roaringly keen. However after the very kind and patient advice of our Honorary Mistress, Miss Deakin, to whom we are all very grateful, we soon developed, and out of the strong came forth sweetness which gained us second place.

In the "Hobby Show," Hughes quite comfortably pulled its own weight, having about forty entries out of the two hundred sent in from the whole school. This was a good performance and it is pleasing to find that so many boys have such interesting hobbies. Finally after such a keen and active term for the whole House, it was admirable to end up the spring term in our usual manner by winning both the Senior and Junior Football Cups, and Hickson must be congratulated on forming and keeping together such an exceptional junior team.

Now just one piece of advice—keep it up and be prepared for the last and final fight during the coming term. H.T.

**Tate.**— "Glorious things of thee are spoken."

Wednesdays' Minus Marks—Tate, —6.

Homework Detentions' Minus Marks—Tate, —0.

How our hearts thrilled within us as we sat in Hall and listened to those peculiar numbers. Our sense of hopelessness vanished, our failing enthusiasm was renewed, and we were filled with a sense of joy, of exultation, and of hope. We have also received considerable encouragement from the success of the Juniors in the Steeplechase. They did extremely well to come second. Our accomplishments at the Hobby Show, excluding of course the House Choir Competition, are not yet known, but we hope for a considerable measure of success. The House Chess team have also been very successful. They have now reached the Final of the House Chess Competition, in which they play Alfred Holt. Since they have already defeated Alfred once it ought not to be a difficult matter to beat them again. Meanwhile we eagerly await our fate in the Sports. The Senior House, together with Philip Holt, have sent in the lowest number of entries—only sixteen in all, while the Middle and Junior Houses together have sent in more entries than any other House, this time with the exception of Philip Holt, who have sent in one more entry than Tate. We usually do quite well in the Sports and we trust that our results this year will be better than last.

In the main we have contented ourselves with a record of our achievements this term, all of which naturally culminate in the success of the House Choir at the Hobby Show. They sang very well indeed and our only regret is that we did not send in an entry for the pianoforte competition. The past term has been a very successful one as far as we are concerned, but do not let these achievements dull your efforts for next term, let them rather be incentives to still greater things. M.P.

**Owen.**—It is the easiest thing in the world to make generalisations, but unfortunately, they are nearly always false. We might, on the one hand, say that the House has put all its strength into a vain effort to lift itself out of its present disgraceful and humiliating position. On the other hand we might say it has been quite content to do nothing. Neither would be true, but one thing is certain, and that is that sixth position is no place for Owen, and it is a fact that cannot be explained away by putting the blame on external circumstances, a fact that must be faced. The method of running the Efficiency Competition is, as we have been at pains to point out on a previous occasion, by no means perfect, but last term it functioned far more fairly than in the previous term and there really is no excuse for our lowly position. We must seek the explanation in ourselves. But for the fact that it is so eminently true we should hesitate to repeat what we have said regularly in hebdomadal doses for some considerable time, that the effort of every individual in the House, however small it may seem to each separate individual, is *absolutely essential* to achieve success. Each house has a certain number of members who gain a steady supply of marks by one means or another, and which House is superior depends not so much on the difference in the numbers of these but on the difference in the amount of backing which the remainder of the House gives. The backing of the House as a whole is all important in our case because the number of regular mark-getters (*i.e.* members of elevens, etc.) is smaller than in the case of other Houses. In our more cynical moments we sometimes wonder if this advice is believed by the House to be delivered by way of pastime by the House Captain. The true explanation we feel sure, however, for the lack of response, is that each individual does not realise that *he* is supremely important to the House and that what *he* does matters.

Last term saw a curious mixture of apathy and enthusiasm in the House. Sometimes it responded to appeals admirably. At other times it failed miserably. The winning of the Steeplechase was the crowning event of a very fine running season for the House. Throughout the year we have had good turn-outs at Fletcher's Farm, mainly among the juniors, and their training stood them in good stead, for the juniors' team won

really well. The Seniors made a good effort to be a close fourth. The important thing to note is that it was our very large entry that gave us the aggregate win, for if Alfred had not had as small an entry as they did, they would undoubtedly have beaten us. A better example of what can be achieved by combined effort could not be found. Alfred had the winners of both senior and junior races\* and yet we managed to beat them by sheer united effort. The very opposite thing happened in the Hobby Show. We had an astounding large number of prizewinners, but lost the aggregate victory because of the smallness of our entry. Sports entries again have been very disappointing. However well we may do in the sports (and we have high hopes) we are bound to be severely handicapped in the total result by the inexcusably small entry. The Football Team, though not very eminently successful during the year, had its efforts rewarded when it reached the final of the Horsfall Cup, and is to be congratulated on the good struggle it put up. These notes would not be complete without some mention of the House Choir. Though we were not the best choir we were the largest choir, and this is by no means an insignificant fact. The amount of time given up to practice was considerable and those that turned up so regularly are sincerely thanked.

Just a final word. Remember the old saying that adversity is the acid test of true courage. The House must pull all the more, because it is down, not the less. We are very close on the heels of Danson, and that little extra effort on the part of each individual member of the House is bound to mean success. This is the last term of the year! See to it Owen!

M.T.O.

**Philip Holt.**—Though we have maintained third place in the House Competition, we have not done well. The promise of the earlier term has not been fulfilled. Indeed, many members of the House have been seized by a fit of apathetic lethargy and have acquired a complacent disposition which fills one with despair. Consequently, Hughes have doubled their lead and Tate are now hard on our heels.

One small consolation we have in that we carried off the Boxing Shield. The few enthusiastic people who made this possible are to be congratulated.

The chief bars to our progress have been Order-marks and Homework Detentions, and it is high time for these to stop.

This term, I would like to see a little more enthusiasm from the Senior members of the House, and if every member of the House does his bit, we shall certainly retrieve our position.

W.W.

\* Very much obliged, we are sure; but really you know *palmam qui meruit ferat* and all that! The green book says the Senior winner was in Danson!—Eds.

## House Competition.

1.	Hughes	...	...	...	3,421	pts.
2.	Tate	...	...	...	2,458	..
3.	Philip Holt	...	...	...	2,336	..
4.	Alfred Holt	...	...	...	2,259	..
5.	Danson	...	...	...	2,051	..
6.	Owen	...	...	...	2,034	..
7.	Cochran	...	...	...	1,813	..

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## On Leaving School.

SOMEONE once declared that the three crises of a lifetime were birth, marriage and death; but as we, none of us, remember our birth, and death comes too late to profit by its experience, we are left with only marriage, which is an open question. Thus besides these stepping-stones we may safely place "leaving school" as one of the largest rocks in the stream of time. Few of us at school realise that at some time or other we must clamber down those awkward iron stairs for the last time, as a member of the school, and stumble into Mount Street with a feeling of loneliness and freedom that is difficult to define. How many times have all of us longed for the time when we'll leave, but when the moment comes there will be few of us who will not draw back and ask for more. Life is a sequence of experiences, but its lessons come too late and youth flushed with self-confidence refuses to listen to advice.

School is the rearing ground, for in its potent dust are the seeds of boyhood which will either blossom and bear fruit or wither away. So many of us listen to the parable of the Sower without realising how terribly appropriate it is for that great body which listens with ears dulled by its repetition. At school everything is at its best. The sport is clean and fair, the work limitless in its possibilities. In this back-wash of the busy world outside, we have life in miniature and though the rewards may not be so great, the punishment for failure is very small. Our school days are our best days and whatever we may do when we leave, we shall never meet friends as fine as here. If when we leave, our bodies are stronger and healthier through sport and our minds enlightened and unwarped through our studies, then we shall be able to pass along our way refreshed to appreciate the ever-awakening prospects on every hand, and our school life will have been worth while.

### On Donkeys.

THERE are innumerable kinds of donkey, both of the four-legged, and of the two-legged, variety, but the best donkey I know is of the former kind, and his name is Charlie.

Charlie lives on a farm where I stay during the holidays, at which time he is pulled out of the fields, to supply us with thrills.

You may not think a donkey anything but a docile beast of burden, but Charlie has not done any work for five years! In his youth he was used to draw a water-cart from the village pump, about a mile away, before water was "laid on" to the farm.

To catch this venerable beast we need an old bridle, repaired with string, a dozen carrots, a rope, and a deal of patience. Arming ourselves in addition with a gorse bush each, we advance down the field and surround Charlie. I take the carrots, bridle and rope, and walking up to him, give him the carrots and quickly slip the bridle over his head. Then comes the most difficult part of all, getting him out of the fields. Here the gorse bushes come in. One of us leading Charlie by the rope, the rest apply the bushes in the rear.

Suddenly the docile beast comes to life; the one who is leading him pulling with might and main towards the gate, and I urging him on from behind, he is soon out of the field, when he becomes gentle once more, and allows us to mount him.

R.L.M. (3x).

### The Ballad of "Steeple Chase."

(with apologies.)

O prosper long our Fletcher's Farm,  
Our Golf Club House and all;  
We sing of a Steeplechase that did  
On All Fools' Day befall.

The April Fools some seven score strong,  
A doughty pack of men,  
Did to the Golf Club House repair  
About the hour of ten.

Here they commenced to change their clothes,  
Don shorts and vest and "pumps";  
And to think of the gruelling course to come,  
And the cold, wet water jumps.

And now they all pin numbers on;  
Their legs with oil anoint;  
While Mr. J—— consults the map,  
His "markets" to appoint.

The stout Captains of Houses seven  
Their several vows do make—  
That the foremost places in the pack  
Their own House Teams shall take.

Soon all foregather in the yard;  
And some are in sorry plight,  
For whiter far than their running vests,  
Are their faces, pale with fright.

Then silent they make for the starting place,  
With hearts as heavy as lead.  
And each one curses his fate that he had  
Not gone to "mark" instead.

But as soon as the starter gives the word,  
They all forget their woe;  
For they know full well that they must keep on,  
When once they have started to go.

Then like an arrow from a bow  
Drawn back by the bowman's arm,  
Flies the speeding pack on the Golf Links Track,  
And down past Fletcher's Farm.

Then away to the right they turn their flight,  
Along by the tram-car track,  
(While the tram drivers gasp in amazement,  
And the public are taken aback.)

Soon up to the left the runners turn  
(Though some are beginning to tire,  
For few have the legs and lungs to stick  
The pace, on a slope so dire.)

Up through the park and into the woods  
The panting runners pound  
(Oh! another hill so deadly steep  
In the world was never found!)

But now the deceitful downward slope  
Doth tempt them to greater speed,  
And they waste their strength, unmindful quite,  
Of later and greater need.

So on down Watergate Lane they rush,  
With hearts that joyful grow,  
To think that it's *down* and not *up* this hill  
That they have this time to go.

But soon the pack is stretched out,  
And many do trail behind,  
For of some the legs are weary,  
And to others the Fates unkind.

And on they go, and ever on,  
"Till none cares where or why,  
While they curse themselves for April Fools  
And think it were better to die.

It seemed that o'er miles of golf links green—  
And o'er leagues of road they ran—  
And through oceans of water they splashed their way—  
Ere the final lap began.

"Till up the long, steep, narrow path  
With failing strength they go,  
While their legs are tottering shakily  
And the pace is deadly slow.

But now the finishing point is seen,  
And each swears a solemn vow :  
" If ever I made a desperate effort,  
By (St.) George ! I'll make one now !"

Thus saying they all with one accord  
Do grit their teeth, and race,  
In an effort to gain their House a mark  
By catching up a place.\*

So let us sing, " Long live the King,  
Keep him in joy and grace ;  
And grant that we may live to watch †  
Another Steeplechase.

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### " In Lingua Latina."

THE following extract from a book commonly known at that time as a " sanguis " was found in a waste-paper basket in a school-room at Pompeii.  
(6am, and any below the Thirds who may wish to read it, may find Dr. Smith useful.—EDS.)

\* We believe that this is a genuine example of that mysterious commodity (so frequently mentioned in our pages) known as House Spirit.—EDS.

### " KALENDIS IANUARIIS."

Primum in tempore erat malus homo appellatus Sextius Pompeius qui erat non solum caligula-cruiser sed etiam vendidit nivem. In suo grati tempore currit facile loquentium ubi spuma mundi qui erant in natatione effunderunt fabas. Iverat saepissime trans montes propter minora peccata sicut tinriens mutationes atque fecerat durum laborem in Cane-Cane. Suus frater erat saepes et frater-in-iure erat notus infantem-rapens. Infeliciter canis cum flavo iecinore irrepuit ad homines in caerules qui fecerunt impetum in clavam noctis. Primum Sextius putavit forman-sursum esse. Deinde conclamavit, " Habes nihil in me ; non potes ponere id trans me." " Haere eos sursum," apparitor dixit. " O.K. dux," inquit Sextius, " acquire manum huius." Ita loquens distribuit rectum uncum ad maxillam apparitoris qui monordit pulverem. Noster igitur fortis heros sumpsit eum pro equitatione, posuit eum in loco et concussit eum sursum.

Alius dies in vita viris catervae proximis septem diebus.

" 6 Ac."

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## Literary and Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the term was held on Tuesday, January 24th, in the Board Room, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. When the Minutes of the previous meeting were read, M. T. Owen disagreed with the description of E. W. Hawkins as logical and eloquent, and of H. Penn as merely voluble. His attempt, however, supported by Penn, to alter the minute, was defeated by the Society. A further alteration moved by M. T. Owen was withdrawn, after E. W. Hawkins had spoken against it. T. W. Slade complained that the Secretaries had failed to summon him to a Committee meeting, whereupon W. Davies moved a vote of censure on the Secretarial Board, being seconded with youthful ardour by P. Curtis. E. W. Hawkins moved an amendment absolving his absent colleague from the calumny of such a motion, but on being put to the vote, neither amendment nor motion was carried.

The Chairman now called on W. A. Ankers to propose " That Convention is a Social Evil." After apologising for his poor speech, Ankers said that the motion was out of date. He traced the growth of society from the early tribal organisation and pointed out all the bad conventions on the way. After waxing eloquent about slums and international hatreds, the speaker convinced himself by his own arguments and gave place to G. G. Brown, who reviled the motion and drew a distinction between conservatism and convention. He said that convention was Society's defence against the onslaughts of individualism and spoke of trilby hats, the swing doors of the Reference Library, Islington Square and Russia. After a detailed study of the life of a business man, and some digression about aristocracy, and jumping up the social ladder, he split his customary infinitive and sat down.

H. Penn, seconding the motion, spoke of mass production and clothing. Collars were matter in the wrong place, and therefore, dirt.

After speaking of the Sunday opening of cinemas, the speaker concluded with a plea for the opening of public-houses at more frequent hours. H. Mulholland, seconding the opposer, cited washing as a sound convention, and said he did it. To keep pets was a convention, but the canary, he maintained, was not, on that account, a social evil. He concluded with a digression on Civilisation and unwritten laws.

When the motion was thrown open to debate, P. Curtis mumbled unintelligibly of nude Greeks, marriage, and the 39 Articles, and, becoming more comprehensible, supported convention because it preserved the corporate interests of society.

G. I. A. Rice spoke of superstition and W. Davies of the herding instinct, while E. Hall said the constitution was a convention, and talked of denominational schools. M. T. Owen said convention was Society, and, therefore, not harmful to society, but E. W. Hawkins disagreed, and after citing dying for one's country as an evil convention, spoke of white-posts, Kafirs and kræals, and reviled the previous speaker. R. Johnston thought straw hats a good convention.

The proposer, replying, said the opposer's attitude to life was all wrong. He himself had laughed, he said, at the arguments of the opposition. But when put to the vote, the Society took them more seriously, and defeated the motion by 20 votes to 4. The meeting then adjourned.

The second meeting of the term was held on Tuesday, February 7th, in the Board Room, at 7 p.m., with Mr. Hicks in the chair.

When the Minutes of the previous meeting were read, R. Johnston and W. Ankers carried alterations in the report of speeches they had made. M. T. Owen criticised the Secretaries for reporting badly, but E. W. Hawkins said that the standard of speaking was deplorably low and the arguments difficult to follow, and anyway, the Secretaries were only human, and the Pope himself was not infallible on a question of fact. W. Davies and M. T. Owen then moved further alterations in the Minutes. G. G. Brown accused the Secretaries of quibbling casuistry and carried a further alteration. M. T. Owen now moved the insertion in the Minutes of the phrase *ut saepissime*, but when W. Ankers and P. Curtis began a violent altercation, as to the respective meanings of *ut saepissime* and *quam saepissime*, a select sub-committee was set up to inquire into the question.

The Chairman now called on R. Johnston to propose that "The proper place for the treatment of crime is the sick ward, and not the prison cell." Johnston quoted Bernard Shaw on the effects of the prison cell on the criminal, reinforcing his arguments with quotations from Dr. Göring, and the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. The criminal, the speaker maintained, should be treated in a sick ward, with tennis courts and libraries, and he quoted Samuel Butler and spoke of ductless glands. A. J. Peters, opposing, deplored the vague ramblings of the proposer, and said the criminal must be trained by Society to observe the law. He pictured Al Capone in a sick-ward and spoke of the Borstal system. The only way to deal with criminals was to "treat 'em rough," he said, and expressed his approval of the new School lates system. E. W. Hawkins, seconding the motion said the opposer was inconsistent, and urged the Society to consider the motion with an open mind. As instances of crime that should be treated in a sick-ward he cited dying for one's country and Capitalism, and after telling a story of a man who hit another with a spade while waiting in a theatre queue, he gave place to W. A. Ankers, who seconded the opposition. The latter, after accusing the previous speaker of missing the point, missed it himself, and after maintaining that it was a natural instinct to take what you want for yourself, subsided.

When the motion was thrown open to debate, P. Curtis spoke, probably in support of the motion, and G. G. Brown, maintaining that the evening had been one of non-stop variety, hastened to keep the ball rolling, and heartened the Society with the news that 90 % of criminals could become useful members of Society. H. Mulholland, supporting the motion, spoke of high frequency currents and their effect on the criminal's brain, but G. E. A. Rice advocated the "cat," and deplored sentimentality in dealing with crime. T. W. Slade enumerated criminal motives and W. Davies urged the Society not to vote, but M. T. Owen said the motion must be resolutely opposed and Kushner quoted *John Bull* and said he thought prison the best place in the world. R. Johnston, replying, said the opposers' argument was a delicious hotchpotch of balderdash, and after returning to the subject of ductless glands, urged the Society to carry the motion, which, on being put was lost by 6 votes to 18. The meeting then adjourned.

The third meeting of the term took place on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7 p.m., in the Board Room, with Mr. Hicks in the chair.

When the Minutes of the previous meeting were read, W. A. Ankers rose to exonerate P. Curtis from the calumny implied in the report of their difference of opinion about *quam saepissime*. Though Curtis had mistranslated *ut saepissime*, he had not fallen so low as to translate *quam saepissime* by "as he often did." He therefore moved an alteration which was seconded by Curtis and carried. A further alteration, with reference to a sub-committee on the same question, was moved by Owen, and carried. R. Johnston inquired about the spelling of his name in the Minutes, and being unable to find fault there, contented himself with blaming the Secretarial pronunciation. W. A. Ankers and M. T. Owen now moved various alterations in the Minutes with varying success, but Johnston's motion to amend the description in the Minutes of his speech, as "feeble," was defeated. When the Minutes were finally signed, G. G. Brown, with bitterness and righteous indignation in his voice, moved a vote of censure on the secretarial board. His argument took the form of a vituperative and ungentlemanly attack on the "smaller-half" (*sic*) of the board. The latter he accused of casuistry and of being unduly influenced by the history notes of a well-known professor. Rice supported the motion but Curtis opposed it, defending the Secretarial character, while Bates, after disproving the charges alleged by the proposers of the motion, nevertheless supported it himself. E. W. Hawkins expressed his disdain of the proposer, the motion and those who supported it, and thought the Society stood self-accused by its electing him as Secretary. The motion was then put and carried.

The Chairman now called on M. T. Owen to propose that "Poetry makes a more imaginative appeal than painting." The proposer said his argument was based on the generalisation that painting tends to limit, but poetry to promote, the imagination. He quoted Leigh Hunt in support of this, and also passages from Browning's "Fra Lippo Lippi." The images of the poem, he said, were differently appreciated by every imagination on which they fell. Painting, he said, had no counterpart to simile and metaphor, which he illustrated by quoting Wordsworth's sonnet on Westminster Bridge, with great effect. Part of poetry's appeal was a musical one, and music appealed more than the other arts, to the imagination, and he illustrated with a quotation from Spenser. Painting's only counterpart to music was colour, which appealed directly to the senses.

E. W. Hawkins, opposing the motion, said a work of art consisted of two elements, the matter, and the form. Poetry and Painting were two different *forms*, appealing to the imagination *via* different senses and combinations of senses. Painting, however, made the greater appeal to the imagination for the very reason that the proposer had

alleged in support of poetry, namely, because it did not limit and fetter the imagination. Had a painter wished to depict the monk Fra Lippo Lippi, he would have painted his face, and left it to the imagination of the observer to define the character of the man. In illustration the speaker produced a copy of Leonardo da Vinci's "Venetian Gentleman." He then quoted Walter Pater's response to the imaginative appeal of La Gioconda and questioned whether any two observers would see the same thing in her famous smile. On the other hand, Browning's Bishop ordering his tomb was a clearly defined character, appealing to one's logic and knowledge of men rather than to one's imagination. The appeal of painting, he concluded, was unfettered by the artificial communication of words. G. E. A. Rice, seconding the motion, said poetry made a personal appeal, and everyone interpreted it in his own way. He quoted from Browning, from Gray's "Elegy," and from Tennyson's "Brook." Such poems suggested pictures to the imagination. Music, he said, was blended in poetry, and after repeating the proposer, gave place to G. G. Brown, seconding the opposition. Brown said that we are more influenced by what we see than by what we hear, and quoted depressing towns, and pretty girls in coloured frocks, in illustration. Painting was the most primitive form of art, and had preceded literature because its appeal to the imagination was more vivid. When the motion was thrown open to debate, A. P. Bates spoke of the Bible and supported the opposition. P. Curtis also supported the opposers, saying that painting could arouse feeling more effectively than poetry. W. A. Ankers compared the cartoon to the limerick. The cartoon merely stated or exaggerated a fact, but certain "rhymes" of which the Society might have heard, a short time ago, powerfully stimulated the imagination. Indeed, in some cases, the last line was omitted for greater imaginative effect. The Society was shocked or mystified and the speaker sat down amid silence.

The proposer, replying, said the seconder of the opposition had ruined his case by allowing that painting appealed to the senses. The opposer, he said, had judged poetry by one poem, and he then quoted with fine effect "La Belle Dame Sans Merci," as an illustration of imaginative poetry. He concluded with a quotation from Leigh Hunt. The Chairman, after expressing his enjoyment of the debate, put the motion, which was carried by 16 votes to 8. The meeting then adjourned.

The fourth meeting of the term was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, March 7th, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. A party from Wallasey Grammar School was present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and the visitors were vastly amused at the ruthless manner of the Society in criticising and making alterations. Three passages were altered, W. Davies, G. G. Brown, R. Johnston, H. Penn, and W. A. Ankers being prominent in attacking the Secretaries. When the Minutes were at length signed, the Chairman, after welcoming the visitors, called on P. M. Fagan of Wallasey to propose that "While Ireland's attitude towards England has, in general, been reasonable, England has been unfair." The proposer said he would deal only with the years 1919 to the present day. He outlined the activities of the Black and Tans during the war, and said they were cold-blooded murderers with *carte blanche* from the English Government. The Irish Civil War was, he continued, directly instigated by Britain by her terrorist methods, and cited the shelling of the I.R.A. headquarters in Dublin. With reference to the Annuities, he said that the 1923 and 1926 Agreements were not ratified by England and therefore, not binding. Fully convinced, he sat down. E. W. Hawkins, opposing, said he would go back 400 years. Ireland had always been a bed of tyranny and a jumping off spot for invasion of England from abroad. Henry VII had treated Ireland reasonably, but

the same could not be said of the numerous pretenders who found support in Ireland. He spoke of Ireland's part in assisting James II to regain the English throne. Comparing Mr. Thomas and Mr. De Valera, the speaker asked was the former unfair, and was not the latter unreasonable, and centuries behind the times? England had provided capital in Ireland, and jobs for the Irish in England, as well as markets for Irish produce.

G. G. Brown, seconding the motion, compared the opposer to Henry VII, and said they were both casuistic. He then referred to the Industrial Revolution. The means of development at Ireland's disposal were systematically crushed by England, who thrived on Irish poverty.

K. Slack, of Wallasey, seconding the opposer, reviled Mr. De Valera, and spoke of Ireland's attitude over the land annuities as unreasonable. Ireland had always had a tendency to rebel when England was engaged in European war. But the rebels had always been treated with great leniency. When the motion was thrown open to debate, R. Slack proposed that Ireland be submerged under the sea—making an admirable solution (*sic*) of the difficulty. W. H. O'Neil said that was "piffle," and supported the motion with patriotic ardour. J. F. Harrison of Wallasey, spoke of Catholic Emancipation and reviled Mr. De Valera. R. Johnston threatened to tell the Society a parable but lost himself in the middle. W. Davies told a little anecdote and viewed the question in perspective, and P. Curtis spoke of the Irish M.P. who smelt a rat, saw it floating in the air, and thought it should be nipped in the bud. G. E. A. Rice said England had always been reasonable, and expressed his approval of the Duke of Wellington. Fagan, replying, spoke of national pride, and deplored the interference of England, an alien power, in Irish affairs. When the motion was put to the vote it was lost by 8 votes to 18. The meeting then adjourned.

The fifth meeting of the term was held in the Board Room on Friday, March 24th, with Mr. Hicks in the Chair. Before the proceedings could begin the Chairman had to ask Mr. Taylor, a member of the Staff, to come in, in order to bring the number of those present up to the minimum required by the Constitution. The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting. H. Mulholland questioned the Secretary's grammar, and carried a motion to amend it. P. Curtis also carried a motion seconded by R. Johnston, altering the Minutes, before E. Hall further questioned the Secretary's use of grammar. R. Johnston now objected to his speaking being classed as "abject ramblings," but his motion, to substitute the word "eloquence" was lost, after G. G. Brown had spoken for it, and E. W. Hawkins, though expressing his sympathy with the proposer, had regretted that the Minutes must record the truth. The Minutes were signed, and E. W. Hawkins, drawing attention to the large number of Committee members absent, moved a vote of censure on those absent without valid reason. E. Hall seconded the motion. M. T. Owen, though expressing agreement with the proposer, said that all those absent might have valid reason. Hawkins said that were this so such reason would have been given to the Secretaries. G. G. Brown questioned this. When put, the motion was carried.

The Chairman now called on Mr. Wedgwood to give his paper on "Methods of Engraving." He said that there were three ways of engraving on metal: namely etching, line engraving and dry-point engraving. All these methods gave pure line pictures, and tone variation could only be got by shading and cross-hatching. Etching depended on the use of acid, the word etch coming from the Dutch word meaning to "eat." A polished copper plate, coated with dark wax, was used. The design was scratched in the wax, and the plate then immersed in acid, which attacked the metal where the wax had been removed. The wax being wiped off, the plate was inked, and again wiped, the ink

remaining only in the acid-bit lines. The paper on which the design was to be printed was then damped and was pressed on to the plate between great rollers wrapped with blankets. The paper was forced into the lines, so taking up the ink. In the cases of line engravings and dry-point work, the printing process was the same, but the lines were made on the plate with a direct cutting or scratching action, using a special 'graver or needle, respectively.

Mr. Wedgwood then spoke of the history of the three media, and of their more famous exponents, such as Van Dyke, Rembrandt, Dürer, Holler, Whistler, Haden, Meryon, Frank Short, Brangwyn and Muirhead Bone.

He explained the secrets of erasing lines on copper plates, and explained, with diagrams, the kind of line made by each of the three methods. The remainder of the evening the speaker occupied in talking of specific engravers and illustrating their work by means of numerous reproductions. The Society also examined engraved plates and original "pulls" or prints, and asked numerous questions.

The Chairman called on M. T. Owen to propose and E. W. Hawkins to second, a vote of thanks to Mr. Wedgwood, which was carried with acclamation, and a most enjoyable, and equally instructive, evening came to an end.

On Tuesday, April 4th, at 6-30 in the Dining Hall, the Society held its Mock Trial. On a motion by M. T. Owen the Minutes were taken as read. This concluded Private Business, and Public Business was proceeded with. The case to be tried before Mr. Justice Brown, S.V., and an extra-special Jury, was one in which one Herbert Penne sued one Septimus Browne, M.A., Headmaster of the school at which the aforesaid Penne was a pupil, for damages, for injuries received at the aforesaid school, owing to the alleged negligence of the aforesaid Browne. For Plaintiff, Mr. Maldwyn Owen, K.C. and Mr. W. Davies. For Defendant, Mr. Eric Hawkins, K.C., and Mr. T. Slade. Opening the case, Mr. Owen, K.C., said he would call evidence to show that on April 1st, at 3-30 p.m., the boy Penne had received serious burns when a test-tube full of concentrated hydrochloric acid had fallen on to his face and head from a locker where it had been placed by one Basil Disley, who had stolen it from the school lab. In allowing the acid to be stolen, the Headmaster had been negligent. Further, he would show that apart from a swilling under the tap, no treatment had been given the boy for two hours, and then he had been treated in what the visiting doctor, calling at 3 p.m. the next day, considered to be quite the wrong way. The school authorities were negligent in this, and in not calling a doctor immediately.

The first witness, the boy Penne, gave evidence of having been doing "swotting" seated beneath a locker, when the boy Disley opened the locker and let the acid fall on to his head. He had looked for his Housemaster, but had been unable to find him until two hours had elapsed. His ambition had been to go on the stage, and he had acted in school dramatics, but the accident had ruined his career. Cross-examined, he denied that his atrocious accent would prevent his taking any other part than the hind legs of a donkey, and further cross-examined as to his face, he admitted that it *was* his own face he was wearing, but said it had not been so bad before the accident.

The next witness was the boy Basil, whose nervousness and meticulous accuracy confused the learned Counsel. He admitted that he was rather smart at lifting things, but maintained that the acid in question

had "got into his pocket." (*sic*). Cross-examined he said he hadn't passed matriculation and was therefore in Rx, and the acid was in his Form room, 11b, and if the boy Penne said he was in his own Form room, 30, when the accident happened, he must have been telling an untruth.

The father of the boy Penne, Mr. P. Curtis-Penne, was called, but did not commit himself, and the next witness was Mr. Hicks, the boy's Housemaster. He gave evidence of having been on duty at the time of the accident, and of having gone to sleep in the library, suffering from a touch of the "afternoon after the night before." Mr. Strovitch, another Master, who had been in a hurry to attend to something at the time of the accident, and had been unable to attend to the boy Penne, became embarrassed under cross-examination, and wrote things on slips of paper. Dr. Carmichael spoke knowingly of burns and burns, but displayed remarkable lack of knowledge about bi-carbonates, and his Lordship's questions only deepened his perplexity.

Mr. Hawkins, K.C., opening the case for the Defendant, said he had never seen such a flimsy charge in the whole course of a long juristic career. The boy Penne was untrustworthy and had twice deceived the Court, and the Defence would call evidence that would blacken his character for ever. The Defence also would call an eminent Harley Street specialist to say that Dr. Carmichael did not know what he was talking about. As for Septimus Browne, he was a man of irreproachable character. Learned Counsel here read a touching letter from the Bishop, expressing his grief that one whom he had known since he was a curly-headed boy, should be arraigned on such cruel charges. The Jurymen were visibly moved. The first witness was Mr. Doughty. In answer to the Judge he said he had not passed Matriculation, oh, dear no! But he knew the boy Penne, oh dear yes! And he told a sinister story of the boy Penne, Ambleside, and the loss of a gold stud. Here several of the Jury were seen to glance severely at the boy Penne, who looked uncomfortable. Septimus Browne gave evidence that Penne was an atrocious actor, and that on the afternoon in question he should have been at Fletcher's Farm. But the witness seemed unable to decide whether, when the accident occurred, he had been playing "goff," or having a mustard bath. He eventually compromised, saying he had been doing both. The Jury were again obviously impressed. Cross-examined as to the theft of the acid, he considered boys would be boys. Sir Abe Cailler, of Harley Street, disagreed with Dr. Carmichael. Concentrated hydrochloric could do little harm to the "neck" of the boy Penne, and anyway, the treatment given in the school infirmary was absolutely correct. This concluded the case for the Defendant.

Mr. Justice Browne now summed up and the Jury retired. Their verdict, which, it is believed, they arrived at not altogether with that fine impartiality (*sic*) which usually characterises British Justice, was one of criminal negligence with £1,000 damages. Browne, who had evidently been warned, had left the court in time. In his absence Mr. Justice Browne awarded the £1,000 to be paid *to* him, by the boy Penne, as reward for the improvement which the acid had made, in the latter's face.

Before the Court rose, Counsel for the Defendant moved, and Counsel for the Plaintiff seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Hicks and Mr. S. V. Brown, for their untiring work in connection with the Society, which was carried with acclamation.

K.J.C.  
E.W.H.

## Elijah Gets The "Bird."

A SHORT STORY WHICH BEARS ITS OWN MORAL.

AS Elijah Marley seated himself on one of the benches generously provided by a well-wishing Parks Committee, he observed two men already seated on the bench talking very earnestly together. They spoke so loudly that he could not help over-hearing their conversation.

The gist of it was that they were not agreed as to the monetary value of a certain unique "Patagonian Wagtail," which was now perched in a dilapidated cage which one of the men, a dejected individual, was holding in his hand. The other, a bird fancier, no doubt, supposed Elijah, was imploring the owner to sacrifice the bird for the sum of twenty shillings. His offer was being refused on the grounds that there was but one other specimen in all England, and this belonged to the Prime Minister. The bird could not be sold for a penny less than thirty shillings.

At this point the owner of the bird got up and made for the "Masonic," just outside the park gates, while the would-be purchaser leaned against a tree in an attitude of despair.

Now the conversation had greatly intrigued Elijah and he failed to disguise his awakened interest from the dejected bird lover. The latter turned towards him. "What am I going to do?" he asked. He then began to describe the qualities of the wonderful bird. How there was but one other in the whole of the British Isles, and this belonged to the Prime Minister, and he expected this had escaped from Downing Street by now, and, if so, there was sure to be a reward offered in a few days. "Why, the bird's a portable El Dorado."

"Then why not pay the thirty shillings for him, in that case?" asked Elijah.

"Ah! there you are!" answered the other, turning his dejected gaze in the direction of his questioner, "That's where 'e 'as me. I ain't got no more nor a quid with me."

"But won't your friend wait while you raise the rest?"

"Not 'im, the 'ound. Sez 'e's gotter be paid on the dot, or 'e sells the bird to the shop over yonder. Look! 'es' comin' out er the 'Masonic' now, and goin' ercross to sell it. I'm done—and all for the sake of ten bob."

Here he became so dejected that Elijah was quite moved.

Suddenly his companion seemed to have an idea. "Er-er, you ain't above lendin' a 'elphin' and to 'im as needs it, are yer?" he asked.

"I'm afraid I don't quite—" began Elijah.

"Wot I means is, could yer lend me ten bob, while I pays the gentleman for the bird, an' then keep the bird as security while I goes 'ome for the cash ter pay yer back?"

Without waiting for a reply from the hesitating Elijah, the other hailed the owner of the bird, who was on the point of entering a taxidermist's. The owner came across, and before he had had time to collect his thoughts, Elijah had handed over the "ten-bob" and the transaction was concluded.

"Now, sir, if you don't mind 'oldin' the bird in your hand, I'll 'op 'ome for the 'alf quid, an' 'ave the cage mended as well. 'Tike grite care of 'im, and 'old 'im tight, now, till I comes back."

"What a strange bird," said Mr. Marley, as he took it in his hand and surveyed its bright colour scheme, red and green body and heliotrope wings. "Why, the colours are so bright, you might almost say they were painted."

He then sat down to wait. Half-an-hour, then an hour, and two hours passed, and the owner of the bird did not reappear. At the end of this time, Elijah, concluding that the owner had been unable to raise the ten shillings, and had therefore forfeited his security, rose and repaired to the naturalist's and placed the bird on the counter.

"I have had a unique bird left on my hands by accident," he began, "which I am prepared to sell to you for thirty shillings; it is a Patagonian Wagtail."

"Patagonian Wagtail be blowed!" answered the irate shopkeeper. "You're the fifth I've had this morning, trying to sell Patagonian Wagtails that they've had left on their hands!"

"Impossible," cried Elijah, stoutly, "There is but one other specimen in existence, and that belongs to the—"

"Exactly" cut in the other "That belongs to any village idiot who is willing to pay ten shillings for a farthing sparrow. I advise you to take that poor ill-treated bird—"

Elijah fled.

A.D.M. (5r).

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## The School Orchestra.

AT the commencement of the term it was decided not to limit membership of the School Orchestra to present members of the School, but to extend it to Old Boys and friends. This has resulted in well attended rehearsals on each Tuesday during the term.

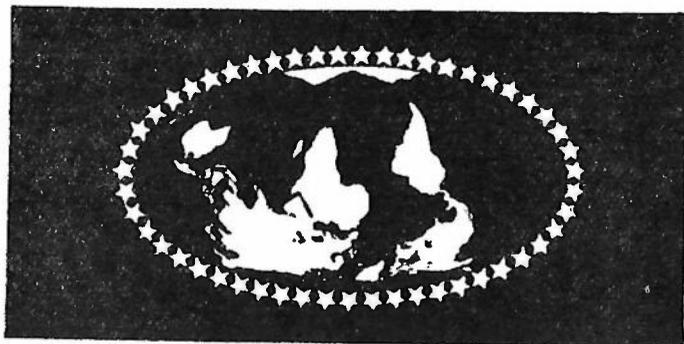
The following works have been rehearsed and good progress has been made with them:—

The Little Lead Soldiers	...	...	...	...	Pienné.
Fugue à la Gigue	...	...	...	...	Bach.
The Italian Symphony	...	...	...	...	Mendelssohn.
First Symphony in C	...	...	...	...	Beethoven.
Pomp and Circumstance Marches, Nos. 1 and 2	...	...	...	...	Elgar.
Violin Concerto	...	...	...	...	Vivaldi.

Members of the Orchestra are greatly indebted to Mr. Rose for his untiring efforts to produce a really good amateur orchestra.

P.W.

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### L.N.U. Notes.

ONCE upon a time we had visions of rousing enthusiastic numbers to attend L.N.U. meetings. It has always seemed somewhat inconceivable to us that fifteen schools should be incapable of more than half-filling the School Hall. On this score we have been sadly disillusioned, for the membership of the Schools Branch has remained what it has always been—rather small. We take consolation, however, from the fact that the few are faithful and may in future years be able to “rouse the sensual from their sleep of death.”\*

Three meetings of the Schools Branches have been held during the term, all of them more or less well attended. On February 16th, with the Headmaster in the chair, Major Welsh addressed the Union, stressing the necessity of disarmament for world peace. The interest the speech aroused was shown by the number of questions which were asked at the end.

A debate was held on March 2nd, when Hawkins and Rice, representing the School, succeeded in convincing the meeting that “Uni-lateral action is essential to World Peace,” despite the opposition of Queen Mary High School.

The Annual Speech Competition was held on March 21st in the School Hall. The standard of speaking generally was high, and we heartily congratulate Hawkins on winning.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Peters for his untiring help and we offer them very sincerely.

M.T.O.

\* By some form of artificial resuscitation, we suppose! But, after all, it isn't a lot of corpses that the L.N.U. wants at its meetings!—EDS.

### L. I. O. T. C. Notes.

THE term opened with a Soirée which had been postponed from last term. After this event we set to work to prepare for the Inspection, which will be about the end of May. We are greatly below strength, but we must make up for our lack of numbers by smartness and efficiency. Those who have been excused parades last term must make an effort to attend at least once a fortnight, and as many as possible extra ones, which will be held every night until the Inspection. The recruits' platoon has done very well, and ought to make a good show at the Inspection.

The first Field Day was held at Altcar, when the Cert. “A” candidates took command and carried out an exercise from which they gained considerable experience. Cert. “A” Practical was held soon after, and the candidates are to be congratulated on passing. It is to be hoped they do as well in the second part. The last Field Day was held at Thurstaston, when a new scheme was tried. An outpost was put in position and patrols sent out to reconnoitre. Some of the messages received by the commanders of the Outpost, and the Patrols, were rather irrelevant to the scheme. The exercise could be greatly improved by silence on the part of both sides. The day ended in a forced march to West Kirby, during which we were greatly encouraged by the successful attempt of the Band to play faster than the buglers of the D.L.I.

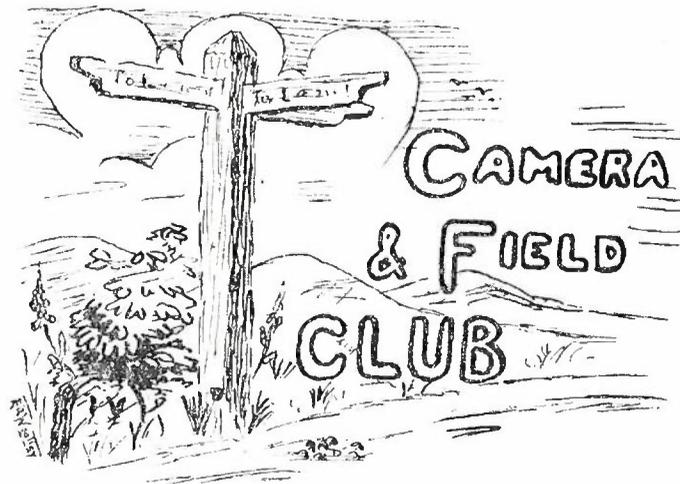
T.E., C.S.M.

**Band.**—This term the Band has been continually below strength. But now numbers are greater, and with plenty of practice the Band will make a good show at the Inspection. The drummers need practice, especially in playing with the bugles. The buglers must get to know the tunes and to keep the time. The Band has lost one of the finest buglers the Corps has ever had, and his place will take a long time to fill. No Inspection is good without a good Band, so there must be plenty of practices until the Inspection.

R.D.P.J., SGT. DRUMMER.

**Signalling.**—The Class has just started, but is doing very well. Flags will be provided next term and Morse must be learned. A Signalling Section is a great asset at the Inspection, and judging from present appearances we are going to have a good one.

W.H.O'N., CPL.



### Senior Section.

THIS term has seen a change in the type of excursions we have had, for we have forsaken soot and smoke for fresh air and the open country. Our numbers have been smaller as a consequence, yet we have enjoyed ourselves and pitied the absentees.

On January 18th we visited Bidston Observatory, after embarrassing entanglements with 'buses and ferries. Though we were unable to stay until night-time, and so were prevented from seeing the stars, yet we were fully occupied inspecting various cunning devices, including one which tells the height of the tide at Yonisk, in Siberia, on April 1st, 1947, or at any other place at any other time. We saw anemometers for measuring wind speeds, the seismograph for measuring earthquakes, and many others.

On January 25th we visited the Cathedral on St. James' Mount, and after being shown round the beautiful interior, we climbed the countless steps to the roof galleries, from where all Liverpool stretched before us in a panorama of smoke.

On March 4th we took our longest journey—to Chester. Here we found fare to suit all tastes. The archaeologists discussed the Norman remains in the Cathedral; engineers inspected the trains, and fishermen gazed at Canals, longing for five minutes with a rod and line. A most enjoyable outing.

A fortnight later, on March 25th, we took the tram to Aintree and walked from there to Sefton Church, one of the gems of Lancashire, where we studied the chancel screens and the early English architecture, and whence we returned tired but contented.

We have this term heard the call of the country and have had some good, if rather scantily attended, walks. Next term we intend to walk still more, and better, and we invite you to join us and take the Walking Way to Health.

Finally, we would thank all whose constant help has made our excursions possible.

### Junior Section.

This term the Juniors have had some enjoyable excursions under the leadership of Miss Wilson, including visits to the Museum and to Thurstaston.

P.C., HON. SEC.

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### A Point of View.

Upon a hard and splinty bench,  
For many years I studied French,  
And oftentimes my teeth did clench  
In vain endeavour.

'Twas then that I relief did yearn,  
My heart with hot desire did burn  
T'escape the verbs I could not learn—  
(I was not clever).

But there, by fear, fast was I tied,  
For from the room had I me hied,  
Sure had I with quick eye been spied,  
And led to slaughter.

My eyes, howe'er, they could not chain,  
With these I gazed to ease my brain,  
But saw nought else but one refrain  
Of bricks and mortar.

But thou who follow me, take cheer,  
No longer need thou French verbs fear,  
Nor dread the passing hour drear  
With thy grim keeper.

For one, who wields the power, believes  
He can cajole thee, by degrees,  
Some French to learn, inspired by trees,  
And verdant creeper.

"MOTO."

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### The Scouts.

WE have been very fortunate this term with the weather. Only one outdoor parade has been interfered with by rain, and both Field Days took place in bright sunshine. The first Field Day was held at Childwall Woods, the second at Tawd Vale. Good progress was made on these and on other

occasions in cooking practice for first class Badge, and there are now several Scouts who can bake bread efficiently and even make cakes over a wood fire. It is a pity that there were not more entries for this in the Hobby Show. The appearance of the Troop on the march has improved, and the Troop looked very smart on the Field Day when marching from Burscough Bridge to Tawd Vale. A Scouts' Own was held at the school on April 2nd to which Scouts from other troops were invited. Four more Ambulance Badges have been gained this term, and two Patrol Leaders have obtained the Missioner's Badge (which has nothing to do with Missions, and a great deal to do with roller bandages and sick-rooms). The Patrol Competition was won by the Curlews with the Seagulls a close second. The Eagles have again been unfortunate in the absence of their Patrol Leader all the term, through illness. His place has been ably filled by D. A. Jenkins. We look forward to having him back again next term, when we hope he will be able to take full part in the camping activities of his Patrol and the Troop.

F.A.D.

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### Vale.

G. E. A. RICE.—Entered School 1930 (5b), Danson. School Certificate (exempt Matric.) 1931. Prefect, Danson, 1932. Lit. and Deb. Committee, 1932; L.N.U. Committee, 1932; Sub-Editor School Magazine, 1932; School Running Team, 1931-2-3; Half-colours, 1931; Full colours, 1932; Re-awarded, 1933; Captain, 1932-33; Inter-School Sports, 1932.

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### An Ordeal.

HE lay still watching the masked figures like ghosts moving to and fro, making their ghastly preparations. Though they were masked he thought he could detect the leer of satisfaction at his plight which he felt they wore. They seemed to mock him as they passed by and to say "We've got you now and we'll take what we want before we let you go." He tried to call out but the gag they had put on him prevented any sound escaping.

Their whole attitude and bearing seemed to be supernatural, yet they were human enough, for they were discussing their favourite film stars. The smaller of the two admired Clark Gable, but the other had fallen for Wallace Beery. "I like my men to be men" she said, "The Dietrich in her trousers is more of a man than your favourite." Hearing this human "tête à tête" he plucked up courage, but the door suddenly opened and his hopes were immediately dashed to the ground.

The person who entered was also masked, but was obviously of high rank. "We've nearly finished with the other fellow, get this one ready."

His heart began beating furiously. The smaller of his torturers stood over him and said "It won't take long if you do what we tell you." Till the remembrance of what he saw when the door opened came back he was quite hopeful. But he remembered the other masked figures bending over his friend and one of them had a blood stained knife and blood stained sleeves. Somebody was blowing their nose in the room. What a peculiar scent to use on a handkerchief! It was a sickly scent. He began to feel dizzy. The room instead of being as it had been, as quiet as the grave, was full of different sounds. First he thought he heard a gigantic hose at work. The sounds of trains shunting next came dimly to his ears. Gradually the noise grew louder; so loud that he thought he would take leave of his senses. He grew restless. Why wouldn't that dynamo stop its monotonous drone?

He felt the noise was killing him. When his guard had perfumed the room with the peculiar scent he had shut his eyes, and now he felt his head was bursting. Through his shut eyes he saw fantastic shapes. Now he was chasing them, but he could not catch them. Now they were chasing him. He strained every muscle to try and escape them. Why didn't that dynamo shut up? He couldn't stand the noise any longer and, although he was running faster than he had ever run before, he was being caught up.

The torture was too much for him. He tried to call out. He began to choke. He tried to pull the mask off his face. Someone stopped him. He tried again without success. Why didn't that dynamo shut up? His courage gave way. He would give in. He cried out at the top of his voice "Please let me go I can't stand it any longer."

He woke up in another room. It was large and cheerful. He tried to move but he was unable to. Half awake, half asleep, he heard someone say "Nurse! He's coming round," and then he knew he had come through safely.

ST. EPABA.

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### Hockey.

SCHOOL HOCKEY is slowly but surely winning its way to success along a steep and difficult path. In the present situation, when its claims are inferior to those of football, it is badly restricted and completely prevented from attaining any really great success. Hockey can never prosper until it is placed on an equal footing with football; and this is not an

unreasonable suggestion, as there are over 600 boys in the School. No one can hope to progress far in team-building when at any moment any player can be taken from the Hockey team to play House Football, even when he is required to play School Hockey.

The season has been fairly successful, although several drastic changes in the team have had to be made through prolonged absence of certain players. The weather has not been too favourable. Two matches have been cancelled because of frozen ground and a third because of rain. The Second team matches could not be arranged, since suitable opponents could not be found.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Purvis for the untiring energy that they have shown in coaching the team and in refereeing matches.

The team have played 6 matches: 3 have been won and 3 lost.

#### OXTON IV.

January 22nd, at Oxton.

Team: Rice; Williams, Bilby; Campbell, Penn, Wallace; Collins, Cottingham, Rumjahn, Johnston, Peters.

Suffering badly from lack of a practice game prior to the match, the School were completely outclassed.

Result: Lost 0—9.

#### DR. RUMJAHN'S XI

February 22nd, at Greenbank.

Team: Jackson; Williams, Bilby; Little, Penn, Campbell, Thygesen, Rumjahn, P. V., Davies, Rumjahn, E. J., Johnston.

After offering stubborn resistance, the School were gradually worn down. In the first half Dr. Rumjahn's team scored three goals, and in the second two. Despite the admonitions of the opposing centre-forward the School failed to score.

Result: Lost 0—5.

#### UNIVERSITY III

March 1st, at Greenbank.

Team: Peters; Williams, Bilby; Jackson, Penn, Campbell; Williamson, Cottingham, Davies, Johnston, Thygesen.

With this depleted team, the School played well and the game was very even. Both the opponents' goals came from mêlées in the goal-mouth. It was a thoroughly enjoyable game and the School were very unfortunate in not forcing a draw.

Result: Lost 0—2.

#### COLLEGIATE.

March 4th, at Greenbank.

Team: Jackson; Bilby, Williams; Campbell, Penn, Little; Williamson, Rumjahn, Davies, Johnston, Thygesen.

The play of the School reached quite a high standard, and the forwards showed good combination. Davies showed his best form, scoring three goals—all by follow-through tactics.

Results: Won 3—0.

#### COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS.

March 11th, at Greenbank.

Team: Jackson; Bilby, Williams; Campbell, Penn, Little; Collins, Rumjahn, Davies, Johnston, Thygesen.

Play was very even in the first half, but no really good play was seen. Davies scored the first goal, pushing the ball into the net after it had rebounded off the goalkeeper's pads. Johnston increased our lead by a good shot from the outside of the circle. However by half-time the O.B.'s had made the score 2—2.

In the second half, Davies again scored, this time by a good shot from an oblique angle. This game was marked by good work among the forwards; the opponents got both their goals from mêlées in the goal-mouth.

Result: Won 3—2.

#### COLLEGIATE.

March 18th, at Holly Lodge.

Team was the same as for the previous match. The experiment which was tried in playing the three-back game was not very successful. Our defence was never seriously troubled. Davies and Johnston (2) scored, and more goals might have been added had it not been for the dangerous tactics resorted to by the Collegiate backs.

Result: Won 3—0.

R.J.  
H.P.

### —\*\*\*— Cross-Country Running.

**W**RITING Running notes is not as a rule a very pleasant task, but fortunately the past season has been in every way successful. Running has become more popular and better supported than before, as the Steeplechase with its record turnout of 250 shows; while the School team has only lost two out of about fifteen fixtures. What is perhaps most of all encouraging is the fact that there is a very strong nucleus of Juniors coming up in the School, who will supply the material for a good School team for the next few years. It is to be hoped that next year a course will be found which is more over fields than at present and that the rivalry between the Houses will be made keener by the arrival of a Cup to grace the Maecenas corridor.

We had this term, as last, a Senior and Junior run with the Collegiate, whom we managed to beat rather easily again in the Senior event. The Juniors, however, who seemed so fond of running that they too decided to do the Senior course, only just managed to beat the Collegiate. Another interesting run was the three-cornered fixture with Wallasey Grammar School and Alsop. The course over ditches and heavy fields was ideal for a Steeplechase, but proved rather too much for our team which is used to roads and well beaten lanes. We succeeded in beating the Alsop who were in much the same plight as ourselves, but we lost against Wallasey.

The Steeplechase was run under ideal conditions, and was very well supported. The course, however, was by no means so good as that at Aintree, and the monotony was only broken by one water "jump." There was very little doubt about the Junior race, as Thornley, who had been running for the School team throughout the season, was most decidedly the best

runner. After taking the lead at the beginning he managed to finish an easy first, with Sanders second and Moss third. The Senior event, however, was very much more open. Shortly after the beginning, Kemp took the lead and was followed fairly closely by Worgan and Rice. At some distance behind, Twist, Rodick and Pike led the main pack. After trailing behind Kemp for about two miles, Rice gave up with a sprained foot, and was joined shortly afterwards by Twist. Worgan was rapidly gaining upon Kemp until the pond, when the cold water seemed to damp his ardour. Kemp then drew away to finish first at an easy but none too rapid pace, with Worgan second and Rodick eventually third. The time was not good for a course of little over five miles, but it was well worthy of one so young as the winner.

## RESULTS.

- School *v.* Varsity III Won 7—22.  
1, Rice; 2, Rodick; 4, Kemp; 5, Pike; 6, McDowell;  
7, Thornley.
- School *v.* Birkenhead Institute. Won 31—51.  
1, Rice; 4, Kitchen; 5, Kemp; 6, Thornley; 7, Rodick;  
8, Pike.
- School *v.* Quarry Bank. Won 24—31.  
1, Rice; 2, Rodick; 5, Kemp; 7, Pike; 9, Thornley;  
10, Mulholland.
- School *v.* 5th King's (T.A.). Won 32—52.  
2, Rice; 4, Rodick; 5, Pike; 5, Kemp; 7, Thornley;  
8, Worgan.
- School *v.* Oulton. Won 16—43.  
1, Rice; 2, Worgan; 3, Rodick; 4, Thornley; 6,  
MacDowell; 7, Mulholland.
- School *v.* Alsop and Wallasey G.S.  
Alsop, 86. Wallasey G.S., 31. School, 70.  
3, Rodick; 4, Kemp; 12, Worgan; 16, Pike; 17, Thorn-  
ley; 18, Hyam.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Jones and Mr. Wormald and all the other members of the Staff who made running not only possible but successful.

Full-colours have been awarded to Rodick and Pike and re-awarded to G. E. A. Rice; Half-colours to McDowell and Kemp.

G.E.A.R.

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## Fives.

THE interest in Fives that has been manifest for the past few years was fully maintained during the term. The courts were nearly always full to capacity. We take this opportunity to remind players that the School has not an un-

limited supply of gloves, and that if gloves are not returned immediately after use there are very soon none left for subsequent players. This was continually happening during last term and we appeal to borrowers to make it a rule to replace gloves as soon as they have finished with them.

Owing to various circumstances the matches it had been hoped to play last term were not played, and the only game the School team played was that against the Staff. In a very enjoyable match the School, represented by Davies, Twist, Carmichael, and Owen, defeated the Staff, represented by Messrs. Doughty, Pollard, Wormald, and the Headmaster, by a good margin.

The House Competition has resulted so far as follows:—

Owen ... ..	} Owen ... 132—44*	}
Cochran ... ..		
Philip Holt ... ..	} Philip Holt 135—47*	
Alfred Holt ... ..		
Hughes ... ..	} Hughes ... 127—126	
Tate ... ..		
Danson ... ..		

As the Singles Championship will probably be held next term, Captains of teams are asked to finish their games as early in the term as possible.

Finally we offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Doughty for the immense amount of time and effort he has put in to make the game a success.

M.T.O.

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## Chess Notes.

THIS year we have had the disappointment of seeing a really good team fail to win the Shield, and once again we have had to content ourselves with second place. As before, we can only congratulate the winners and assure them that next season we intend to win. At the present moment our prospects are rather cheering, since our second team's record has been consistently good; on the other hand it is rather disconcerting to observe that a very large proportion of both teams are drawn from the first, second, and third year 6a.

The first three places in the Wright Shield Tournament were:—

\* With one set out of four unplayed; it being unnecessary.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Liverpool Collegiate ... ..	8	8	0	0	8
Liverpool Institute ... ..	8	7	0	1	7
Rock Ferry High School ... ..	8	5	1	2	5½

Our matches this term resulted as follow :—

v. Oldershaw High School (Jan. 17). Won 6—1.

Wallace ... ..	1	K. Jones ... ..	0
Johnston ... ..	1	Dorimon ... ..	0
Peters ... ..	1	Bakewell ... ..	0
Mulholland... ..	0	Bradbrook ... ..	1
Whellan ... ..	1	Williams ... ..	0
Baldwin ... ..	1	Shaw ... ..	0
Campbell ... ..	1	Clement ... ..	0

v. Rock Ferry High School (Feb. 2). Won 5—2.

Wallace ... ..	1	J. Edge ... ..	0
Peters ... ..	1	R. Edge ... ..	0
Johnston ... ..	0	T. R. Roberts ... ..	1
Hawkins ... ..	½	Brereton ... ..	½
Whellan ... ..	½	Heath ... ..	½
Mulholland... ..	1	Warwick ... ..	0
Scarlsbrick ... ..	1	Boundy ... ..	0

v. Merchant Taylor's (March 1). Won 5½—1½.

Wallace ... ..	1	G. T. Jones ... ..	0
Peters ... ..	1	Grace ... ..	0
Johnston ... ..	1	Charlesworth ... ..	0
Mulholland... ..	1	Metcalfe ... ..	0
Whellan ... ..	½	Hughes ... ..	½
Baldwin ... ..	1	Bennett ... ..	0
Scarlsbrick ... ..	0	Chambers ... ..	1

Thus out of a total of 62 games played (which includes the match with the Staff), 42 have been won, 15 lost, and five drawn.

The Second team has played two matches, one at 10 boards and one at 7. The following have played : Graneek, Cailler, Corkill, Holden, Nairn, Davies, N. E., Davies, R. G., Patterson, Slade, Wilson and Fish.

Results :—

v. Collegiate (Feb. 2, A). Won. 5½—4½.

v. Merchant Taylors' (Feb. 28, H). Won, 5½—2.

Out of a total of 45 games played during the season, the Second team have won 27, lost 16, and drawn 2.

At the conclusion of the School Tournament (League Section), the first five places in Division I read as follow :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1. { Peters ... ..	24	22	0	2	22
{ Wallace ... ..	24	22	0	2	22
3. Nairn ... ..	20	13	2	5	14
4. Whellan ... ..	18	10	0	8	10
5. Graneek ... ..	17	9	0	8	9

Peters and Wallace will replay next term, and as was previously announced, the winner will play the Second team simultaneously.

In Division II the first place fell to Slade, with 11 points out of 13 games.

The House Tournament for the Paul Limrick Trophy finished as below :—

Tate ... ..	}	Tate... ..	}	Tate... ..
Philip Holt ... ..		Cochran ... ..		Alfred Holt ... ..
Cochran ... ..	}	Cochran ... ..	}	Tate
Hughes ... ..		Danson ... ..		
Owen ... ..	}	Danson ... ..	}	
Danson ... ..				
Alfred Holt ... ..		(Bye)		

This term's and last term's winners, Tate and Alfred respectively, will play next term for the Trophy.

A Lightning Tournament, in which no player was allowed more than 10 seconds for each move, was held on February 9th. It resulted in a win for D. A. T. Wallace, who beat A. J. Peters in the Final.

The Chess literature in the School Library includes Mason's "Principles of Chess," of which mention was omitted in last term's issue. We desire to apologise for the oversight ; at the same time we recommend the book to all students of the game.

A.J.P.  
D.A.T.W.



### Boxing.

LAST term we hoped for a fuller attendance at Boxing. Although not entirely satisfied this term, to have been dissatisfied with the turn out for the Competition would hardly have been fair to the large number who backed it up and made it the success it was.

For some reason the upper part of the School seems to have formed some antipathy to Boxing. We lament the fact, for while this is so, they will never give it a trial, and without giving it a trial, they will never know the divers benefits that a year of boxing can confer on them.

To train for Boxing is to exercise every muscle in the body, and to train, what is still more important, the mind. There is no need to sweat and starve. To attend even once a week would ensure a fitness of body and capability to box that would please, as well as surprise, most. There is no need to box straight away. No one expects you to. When you feel fit and confident enough to try, under the direction of the very able instructor, you box

somebody who knows something about boxing. Your opponent is not intent upon exhibiting his skill at your expense. He also can help you, and there is always the instructor and myself present to see that no advantage is taken of new comers.

The Competition was held on March 15th. With Twist injured, Disley was unable to appear, and what promised to be a good bout could not take place. Cross was completely out-classed by Hall, who was over twenty pounds heavier than his opponent. Of the other heavier weights, Johnston exhibited a good strong punch, and his opponent, Baldwin, a creditable doggedness. He was, however, compelled to retire. The Walker—Spiers bout did not last long, the former refusing any quarter to an inferior opponent. Spiers, however, is only a new recruit, and shows promise. The boxing displayed by Maddock (3x) spoke for itself. He was both quick and strong and was the aggressor throughout his bout with Maginess. Much can be expected from both these boys, and also from Kemp (4c) and Baldwin (Rx).

Through the generosity of the Sports and Arts Club, we have acquired five splendid new sets of gloves. We express our thanks for the way in which the Club has continually satisfied our wants during the past year.

The result of the House Boxing Competition was as follows :

1st	...	...	...	Philip Holt.
2nd	...	...	...	Tate.
3rd	...	...	...	Hughes.

A Full Colour was awarded to A. B. Disley, and Half-colours to R. Johnston and I. C. Jones. A.B.D.

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### School Football.

**I**N spite of the fact that the School teams, especially the First Eleven, have been subject to an enormous amount of ill-luck, the past season has been a most successful one. The Third Eleven have shown considerable improvement in their football, particularly the defence, who usually keep their positions well and play a forceful game. The forward line, too, is certainly better than it was at the beginning of the season, but its efforts at combination are still weak. For all this, however, the Juniors made quite a good effort in the Shield games and succeeded in reaching the Semi-final.

The success of the First Eleven has been more outstanding. Out of fifteen games, excluding those played against the Liobians, the first team has won eleven, lost one and drawn three. These results speak for themselves. Had we been able to maintain the same team throughout the season, there would have been

no doubt as to the result of the Shield games, but this unfortunately has not been our lot. At the end of last term, Stevens left School, while Wyatt had to stop playing owing to his injured knee. Peaston sustained an injury in the last game, and has been unable to play during this term. Jones, Fairclough and Denerley were just settling down in their new positions when Bates was forced to rest owing to cartilage trouble. Gibson took his place in goal and Ginsberg came in at right-half. When such misfortune as this is taken into consideration it is no exaggeration to say that the first eleven have more than fulfilled what was expected of them.

Again we would extend our deepest thanks to those members of the Staff who have assisted us in any way. We are indebted particularly to Mr. G. L. R. Brown for his continued interest in the First Eleven, and to Mr. Peters and Mr. Bartlett for their supervision of the Second and Third Elevens respectively.

### CRITIQUE.

- M. PEASTON (Captain), Outside-Right.—An able captain, and remarkably fast. He has good ball control, and centres with accuracy, besides possessing a good shot. Until his unfortunate accident in December, which has prevented him from playing this term, he provided the necessary speed for the forward line. We hope he will soon fully recover.
- H. TWIST (Vice-Captain), Centre-Half.—Has always played a keen and useful game at centre-half. Displays unflinching energy, and despite the difficulty of a centre-half in being in the right place at the right time, is rarely out of position. Can head well and is extremely skilful at trapping the ball. Ball control is excellent and his passing is accurate, but his shots at goal are rarely straight, although powerful. As Vice-captain, he has always shown real interest in the team, and his advice concerning it has been sound.
- J. SEARCH (Secretary), Centre-Forward.—Has played a good and consistent game throughout the season. Distributes the ball well but on occasions has been liable to hold on too long. This however is due largely to the weakness of his inside forwards. Can dribble well and uses his head to great advantage. Has been the most forceful forward throughout the season and has scored more goals than the rest of the forward line together. As Secretary he has been diligent and efficient.
- A. P. BATES, Goalkeeper.—Generally speaking he has played a very safe game in goal. He has however had his "off" days. Has used his height and reach to advantage and has saved many critical situations through running out

at the correct time. Makes a good clearance but, if anything, is apt to clear a little too high. Apart from this fault he has played very well indeed.

- F. E. FOSTER, Right-Back.—Has played a keen game throughout the season. Has a strong kick of which he makes good use in clearing. On occasions he has been apt to become misplaced, but has overcome this fault through quick and vigorous tackling. His aptitude to hold on to the ball has been dangerous at times. Is fast on the ball and a splendid tackler.
- K. J. CARMICHAEL, Left-Back.—Has proved a sound and reliable back throughout the season. Slowness in tackling and in getting rid of the ball are faults which he recognises, but these have been more than atoned for by his steadiness. Can shoot hard and always makes a powerful clearance. His heading has improved enormously and he makes good use of his height in this respect.
- J. W. GIBSON, Right-Half.—A first-rate half-back and a genuine footballer. Displays unflinching energy both in attack and defence. His heading is remarkably good. Keeps a good position and distributes the ball well. Has proved a helpful substitute for Bates in goal in the last few games of the season.
- R. H. MCGOWAN, Left-Half.—Has undoubtedly made the greatest improvement during the season. Plays a keen game at half-back and passes the ball well. His trapping and heading are not yet all that they might be, and with improvement in this direction he should make a really good half-back. If anything, he is a little slow in tackling, but generally plays a sound, steady game.
- W. FAIRCLOUGH, Outside-Right.—Has played regularly for the First Eleven during the past term. Is quite a useful winger, and can centre well, but his timidity is apt to detract from his abilities. Heading and corner-kicking are still weak. Should learn to be more forceful and keen in tackling.
- S. DENERLEY, Inside-Right.—Played outside-left at the beginning of the season. Is quite fast on the ball, but does not make good use of the energy he expends. His passing is inaccurate. Has not yet become accustomed to playing inside, but at times has played a good and useful game.
- H. H. JONES, Inside-Left.—Expends a considerable amount of effort to no purpose, but when his effort is directed in the right way it is useful. Is a forceful forward and has scored quite a number of goals. His game however is rather isolated; he does not combine with his winger as he should

- P. J. COLEBOURN, Outside-Left.—Quite fast and forceful as a winger. His centering and corner-kicking are improving gradually, but are not yet accurate enough. Keeps his position well and at times has played a very fine game.
- B. M. GINSBERG, Right-Half.—Has played with the second eleven regularly, but also played a considerable number of games with the first. Plays a reliable game and is quite a useful half-back. Passing and heading are still rather weak, but with improvement in these and a little more speed he ought to make a good half-back.

Full Colours have been re-awarded to Bates, A. P.; Search, J.; Twist, H.; and awarded to Carmichael, K. J.; Foster, F. E.; Gibson, J. W.; McGowan, R. H.

Half-Colours have been awarded to Barrow, T.; Denerley, S.; Colebourn, P. J.; Fairclough, W.; Ginsberg, B. M.; Jones, H. H.; Worgan, W.

#### SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, January 21st. Drew 2—2.

Team: Bates; Foster, Barrow; Hall, Twist, McGowan; Fairclough, Jones, H. H., Gibson, Edwards, Colebourn.

The School team was considerably weakened for this game owing to the absence of several of our usual players through illness. As usual the start was not very inspiring, but soon both teams began to play more vigorously. Alsop attacked hard and scored immediately, the School defence being exceptionally slow in frustrating the efforts of their forwards. Twist now went on the forward line and Gibson came back to half. After a rapid recovery the School scored just before half-time. Half-time 1—1.

In the second half, the School was superior, but not very much so. After pressing for some time, Twist scored with an excellent shot. This lead was maintained for most of the second half, but shortly before the end Alsop made a splendid effort and scored a very fine goal.

The School combined together quite well and the defence particularly displayed some good football. Twist and McGowan were outstanding. Foster was very quick in getting to the ball and tackled very vigorously indeed, but at times spoiled his splendid efforts by holding on to the ball. Barrow showed distinct improvement and more confidence. Of the forwards, Jones played well in the first half, but tired badly in the second. Colebourn sent some very fine centres across at the beginning of the game, but was unable to do anything really effective in the second half owing to the fact that Jones rarely passed the ball to him. The whole display was good and the score justifiable.

#### SCHOOL v. QUARRY BANK HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on February 1st. Won 8—1.

The following represented the School: Bates; Foster, Barrow; Gibson, Twist, McGowan; Fairclough, Wyatt, Search, Jones, H. H., Colebourn.

Wyatt was again present in the team after an absence of several weeks. It was unfortunate however that he had to retire with knee injuries after only a few minutes had elapsed. For the moment the

School was compelled to defend rather than attack, but the excellent work of the halves prevented our opponents from scoring. The forwards, lacking the support of an inside right, resorted to rush tactics and Jones, after persistent efforts, scored a brilliant goal. Search also scored for the School, while Quarry Bank succeeded in reducing their lead just before half-time. Half-time 2—1.

The School had the advantage of the slope in the second half, and certainly made the most of it. The forwards, as a whole, played quite well, but the main work of attack was left to Search who scored six excellent goals. If anything, the other forwards were a little slow on the ball, but Search's enterprise made up for any deficiency that they displayed.

#### SCHOOL, v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Holly Lodge, on Saturday, February 4th. Won 5—2.  
Team: Bates; Foster, Carmichael; Gibson, Twist, McGowan;  
Fairclough, Edwards, Search, Jones, H. H., Colebourn.

For this game, Carmichael returned to the side, while Edwards was brought in at inside-right in place of Wyatt. The Collegiate began with a close attack but missed several opportunities of scoring. Their left wing was particularly effective, but weak in front of goal. The School defence played vigorously, while Bates kept goal very finely indeed. In spite of the fact that the wind and slope was against them, the School forwards made several attacks but failed to get really close to the Collegiate's goal. This was due largely to the weakness of the inside forwards and to the lack of enterprise on the right wing. The Collegiate were leading by one goal at half-time.

In the second half the School played far more effectively, especially Edwards and Fairclough. Search scored three splendid goals and Colebourn and Jones also scored. The forwards were admirably supported by the defence, especially by both backs and Bates who played remarkably well. The halves were not quite up to their usual form, but McGowan is worthy of especial commendation. This was his best display of the season.

#### SCHOOL, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, March 4th. Won 5—2.  
Team: Gibson; Foster, Carmichael; Ginsberg, Twist, McGowan;  
McClellan, Jones, H. H. Search, Denerly, Colebourn.

Owing to the late arrival of Carmichael our opponents were able to make the best of their opportunity against one back and scored easily within the first minute of the game. Play during the first half was evenly balanced and not very inspiring, although the School forwards made several brilliant efforts, which resulted in two goals, the first scored by Search and the second by Jones, H.H. from a corner taken by Colebourn. It is doubtful whether this lead was really deserved, for the play was slow and uninteresting on both sides, while there were very few passes which were accurate. Half-time 2—1.

The School certainly improved in the second half, but still lacked their usual vigour and forcefulness. Manchester were never dangerous and the defence easily repelled their attacks, but made little use of their clearances. Forwards were still a little slow, but Search made several splendid efforts himself. He scored two goals, the last being scored from a penalty, while a miskick on the part of one of Manchester's defence gave us our fifth goal. Generally speaking the play was discouraging; there was little good football.

#### SCHOOL, v. OULTON SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, March 11th. Drew 2—2.  
Team: Gibson; Foster, Carmichael; Ginsberg, Twist, McGowan;  
Fairclough, Jones, H. H., Search, Page, Colebourn.

Twist won the toss and decided to kick up the slope. Oulton attacked immediately and maintained their vigorous efforts for some time. The game was more of a kick and rush affair than a display of good football, but such methods proved successful to the Oulton, who soon took the lead. The School displayed great energy in attempting to equalise and were becoming undoubtedly superior when we had the misfortune to lose Search and Twist through injuries. For the remainder of the first half we played with nine men. Oulton were thus able to gain a further advantage and scored a further goal. Half-time, Oulton were leading 2—0.

After half-time Search returned, but Twist was still unable to play. The School displayed some lively football, which was marred by much rough tackling on the part of our opponents. The left wing, however, played very strongly and produced two good goals, both scored by Search. The game ended with the score 2—2, and the School are to be congratulated on their splendid display.

#### JUNIOR SHIELD. 1st Round.

##### SCHOOL, v. QUARRY BANK HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on February 4th. Won 6—2.  
The School was represented by the following: Garton; Walsh,  
Page; Robinson, Hopwood, Hutchinson; Newborn, Gerran, Hickson,  
Goldblatt, Lewis.

The School lost the toss and Quarry Bank decided to kick with the wind. They had a further advantage in that the sun was behind them. For the greater part of the first half, the School was compelled to defend rather than to attack. Our forwards had little opportunity of forcing play into our opponents' half, but the strength of the defence and the hesitancy of our opponents' forwards prevented any score. The score at half-time was 0—0.

Shortly after the resumption Hickson scored our first goal. The School was now stimulated to greater activity and pressed more vigorously than formerly. Five further goals were scored in quick succession, the Quarry defence being unable to resist our repeated attacks. Lewis played a very sound game on the wing and scored three of the six goals. A remarkable recovery on the part of Quarry Bank resulted in two goals, but their efforts to reduce our lead still further proved useless, and the School defence easily repulsed them.

#### 2nd Round.

##### SCHOOL, v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, on February 22nd. Won 3—2.  
Team: Garton; Walsh, Page; Robinson, Hopwood, Hutchinson;  
Newburn, Gerran, Hickson, Hazlehurst, Lewis.

The School again lost the toss and had to kick against the wind. Alsop began with a vigorous attack and, through a mistake on the part of the School defence, soon scored. They continued to attack and certainly showed superior ability. It was not long before they increased their lead still further by scoring a very fine goal. Our forwards did little effective work during the first half, but the defence played quite soundly, and in view of the persistent efforts of Alsop's forwards, did well to keep the score down to two goals. Alsop were leading at half-time 2—0.

In the second half, the School improved considerably and soon began to attack strongly. Hickson scored a very fine goal while Lewis equalised shortly afterwards. Hazlehurst scored the winning goal for the School. Also now made strenuous efforts to equalise, but our defence was able to repel all their attacks and even to support the forwards in strong attacks.

#### Semi-Final.

##### SCHOOL v. ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE.

Played at Mersey Road, on March 8th. Lost 0—1.

Team : Garton ; Walsh, Page ; Robinson, Hopwood, Hutchinson ; Newborn, Rees, Hickson, Truman, Lewis.

During the first half, St. Edward's, who had the advantage of the wind, were undoubtedly the superior team. Play was mostly in our half and St. Edward's forwards only narrowly missed scoring on several occasions. In spite of the strong game of our defence, in which Walsh and Page were outstanding, St. Edward's were successful in scoring an excellent goal.

The School, however, began the second half by a vigorous attack which was maintained for some time. Our efforts to score proved fruitless. After breaking through our defence, St. Edwards gained a penalty which was well saved by Garton. We finished with a strong attack which yielded no result.

The game was fairly evenly balanced throughout and, if anything, the School was superior towards the end. The defence, Page especially, played a good game, but the forwards were definitely slow and failed to combine together, a fault which was due largely to the weakness of the inside forwards who kept too far down the field and were too slow in following up the ball.

#### SENIOR SHIELD. 1st Round.

##### SCHOOL v. PRESCOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, February 8th. Won 8—0.

Team : Bates ; Foster, Carmichael ; Gibson, Twist, McGowan ; Fairclough, Denerley, Search, Jones, H. H., Colebourn.

Twist won the toss and decided to kick up the slope. Prescott began with a strong attack and only just failed to score within the first minute. For the moment, the School defence seemed to be incapable of doing the right thing. All were slow and Bates was decidedly below his usual form. This success on the part of Prescott was short-lived for the School began to settle down and to play something like football. There was some good play on the right wing and Fairclough sent across several good centres. Denerley was playing well at inside-right, but was inclined to stay too far down the field. The School was able to take the lead before half-time through Search, who scored two good goals. Half-time 2—0.

After the resumption, the School immediately began to attack and kept the play in our opponents' half for most of the second half. Prescott's defence was powerless against our persistent efforts. The inside-forwards played harder and kept more up the field, and the effect was manifest. Play was mostly in mid-field and on the right, Jones and the left-wing defenders failing to get the ball to Colebourn. Jones scored three goals and Search two, one of them a fine header from an excellent corner from Colebourn. The last goal was scored by Denerley with a splendid ground shot which was well out of the reach of Prescott's goalkeeper.

The School played well together, the defence soon settling down to their usual steady game. Bates was undoubtedly below form, but since Prescott's forwards could not get anywhere near our goal, his mistakes, for the most part, were not dangerous. The forwards played splendid football. After a slow start, they soon quickened their pace and completely bewildered Prescott's defence.

#### 2nd Round.

##### SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on March 1st. Won 5—2

Team : Gibson ; Foster, Carmichael ; Ginsburg, Twist, McGowan ; Fairclough, Jones, Search, Denerley, Colebourn.

Twist lost the toss and the School kicked off down hill. The Collegiate immediately attacked, Carney sending his winger away time after time. The defence at the start played the wrong game, for both Ginsburg and Twist concentrated on Carney who was then able to send his winger away. The danger was however cleared by good work by the full-backs. Against the run of the play, the School scored, through Jones. Credit must go to Fairclough who cleverly tricked his man and sent the ball in low. The goalkeeper fumbled and Jones merely had to put the ball into the net. The Collegiate soon attacked but Jones again scored, this time beating three men before getting in a glorious drive. The Collegiate were not down-hearted, although we had scored twice against the run of the play, and twice Carney scored with beautiful shots. The left wing which had so far been dormant, woke up and Colebourn put a lofty centre past the full backs, which Search headed in, getting a black eye in the process. Though well scored, this goal had an element of luck about it, and if the goalkeeper had advanced sooner and had not missed his punch, it could not possibly have been scored.

Half-time 3—2. Good work on the wings marked the play in the second half, and Colebourn scored twice. The School were playing with three backs and the forwards at times were playing in a very pronounced W formation. The School however showed its superiority and any danger which came along was quickly cleared. Carmichael, McGowan and Twist especially worked hard, Gibson, too, played well. The main fault in the forward line was the slowness with which it got off the mark. All through the game the School played more in mid-field, but always threatened danger in attack. The defence played splendidly ; Carmichael and Foster alone of the team went for the ball and did not wait for it. McGowan and Twist, too, played splendidly, but Carmichael was outstanding. Ginsburg was satisfactory after a shaky start. Search played well, but was not up to his best, and though he was well marked he spoilt many opportunities by being slow in getting off his mark. Both wingers played splendidly. The insides worked hard, Jones getting the better result. Gibson, new to his job, was the biggest triumph. He was nervous at the start and clearly inexperienced, but he played remarkably well. It was a deserved victory.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

##### SCHOOL v. ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE.

Played at Fazakerley, on March 15th. Lost 0—3

Team : Gibson ; Foster, Carmichael ; Ginsburg, Twist, McGowan ; Fairclough, Disley, Search, Jones, H. H., Colebourn.

Twist returned to the side for this match, although he had not completely recovered from his recent injury. St. Edward's kicked with the wind behind them and scored early in the game. The School had

clearly failed to accustom themselves to the ground at once; the wind especially seemed to cause them considerable difficulty. The defence found it impossible to get the ball up to the forwards and so the School was compelled to defend rather than to attack. St. Edward's kept the play in our half for most of the second half and the School did well to keep the score down. At half-time St. Edward's were leading 1—0.

In the second half, the School forwards failed to combine with their usual understanding, and although they played vigorously they were unable to score. St. Edward's did not now have so much of the game as formerly and it was surprising to see them defeat the School defence so easily and score two good goals. They were, however, decidedly the faster and superior team throughout and deserved to win. The School was below its usual form, especially the forwards, who were definitely weaker than usual. Nobody was outstanding.

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### House Football

#### HORSFALL CUP.

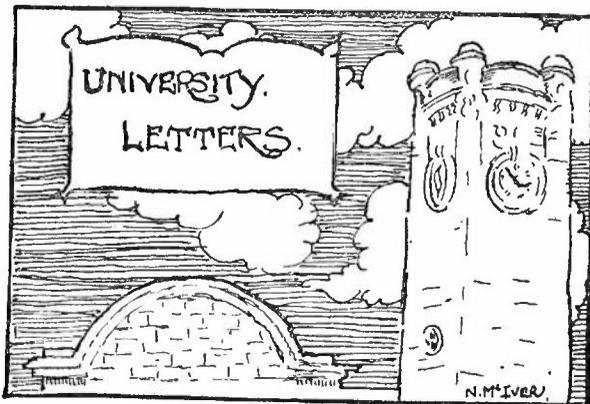
Alfred Holt won this term's Final, beating Owen 6—2.

In the Inter-terminal final Hughes beat Alfred Holt 2—1.

#### WHITEHOUSE CUP.

Hughes won the Final both this term and last, thus winning the Cup without a re-play.

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THE UNION,  
CAMBRIDGE.

DEAR SIR,

It is neither covetousness of your promised reward—an early copy of your illustrious production—nor the intimidating tone of your latest letter, which has at last brought us to yield to your desires, but a fine sense of the position in which our diligence will place *you*—defenceless against the onslaughts of your successor!

We read the Oxford letter of each term, with that kindly interest which the indulgent uncle is wont to show towards his rather self-assertive nephew, but their latest effort calls from us the reflection that indulgence must be tempered with discipline, and the question "What, after all, are four Dons compared with Ten Boat Races?"

The term at Cambridge has been of note in that Mr. Jones has secured the early distinction of a "Proxime" in the Porson Prize, but has not yet been able to make a Grand Slam at Bridge. Mr. Lindsay refuses to get worked up about his Finals; he usually cools his ardour in the river. Mr. Baxter spends most of his time preventing other people enjoying their Bridge, and in chasing himself or some other dupe round the track at Fenner's. He has however, been fortunate enough to secure a trial with the University Cross-country team. Which we think, is enough for this time, save that we would like to congratulate Rodick on his success at Pembroke; we will shoot straight off to the M—, and tell them the glad news!

Yours,

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OXFORD.

The Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine.*

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

My first duty is a gratifying one—to offer our belated congratulations to Mr. Rew on having so successfully carried on the ancient and honourable classical tradition which has made the Institute famous. We note with admiration the calm equanimity displayed by Mr. Rew before and after the event.

No doubt, Mr. Editor, you have reflected bitterly on the tardiness with which I have acceded to your request. But I do not yet know how to chronicle the doings of our contemporaries, nor can I imagine what possible interest your readers can have in the details of our existence. One could, of course, with the exercise of some imagination gratify the baser mind by sacrificing good taste in a laboured attempt at humour—apparently a necessary ingredient in a 'Varsity letter—as your Cambridge correspondent was unfortunately reduced to do in your last issue. But at all costs let us be truthful, Mr. Editor, even though the result may not read so well. There remains the Boat Race, a blessed and ever useful topic . . . but that is now old history and has been adequately dealt with by Mr. Gillie Potter and others.

No, sir, there is nothing on which one can write, unless we venture a change, and look at the immediate future, rather than the past. For Mr. Cashdan there are "schools," but with the

P.S.—Mr. Jones has NOT changed his digs this term. We wonder why?

certainty of further distinction accompanying them. For the rest of us, welcome immunity from what, for many years past, has cast a blight over the joys of early summer. But more than this is the vision of Oxford at its loveliest . . . a theme appropriate to the pen of the poet rather than to that of the unwilling letter writer.

In this spirit of pleasurable anticipation let me close as I began, congratulating this time Peaston on his well-merited success at B.N.C.

I remain, sir, Yours sincerely,

J. I. NOXUCHLAVE.

THE UNION, LIVERPOOL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The lot of the poor correspondent is, alas, hard. It has been said that his aim is to retail scandal, yet delude his victim into thinking himself honoured, not offended. Be he the least bit unskilful in his scandalmongering, the wrath of the said victim descends upon his long-suffering shoulders. Should he successfully avoid this pitfall, all the thanks he gets from you, Sir, is a copy of the Mag., and "That's all we ever get out of Liverpool—scandal." 'Tis easy to meander and philosophise when one represents but a small select band—as you will find, Sir, when you write the Cambridge letter. Had you come to swell our ranks, you would in time have been exhorted by some poor, harassed editor to try your hand at letter-writing, and you would have found it no mean task to compile a letter such as you now demand.

In short, Sir, we defy you, and shall continue in the old tradition, as long as scandal exists.

Panto Day!? We shall keep silence, for we feel that mention of it will make Mr. Henry's ears burn. Mr. Prysor-Jones, however, will be feeling pleased at the record collection and Mr. Henry at the unprecedented success of *Sphinx*.

Mr. Colvin and Mr. Craine are working; at any rate, we see them not, save for brief fleeting moments on their rare visits to this home of toil. But how many of you remember either of them: or our senior architects, Messrs. Robson, Rice and Martinez? For, if our memory does not err, seniority amongst us is shared by these five and Messrs. Dove and Owen.

Mr. Williams climbs rocks and holds forth learnedly at debates, doing his best to persuade himself that he really believes what he is talking about. Mr. Wells has returned from hibernation in Germany and, in spite of "riots and rumours of riots," is—at any rate physically—all there. Mr. Booth, with Mr. Henry, is training for the Sports; alternatively, he bewails the lot of one who has lecs. alone with his Prof. And so on, and so on.

Many and varied are the interests and diversions of our band at Liverpool. One cannot turn a corner, one cannot go to a "do," without being certain of meeting at least two or three of them. The old familiar faces appear at every end and turn. And so one hears of the deeds of this one and that—and is able to put together some sort of chronicle for the benefit of yourself, Sir, and those of your readers who still remember us from the days of yore.

Yours, etc., LIOSPHINX.

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Editorial Notices.

THE Editors thank those Form Committees which submitted copies of their Form Magazines. Those concerned are congratulated on their well-finished productions, though most of the matter was too personal and libellous to be reproduced in our more conservative pages. Other Forms are urged to get going on a Form Magazine, which can be first-class fun and excellent practice.

The Editors also acknowledge receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any omissions:—

*Esmeduna, Ulula, Oullonia, Wallaseyan, The Quarry, Olavian, Wyggestonian, Holt School Magazine, Liverpool College Magazine, Elizabethan, Caldeian, S.F.X. Magazine, Hultensian, City of London School Magazine, King's School Magazine and Ilkestonian.*

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Cricket Fixtures, 1933

DATE.	1st XI	2nd XI	COLTS.
W May 3	Merchant Taylors' H		
" 6	Liobians ... H	Merchant Taylors' A	
W " 10			
" 13	Manchester G.S. A		
W " 17	L'pool Collegiate H	L'pool Collegiate A	
" 20			Quarry Bk. A
W " 24			
" 27	University ... H		
W " 31	B'head H.S. ... H	Wallasey ... A	
W June 3	Warrington G.S. A	Warrington G.S. H	
W " 17			
" 10	Holt S.S. ... H	Holt S.S. ... A	
W " 14	L'pool Collegiate A	L'pool Collegiate H	
" 17	Wallasey ... H		
W " 21	Cowley ... H	Cowley ... A	
" 24	Cowley ... A	Cowley ... H	
W " 28	University ... A		
W July 1	Liobians ... H		
" 5	Wallasey ... A	Wallasey ... H	Oulton ... A
" 8	Sefton Extra ... H	B'head H.S. ... A	
W " 12			

Fixtures have yet to be arranged with the Florence Institute.  
T. SEARCH, Hon. Secretary.

## The Calendar.

SUMMER TERM, 1933.

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Wed.,	April	26	TERM BEGINS. Junior City Scholarship Exam. SPORTS—Heats.
Thur.,	„	27	Junior City Scholarship Exam. SPORTS—Heats
Sat.,	„	29	SPORTS—Finals.
Wed.,	May	3	Cricket. 1st XI v. Merchant Taylors'.
Sat.,	„	6	„ 1st XI v. Liobians.
Wed.,	„	10	„ 1st XI v. King's School, Chester.
Wed.,	„	17	„ 1st XI v. Collegiate School.
Sat.,	„	20	Camera and Field Club Excursion.
Mon.,	„	22	S.C. Oral Examinations.
Sat.,	„	27	Cricket. 1st XI v. University.
Wed.,	„	31	„ 1st XI v. Birkenhead School. Florence Institute Sports at Greenbank, 6-30.
Thur.,	June	1	O.T.C. INSPECTION. Form Competition Half-holiday.
Sat.,	„	3	HALF-TERM (see below).
Sat.,	„	10	Cricket. 1st XI v. Holt.
Thur.,	„	15	„ Colts v. Combined Elementary Schools, at Greenbank (5-30).
Sat.,	„	17	„ 1st XI v. Wallasey Grammar School.
Wed.,	„	24	„ Combined Secondary Schools v. Sefton on Sefton Ground.
Sat.,	July	1	„ 1st XI v. Liobians.
Mon.,	„	3	School Certificate Examinations begin.
Wed.,	„	5	Entrance Examination.
Sat.,	„	8	School Examinations in Scripture and Chem- istry. Cricket. 1st XI v. Sefton.
Tue.,	„	11	SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN.
Mon.,	„	17	S.C. and H.S.C. Candidates return to School. O.T.C. Field Day.
Tue.,	„	18	Form Competition Half-holiday.
Fri.,	„	21	Troutal Camp Opens.
Sat.,	„	22	TERM ENDS.

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Next Term Begins on Wednesday, September 13th.