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Editorial.

THE gilded Editorial crown, battered by its headlong fall at the end of the reign of our predecessor, rests, ill-fitting and unweildy, on our fevered brow; so our pen must crawl across this paper.

Full of the enthusiasm of our youth, we started our spasm as Editor in a state of mental ecstasy. The Magazine was to be a glorious creation, full of scintillating wit and interest; firmness, we were afraid, would have to be used in coping with the torrent of contributions; our power would be manifested in such quiet statements as " * * * This correspondence is closed.—Eds.", after a particularly large number of letters on one subject. So would our rule commence.

However, from the day when the first University correspondent expressed his surprise at being asked for his letter when it was due, to the present, when we are very happy to have even this time-worn topic with which to fill in the gap between "CONTENTS" and "CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR," from first to last there was a gradual decline in our optimism, a consequent increase in our misery of mind, till now all that remains of that first fervour is the new colour on the stiffer cover, and the earlier day of publication. Even in doing so much, we have aged; the grey hair which we treasure can tell little of the truth.

In such a traditional style do we present our doleful lay. Perhaps, when the first shock has passed, restored to normal, we may find some good in life; now we are too hurt to wish even for that.



THE opening of last term was brightened by a number of open air services, held in the Upper Yard and conducted by the Headmaster; repairs to the Hall gallery forced us into the open. A Staff choir led the School in the hymn-singing—at times by so much as a bar.

A well-known writer and Old Boy, Mr. James Laver, gave a talk on "The Literary Life" to the Sixth Forms. The very interesting and amusing chat was all too brief for the audience, but, judging from the contributions to the Magazine, few were inspired.

A lecture, "Through old-world Dalmatia and Yugo-Slavia," was delivered to the Fifth Forms and below by G. S. Pothergill, Esq. From all reports, the Senior forms have missed something for once.

The School has been able to see two cinematograph displays during the last term. The first, given during school hours, was by the Gaumont-British Co. The second, on Tuesday night, 12th November, included a film of the last attempt on Mount Everest, and was by the Western Electric Co. Both were very much talking, and were received enthusiastically by appreciative audiences.

On Wednesday, October 9th, a service in memory of Henry Victor Whitehouse, who preceded the Rev. H. H. Symonds as Headmaster, was attended by the Staff, Old Boys, friends, and the Prefects. The service took place at the same time as the funeral at Golder's Green.

The pale appearance of those who have dinner in the School dining-hall is not, we learn, due to the dinners. Time is now allowed for boys to make themselves clean—or rather, cleaner. Despite the School—er—soap, there is a noticeable improvement. Table-cloths have reappeared too, and the Hall has now been redecorated. The dinner-hour concerts which were a feature last term should also lead to easier eating.

Recent disciplinary innovations included the clearing of the School building during the morning break by the Prefects. This is, of course, in the interests of the School's health. The Prefects themselves are kept up to scratch by their breezy top-floor abode.

Punishment Drill has been instituted and is regarded by the House Captains as a welcome substitute for compulsory running. A delightful "chain-gang" effect has been produced.

The cornice beneath the third-floor window having been declared unsafe, it was removed. It came as a surprise to us to see that it was a mere shell, supported by wooden beams. How hollow are the things of this world! There is now nothing to stop Prefects reaching the Lower Yard in one long jump.

A pleasant, almost speech-day touch was given to the meeting in Hall at the finish of the Winter Term, when School, Matriculation and Higher School Certificates were presented by the Headmaster. We hope that the practice will continue.

It is significant that on the new type Report Forms a larger space is left for "Remarks."

The Tuckshop at the end of last term offered for sale:—
2d. Cadbury Milk Chocolate Bars; 1d. Half Cadbury Milk Chocolate Bars. Is this a record?

The slow murmur of voices and the metallic chink of coins is to be heard outside the Prefects' Room. We understand that this is the result of the latest craze, "Shove ha'penny." We, however, have heard such words as "Pass" uttered, and so wonder.

The reading of the Lessons by Prefects should have resulted in an improvement in their morals. In view of the above, we are doing a little more wondering.

We desire to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Elliott on his great bereavement. Mrs. Elliott, who passed away at half-term, was ever his constant and faithful companion, and those who were privileged to number themselves amongst his friends, know how severe is his loss.

Many in the School will remember, with affection, M. Galland who came to the School for a year to replace Mr. Wormald whilst the latter took M. Galland's place in France. We deeply regret to record that M. Galland, whilst ill in bed from influenza, was accidentally poisoned by carbon-monoxide gas from a faulty charcoal stove. M. Galland impressed his charming personality on all of us while he was on the Staff and our sympathy goes out to Mme. Galland and to his family.

At Christmas we said good-bye to two members of the Staff. To Mr. Mummery who has been with us for nearly twelve years, and to Mr. Burgess who has left after two terms. We wish them well, and welcome in their places Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Rawlinson.

Mr. Taylor, who retired at the end of last term, had been School caretaker for thirty-five years. Changes which he witnessed include the demolition of the row of houses which once stood on the site of the School Yards, the building of the Gymnasium, Prefects' Room and Library, and the construction of the Cathedral. We calculate that he has walked well over 1,500 miles in closing the School gates alone. The arithmetic may be faulty, but there is sufficient truth in it to explain that majestic tread which has become apparent of late. We wish him a happy retirement and hope that he will see many more changes yet.

The annual Staff Concert, in aid of the Children's Hospital Christmas Tree, has less talent to draw on than before, but still retains its attraction and its value. Last year's concert was as enthusiastically received as ever.

At the end of last year, three more Societies were added to the already extensive list. They were the Arts Club, which explains itself on another page, the Science Club, which was formed at the end of term and which has, therefore, has no chance to explain itself, and a limited number branch of the Film Institute Society for Schools. We wish them all success.

We congratulate W. J. Corlett on his Scholarship in Mathematics to Trinity College, Cambridge, and T. J. Hopwood and L. Leather on their exhibitions in Classics to Christ's College, Cambridge and Keble College, Oxford, respectively.

We note that Rugby football is to be introduced this term. It seems to have a considerable following and should flourish.

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Speech Day.

Oliver Stanley, Director of the Board of Education, did not present the only changed aspect of Speech Day on Friday, 13th December, 1935. The School Hall with its restricted and restricting seating capacity has been forsaken for the ampler dimensions (if not fairer surroundings) of Central Hall and the programme is increased proportionately in size and content; the ceremony too, smacked of a flower show or an Eisteddfod; above all a new voice presented the annual report. The Headmaster in giving his review of the School year was perhaps too modest in assigning all successes to his predecessor and denying himself credit for practical or personal influence—at least the audience seemed to refute his assertions by their reception of the speech.

The guest of the evening began with the customary engaging succession of humorous remarks and immediately our hearts warmed to him on hearing of a certain consoling pamphlet, by name "Examination of Examinations," which proves that if you succeed the examiners are always right, but if you fail the examiners are always wrong. Having referred to the encouraging results which rewarded experiments at the School in increased physical training and its effects on academic life, he proceeded to expound three aphorisms—Love your Country; Speak the Truth; Don't Dawdle. While admittedly the theory that Englishmen in foreign lands were innocents abroad among packs of strange denizens, amiable or inimical, was once and for all exploded, nevertheless rejection of patriotism was an extreme equally to be eschewed. He interpreted speaking the truth not as mere passive admittance of fact, but as an earnest seeking after the deeper meaning and significant value of life. Lastly there were three paths which lay open in and out of School: either to do nothing, to let others do things for you, or to do things for yourself—There was no doubt concerning the right choice. The speech was at once lucid, attractive, and fluent and made a welcome impression on the audience.

To return to matters of detail, the intermittent bursts of song were well received, thanks to Dr. Wallace's customary indefatigable training. It was also gratifying to see the Staff occupying their place on the platform behind the Headmaster.

If there remained doubts as to the wisdom of transferring the ceremony, surely the admirable sentiments which the Head-boy expressed in his prefatory speech of welcome must have dispelled them. What we have lost in local association, we have gained in that feeling of complete union which the presence of all boys and parents inspires. We hope to witness a repetition of this procedure next year.

The School Election.

NOVEMBER 14th was a day of great activity within our community. Candidates and canvassers, bill-posters and electors were busy making last-minute preparations until 10.45 a.m. Then the final eve-of-election speeches were delivered for 56 minutes. At the conclusion of the urgent exhortations of the seven candidates, the constituents retired to the polling booths. The school were fortunate in securing the services of many University men (all graduates) as polling clerks. Within 21 hours of close of poll, the results were published.

The school was a two-seat constituency, hence the 1st and 2nd preferences on the ballot paper were counted as two votes.

OFFICIAL RESULTS.

1. Slade, T. W. ... (Nat. Con.) ... 441	} elected.
2. Mitchell, W. A. ... (Nat. Con.) ... 272	
3. Hoddes, H. ... (Soc.) ... 183	
4. Hawthorn, T. ... (Ind. Lib.) ... 156	
5. Keidan, S. E. ... (Soc.) ... 137	
6. Samuels, S. ... (Ind. Con.) ... 89	
7. Williams, M. S. ... (Nat. Lib.) ... 80	

It is curious to note that the result obtained by employing the method of Proportional Representation, is:—

1. Slade, T. W. ... 399	} would be elected.
2. Hoddes, H. ... 164	
3. Mitchell, W. A. ... 135	

An analysis of the ballot papers shows that the result for the Junior School was representative of the final result, though the 6th forms voted Socialist.

(These are the simple figures, counting 1st and 2nd preferences as two votes.)

JUNIOR SCHOOL.			SIXTH FORM.		
1. Slade 66	}	1. Hoddes 43	}		
2. Mitchell 25		2. Slade 37			
3. Hawthorn 22		3. Mitchell 34			
4. Williams 18		4. Keidan 33			
5. Samuels 17		5. Hawthorn 26			
6. Hoddes 15		6. Williams 10			
7. Keidan 9		7. Samuels 7			

On perusing the voting papers, it is interesting to discover that not a few members of the Junior School are apparently unable to count. Some efforts being:

1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8.
2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 7, 8.

Others favoured one candidate alone and ignored the remainder. Still others considered the merits of the candidates so little that they inscribed a single figure 7 on the ballot paper, and nothing else.

In conclusion we are proud to note that the combined Liverpool Institute was one of the few constituencies to have a poll of 100%.

A. E. BENDER.

Old Boys' Section.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We note the following:—

Liverpool University. December. Ph.D.—H. Rogan.
Royal Army Service Corps (Regular Army)—2nd Lieut. H. L. Jones, gazetted August 30th, 1935.

Mr. Adrian Stokes, R.A., R.W.S., who died recently, was an Old Boy. He was Senior Academician, and had a great reputation as a painter and as a personality. H. E. Hiles, writing from Banbury, tells us that he remembers him well and that they walked home from School together daily. Lengthy obituary notices appeared in *The Times* of December 3rd.

We received a visit from G. A. McKenzie ('34), who is working in the Civil Service in London and living at 76 Kenton Lane, Kenton, Middlesex. He brought news of D. A. Rendle ('34), living near to him at 108 Christchurch Avenue, Kenton, and employed in the blood sport of collecting income tax.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

NOTES ON THE HONOURS LIST.

THE following brief notes give means to identify certain of those whose names appear in the new honours boards, and who are no longer living. Not a few of those no longer living, whose names are on the boards, have already been the subject of notes in the issues of May, 1935, and September, 1935; and a few further notes will be found in earlier issues of the last few years. These notes are not repeated here. In some of the notes which follow, no more is given than a reference to one of the biographies in Appendix vii of Mr. Tiffen's history of the School, recently published by the Old Boys' Association.

After each name, between dashes, is given the particular honours board on which the name occurs—Oxford and Cambridge (O. and C.), Miscellaneous Honours (Misc.), etc., etc.—together with the year in which the distinction was won; where the same name appears more than once on the same board, the date of the earliest distinction only is here given.

No attempt has been made to write notes on those who are living. Where no note has been written, either in this issue or previous issues, on the names of those who are dead, it must be inferred that no information at all is available; help will be gladly received, with the aim of printing a few additional notes.

JOHN HILL ABRAM, F.R.C.P.—London degrees from Univ. Coll., 1888—Professor of medicine and therapeutics, Univ. of L'pool (retired 1925); consulting physⁿ to Royal Infirmary; president of do.; president of Assn. of Phys^{ns}. 1928. Joint author of Handbook of pathological anatomy. Died 1933.

JAMES WILLCOX ALSOP.—Queen's College, 1867. Misc. 1920—H. J. Tiffen's History p 162. Note: Queen's College—the honours degree, class I, at the Univ. of London, was in mental and moral sciences; this had been preceded in 1865 (also from Queen's Coll.) by first class honours in English at the intermediate examⁿ, with the award by the Univ. of London of an exhibⁿ of £30 p.a. for two years.

JAMES BARRY BALL.—Queen's Coll. 1871.—M.B. London 1871, M.D. 1872. Took his intermediate examination from University Coll., London. Laryngologist: held several specialist appointments in London hospitals: author of Handbook of diseases of the nose and pharynx. Died about 1926.

JOHN CHAMBERS.—Misc. 1878—Entered secretary's office of G.P.O. Took London B.A. degree (ordinary) in 1882. Born at Bootle, 1858; father a book-keeper.

ALFRED RODGERS COWELL, M.D.—O. & C. 1884 etc. Holt Exhⁿ. 1883.—Ass^t medical officer in the public health department of London C.C.; specialised in the diseases of children. Died 1928.

THOMAS HENRY CREIGHTON.—Victoria Univ. 1894—A marine engineer. Died in 1897 in the Red Sea on his first voyage.

JAMES CROCKET.—Misc. 1883 etc. Holt Exhⁿ. 1883.—The Ferguson scholarship in mathematics was open to the whole of Scotland. Proceeded to universities of Gottingen and Berlin. Ordained in 1894. For 39 years minister of S. Andrew Free Church, Gifford, Haddingtonshire. Theologian, administrator and naturalist. Died 1933. Revised Chrystal's school textbook of algebra.

HERBERT E. DAVIES.—O. & C. 1887.—Was the son of a Professor at Queen's College. An analytical chemist. Died about 1930.

ROBERT H. DEMPSTER.—O. & C. 1889 etc.—After his Oxford degree became *B. és-lettres*, Paris. A master at Kelly College, Tavistock. Died 1907.

OGILVIE DUTHIE.—London degrees from Univ. Coll. 1887.—Served in the office of the L'pool school board: later clerk to the Salford school board until his death.

ROBERT JONES EDWARDS.—O. & C. 1864 etc.—Was the first holder of a Holt Leaving Exhⁿ. Classical master at King's William's Coll. I.O.M. for 20 years under Joshua Jones, his former headmaster at L. Institute. Then teaching at Llandoverly Coll. Died at Merthyr Tydfil 1913. Brother of Wm. Edwards (O. & C. 1871 etc.).

EDMUND BROWN EWART.—Leaving Exh. 1860 and Queen's College 1872.—Magazine May 1935 pp. 94 and 97. H. J. Tiffen's History p. 117.

ROBERT JAMES EWART, F.R.C.S. 1904.—Victoria University 1896.—Entered the public health service. Died as the result of an operation. Son of Edmund Brown Ewart.

ARTHUR E. FOSTER.—O. & C. 1883 etc.—Tate Leaving Exhⁿ. Was son of an Inspector under the Liverpool School Board. Died early. Brother (?) of H. W. Foster, see I.C.S. notes in Magazine Sept. 1935, p. 173.

PERCY J. A. FRANCIS.—Holt Leaving Exhⁿ. 1894. Son of Benjamin Francis, a master in the High School. Became curate of S. Mary's, Grassendale, Liverpool. Died in the Homes of S. Barnabas, E. Grinstead.

ROBERT WILLIAM GENESE.—O. & C. 1867 etc., Leaving Exhⁿ. 1866.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 162.

WILLIAM EDWARD GIBBS.—Entr. Schol. Univ. L'pool 1906.—Magazine April 1934, p. 79.

HILTON GRACE.—Univ. L'pool degrees, 1906.—Younger brother of J. H. Grace (O. & C. 1895 etc.). Entered G.P.O. tel. engineer's department. Drowned at an early age in a boating accident.

ROBERT HOLT.—Misc. 1886.—After his apprenticeship became ass^t. lecturer in engineering at Univ. Coll. L'pool. Then prof. of engineering at the People's Palace, London: later held the same office, and that of vice-principal, at Khedival College, Cairo. Retired after the war; died 1923.

FRANK SEPTIMUS HUGHES.—O. & C. 1880 etc. Misc. 1883.—Entered secretary's office G.P.O. Died 1892. Born L'pool 1860; father a timber merchant.

HUGH RICHARD JONES, M.D.—O. & C. 1883 etc.—B.Sc. London 1885. Research physⁿ (tuberc.) national health insurance commⁿ Wales, 1914. Pathologist L'pool cancer hospital. Tutor in public health Univ. of L'pool. Was son of, and himself became, a director of L'pool Institute. Died about 1917.

RICHARD JOHN LLOYD.—Queen's College, 1875.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 163. Note: Queen's College—the honours degree, class III, at the Univ. of London was in mental and moral sciences; this had been preceded in 1868 (from Queen's Coll.) by second class honours in English at the intermediate examⁿ.

RICHARD SEYMOUR LONG.—O. & C. 1880 etc.—Son of a congregationalist minister in L'pool. Became a schoolmaster. Also engaged in library work. Wrote reviews for the Academy. Died 1897. Elder br. of H. E. Long (O. & C. 1890 etc.).

CHARLES F. LUMB.—O. & C. 1866 etc.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 163.

DONALD MACALISTER.—O. & C. 1872, etc.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 163. Magazine Jan. 1934, p. 11.

HUGH WILLIAM McCANN.—O. & C. 1871 etc.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 164. Was the earliest pupil at the school to be first in all England (1868) in the senior local examinations (Oxford).

GEORGE H. OVEREND.—Misc. 1872.—Entered the Public Record Office from Queen's College. Born 1853, the son of a warehouseman, Islington, L'pool.

CHARLES W. P. OVEREND.—O. & C. 1865.—Made an honorary life member of the L. Institute 1866: did not take his degree at Cambr., nor a London degree. Untraced. Brother (?) of G. H. Overend.

JOHN A. PEIL.—O. & C. 1875 etc. Misc. 1882.—Entered the admiralty. Died early. Born L'pool 1859, son of a hosier.

LEONARD J. RICH.—O. & C. 1885.—Took orders: was for many years at S. Helen's: later vicar of S. Margaret's, Anfield, and died in that office. Conducted the funeral of John Sephton. Son of the postmaster of L'pool.

DAVID THOMAS ROBERTS.—Misc. 1868.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 164.

ROBERT DAVIES ROBERTS.—Misc. 1870.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 164.

HENRY ENDFIELD ROSCOE.—Misc. 1852.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 164. Magazine Sept. 1935, p. 171.

HAROLD SEWARD.—O. & C. 1878 etc.—Won his Exhⁿ to Balliol on the Oxf. Sen. Local Exam. (open scholar 1880). 4th place in London Matricⁿ 1879; Gilchrist scholar for two years. 1884, 2nd place in examⁿ for Patent office, where he served till his death in Oct. 1903, aged 41; no children. Son of James Seward, a master at the school from 1871. (His sister Margaret was at the Centenary in 1925: Magazine Jan. 1926, p. 6.)

EDWARD J. SIMPSON.—O. & C. 1872.—Note: The earliest and minor award at Trinity Cambridge was won from Queen's College: the award shown on the honours board is the major award.—See Magazine Jan. 1935, p. 7, and May 1935, p. 97.

HENRY LLOYD SNAPE.—Misc. 1887.—In the school '68-'76. Owen's Coll. Manch. (London Intermed. Sci. Examⁿ. Hons. Cl III in 1880). From 1882 was for three years demonstrator in chemistry in faculty of medicine, Univ. Coll. L'pool. 1883 B.Sc. (Ord.) London. 1887 D.Sc. London. Prof. of chemistry Univ. Coll. Aberystwyth. 1901-19 Director of Education for Lancs. Died 1933.

WILLIAM THELWALL THOMAS, M.B.E., F.R.C.S., Hon. Ch.M. L'pool.—Misc. 1886—Professor of regional surgery Univ. of L'pool (retired 1925); member of council of Royal Coll. of Surgeons; consulting surgeon Royal Infirmary. Died 1927.

JAMES WARD.—O. & C. 1875 and 1897.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 165. Note: by an error the two entries on the O. & C. honours board are both made under the later year, viz., 1897.

JULIUS WERTHEIMER.—Queen's Coll. 1882.—Magazine Sept. 1935, p. 173. Note: Queen's College.—1878 2nd place in honours of London. 1880 1st cl. honours in German in interm. examⁿ in German, from Q.C. 1882 B.A. Hons. Cl. II German, from Univ. Coll. L'pool. 1885 B.Sc. Ord. Div. ii, from Owen's Coll. Was on the staff of L.I. for a short time. Principal of Merchant Venturers' techn. coll. Bristol 1890-1924; dean of faculty of engineering Univ. of Bristol 1909-24. Died 1924.

JOSEPH EDMUND WRIGHT.—O. & C. 1897 etc. Senior Wrangler.—H. J. Tiffen's History, p. 165.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

While checking London degrees taken from Queen's College (1857-81), we compiled a list of those from the High School or Queen's College who, in the matriculation examination of the University of London, took one of the first five places in honours from the country as a whole. The first, second and third places in this examination carried exhibitions for two years of £30, £20 and £15, awarded by the University; a prize was given by the University to those who took fourth place or fifth. The University also awarded exhibitions for two years to those who at the intermediate examination were at the head of class I in honours.

In the lists which follow, each name is followed by the date and quality of the degree, if any, which was subsequently taken at London. By the principles on which the honours list was compiled, several of these London degrees could not be included: they may therefore be of interest, as here set out.

EXHIBITIONS WON AT THE MATRICULATION EXAMN. OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

1870.	Hugh William McCann. B.Sc. Ord. 1875. D.Sc. 1879.	} £30 p.a. for two years, for the 1st candidate in the Honours Division.
1873.	Donald MacAlister. B.Sc. Ord. 1877.	
1876.	John Chambers. B.A. Ord. 1882.	
1875.	Thomas John Kennedy. Took no London degree.	} £20 p.a. for two years, for the 2nd candidate in the Honours Division.
1878.	Julius Wertheimer. B.A. Hon. Cl. II 1882. B.Sc. Ord. '85.	
1886.	Thomas Alfred Lawrenson. B.A. Hons. Cl. I 1889.	
1890.	John Borthwick Dale. B.A. Hons. Maths. Cl. I 1893	
1879.	Harold Seward. Took no London degree.	
		} £15 p.a. for two years, for the 3rd candidate in the Honours Division,

PRIZES WON AT THE MATRICULATION EXAMN. OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

1867.	Richard John Lloyd.	5th Place in Hons. Division.
	B.A. Hons. Cl. III 1875 M.A. 1886. D.Lit. '92.	
1872.	John Reed White.	do.
	Took no London degree.	

1877.	Frank Septimus Hughes.	5th Place in Hons. Division. Took no London degree.
1883.	James Crocket.	do. Took no London degree.
1884.	Ralph Allen Sampson.	4th Place in Hons. Division. Took no London degree.

EXHIBITIONS WON AT THE INTERMEDIATE EXAMN., LONDON.

1865.	James Willcox Alsop.	£30 p.a. for two years. B.A. Hons. Cl. I 1867.	Exhibition in English.
1871.	Hugh William McCann.	£40 p.a. for two years. B.Sc. Ord. 1875. D.Sc. 1879.	Exhibition in Maths.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

We have compiled a list of those Old Boys of the schools and of Queen's College who, up to 1880, were made honorary life members of the Liverpool Institute, in recognition of the credit which they had conferred upon it by their academic distinctions. After 1880 life membership was given for other causes than success at a university, or in the examinations for the public service, and inclusion in the list has little meaning; but up to that date it did mean that those who won academic honours were given a peculiar privilege, not otherwise conveyed *honoris causa*, namely the right to attend the annual general meeting and to vote in the election of the board of directors. Of those named in the following list, two are known to be alive to-day, Canon A. H. Patterson and Mr. J. R. White.

1864.	Robert J. Edwards. Robert Gordon.
1866.	Charles W. P. Overend.
1869.	Richard J. Lloyd.
1871.	Henry E. Roscoe.
1872.	Robert W. Genese. George M. Hewitt. Charles F. Lumb. Adam Pollard. Robert G. Williams.
1874.	James H. Knox. Edward J. Simpson.
1875.	Alexander H. Patterson. James Wilcock.

1876. Emil W. Ludeke.
Hugh W. McCann.
1878. Donald MacAlister.
1880. John R. White.

Of the above names, all except three appear on the new honours boards, where the reasons for their privilege of membership can be studied. The remaining three men would seem to have taken ordinary degrees only (and were therefore not eligible for the honours boards), their degrees being as follows:—James H. Knox, M.B. Glasgow 1873; James Wilcock, M.A. Edinburgh 1874; Emil W. Ludeke, B.A. London 1875. We have not found, nor did our predecessor in research in 1881, any connection of Ludeke with Queen's College. Knox' medical degree seems to be the next earliest from the School after J. B. Ball of Queen's College.

We regret that this, the last (for so we think it is) of our series of historical notes, should be as thin and dull as it is imperfect—the barest desiccation of 1066 and all that. We console ourselves that readers may not have read to the end, but may have turned the boring page. And yet, in some future and inquiring age, another historian may arise who, if with faint praise, yet with some gratitude, may bless our painful and incomplete researches, and say that we have forwarded his antiquarian end.

H.H.S.

In Memoriam.

H. V. WHITEHOUSE.

"VIC" is dead. A couple of columns in the *Daily Post*, and I am wondering if that is all? How cold and inadequate were those two columns. Perhaps the Magazine can find room for something warmer?

I see "Vic" in Hall stroking the markers of the Bible and rapping out the familiar gambit "I cannot understand the type of mind of a parent who writes to me as follows—"

I see "Vic" at Beddgelert patting the sheep-dog "Gelert" outside the Saracen's Head, and telling stories of undergraduate days in the Alps.

I see "Vic" playing cork halfpenny on his miniature billiard table over in Wallasey with half-a-dozen unskilled boys forced to borrow from "Old Amos" who had scooped the pool.

I see "Vic" playing a tune he had composed specially for me—his shattered left hand darting up and down the keys.

I see "Vic" on Speech Day in his hoodless gown getting "hear-hears" from patriotic parents with his favourite war-time crack: "I see no reason why the youth of this country should not be brought up to see straight, to walk straight, and if need be to shoot straight . . ."

I see "Vic" conducting the School Orchestra—and finding that I couldn't even tune my violin, let alone play it.

I see "Vic" stalking round the Gallery on a Concert night and catching two youngsters whispering behind the entrance screen—and I can hear two cracking clouts above the quiet playing of the McCullough String Quartette.

I see "Vic" (and "Inky") rehearsing the School Play with Mrs. "Vic" and my mother making up the "girls" behind the scenes.

These are sentimental recollections of a great man fated to do his life's work in an unspectacular way. For "Vic" should never have been Headmaster of the Liverpool Institute—he should have been a great scientist in a famous professional chair, or a great conductor of a great orchestra. "Vic" would have handled electrons even better than he handled boys, and he would have controlled an orchestra even better than he controlled a Staff.

As it is, a few of us remember a greatness which should have been shared with a wider audience, we forget a great man's weaknesses and mistakes, and we realise too late that we have never repayed a debt that in any event was overwhelming.

H.F.H.

As the above tribute, though warm, is brief, we reprint the appreciations by two Old Boys which formed part of the two "cold and inadequate" columns referred to above. From the "Liverpool Daily Post," Oct. 9th, 1935—

By LAWRENCE HOLT.

The Liverpool Institute is a household name in Liverpool. It stands for all that is best in the field of educational endeavour. For generations it has enriched our citizenship by a constant stream of men well grounded alike in knowledge and in character. Upon the present generation no man has impressed his mark more strongly than Henry Victor Whitehouse. To those who worked for him, and to those who worked with him, Whitehouse was alike a leader and an inspiration. He possessed a dynamic self-devotion to his task which was infectious to the disciple and awesome to the sluggard. His conception of education was universal, his range of experience wide, and his imagination vividly fertile. Nothing sufficed less than the whole man. The

boys he trained were taught a manhood that is thorough and far-reaching. He embraced within himself the skill of the technician and the fire of the prophet.

The ordered liberty of human life, which he envisaged, was peopled by individual souls, each endowed with gifts to contribute to the common heritage. He laboured unwearingly to liberate the vital energies of each into the free service of a life of manly order and gracious love. He was just, but administered justice with a dry humour that took away its sting. His gruff official exterior hid a heart of deep understanding and sympathy. It was not for nothing that on his retirement the gift from the Old Boys was inscribed "with love." The humanity of the man was overflowing. He gave all he had, and sometimes strained himself in the giving. His tremendous enthusiasm impregnated the atmosphere of the school and drew to him men with kindred interest. During his headmastership the School was the scene of many notable developments, the direct influence of his genius and personality.

To the writer, an ineffaceable impression was the moral worth of the man. His self-devotion to his calling was complete. Evil and wrong were things to be fought and destroyed, but the soul of the offender was a priceless possession to be loved and saved. The loyalties of his heart were fearless and resolute. His sensitive nature formed inevitably strong likes and dislikes. Sometimes he may have found his affections and confidence misplaced, but the strong loyalty of his nature never failed him or his friends, and the strongest of all his loyalties was that which he bore to the school in which his life's duty lay.

By JAMES LAVER.

Those who knew Mr. Whitehouse in his hey-day as Headmaster of the Liverpool Institute, can hardly realise that so forceful a personality can have passed away.

There was, always while he ruled over the great school, which was so largely his own creation, something volcanic, daemonic about him. He was like a force of nature, obeying its own laws and sweeping aside oppositions as an avalanche sweeps away the trees in its path. I think most of his pupils must have begun by being afraid of him, yet nearly all came to love him before they left the school, and to look back upon him with affection and gratitude. Gratitude, indeed, should be the dominant feeling of all who passed through his hands. It was impossible to come into contact with him without being in some way influenced by that contagious enthusiasm, that desire to grasp the world with both hands in which there was not a trace of vulgar ambition or desire for personal fame.

Mr. Whitehouse was an unusual combination of the scientist and the classical scholar. To the "classics" among his pupils he appealed not to lose contact with life, not to be content with anything less than scientific method; to the scientifically-minded he insisted on the importance of the humanities. He fought for the classical training like a redoubtable warrior he was, and before he left the school he had the satisfaction of having sent a whole flight of scholars to Oxford and Cambridge and to have made the name of the Liverpool Institute respected in places where it had previously been almost unknown.

But the great enthusiasm of his life was music, and the greatest debt which many now scattered over the earth owe to Mr. Whitehouse was his insistence that the school, not the upper school only, but the whole school, must be given an opportunity of hearing good music, played by first-class players, at every possible opportunity. Many a boy, attending a concert for no better reason than to escape some of his homework, found himself, almost against his will, gradually caught up more and more into the world of the great musical classics. Once more, Mr. Whitehouse's enthusiasm had proved catching, once more his example had enriched all the lives around him. It is good to think that there must be many who are still conscious of all they owe to Mr. Whitehouse, and who will always think of him, with affectionate remembrance, as the great man he was.

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House Notes.

ALFRED HOLT.—At last we can declare openly what we have always believed secretly—that Alfred Holt is the best House in the School, for, apart from such characteristics as *esprit de corps*, the House Competition itself affords a further proof of our belief.

Moreover, our two football teams acquitted themselves brilliantly, the Seniors being rather unlucky to lose by one goal in the semi-final, while the Juniors demonstrated our superiority by winning the Junior final. Our gymnasium team, with one reserve in it, finished third in the Gym. Competition; and in social work, too, at the prize distribution, in the O.T.C., and in the School play, Alfred Holt was well to the fore.

We must not rest on our oars, however. We must pull hard together (and the important word in that phrase is—*together*) or else we will drift back with the current and be passed by other Houses. There can be no standing still in the

House Competition—we must forge ahead still further or else accept defeat, the inevitable consequence of over-confidence. Next term the Boxing Competition and the Steeplechase give us a chance to increase our lead; don't let this chance slip, for opportunities, like House marks, can never be recaptured once they have been missed. To work, Alfred. We want that Shield, it's up to us to get it!

T. W. SLADE.

Cochran.—Well, Cochran, we have had the first term of our year together, and it is time now to survey our results in the light of last year's achievements. Last year we rose from seventh place to first, a really notable and remarkable effort. We carried off most of the trophies and altogether we had a very successful year. It is now up to us to carry on the fine tradition handed on to us and I do not think we have done our best to perform what was demanded of us. The Gymnasium Competition was an example of the deplorable spirit existing in parts of the House. I spoke of this at our meetings, and I sincerely hope that it will have disappeared next term. We need a whole-hearted effort to gain a good position. EVERYBODY must help by bringing his whole weight and effort into the fight for marks and success. Marks are hard to come by in the new system, and our House teams MUST be as perfect as they can be made. That remains for you to do. YOU must help with enthusiasm. We need no half-hearted members. So I make this appeal to the House, to use all the forces at our command to keep Cochran at the top. We all must help, let us see real House enthusiasm and spirit in the next year. No slackness must be seen in Cochran House. We must ALL strive together and this can be done with ease, if the right spirit is present.

We were most unfortunate in the Horsfall games. The Juniors by a fine effort reached the final, but a replay was necessary and the final winner is not yet decided. The Seniors, unfortunately, failed in the first round but we may expect better luck next term. A word of praise and thanks is necessary for the fine work of those who had the keen interest and spirit to put us in the Gymnasium Competition. There was much slackness in the House over this and we must congratulate the team (and especially Cordon) on the fine work they put in. In spite of this work they did not finish too promisingly. Next term we still have the Boxing Competition. We MUST gain marks there, so I urge the House most earnestly to attend boxing and thus enable us to gather some marks in the forthcoming event.

So we must look forward to a new Year, to those whose House spirit is good, and they are in the vast majority, I say keep on with your good work; to the rest, let us have a UNITED effort and a whole-hearted enthusiasm, which will place Cochran where she belongs—AT THE TOP.

A. E. DAWES.

Danson.—Last year, you will remember, I frequently complained that the House had very few members who could gain a large and regular supply of marks. This year, however, we have much more talent to help us, but under the new system the services of individuals, as such, are much less important. Again, therefore, we are forced to rely on team-work, on the interest and enthusiasm of the other members of the House in helping our leaders to form sound teams. If, indeed, the other teams will support their particular stars in the same way as sound displays on the part of the other members of the Gym. Squadron aided Parr's brilliant exhibition to win the House Shield, Danson will soon be at the head of the main competition.

"How can we help, then?" you will ask. By turning up at practices when your captains ask you, we reply (and remind you particularly of this term's Boxing Competition); by regular attendance at Fletcher's Farm so that we may have a strong team to support Wildman in the Steeplechase; by playing Fives frequently so that Beeby may have a number of players from whom to choose his team. This year, with our enthusiasm directed in the right channels, we have an excellent opportunity of retrieving Danson's wretched record of the last six or seven years. We must not neglect that opportunity. We must all remember through the coming term that Danson can win the House Competition, that this year we have both the men and the enthusiasm.

T. J. HOPWOOD.

Hughes.—The work of this term does not merit much discussion; the uncertain state of the House Competition makes it a waste of time. The spirit of the House, however, cannot go without mention, even if not honourable. It was clearly a term for experiments, in which the new House might show its intrinsic value as a communal body. The atmosphere of the House, notwithstanding, has been the direct opposite of this; it has been merely normal (that is, slack)—an unprecedented occurrence with us, the heroes of many a year of work. This fact is borne out by the processes of the Horsfall Cup games, as well as of the Chess and Gym. Competitions. In all these a modicum of common sense and House spirit could have pulled us

through winners. And it is this lack which Hughes must make up; the House must get into its head that we are not what we once were—invincible without effort. We have lost most of our cross-country runners, athletes, and several footballers, therefore "a golden mediocrity" must be our aim; it has won competitions, and fame of old, and it will do so again. The old House system may seem to have held greater promise of success on these lines; stars and other such rewards would have been very useful, but this success would have been the result of incidental individual effort and not a true measure of the House's progress. The House must therefore drop its *blasé* attitude towards House life and buckle to next term. To this end I wish the House a Happy and Hard-working New Year—the latter will come as a matter of course, the former depends upon the House itself.

A. M. MELLOR.

Owen.—We have been jogging along rather contentedly and complacently this term, blissfully unaware of our position in the House Competition, and consoling ourselves with the thought that sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. But the sword of Damocles has fallen at last and Owen takes her place as sixth in the House Competition; and yet we must confess that this position is no higher than could be reasonably expected when we consider the persistent indolence and slackness of a few, but noxious, members of the House. They are doubly harmful, because by their example they discourage both those who wish to support the House whole-heartedly, and those who really want to help, but think their effort not worth while in the face of continued rebuffs. During the past term, we have dealt leniently with offenders, hoping that they would respond to the trust reposed in them. In this we have been sorely disappointed, though the House is, taken as a whole, sound at heart; and we must remember that the House only flourishes in direct proportion to the zeal and enthusiasm of all; it is the earnest effort and willing co-operation of every member that counts rather than the temporary successes of a few Seniors.

Next term provides ample opportunity for improvement. First and foremost comes the annual Steeplechase. Every able-bodied member of the House will attend at least two Wednesday afternoon runs in order to qualify for the Steeplechase for which we are going to have a record entry. We must make every effort to wipe out our disgrace in the Gymnasium Competition by carrying off all the honours for boxing. The House Fives Competition takes place next term and we appeal to all who can play Fives to put in as much practice as possible.

Owen, do not imagine that we are going to take a higher place in the House Competition by any short and occasional bursts of energy and that we can in this way make up for a whole term's slackness. Steady, continuous effort is all that is needed. We appeal to every member of the House to take a worthy share in its responsibilities, to enable Owen to take its right and lawful place at the top.

L. LEATHER.

Philip Holt.—Before writing this note, lads, I have been forced to read six other House notes, and it has become apparent that all but a few of the members of these other Houses are worthless wrecks. Their House captains must drive them to work; they have "a deplorable spirit"; the "atmosphere" is "slack"; there is "persistent indolence and slackness"; "the House" must improve.

There need be none of this in our note. During this last term, all unwitting of our position in the Efficiency Competition, automatically, without pushing or driving, we have gone on quite happily. It was rumoured that Philip Holt had walked, or rather swum, away with the Swimming Sports awards; a faint murmur of surprise showed that the Senior Eleven had won that term's section of the Horsfall Cup Competition; few knew that we topped the marks for O.T.C. recruits; so it went on.

We can now look at the result of our carefree efforts. In the House Competition, Alfred Holt, first, are but two points ahead of us; this, despite their two separate sets of referees, which resulted in a gain, over us, of 14 points, or 35% of their total. We may well rejoice and thank the House teams, victorious and defeated, for their efforts. We appear to be returning to our one-time position rapidly.

This term our referees must be got out when required; a few good runners form the nucleus of a small but efficient running team, which will obtain marks in the Steeplechase; judging from the numbers present at the classes, we are sure to be in the first three in the Boxing Competition. The Senior football team, even if they do not win this term's competition, must win the Horsfall Cup Final; big marks are to be obtained in the Sports at the beginning of next term, and training should help our athletes to carry off some of these marks; the House Soirée—to be held jointly with Tate—will not be cut short as last year and should be enjoyed by all; we must carry off the major awards.

So, after a pleasant Christmas holiday, I hope that, in making your unbreakable New Year resolutions, you will consider the following:—

- (1) Referees must be turned out.
- (2) We must be "placed" in the Boxing Competition.
- (3) *Philip Holt United* for the Cup Final.
- (4) Don't forget Fives and the Sports.
- (5) Steeplechase. *Philip Holt*—Win or place.

In optimistic anticipation of this term's efforts, I will say
THANK YOU!
J. A. ROBERTS.

Tate.—The success of a House in such competitions as those for the Football, Cricket and Gymnasium Cups is more or less pre-determined by the number of boys in the House with skill in these games. This being so, there are three other competitions apart from the Efficiency Shield, which depend on the efforts of the House as a whole. They are the Boxing Competition, the Steeplechase and the Sports.

Anyone who takes up boxing at the beginning of this term and attends regularly will have a very fair chance of reaching the final. An influx of new boxers from Tate would put the Shield in our pocket.*

A similar effort in the realm of cross-country running would ensure the steeplechase awards coming to their rightful home. So few people are interested in running that anyone who takes the trouble to run from Fletcher's Farm on a few of his free Wednesday afternoons ought to be among the first fifteen home in the steeplechase.

The Sports seem a long way off now, but they will probably be over before next term's House notes are published,—and so a word or two about them will not be out of place here. In the first place there are only one or two really good runners in the School and they cannot fill all the places, in every race, between them. There is no reason why the rest should not be "bagged" by you. Some training at Greenbank during the Easter holidays will put you ahead of all other ordinary mortals. Now training is not the nightmare most people imagine it to be. On the contrary it is very pleasant; it only means turning up at Greenbank on fine mornings and running round the track a few times at your own speed. Furthermore you are sure to meet somebody you know there, since the School is not entirely apathetic. It is a long time off now, but please try to bear this in mind until the time comes.

And remember—Boxing, Steeplechase, Sports. Otherwise the name of Tate will be conspicuous by its absence from next year's list of awards.
J. S. BONE.

* "Eh, you can't do that there 'ere."—Eds.

House Competition.

	Scouts.	O.T.C.	Chess.	Swimming.	Gymnasium.	Horsfall Cup.	Referees.	TOTAL.
1. Alfred Holt	—	12	—	—	2	6	18	33
2. Philip Holt	—	18	—	6	—	8	4	36
3. Cochran ...	2	14	4	4	—	4	5	33
4. Danson ...	—	16	—	2	6	—	5	29
5. Tate ...	—	16	—	—	4	—	4	24
6. Owen ...	—	8	—	—	—	—	8	16
7. Hughes ...	—	10	2	—	—	—	—	12

A. E. DAWES.

Swimming Notes.

THE Gala was held as usual, at Lodge Lane Baths, and a fair number of spectators attended. The number of entries was poor, especially for the Senior events. This year, the general standard of swimming was also rather poor, although Parr and McBurney show promise, and with training should do well next year. Competition amongst the Juniors was keen and some close finishes were witnessed. On the other hand, Robinson was provided with very little real opposition and was never really extended, except in the 100 yards free style, when he was beaten. Although McBurney was comparatively close behind in the number of marks he gained, he was well beaten in the majority of races. Robinson was Senior Champion, for the second year in succession and Parr was Junior Champion.

We are grateful to all the Masters who helped to run the Gala and especially grateful to Mr. Killingley, Mr. Folland and Mr. Stell for the keen interest which they have shown in School swimming.

Full Colours were re-awarded to Robinson, H. A.

Results were as follows:—

FOUR LENGTHS BACK STROKE (Senior).—1, Robinson, H. A. (P); 2, McBurney, J. W. (P); 3, Beastall, W. H. (P)

BEGINNERS' RACE.—1, Bell, L. G. (A); 2, Jones, C. U. (H).

TWO LENGTHS FREE STYLE (Senior).—1, Robinson, H. A. (P); 2, Lewtas, J. (C); 3, McBurney, J. W. (P).

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Junior).—1, Parr, W. M. (D); 2, Watson, A. (P).

- LONG PLUNGE (Open).—1, Robinson, H. A. (P) ; 2, McBurney, J. W. (P) ; 3, Howell, F. R. (H).
- TWO LENGTHS BACK STROKE (Junior).—1, Richards, W. (A) ; Leak, C. (C).
- FOUR LENGTHS BREAST STROKE (Senior).—1, Robinson, H. A. (P) ; 2, McBurney, J. W. (P) ; 3, Smith, R. J. (T).
- TWO LENGTHS FREE STYLE (Junior).—1, Parr, W. M. (D) ; 2, Mayhew, W. H. (D).
- HOUSE SQUADRON RACE (Senior).—1, Philip Holt ; 2, Danson.
- HOUSE SQUADRON RACE (Junior).—1, Philip Holt ; 2, Hughes.
- TEN LENGTHS CHAMPIONSHIP.—1, Robinson, H. A. (P) ; 2, Parr, W. M. (D) ; 3, McBurney, J. W. (P).
- NEAT DIVE (Junior).—1, Molyneux, C. P. B. (P) ; 2, Beastall, K. (P).
- NEAT DIVE (Senior).—1, Robinson, H. R. (P) ; 2, Lewtas, J. (C) ; 3, Beastall, W. H. (P).
- LIFE SAVING.—1, Robinson, H. A. (P) ; 2, McBurney, J. W. (P) ; 3, Bender, A. E. (O).
- FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (Senior).—1, Lewtas, J. (C) ; 2, Martin, N. E. (C).
- TWO LENGTHS BREAST-STROKE (Junior).—1, Richards, W. (A) ; 2, Corlett, T. (C).
- FOUR LENGTHS FREE STYLE (Senior).—1, McBurney, J. W. (P) ; 2, Lewtas, J. (C) ; 3, Robinson, H. A. (P).
- TWO LENGTHS FREE STYLE (Junior).—1, Molyneux, C. P. B. (P) ; 2, Sharrock, R. S. (H).
- FOUR LENGTHS SINGLE OVER-ARM (Senior).—1, Martin, W. E. (C) ; 2, Corlett, J. (C) ; 3, Blower, F. D. (D).
- OLD BOYS' RACE.—1, Curran ; 2, McKenzic ; 3, Robinson.
- OBSTACLE RACE.—1, Watson, A. ; 2, Bridge, A. C.
- HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS :—
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| SENIOR | ... | 1, Philip Holt, 359 points ; | Cochran, 168 points. |
| JUNIOR | ... | 1, Philip Holt, 103 points ; | Danson, 97 points. |
| AGGREGATE | ... | 1, Philip Holt. | |

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING.

The Inter-School Swimming Sports were held a month after the School Gala at Picton Road Baths. Parr and Robinson were the only finalists from the Institute. Parr swam in the final of the 50 yards Free Style (Junior), and came in fourth, which was not a bad performance, considering that a new record time of $28\frac{3}{5}$ secs. was set up by the winner. Robinson swam well, to finish second in the Open 100 yards Breast Stroke and scarcely a yard behind the winner, who also set up a new record. The School swimmers were given great support by members of the School—three of them.

On the Tuesday after the Inter-School gala, another swimming contest was staged at Lodge Lane Baths, in which Liverpool Secondary School boys opposed Liverpool Elementary School boys, and Liverpool Secondary Schools opposed Cheshire Secondary Schools. Richards, Molyneux and Robinson were picked to swim for Liverpool. The swimming throughout the evening was really excellent and the gala deserved better sup-

port than it received. The fact that one of the Cheshire swimmers swam a 100 yards in $64\frac{2}{5}$ seconds is ample proof of the high standard of swimming. The races were many and varied ; Liverpool Secondary Schools lost both contests.

H. A. ROBINSON.

" The Return of the Prodigal "

By ST. JOHN HANKIN.

Presented at Crane Hall, on December 17th, 1935.

TO attend a performance of the School play is usually an enjoyable experience ; most people depart, as I have done for many years, with the memory of a pleasing entertainment, which might have been a lot better ; it seems very easy to criticise the acting, the play, the scenery. Yet, to one who must write a *critique* later, the play has an altered meaning. Alert, watching for every mistake, listening closely for impure diction, hoping for some sensational catastrophe, the attempted critic is hard to please. So, I sat through the performance of this year's play and was astonished. For the acting seemed excellent, speech was clear, and the sets left nothing to be desired. In fact, realization came slowly that these entertainments have always been good, and it is with this realization that I write this—well, part appreciation.

The choice of a play which must be acted by a young cast and appreciated by an adult audience, is no light task, and such a successful solution as appeared this year does great credit to those responsible.

Another difficulty met with regularly is that the female parts must necessarily be played by the younger members. This year, as before, youth was triumphant.

Amongst the ladies, M. H. Rose was a very good-looking Stella Faringford and moved about the stage in a suitably feminine way, though a tendency to turn in his toes when seated was evident. His speech was very clear, but at times jerky. He experienced difficulty in love-making, as is usual in such a case. Maria Jackson, played by P. H. Doughty, was a charming old lady and the audience fully appreciated the sentiments of her second son. The gentleness was overdone at times, however. B. A. Willis gave a convincing study of the superior, crushing, Lady Faringford, and proved a highly pleasing player. G. H. Bullock, as Violet Jackson, had difficulty with his footballer's walk, and proved too masculine for the part. His speech was clear, but did not flow too easily. P. Honey was once more a good lady as Mrs. Platt, wife of the rector.

A. D. Mair and T. W. Slade as Samuel Jackson and his younger son Eustace, respectively, gave experienced performances and a display of first-class acting. The clash of the two, in the third act, was the feature of the play. The father's anger was extremely well portrayed, and opposed to the studied calm of Eustace,* provided an excellent contrast of righteous wrath and erring insolence. Little more need be said, save that the effects of experience was most evident here. G. H. Tharme gave a carefully acted characterization of Henry and, despite the fact that he lacked the polish of his younger brother and that his anger was weak when compared with that of his father, he was excellent as the successful stay-at-home. The audience had little sympathy with him, which is sufficient proof of the value of his portrait. L. E. Thompson was far too young in appearance and too explosive in speech to be the husband of Lady Faringford. He displayed good stage sense, however, and his acting was good. J. I. Gledsdale was a delightfully refreshing Dr. Glaisher, and this suitably over-acted character greatly pleased the audience. T. Hawthorn was very effective as the Rev. Cyril Platt. He had a benign dignity worthy of an archbishop, and carried on the silent conversation, which took place while Henry was the main centre of attraction, in a praiseworthy manner. He appeared too old for his wife, or perhaps she was too young.

J. B. Shaw was an efficient Baines, and manoeuvred well when carrying out his duties, while A. D. Gledsdale was a well-trained footman. G. W. H. Hartley appeared, though very briefly, as a gardener.

The play went well up to the last act, the audience, unlike the School at the earlier performance, being continually amused. The last act depended rather too much on Violet, who lacked the necessary experience. The weak act ended in a weak curtain, but failed to impair the effect of the whole. The triumph of evil over self-righteousness worried no one. The wigs chosen for the male characters were unsuitable, and in several cases were unnecessary, as they resulted in no improvement. This was the only defect in the appearance of the play, for Miss Lomax did good work in dressing and making up the female characters, while Mr. Jones was a very capable stage-manager and produced some fine sets. Finally Mr. Hicks, the producer, and his colleague Mr. H. M. Brown, were mainly responsible for the excellence of the production and must therefore deserve our chief congratulations and thanks.

* We learn that, when later asked by a young lady for his autograph, his "studied calm" was so much lacking that he asked "Why?"
—EDS.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the session was held on Tuesday, September 24th, in the Board Room, with Mr. Hicks in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and *mirabile dictu*, signed without comment.

A vacancy had arisen on the committee owing to the resignation of J. A. Roberts. G. Hughes was elected to this exalted position. To the office of Lord High Poker-in-Chief, S. Samuels was elected with great glee.

G. H. Tharme then reminded the Society that O'Neil, a previous Vice-President, had had a reserved chair, and proposed that a Lord High Keeper of the Vice-Presidential Cathedra be elected, the title being suggested by P. Curtis. After much speculation the motion was carried, and it was decided that the committee, in alphabetical order should take the position. The Lord High Poker-in-Chief wished to have a reserved chair, but the Society would permit no such thing.

Audible sanction was given to the presence of P. Curtis, an Old Boy, and Private Business came to an end.

The chairman called upon G. H. Tharme to propose that "Professionalism is detrimental to Modern Sport." He spoke of Greek sports and Roman gladiatorial spectacles, and then descended to British sport, which, he said, had long existed but with little amateurism. He asserted that Professionalism is detrimental in that it ceases to be a game, an end in itself, since the player takes the game as his trade. After mentioning the use of different dressing rooms by amateur and professional cricketers, he sat down.

J. S. Bone then rose to oppose the motion. He emphasised the need for spectators at sport, since small clubs depended on the revenue obtained from them. He stated that there were not nearly enough men with sufficient wealth and skill to train fully. Hence the need for professionals. Evidently intending to leave nothing to chance, he concluded by reiterating his former arguments with even greater emphasis and took his seat.*

A. E. Bender was now called upon to second the proposal. He commenced by describing football as a typical modern sport and declaimed the scientific intentional fouls of first-class players. After showing why professionals foul, he averred that the incentive of the amateur is pride in achievement, and is greater than the mercenary incentive of the professional; thus concluding.

L. Beeby seconded the opposition. Professionals would not foul, he alleged, and risk suspension for a mere £2. He defined a sport as one who amuses or makes merry and consequently described Shakespeare as a sport. After trying to cure John D. Rockefeller of rheumatism and make him play football, he desisted.

The motion was then thrown open to debate. S. E. Keidan quoted an article on sun-ray treatment for professionals, then gave place to G. S. Rose, who discussed the psychology of the inhabitants of Spion Kop. I. Kushner next expressed his surprise that any speaker besides himself could blather. He deplored the Roman lust for blood, whereupon P. Curtis was moved to speak forcibly (*sic*) and also to surprise. He enlarged upon the Society's knowledge of Greek sport, but unfortunately spoke in Greek, to the evident embarrassment of the secretarial board. Mr. Moore next arose and argued that since time and money are necessary to become expert at sport, this accomplishment would be restricted to

* Whither?—EDS.

amateurs. After a pause, R. J. Carline declared that the arguments of the seconder of the proposal were off the subject, and R. J. Hammer opposed the motion by stating that professionalism has *made* cricket and football. J. N. Bywell praised pensions and was followed by S. Samuels. The latter discussed sport and Alcibiades, and allowed T. J. Hopwood to compare the language heard on Spion Kop with that of the Institute Removes. After various personal explanations, R. C. Nairn described a previous speaker's depreciation of money for play, as a hit against receiving marks in School games.

No further speakers being forthcoming, the chairman called upon the opposer, J. S. Bone, to reply. The latter assured us that he had been listening all evening. After declaring that the Greeks were not included in the motion and that amateurs practise pot-hunting, he ceased.

G. H. Tharme then replied. We participate in sport, he said, that our bodies may be perfect, therefore professionals are unnecessary. After a furious indictment against some of the previous speakers he collapsed.

On being put to the vote, the motion was defeated by 12 votes to 24. The meeting was then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, October 8th, in the Board Room, with Mr. Chapman in the chair.

When the minutes were read, T. W. Slade immediately secured an alteration. I. Kushner attempted an alteration, but T. W. Slade was again successful with an amendment. After some minor skirmishes, G. H. Tharme submitted that he and P. Curtis, being men of dignity (*sic*) neither "relapsed" nor "collapsed" and proposed that they "sat down." After a discussion as to the behaviour of the two gentlemen, the motion was lost, and the minutes were signed.

I. Kushner secured a motion that the proposer and opposer have a chair allotted to them, one on each side of the table. G. H. Tharme conducted an enquiry concerning the importation of coal and the maintenance of heat, so causing the Lord High Poker-in-Chief to stoke the fire. Private Business thus concluded.

The chairman called upon I. Kushner to propose that "Man is too great a lover of pleasure and comfort." He commenced by comparing the relative comforts of shoes and sandals, shirts and togas, cinemas and Greek theatres. He disparaged tram-riding, cycling and wearing gloves, which the Greeks did not do, and ceased. S. E. Keidan opposed the motion. He asserted that it is natural for man to love comfort. When the Romans relaxed, the barbarians over-ran their empire, thus man must not relax, otherwise another creature, a non-lover of pleasure and comfort might arise and overcome him. T. W. Slade seconded the motion. He deplored his own lack of knowledge of science and classics, and proved that the Society is too fond of comfort in sitting on cushioned seats and allowing him to occupy a wooden chair. He himself would gain by becoming less fond of pleasure, therefore so would man. H. Hoddes seconded the opposition by admitting that man is fond of pleasure and comfort. He spoke of Mussolini and classics and various aspects of pleasure and then closed.

The motion was then thrown open to debate; when R. J. Carline asserted that comfort is a necessity, and public houses are not pleasurable. S. Samuels took the common-sense point of view (*sic*) and declared it to be impossible to be *too* fond of pleasure. G. Hughes mentioned Scafell and motorists, and had no sympathy with the heathens who took pleasure and comfort more seriously than duty. A. D. Mair suggested that modern life is fast, and L. Beeby described certain important

duties as pleasures. He averred that the desire of the mind for pleasure has led to the development of art and science. R. J. Hammer decided that Liverpool's new trams demonstrated our love of pleasure; but J. B. Shaw urged that the pleasure of riding on trams is not too great. The chairman vacated his chair, and gave the Society the benefit of his experience. Man is too fond of conventions, he said, not comforts. He called upon T. J. Hopwood to speak, but the latter could not add to the chairman's arguments. Whereat A. E. Dawes was invited to add to the evening's entertainment. He declared that we should not be condemned to the stigma of laziness because of the black sheep. Mr. Moore, fresh from the cinema, had, of necessity, to oppose the motion. Comfort is vital to modern man, he emphasised, to allow his racked nerves to recuperate. R. L. Moxon propounded that leisure leads to improvements, and T. W. Slade explained his speech in person. J. G. Vickers put Greeks in tram-cars and G. S. Rose revealed his night's thoughts, both supporting the proposal. W. Crewe was called upon to debate and his silent meditation impressed the Society. G. H. Tharme at last shot up, and arrived at a solution by disagreeing, to some extent, with Mr. Chapman's arguments. After a harangue interspersed with Greek, he was followed by R. H. Williams, who attested that man knows when he has enough, and so cannot have too much. A. D. Blackie suggested that all man's actions were originally for his pleasure and comfort. N. E. Martin then noisily discoursed on sense perception. He accused the chairman of being "Love," "Mae West" and "You," the Society not understanding who "You" was.

There being no further speakers, S. E. Keidan replied. He could say nothing, he declared, since all opposition arguments had already been delivered, so he explained his original statement. I. Kushner finally replied by comparing his own brand of irrelevancy with other brands. Since no one can amuse himself, he must go to the cinema. After oscillating on and off the point, he concluded.

On being put to the vote, the motion was lost by 8 votes to 29. The chairman then adjourned the meeting.

The third meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on October 22nd, with Mr. Hicks in the chair.

The minutes having been read, S. E. Keidan successfully proposed the abolition of the Vice-Presidential Cathedra. The L.H.P.-I.-C. then leapt to his feet and in reverberating tones, charged with self-righteous indignation, asserted that no one could possibly be ignorant of *his* identity. He therefore proposed substituting "status" for "identity" in the minutes; this was passed after discussion. I. Kushner objected to the unnecessary and unpleasant repetition of G. H. Tharme's name; the L.H.P.-I.-C. claimed to have found a teeny-weeny bit of slate (*sic*) in the coal-scuttle at a previous meeting, and J. G. Vickers denied having claimed to put Greeks in tram-cars—but the Society thought he had.

The minutes were then signed and the chairman called on G. H. Tharme to propose that "The Industrial Revolution was the cause of more harm than good." The revolution, he said, had caused an immigration from homes to factories, where women and young children sweated for incredibly long hours, and from the country to the sunless slums of the towns. The result was a high infant mortality rate and an increase in disease, particularly consumption. Contrary to popular belief conditions were little better to-day. The necessity for destroying corn and dumping oranges in the sea was one of the consequences of the Industrial Revolution; another was the general blighting of aesthetic

values among the lower classes. In conclusion he would not suggest that the revolution was in itself bad, but our present economic structure could not be adapted to suit the resultant conditions.

N. E. Martin, in opposing the motion, said the Industrial Revolution had produced the Trade Unions; it had given the franchise to all and it had drawn people to cities which, besides producing beneficial contact of mind with mind, necessitated increased foreign trade and consequent internationalism. Finally, the three important beneficial results, Education, Democracy and Internationalism far outweighed the social evils.

T. W. Slade seconded the motion. He stated that democracy was founded in 1688, that the Industrial Revolution had caused tariff barriers and that the T.U.C. was still not entirely effective. Although we should reap ultimate benefit, at present the bad far outweighed the good.

T. J. Hopwood, seconding the opposition, attributed the greatness of the Greeks to an industrial revolution staged by one, Solon. Such had also been the case in England. He showed how the poverty of the present day only appeared to be worse than that of pre-revolution times and then sat down.

J. N. Bywell then hesitatingly rose to his feet and argued that colonial trade was a deterrent to war. The L.H.P.-I.-C. thought that the end did not justify the means and V. L. Cooper said the revolution had caused raggy newspapers (*sic*) and inferior books, while J. G. Vickers spoke vaguely of an Agrarian Revolution. According to R. C. Nairn, who probably discussed diseases, the tape-worm had been cut down owing to the prevention of the pig (*sic*). S. E. Keidan urged the Society not to vote because the harmful effects just cancelled out the beneficial. R. H. Williams and R. J. Carline thought this a good reason for supporting the motion. I. Kushner alleged that the Industrial Revolution had given England a "kick in the pants" (*sic*), and A. E. Bender discussed the ultimate aim of civilisation, giving place to L. Beeby, who preferred mechanisation to small farmers and inferior books to no books at all. In reply, the opposer summed up his former arguments and the proposer exploded all adverse arguments to his own satisfaction, urging the meeting to support the motion, which, however, was defeated by 17 votes to 21.

The next meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on October 29th with Mr. Hicks in the chair.

G. H. Tharme, N. E. Martin and T. J. Hopwood severally attempted to secure alterations in the minutes when they were read, but were doomed to failure. The Secretarial Board proved invincible and the minutes were signed unaltered.

The chairman then called upon T. Hawthorn to propose that "Man is tired of Liberty." The speaker described the various restrictions on their liberty to which the peoples of Europe and America were willingly submitting. Again in England there was a general apathy towards liberty. Our thoughts were directed by the Yellow Press and individualism was suppressed. Hence in private, in public, and in international life man was sacrificing his liberty willingly.

A. E. Bender then rose to oppose the motion. He showed that for half of each day man has no liberty since he must act as nature directs, while for the other half his activities are restricted by the laws and customs of his country. He supported this by a disquisition on "the knocking off of a 2d. Cadbury's" (*sic*) and "a day in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Suburbia." He stated that man could not be tired of that which he did not possess and then resumed his seat.

T. W. Slade, following his usual practice, seconded the motion. He said that liberty meant the political liberty of mankind, rather than the domestic liberty of the individual. The continental nations had given up the former because they were tired of it and hoped for ultimate good under dictators.

S. E. Keidan, seconding the opposition, contended that man is a slave to his sub-conscious mind and, evidently impressed by the arguments of his principal, also proved that man has no liberty.

The motion was then thrown open to debate. There was a pause pregnant with the silence of concentrated thought until the L.H.P.-I.-C., discarding the poker for the pulpit, manfully leapt into the breach and stated that our ancestors had fought and died for liberty. The motion was therefore an insult which the Society must avenge by a crushing defeat. He was succeeded by R. J. Carline, who quoted the O.E.D., and A. D. Mair, who stated that "in service is perfect freedom." E. S. Kelly declared that we had renounced liberty for a greater good; G. S. Rose told stories of the heartlessness of government inspectors while N. E. Martin thought liberty referred to personal thought and opinion. The Society then lent an ear to G. Hughes who showed refreshing originality by actually supporting the motion, as did also G. H. Tharme, H. Kushner and A. D. Blackie probably opposed the motion, and L. Beeby quoted Sir Philip Gibbs; J. W. McBurney remarked that man was tired of some kinds of liberty but not of others. The opposer then replied. He said the Society was representative of man and must vote according to their own feelings. Apparently not trusting their judgment on so weighty a matter, however, he exhorted them at some length to defeat the motion. The proposer then rose and discussed previous arguments, observing that there had been a growth rather than a decline in the number of dictatorships. On being put to the vote the motion was lost by six votes to twenty-six.

A meeting of the Society was held on November 19th, with Mr. S. V. Brown in the chair. After the minutes had been read, S. Samuels, N. E. Martin and T. J. Hopwood were successively indignant but could secure no alteration, until G. S. Rose disagreed and a phrase was altered. The minutes were signed and Private Business concluded.

The chairman called upon J. S. Bone to propose that "England would be in a better state if the Cabinet were superseded by the Council of the Royal Society." He explained what was meant by the Council and the good which it would do if in office. He disparaged armchair scientists, a class no longer extant, and showed how methodical the new government could be. After stressing the improvement of international relations which would result, he closed. T. Hawthorn opposed the motion on the grounds that Britain would suffer an irreparable loss if her scientists forsook their own affairs and took to governing. Describing the specialisation required for governing, he alleged that cabinet ministers were trained to govern, whereas scientists were not. After asking where the Royal Society could find a man like Sir Samuel Hoare, he gave place to L. Beeby, who seconded the proposal. The latter pointed to Cabinet reshuffles as evidence of the fallacy of the opposer's arguments, and postulated that a scientist is both a man of action and a thinker. After weighing tiny quantities of nitrogen, he had to conclude. T. J. Hopwood seconded the opposition and ridiculed the motion. He defined the duties of the Cabinet, and since scientists in office would, he said, restrain liberty and form an inefficient government, he opposed the motion; which was thrown open to debate.

S. Samuels immediately responded and disclosed his ignorance concerning the Royal Society. At this, A. E. Bender was dismayed, and after looking on both sides of the question, condemned the proposal. G. Hughes distinguished science from politics, and A. D. Blackie praised the honesty of scientists. R. C. Nairn claimed that scientists could govern well and knew everything. But R. H. Williams alleged that dispensing with the Cabinet would mean the loss of many brains. R. J. Carline opposed because rule by the Royal Society would mean over-population. S. E. Keidan was astounded at this, and declared the scheme to be impracticable. N. E. Martin discoursed on intuition, arguments, the Italo-Abyssinian question and finally relapsed. The chairman then spoke and picked holes in the opposition. Intuition is simply a guess which turns out to be correct, he said, and scientists would solve the racial hatreds of Europe. G. H. Tharne entered the ring and delivered blows against the motion, since scientists could not be leaders.

T. J. Hopwood replied in the absence of T. Hawthorn. Since Rutherford's split atom and Einstein's Theory could not clear slums, he urged the Society to vote against the motion. J. S. Bone finally summed up. The Royal Society was large enough to supply both scientists and governors, he said; in reply to the previous speaker, Rutherford and Einstein were not on the Council.

On being put to the vote the motion was lost by ten votes to twenty-two, and the meeting was adjourned.

The final meeting of the term was held in the Board Room on December 3rd, with Mr. Hicks in the chair.

When the minutes of the previous meeting had been read the Lord High Poker-in-Chief gave the next instalment of his fortnightly lectures on Serious Secretarial Shortcomings and expressed his indignation at being referred to as a biological steam engine. T. W. Slade, in a moment of generosity, attempted to appease him with the amendment "Biological Frog and Diabolical Steam Engine." The Society thought this description more fitting and passed it. The minutes were signed with but one other alteration proposed by G. Hughes, and the Society proceeded to Public Business, the Impromptu Debates.

E. W. Mills proposing "That man has sprung from the Ape but not far enough," told an amazed Society that they all had tails, but S. E. Keidan carried the day, though at the expense of a split infinitive. W. Crewe and J. Corlett discussed the pros. and cons. of "Buttering bald heads," and T. W. Slade proposing "That the question be now put" claimed psychic powers, but J. W. Saunders postulated that as they did not know what the question in question was, the Society could not put it.

Mr. S. V. Brown moving "That smoking be permitted," announced that he had begun this delightful practice at the age of $4\frac{1}{2}$, while C. Leak stated, quite unnecessarily, that the smoke in the room was causing him extreme laryngeal discomfort. W. A. Mitchell eulogised the committee and L. Beeby compared Parliament unfavourably with the Society. A. D. Majr moving "That bone be picked," was obviously ill at ease, and Bender's eloquence was more successful. R. C. Nairn spoke of "Apes, Noah and Adam," and E. S. Kelly delivered an oration, although stricken with a painful gastric malady. The I.H.P.-I.-C., as was to be expected, launched a fiery stream of bitter vituperation against the committee, but it was unavailing against the logic of F. D. Blower. A. D. Blackie and J. I. Gledsdale discoursed on solubility and politics and R. E. Hughes and Bullock argued, unknowingly, of the fourth dimension. G. W. H. Hartley didn't like Belisha crossings and, curiously enough,

neither did J. W. McBurney. R. J. Carline confessed he was not a centipede, and R. J. Hammer disclosed the fact that man walks on two legs. J. N. Bywell gave the Society the benefit of his own vast experience in the matter of fire-lighting until N. E. Martin shot to his feet with the ebullience of youth and related with delight the story of his adventures in a low chop-suey (*sic*). W. J. Corlett now slowly rose to his feet and in a voice charged with infinite sorrow and the deepest emotion, outlined the narrow limits of his own knowledge, but H. Hoddes stated the motion, *viz.*, "That I know nothing," and contended that nothing isn't something (*sic*); and lo! two motions had been won. Vickers and Williams spoke of Ighbrows. G. Hughes eulogised cuspidors which J. B. Shaw, who didn't care anyway, thought to be something in Victorian fretwork. A. Kushner was then called upon to propose "That no one should have more than 0.125." By a skilful and almost incessant use of rhetorical pauses he held the floor for two minutes, giving place to J. S. Bone, who successfully extolled the divine pleasures of having one over the eight. J. W. McBurney and F. D. Blower, speaking to the motion "That the cow is superior to Sir James Jeans," were apparently too sophisticated to recollect nursery rhymes, J. N. Bywell and R. J. Hammer became very much involved. R. E. Hughes opined that the Mersey Tunnel should have been square, but Bender spoke of rectangular parallelepipeds and convinced the Society otherwise.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. E. BENDER.
J. S. BONE.

Brighter Lines.

The following lines were handed to prefects during the last term; they speak, albeit in curious terms, for themselves. We of course do not mean this to be any encouragement of the practice.

A BOAT came in the dock, at 12 o'clock. There was a scream from below. People dashed down to see who had screamed. There on the flood lay a man with knife in his back. All at once some officers came to see what was up. Bill Hall, P.C. 4682, took a good look at the body then to a door, which was opened a little bit. Through the hole he saw at the corner. He saw a man pear out and laugh at himself. I wonder if he killed that man thought Bill. I shall trail him. So when the man got off the boat he was followed by Bill in plain cloaths.

That night Bill came to a inn it was about 4 o'clock, he sat down to have a drink. Out of the corner of his eye he saw the man he was after go to his room. It was 7 in the morning when he awoke finding himself in a room that he did not know. He was bound to a chair and, ten men were all seated around them. Each member of the gang had on his face a mask.

At last one of them arose and spoke to him.† Soon they left him and he was left alone.

† But he knew all the answers.—Eds.

Some hours passt and he got free, finding two guns on a table he came to a room were he heard a lot of voices, by and by the door opened, he got his guns out and caught the whole gang. He rang up the station and soon the crooks were in a safe place behind bars.

IT was on a cold evening when Alice and Joe were playing in the house. A shrill cry* broke the stillness. "What is it," said Alise. "Let's go and see," said Joe, so the two silently went up the stairs with bats which Joe had. Up and up they went and searched the house from room to room, but all they found was the cat asleep. "It must be somthing," said "Yes," said his sister so they went down again to play. But they did not forget that shrill cry they had heard, so they said that they would wach the next night for the strang sound and they made ready for the night Joe took his air gun the bat which he had the night before. Alice took her bat, some rope and an old pair of tongs which they had for their fire so they waited and along the stairs came a man for his face was coverd with a cloth and a gun in his hand. Just as he past Alice who had the roap ready and Joe held his air gun rushed upon the man took his prisnor and the people who had their goods taken was returned bake again.

* We should like to know what the "shrill cry" was, for we agree with "Joe" that "it must be something."—EDS.

Our Albert.

(With apologies to Stanley Holloway, Sam Small, and Capt. Ledger).

It 'appened one mornin' before H.S.C.
The boys were lined up in the yard,
The 'eadmaster said to them all "Well, good luck,
I 'ope you'll do well and try 'ard."

Ar Albert 'e was such a funny young chap,
'E trembled with fear as 'e said,
"Oh we'll do ar best and pass ar exams.,
And thanks for yer wish," to the 'ead.

'E trembled with fear, and 'e dropped all 'is books
In front of the chap by 'is side,
The 'eadmaster said to the lad by the books,
"Now pick up them things." Lad replied:—

"'E knocked 'em down, well then 'e picks 'em up,
Or they stay as they are, where they flopped."
('Cos Albert still trembled and couldn't think proper,
So didn't pick up what 'e'd dropped.)

The 'eadmaster raved and 'e tore at 'is 'air
And threatened with Weds. and P.D.'s
But the lad was adamant, and 'e didn't care,
While Albert was knockin' 'is knees.

Then up comes a guvnor in a lovely Rolls-Royce,
And 'e looked at the boy and the books,
"Now you just pick 'em up," in a terrible voice,
He cried, with some deep frownin' looks.

"'E knocked them down, and so 'e picks 'em up,"
Said the lad 'oo 'ad suffered so long.
Then the guv'nor was stuck, and 'e couldn't say nowt,
But still thought the boy in the wrong.

Then up walked the chairman, 'oo'd come by the trams,
To quell all the noise that arose;
'E saw what 'ad 'appened and said to the 'ead,
"A vote of rebuke I propose."

But though they all argued, the boy 'e was firm
And wouldn't do what they all said,
"We'll send for his parents, as soon as we can,"
With a worryin' frown said the 'ead.

But before they could go and send 'ome for 'is pater,
'Oo should walk up to the mess
But the boss from White'all, what governs all lads,
('E'd just come by special express).

'E said to the lad when 'e saw all the trouble,
"Please pick up those books, even though 'twasn't you";
And lad picked up books, with nary a word,
Which shows what the cab'net can do.

When all was arranged and 'ead went to study,
And chairman to 'is meeting, thence,
"Right" says the boss, as 'e turned to go 'ome,
"Go back and let exams. commence."



AS our last Secretary was in constant need of guidance, both moral and physical, the hoary old signpost, which has been at the head of these notes for some time, has been removed, and will be presented to him in an effort to keep him on the straight and narrow path.

This libellous statement is merely a feeble excuse for the piece of blatant publicity which is at the top of this page. Of course, there is a true reason. A new block draws attention to the first paragraph of these notes; the scurrilous nature of this first paragraph forces you to read further; the graceful ease of the prose, the powerful personality of the writer, grip you—now read on.

We had, last term, ONE HUNDRED members (Mr. Elliott counts as three good men). There will now be a slight pause to allow true enthusiasts to celebrate, at their own expense.

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The eight excursions last term were most enjoyable, despite the occasional presence of one or two committee members. We will now review these excursions, or rather I will review them. You will probably be unable to read through the lot.

The first excursion of the term was to the works of Messrs. Evans, Sons, Lescher & Webb, Ltd., manufacturing chemists. They were quite as good as the name suggests, and the party, after having been bewildered by the sight of huge vats of cascara, myriads of aspirins, and the like, and after learning how to count twelve dozen pills in three seconds, departed with cures for all the ills of a life-time.

A week later, Messrs. Jacobs' biscuit factory was visited. Let it suffice to say that the tour was all too short for us. The fact that a generous sample of the products was presented to each member should be sufficient indication of the success of this visit.

Later in the term, the "weather factory" on Bidston Hill received us with a good sample of the average rainfall. The Observatory was inspected, great interest being displayed in the seismograph and in the Tide Calculating Machine, one of the few in existence. The apparatus for measuring rainfall was seen working at full pressure. We understand that, though it has never rained "cats and dogs," several earwigs have been recorded.

Great thoughts of square pegs in round holes (two per inch) haunted us when we left the Binns Road works of Messrs. Meccano Ltd. Large amounts of Meccano and Hornby literature left with us.

During the half-term holiday a party, led by Mr. Thorpe, visited the Crewe depot of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company, and as so few were able to accompany us, a long account may be endured.

Immediately upon arrival, we proceeded to the South sheds. There we saw—engines. Big ones, little ones, red ones, black ones, some (even females if we judge by the name-plates) with their internal arrangements indecently exposed, some looking rather concerned about missing bogies, some being smitten in the boiler by large men, with large hammers, some . . . But enough—we saw—engines!

The leaders of the people by their counsels then decided to go on to the North sheds, to inspect—engines! Our guide was very helpful, repeating his instructions several times to these leaders.

We then marched out of Crewe, and it was not until we noticed a very small horse in a very small field that we realized that we were heading back to Liverpool at a steady pace; in fact the Field Club was justifying its name. After returning to Crewe from this ramble, we ignored the misleading leaders, and succeeded in finding the right path. Once again we marched off, though at a slower pace than before—past the football ground—past the livestock market (sympathetic murmurs from the lodgers, and an artful wink from a large bull, perhaps the reincarnation of a former secretary)—under a bridge—up a large number of steps—down a large number of steps (the same, for rumour—and those leaders—had it that we were off the track) once more up the same steps (surely twice as many now)—a further plod and then we saw—engines! However, our ramble had taken some time and we had only a glimpse of these sheds before setting off for the station, where we lunched.

The "Royal Scot" came into the station while we ate and received the homage of the enthusiasts with self-satisfied puffs. He then headed for home.

In the afternoon we walked several miles through the immense Crewe Railway Works and discovered what ought to keep the trains to time—engines! It speaks well for the high tone of the party that all passed safely through the "Copper Shop" (*sic*).

Owing to the presence of a gentleman in uniform who apparently did nothing but count the boilers we passed, no samples were obtained. Ignoring the wish of one or two members to go to the "twice nightlies" whilst in Crewe, we returned home at an early evening hour.

A surprising similarity was noticed a few days later, for at the L.C.P.T. works in Edge Lane, the same operations took place as at Crewe, though on a smaller scale. One or two members, armed with notebooks, were collecting "numbers," and, disappearing at intervals into murky recesses, were seen holding dirty, frightened, little tramcars by the trolley-rope, and putting down their descriptions in terms which would have made even a new green tramcar blush an old-fashioned red and white for shame.

Internal application of Messrs. Orme's sweets had most beneficial results when we visited the compact Edge Lane garden factory. Copious samples were presented, both during and after the tour, and the Club had one of its most successful excursions.

The last visit of the term was to the iron works of Messrs. Francis Morton & Co., at Garston. Misled by a benighted young fellow, who must suffer in silence and unknown, and who led us with unerring instinct to the distillery, we arrived rather late. However, we had time to see steelwork, from dust-bins to pile-drivers, in the course of manufacture. After seeing much cutting and drilling of hard steel, we too were very successful in cutting and drilling soft biscuits and sweets in the Secretary's office; a good time was had by all.

Now must I mention the loss of our Assistant-Secretary, E. K. C. Bisson, who left at the end of the term. He was, at the time, by far the oldest member of the Club.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. Elliott who has, during the last term, as during many others, guided the fortunes and most of the excursions of the Field Club with unfailing energy and skill.

J. A. ROBERTS.

Choral and Orchestral Society.

IT is now some twelve months since Old Boys and Old Girls (of Blackburne House) were invited to join forces with the School "Glee Club" in order to form a Choral Society with the object of performing choral works with orchestral accompaniment. In spite of a somewhat discouraging response, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" was performed last March and received a favourable review in this Magazine.

This term, a comic opera, "The Fountain of Youth," is to be performed at Crane Hall, on March 4th and 5th. The opera, which was first performed at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London, in 1931, was composed by Alfred Reynolds—an Old Boy of the School. It is a jolly work—full of fun, and should appeal to boys and parents alike. It is hoped that all will do their best to make this a success, either by joining the Society and helping with the singing or by selling a sufficient number of tickets to ensure a "Full House" at both performances.

There will be the usual choral and orchestral concert this term—at which the principle work will be Mozart's Symphony in G minor, K 550. The date of this concert has not yet been fixed, but will be announced in due course.

At present it appears that the boys of the Institute are a little shy of using their musical talents and are too much inclined to leave most of the work to the adult members! Or is this a false impression? However, let there be no doubt about it and let us see many recruits for both choir and orchestra this term.

Old Boys please note—Rehearsals are held:—

For the Orchestra, on Tuesday, at 7 p.m., in Hall.

For the Choral Society, on Monday, at 7-45 p.m. in Hall,
and on Friday, at 7-45 p.m., at Blackburne House.

L. S. YOUNG.

Personal Pleasures.

I HAVE not failed a driving test, yet I know that I am a bad driver. Without having ever ensconced myself in an automobile and let it rip to inevitable destruction, no doubt lingers in my mind of my incapability. I speak not from inward conviction, but from actual experience—yet I said that I had never sat at the wheel of a car. But there are wheels and wheels—cart wheels, Catherine wheels, wheels within wheels—my wheel however, was a wheel apart.

It was not so much the wheel that merited the description of apartness, as the curious contraption which clung round the wheel. It had the appearance of a large beer barrel, cut in half lengthwise, with a hole stove out towards one end to admit two people, and mounted on four wheels. Via an overhead trolley, electricity sent it whizzing round a raised arena at a fun fair. I was sitting in one of them with a hand on the steering wheel, and a foot on the accelerator—not that either hand or foot made much difference—and that was how I found out all about my nervous reactions. The great drawback to this otherwise harmless pastime was the presence of other rough-riders. When I wasn't rollicking into muttering drivers, I was hurling myself round and almost out of the ring in my efforts to avoid them. No, I realised as I walked away nursing a bruised shin, driving is evidently not my *forte*. Which proves—*si parva licet componere magnis*—that I shall never career past the red light in a Silent Six or Straight Eight.

The days mounted up to weeks, the weeks to months, the months to years—and then another wheel came into my life, the wheel of a penny-in-the-slot machine. It was just another metal stand with a glass case on top. But in the glass case were not eleven-a-side simultaneous ball-kickers, not a bed-side execution, nor yet a fortune-telling sheik's head, but a pen and a sheet of paper.

How dull, you say? Have but a little patience. Insert but a copper, and an intricate mass of cogs, levers and wheels propels the pen to the paper, stamped with a diagram of the High Street of a market town—Speed Limit 15—20 m.p.h. I clutched the wheel projecting from the machine, anxiously waiting for the pen to touch paper. So preoccupied am I, that I cannot see for looking, and the pen has described an arc of purple ink across the sheet and is about to disappear off the other side, before I pull myself together and spin the wheel round wildly in the opposite direction. The pen does the same and is once more about to disappear, this time off the other side. I steady myself and the pen returns through a row of shops and, as I guide the wheel with diminishing rotations, zig-zags up the street in and out the windows in a maze of lessening purple arcs. My scope of collision is now confined to lamp-posts. I hum up the street, but in a fit of aberration I deviate rather too much to one side and as I gate-crash into the town hall I regret absence of brakes, for my line of fire winds steadily onwards, no slackening of impetus. I emerge undismayed by the back-way, and head straight for the Market Cross and oldest inhabitant. Cutting both nearly in two, I proceed triumphant when suddenly, right ahead of me, I see the village policeman. Good Lord!

The sight of an arm of the law subdues me and I cling instinctively close to the left-hand kerb—so close in fact as to mow down a pedestrian here and there. And now I am nearly abreast of him. Then phut! goes my respect for the cop and riding my right-hand wheels over his big feet I ride on in majesty, a mocking smile passing over my lips. Now journey's end and—fitting consummation—I disappear with a clutch of pedestrians, a lamp post (Belisha beacon?) and a shop window adhering to my bonnet.

Dead silence and my sheet slips down into a receptacle. I grasp it and am struck with its resemblance to a seismograph. I am content. Exciting possibilities throng my buzzing head—what can I not do now with impunity, chase policemen, run down lamp-posts, charge churches even, all, all scot-free. Poop! poop! Hello, what's this? Brooklands Banking—100 m.p.h.? Here, lend me a penny, someone!

Gymnasium Notes.

THE attendances at the weekly Gymnasium practices have been anything but satisfactory this term. One House, indeed, was so slack that it could not even find the four necessary for a team.

It became obvious quite early in the term that the championship lay between three Houses, Alfred Holt, Danson and Tate, these being the only Houses which had anything like a full and regular attendance. Danson were deservedly the winners; their team work in the Swedish Tables was good and looked particularly effective since they were all about the same size. Their mark, 258, was rather higher than the average winning mark of the last few years. Tate, with 253, were a fairly good second, but Alfred did not at all fulfil our expectations and scored only 225½.

The Individual Championship was won by W. M. Parr with 34 marks. He gave a finished display of the more simple horizontal bar exercises and shows much promise; perhaps we may hope for a Grand Circle next year. The Runner-up was A. R. Cordon with 32½. He performed on the rings and his style was beyond reproach. In this connection it is interesting to note the general improvement in the standard of performance on the rings which we have seen in the last few years. Whereas previously the rings were used only by those who lacked either the interest or the energy to practice on the horizontal or parallel bars, yet now we find many "ring-men" in the championship class.

The School supported the Gymnasium Competition much better than usual and we have to thank Mr. G. Johnson of the Collegiate School for acting as judge.

Boys of Form 2a gave a display of exercises and Mr. Stell enthralled everyone with his skill with Indian clubs. We were, however, disappointed in not having a display of illuminated club swinging.

Finally we have to thank Mr. Stell for his great patience and untiring work throughout the term.

Full Colours have been awarded to W. M. Parr, and J. S. Bone, and Half-colours to A. R. Cordon, G. C. Billington, W. H. Mayhew and E. Roberts. J. S. BONE.

Boxing Notes.

SENIOR boxing had a somewhat shaky beginning in School this term, but improved considerably later on. There is still, however, room for new members and ample time to become proficient before the competition, which will probably be held in March. The fact that the majority of the present members are novices should help to decide the hesitant.

The Junior Class has been, as usual, very successful. Numbers of small boys invade the Gym. every Monday and box, all with enthusiasm, and many with real skill. It has always been thus; what happens to them when they pass the 7 st. mark is a mystery.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Purvis for his work in connection with the Senior and, more particularly, the Junior Classes, and also to Mr. McEvoy, our instructor. J. S. BONE.

. . . For the Greater Ideal.

THE strains of the violin ceased and the night air was strangely still. The fiddler coughed, picked up his tattered cap from the pavement and put the few coins in his pocket. But as he was placing the violin into its black case—old and worn like himself—he heard the rumbling of wheels over cobblestones, and saw someone trundling an ancient barrel-organ up the dimly-lit street. He waited until the organ-grinder pushed up his creaking cart, put down the handles on the road and wheezed vigorously, stamping about to keep warm.

"Siberia isn't in it, eh, mate?" began the organ-grinder.

"It is certainly nasty weather for street entertaining," agreed the fiddler.

"Got the time?"

"Well-er-it was half-past eleven by the Chapel. That was twenty minutes or so ago."

"Thank goodness! It'll soon be the New Year. Though I can't complain . . ."

"Why? Had any luck?"

"Not half! Met a crowd by the Club in Market Street—merry-making they was; said they wanted some music. So I obliged and raked in a quid afore the cops interfered. Even got a ten-bob note off one bloke. He must have been drunk!"

"You must have been in luck!"

"What about you, chum? Have you had a decent night?"

"Not bad."

"It's this here jazz what does it. I hates the stuff."

Whereupon the organ-grinder commenced turning the handle and the notes—played as nothing but a barrel-organ can play them—of an ancient American importation ventured to depart into the darkness. The fiddler, amused, could not help remarking:

"That sounds like jazz to me."

"Yes—well, you see, it's like this. A man's got to live—and if he's a musician—like you and me—he's got to give the public what it wants. It stands to sense!"

The fiddler nodded gravely.

"And the public likes jazz," continued the organ-grinder. "I try to please them as far as I can. But it's difficult. There was a day when you could play a tune that came out years ago. Nowadays everyone wants the latest hits. That hits me hard! You see—they all want this hot jazz—I daren't trust my organ with it—wasn't intended for it, I says. I had this little tune fitted years ago, when it was popular. But the worst of jazz is—you don't know where you are—here to-day, gone to-morrow."

The fiddler nodded.

"Are you in the trade or just on for the season?" asked the organ-grinder.

"Oh—I've been a musician for some time," said the fiddler in tones which made the organ-grinder look up sharply.

"What sort of stuff do you play, mate?"

"Not your sort, certainly," said the fiddler.

"My sort?"

"Yes—your jazz."

"It's not mine—My public wants it. And you never play jazz?"

"No, never!"

"Well, all I says is: you don't know what's sensible. And you don't earn much."

"No—"

"I told you so," said the organ-grinder triumphantly. "You won't—the public wants jazz."

There followed an awkward silence until the fiddler found the organ-grinder pushing something into his hand impulsively. He looked down to see a ten shilling note.

"Take it, chum," whispered the organ-grinder, "I'll get more afore the night's out—go on—take it!"

"No—no—I could not—you don't understand. I can earn without jazz."

He pushed back the note.

"Well—you are—you've missed your chance!"

The fiddler knew that too well. Money . . . but he had refused.

Uncomfortable, he said, "I'll be moving on—now—thanks, good-night."

"Well—good-bye chum! Happy New Year!"

As the fiddler passed on, he smiled. Someone once said that there exist fiercer battles than ever battlefield saw. Thus it had been that night: when would such men as the organ-grinder understand?

And the organ-grinder looked after the departing figure of the fiddler with a puzzled expression on his face.

J. W. SAUNDERS.

Art Society.

THE time is not yet when we may pride ourselves on a sure body of enthusiasts in the cause of art, when we may feel safe in regard to a permanent institution to shine some ray of light on our darkness. Nevertheless, the keenness which the Sixth forms have so far displayed in enjoying the privileges which the new Society accords them, encourages high hopes for the future. Hitherto the late Headmaster's terminal lecture-courses, the Rutherford loan of pictures, even perhaps the portico-plasters, have sporadically attempted to introduce some relief into the daily round, the common task, but all alike have vanished. The Art Society is an endeavour to lend some lastingness to our ventures into uncharted seas and at the same time to offer a joint striving after discovery, in place of individual attempts. It is, we repeat, no place for prophecy, but we feel sure that the varied attractions which this term's programme promises will evoke as much enthusiasm as the two meetings held last term. We wish the venture all success.

Sixth Form Science Society.

A SCIENCE SOCIETY, with membership limited to those in the Sixth form, has recently been formed in the School.

Since it was founded only at the very end of last term, no activities, up to the time of printing, have yet commenced. The activities of the Society will consist of the reading and discussion of papers of general scientific interest; and of visits to firms manufacturing scientific goods. It is hoped that the Society will prove to be of academic use and of general interest.

A. E. BENDER.

Philatelic Society.

THE Society has now been in existence for some time, and appears to be well established amongst the other School organizations. Although called by the uninitiated, "The Stamp Club," we must preserve our title of "The Philatelic Society"; for whereas a stamp collector merely accumulates adhesives, a Philatelist studies the production, reason of issue, printing, design and form of postage stamps. This is what we, in some measure, attempt to do.

We have had a fairly successful term, during which three competitions were held. The first was won by G. R. Emmett, but the entries were disappointing. The second competition, however, was quite successful. The sixteen entries were judged by the Headmaster, and those in the Senior section were of very high standard, A. H. Godden winning the first Senior prize. The last competition was held at the end of the term, the first Senior prize being won by G. R. Emmett, an extra prize being awarded to A. H. Godden.

The Stamp Evening was most enjoyable, and points to further successful evenings in the near future.

Only two papers were delivered, during the past session, but there will be many more during the coming term. Prospective lecturers are reminded that there is a prize for the best talk delivered before next March.

Our overseas correspondents are apparently dormant, but we are trying to encourage them, and to increase their number. Thus the coming term should result in a growth of the Society's activities.

It is surprising, since the membership fee is so small, and since the great majority of the School are interested in stamps, that we have not a much larger membership. For only with many members and large funds can we aspire to great deeds.

A. E. BENDER.

Film Institute Society for Schools.

A NEW heading now makes its appearance in the School Magazine, and a new Society is already flourishing in the School, for at the end of October it was decided to form the above Society, and a committee, consisting of one member of the Staff and one scholar of each school, was appointed to govern it.

The Institute, represented by Mr. S. V. Brown and T. W. Slade, has been quick to support the new Society, and, though membership is strictly limited, there is no lack of enthusiasm. Two meetings have been held this term: the first on November 8th at the David Lewis, was a talk by Mary Fields, the famous producer—on the "Art of Criticising Films," and in it Miss Fields urged us to look beyond the acting stars and to consider also the work of the less renowned but even more important people, the director and the cameraman. The talk was illustrated by single reels from various pictures, including "Rome Express."

On November 29th, the second meeting was held at the Bluecoat Chambers, where three documentary films: "Rising Tide" (Paul Rotha); "B.B.C. Droitwich" (John Grierson); and "Feeding Time at the Zoo" (Mary Fields), were given.

There is no doubt that this Society will quickly establish itself as a School institution, and we may look forward to a successful career, if present enthusiasm be any standard by which to form an opinion.

T. W. SLADE.

Foreign Encounter.

THE sun was blazing down, and, though we were almost 2,000 ft. above the sea, no breeze cooled the air. Behind us were range upon range of snow-capped peaks; in front, lay the Gulf of Corinth with its waters a deeper blue than the cloudless Mediterranean sky.

Early in the morning we had left the small village where we had spent the night and on mule or on foot our small cavalcade had set out on the next stage of our journey. For some distance we were accompanied by a crowd of village schoolboys, for the presence of strangers, and foreigners at that, was no small occasion to these country folk. At length the last had turned back, and we plodded steadily along narrow paths, over mud flats which scarcely deserved the name of fields, or waded through fast-rushing streams. Gradually we made our way to the lower slopes of this hill, which once had been a citadel, Acrocorinth. Here we met with an old peasant in clothes, which, in the towns,

had long since given way to western fashions—a tunic of white, with red piping, spreading to almost crinoline proportions at the knee, long white tights and moccasins, on which bobbed red pom-poms. This old ruffian, long used to tourists, would not be shaken off by the Greek doctor who was in charge of our party, and, attaching himself particularly to me, took great pains to make conversation, but I understood no word he spoke, and he knew no English. The best I could do was to pluck a flower, a wild anemone, from the wayside and then holding it up smilingly ask "Tee?" whereupon he would jerk out some name in which I tried (always unsuccessfully) to recognise the language as it had been spoken in Homer's time, and as it is spoken to-day in a Liverpool schoolroom. On reaching the summit, however, he suddenly disappeared, hurrying downhill along the path we were to take to our destination, the new town of Corinth.

We ate our picnic lunch and explored the Frankish remains which encircle the top of the hill. Then the reason for our guides' haste appeared, for he was now returning at the head of a swarm of tourists, who, though not weighed down by rucksacks, as we were, seemed to be feeling the heat and the climb rather trying. Slowly they wound their way up the narrow path, passing under the gateways of the ruined walls, between boulders and over rough growth until they were no longer a shapeless mass, but a host, obviously British, on holiday.

Suddenly my attention was drawn to a cloud of tobacco smoke issuing from a pipe which, poking far in front of its owner, obscured him and his companion with a blue haze. Yet there was something vaguely familiar about the very springing stride of his companion and in the slouch hat of the smoker. Then I remembered that a certain ship, cruising in these waters, bore two Liverpool schoolmasters, but nowhere were our paths due to cross. Here however were two, who I last had seen 1,500 miles away on a foggy afternoon. School seemed far away.

I walked downhill and paid my respects. We talked of many things, of cricket, of the heat, of the fine scenery, but were careful not to mention the Classics. I then respectfully inquired why they had invaded our pitch at a time when they should be elsewhere. Immediately the talker with his famed fluency of expression explained how, for 53 hours 10 minutes, they had stuck upon a sandbank with the bare cliffs of the Greek mainland to gaze upon, and with nothing else to do. The story and its telling was excellent and I was indiscreet enough to laugh. The spokesman glared, stared at me hard for some time, and bellowed "You cackling washerwoman, you're for it when we meet again, standing there half naked—no tie, no blazer, no cap, not a single badge stuck on you." He turned and stalked away with the old pipe still pointing skyward.

Chess Notes.

THIS last term has witnessed many changes in the Chess Club. Foremost, perhaps, is the change of Club Rooms. This should be conducive to quieter games and should alleviate the danger due to flying table-tennis balls. Another innovation is the formation of a Chess Class. The Class will be fully fledged this term, but we would like to invite more young members to join. Finally we have a membership which promises to break the record of 1933-34.

In the Merseyside Schools Chess League for the Wright Challenge Shield, we have obtained two points out of a possible four. This is a very creditable performance, as our team contains only two of last year's team; further, the two matches lost were against the holders and runners-up.

Detailed results are:—

School v. Rock Ferry H.S. 1st October.				Won.
Nairn	1	Brereton	0	
Leak (W.O.) ...	1	Davies (abs.) ...	0	
Martin	1	Robottom	0	
Wilson	0	Fraser	1	
Bender	0	Gibbon	1	
Vickers	1	Donoghy	0	
Corlett	1	Theaker	0	
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School v. Merchant Taylor's (Holders). 15th October.				Lost.
Nairn	½	Jones	½	
Leak	0	Charlesworth ...	1	
Wilson	0	Bennett	1	
Vickers	1	Chambers	0	
Bender	0	Hughes	1	
Kushner	0	Mawdsley	1	
Slade	0	Chorley	1	
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School v. Collegiate (Runners-up). 27th October.				Lost.
Nairn	0	Stuart	1	
Leak	0	German	1	
Wilson	0	Wolfman	1	
Vickers	1	Cundy	0	
Kushner	1	Christophas ...	0	
Corlett	1	Hill	0	
Colville	0	Hughes	1	
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We were unfortunate to lose this match, since we were forced to include two reserves in the team.

School v. Holt S.S. 14th November.				Won.
Nairn	0	Hutchie	1	
Leak	1	Quinn	0	
Martin	0	Baruch	1	
Vickers	0	Jones	1	
I. Kushner ...	1	Selsby	0	
Wilson	1	Hutchies	0	
Bender	1	Wardale	0	
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Outside Match v. York House. 7th November.				Won.
Nairn	1	York House.		
Kushner	½			
Bender	2			
Corlett	2			
Wilson	2			
Colville	2			
Bernstein ...	2			
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	11½		½	

The second team has played eight matches this term. They were as follows:—

- v. Collegiate Lost.
- v. Oulton S.S. Won.
- v. Merchant Taylor's Won.
- v. Park High School Won.
- v. Rock Ferry H.S. Won.
- v. Wallasey Grammar School Won.
- v. Holt S.S. Won.
- v. Wallasey Grammar School Lost.

The first section of the House Chess Competition for the "Paul Limrick" Trophy was won, after a replay, by Cochran.

Philip Holt ...	}	Philip Holt ...	}	Hughes ...	}	Cochran.
Danson ...						
Alfred Holt ...	}	Hughes (W.O.) ...	}			
Hughes ...						
Owen ...	}	Owen ...	}	Cochran ...		
Tate ...						
Cochran (bye)						

Tales of Chessman—I*.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

The tragedy of my life came about through a very ordinary act. I lost my bosom friend (and what was left of my self-respect) simply because I learnt that game—the Sport of Kings and other pieces—Chess. Or perhaps it would be better to say that my instructor said that I had learnt all there was to know (at 3d. per lesson, reduction for bulk order). Fool that I was to believe him! Soon I had educated Eustace, my friend—that was. So it started.

We seemed to have picked up this simple game very quickly, mastering its elementary technique. Dawned the day when we had to decide who was the best player. We both knew the answer—or rather answers. A game was to be played, the fateful game which robbed the world of two pulsating brains whose convolutions—but let that rest. The game's the thing.

I won the toss and played with the wind—that is, the draught. Eustace was black (a dirty sheep, as I shall show), while I was a muddy grey.

Before I go further, I must give you vulgar readers some idea of the game. It is played on a square of black and white draughts board. The boss, so to speak, is the King, despite the fact that a Queen (also a chess *man*) is present; once, when both pieces were missing, I got 40 points for Royal Marriage, Eustace got hush-money, and the referee got measles. Or is my memory at fault? To resume, there are a number of Crooks, a nasty Knight or so, one or two Bishes, a handful of Castles and a number of Prawns (the shrimp's mother-in-law).

The object of the game is to get in such a position that you can take the opposing King on the next move. But you can't do this, because the King can't be taken. He must be moved away from such a position where he is in danger of being nearly taken to another where he is protected from being near to being taken which he can't be, if you understand me—or even if you don't. He can move all ways, though not, of course, simultaneously. The Queen is restricted in the usual manner—you know how—while the Clergy, unlike the Crooks, can only go straight. That is all that there is to it.

On the night, the atmosphere in our back kitchen was tense—and thick; Eustace had a brass-mounted clay and I—but on with the tale.

Eustace opened with a Queen's Gamble or Gambol. This gambol was a gamble; nevertheless, I was forced to make a

* This does not mean that there will be a II.—R.D.S.

move after 35 minutes. As the best mode of defence is attack—as the hunter said when he tickled a wild elephant—I replied with a Queen's prawn opening. Thus the ladies were in command, which is not unusual. Unfortunately, the Queen opened the prawn too wide, and a Crook got in. A hurried Knight march resulted in the capture of a torpid spider which was resident amongst the enemy. Eustace was, however, unbeaten; shouting "Look at that aeroplane," he had knocked off two of my pieces, being so engrossed in this strategy that he missed my Sicilian game, which, conducted at top speed, left him few men. Eustace's bout of sneezing in reply had succeeded only in moving his front row forward, when—

"Check!"

"I prefer stripes."

"I said 'Check'!"

"Leave it blank and cross '& Co.'"

"Cheek!"

"You said 'Check.'"

"Let it pass."

A few more wangles followed during which I moved a fives ball in a curve and, attacking in the rear, knocked the knob off a Bishop. Eustace had to do something, so—

"Mate!"

"Oh, Mr. Tarzan, this is so . . ."

"Don't be such a fool, you fool."

"Sorry—er—my move."

"Ha, stale-mate."

sorr. "Och, sorr, there's niver a bit of stale mate in the shop, Ha! Ha!"

"Fool. Counterfeit."

"Offside."

"No, check-mate."

"Call me chum—it's less common."

"Dammee."

"That's not in my little book of rules."

So half-time came with the score in my favour. One hard try (three points) to zero.

The second half is summarised below—

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. P—Q4	Kt—KB3
2. EC3—WE5	L.C.P.T.—L.M.S.
3. Transfer, please	Bart.—K.C.V.O.
4. AKF 1275—09, warden!	King—Counting-house
4½. Run, boys (a)	Castles Q.R.
5. R+R=2R	Elephants. B.F. (b)
6. Passes inside.	Right hook.
7. Holed in one.	Declares (c)

- (a) A wise move. Conventional reply H_2-SO_4
 (b) The "Elephant and Castle" made the game more liquid.
 (c) His language was awful.

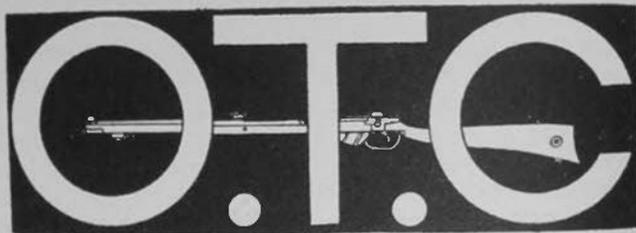
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I write this from my room. The owner calls it a Ward, but it is really the Chess Room. No. 9, sir, if you call. Eustace has cut me, well, if not dead, semi-conscious, and now hops about the black-and-white linoleum on one foot (or the other) muttering "Pawn the Queen's jewellery" and "Two along, one up. Mate!"

I, sir, am at present a poached egg, but my toast is unbuttered. However, next week I am booked as "Razz Duffa, Abyssinian Chess-man." And so I sign myself.

CHESSMAN.

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L.3.O.T.C.

AT last, after a three years' depression, the corps is on its feet again and we have to thank those who took part in the successful recruiting campaign organised at the beginning of the term. We cannot, however, afford to rest on our laurels and let things take their own course. It will be necessary to get a few more recruits to fill in the gaps caused by those leaving; it is also possible that one or two very inefficient members will be dismissed. We would remind these latter that, under the present régime in the School, it may not end merely in dismissal.

The term has been successful in regard to recruit training. No. 2 (Recruit) Platoon has made good progress. In drill and discipline it is much better than No. 3 and the experiment of putting cadets from the upper forms in a platoon of their own has had satisfactory results. Most of No. 3 are somewhat lacking in inches, though not in enthusiasm.

Two Field Days were held during the term. On the Altcar Field Day the recruits watched demonstrations by No. 1, first of section and platoon formations, and then of an attack up the long valley. On the second Field Day we had a route march in the Wirral. This is an important part of O.T.C. training and all are to be congratulated on keeping good order and march discipline throughout an arduous day. Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons were introduced to the elementary methods of protection against enemy aircraft; they will have active experience at camp.

The Band put up a good show on the second Field Day. Judging from the work they did, L/Cpl. Parry and D.-M. Brown must have lost countless pounds in weight. Buglers are, as usual, lacking. This must be the only profession in which the demand far exceeds the supply of men.

Shooting has been uncertain, owing to the late arrival of the ammunition. Several matches will be held in the summer, and Lt. Hart will be on the look-out for new talent next term.

Certificate "A."—About eighteen hopefuls are attending the classes. We wish them luck.

Lewis Gun Training will be started next term by the C.Q.M.S. with a view to a demonstration at the inspection.

Our thanks and congratulations are due to Mr. Thomas, Hon. Quartermaster, and to C.Q.M.S. Beeby on the equipment of the fifty recruits.

J. S. BONE, C.S.M.

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L.N.U. Notes.

AT last it would appear that the School is really awakening to the fact that not only are European politics a very serious matter, but that every effort should be made to comprehend their true meaning, for this term we can proudly boast of a record number of members; our membership has

passed the hundred mark. It is particularly fortunate that this should be the case when the League is undergoing a severe and thorough testing, and it gives a clear indication of hope for its future.

And, while the membership has increased, the members have really been active, for every meeting has been well attended. At the two inter-school meetings held in the Hall we were represented very well indeed, while the School branch meetings have always had an attendance of over thirty. Perhaps the most interesting of the meetings was that in which S. Samuels came forward and proposed that "Great Britain should resign from the League and pursue a policy of Splendid Isolation." Non-members were invited to attend, to balance the voting, but it would seem that while many of the School are actively for the League, very few are actively against it, the remainder being entirely lethargic and caring little for such things, for the motion was lost by three votes to thirty-four.

Finally, our most interesting departure has been that of forming a cadet branch; the idea has seized on the young imagination; it is only to be hoped that the first fervour will be superseded eventually, not by indifference to the League, but by steady and resolute support. Our thanks are due to Miss Makins and Mr. Wormald for this venture, while thanks are inadequate for the work which Mr. Peter does in trying to make the branch a success.

It has been our best term up to now; with a little support it will be a record year. T. W. SLADE.



THE School Scout Troop has had a very successful term, particularly with regard to recruiting. About 16 members of the Third Forms joined at the beginning of the term. All these have passed the Tenderfoot test and most are well on the way to gaining the 2nd class badge. The efforts of the older boys have been taken up with training the recruits and consequently no proficiency badges have been obtained. It is hoped that a number of these, as well as several 1st class badges, will be obtained next term.

Two enjoyable field days have been held, the first at Lathom Park and the second at Hale Cliff. Many of the recruits cooked their own dinners and a few passed the 2nd class cooking test. The rest of the days were devoted to scout games and signalling practice. All were interested in two barges dumping esparto grass on the shore at Hale Cliff. This had come from the burnt out Spanish steamer in Garston dock. Attempts to make a bonfire of the grass were unsuccessful.

There was one divisional parade this term—on Armistice Sunday. The School Troop are to be congratulated on a smart, though small, turnout. At the beginning of next term there will be the annual divisional week-end rally. It is to be hoped that the Institute Troop, as leaders of the Eastern Division, will support all the meetings and do well in the Camp Fire Baton Competition.

Wednesday and Thursday meetings were held as usual during the term and much work was done, including ambulance work, basketmaking and signalling.

J. CORLETT.

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Cross-Country Running Notes.

THE past term has not been one of which the School Running team can proudly boast. Of the four fixtures we have fulfilled only one was won, one being drawn and two lost.

SCHOOL v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at Leasoweside, Saturday, October 12th.

School: (2) Moss, D. W.; (3) Thornley, F. A.; (11) Kelly, E. S.; (12) Wildman, E. H.; (13) Hawthorn, T.; (14) Walker, T. B.
W.G.S.: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Result: Lost 86-50.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at Springwood, Saturday, November 9th.

School: (1) Thornley, F. A.; (2) Moss, D. W.; (4) Wildman, E. H.; (7) Thomas, A. W. C.; (8) Hawthorn, T.; (9) Kelly, E. S.
M.G.S.: 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12.

SCHOOL v. OULTON, at Aintree, Saturday, November 16th.

School: (1) Thornley, F. A.; (2) Moss, D. W.; (4) Wildman, E. H.; (7) Kelly, E. S.; (8) Hawthorn, T.; (9) Wilson, A. W.
Oulton: 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13. Result: Won 31-50.

SCHOOL v. UNIVERSITY II, at Wyncote, Saturday, November 30th.
 School : (1) Wildman, E. H. ; (2) Moss, D. W. ; (5) Hawthorn,
 T. ; (10) Wilson, A. W. ; (11) Thomas, A. W. C. ;
 (12) Walker, T. B.
 University : 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9. Result : Lost 41-37.

The run against Manchester Grammar School was, by agreement, declared a draw owing to three of our opponents, when in good positions, losing their way in Woolton Woods, which caused a decided change in the result.

The House running from Fletcher's Farm has suffered considerably from the cancellation of compulsory games and the decision to cancel the granting of marks for running.

Probably this form of sport, being of an individual nature, has suffered most from these rulings, but I hope that next term each House will have its own running team and so improve the interest in this branch of athletics.

Few of our School members appear to realize the benefit to be obtained from cross-country running. It strengthens the physique, one's stamina is improved and these are invaluable assets when taking part in any other sport.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Jones, Mr. Wormald and Mr. Willot for their support and attendance at Fletcher's Farm, and with the team when fulfilling fixtures. D. W. Moss.

Fives Notes.

THE September term is rarely successful from the point of view of the fives players ; and this term the Clerk of the Weather has not failed to live up to his reputation, for time and time again matches and practices have had to be cancelled owing to the vagaries of the English climate. The game, however, still retains its popularity, for the booking-lists are filled almost as soon as posted. But it is a surprising fact that the courts should be patronized by a few regular players from the Sixths and Removes, and that there should exist in the School such a large proportion of people, who have never given the game a trial. The Middle forms especially are requested to take up the game, for from their ranks will be drawn the School teams in years to come.

Three 1st IV matches have been played this term, of which the School has won one and lost one ; the third was abandoned in an unfinished state owing to inclement weather.

1st TEAM v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Sept. 25th. Home. Lost.

DOUBLES :—

N. E. Martin and E. J. Frith beat Brady and Davies 15-9, 15-8, 19-21 ; lost to Thompson and Edwards 15-13, 19-14, 7-15.
 G. H. Balderson and J. Wilkie beat Thompson and Edwards 10-15, 15-12, 19-14 ; and won their second game against Brady and Davies 15-9, 8-15, 15-11.

SINGLES :—

N. E. Martin lost to Brady 15-11, 13-15, 11-15.
 E. J. Frith lost to Thompson 6-15, 0-15.
 G. H. Balderson lost to Davies 15-11, 8-15, 5-15.
 J. Wilkie lost to Edwards 2-15, 15-9, 10-15.

TOTALS :—

Doubles—172-156. Singles—100-151. Aggregate—272-307.

1st Team v. ST. ANSELN HALL, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY, Nov. 9th.
 Away. Won.

DOUBLES :—

N. E. Martin and L. Leather lost to Bone and Holden 10-15, 5-15, 10-15 ; and beat Lofthouse and Walker 15-3, 15-1, 15-6.
 J. Wilkie and E. J. Frith lost to Bone and Holden 1-15, 2-15 ; and beat Lofthouse and Walker 15-3, 15-6, 7-15.

TOTALS :—110-109.

1st Team v. W.G.S., 16th Nov. Away.

The School team, represented by N. E. Martin, J. Wilkie, G. H. Balderson and J. Wilkie were losing 88 points to 106, when rain stopped play.

Next term promises to be full of interest. We hope to begin the Singles and Doubles Competitions ; all competitors are requested to play off their games without delay. The House Fives Competition also will take place next term, and the House Fives captains are asked to have their teams ready, to help in avoiding the embarrassment and delay of previous years.
 L. LEATHER.

Hockey.

WITH only half of last season's 1st XI left in School, we were very glad to see many new players this season. The practices have been on the whole well attended ; nevertheless, although we have about forty names down for hockey, the most that has played in a single practice is twenty-three. School hockey wants more support from the Middle School.

We were very lucky last term to find new talent so quickly. The places in the team were soon filled, and it was not long before the players settled down into their new positions.

The team this year is a strong one, and with last term's experience, it should do well. The strength of the team is shown in the result of the Collegiate School match which was won 16 goals to nil.

The good standard of play the new players have shown, is the result of the excellent and experienced coaching by both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Purvis, who have also put in many untiring hours in umpiring.

We are very sorry to lose Mr. Purvis. He leaves hockey to look after School Rugby. He has done invaluable work in helping Mr. Roberts to produce good hockey teams, under difficult conditions. We wish him every success in his new interest.

P. U. RUMJAHN.

Oct. 16th. v. Dr. RUMJAHN'S XI, at Greenbank. Lost 5—1.

Immediately after the start Dr. Rumjahn's team took the offensive and kept the ball well in the School's half. Their exertions were rewarded after some minutes by two successive goals, one just passing under the cross-bar. The School forwards then became more active but failed to score before the interval. In the second half the play of the School team greatly improved and the visitors did not have so much of their own way, although they scored another two goals before Rumjahn, E. J., scored for the School. Another was, however, added to our opponents' total just before the final whistle. Price in goal played well considering that at the last moment he had been placed in that position owing to the indisposition of Roberts.

Team: Price; Blower, Hargreaves; Blackie, Leather, Hughes; Leith, Mayhew, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Faulkner.

Oct. 19th. v. NORTHERN 4TH XI, at Greenbank. Won 6—0.

For this game Roberts was available in goal while Jones, N. W., took Mayhew's place at inside right. Northern won the toss and elected to hit downhill. The first half was uneventful, but if anything the School had the better of the game, for Rumjahn, E. J., made two spectacular dashes up the field, both of which resulted in goals. After the interval Jones and Faulkner changed places on the forward line. Now the School were definitely superior and, although Roberts in goal had one or two anxious moments, Rumjahn, P. U., succeeded in adding four more goals. School defence played well throughout.

Team: Roberts; Blower, Hargreaves; Blackie, Leather, Hughes; Leith, Jones, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Faulkner.

Nov. 16th. v. HIGHTOWN 3RD XI, at Hightown. Lost 8—3.

The School team started well for Rumjahn won the toss and, after a few minutes' play, Rumjahn, E. J., had opened the scoring for the School. But soon Hightown equalised through a swift left-wing movement and another was scored from the centre, Roberts having but little chance. Before half-time each side added one more to its total. Soon after play restarted, Hightown unfortunately lost a man through injury, but their attack did not slacken and four more goals were added.

Hightown forwards were far too fast for the School defence, while the School forwards also played well and frequently threatened our opponents' goal.

Team: Roberts; Blower, Hargreaves; Blackie, Leather, Hughes; Leith, Faulkner, Rumjahn, P. U., Rumjahn, E. J., Mayhew.

Nov. 30th. v. CHESTER COLLEGE, at Greenbank. Drawn 3—3.

Rumjahn, E. J., being unable to play, his place was taken by Price. The game opened at a brisk pace and Chester took the offensive, scoring off the post after a dash by the centre. A few minutes later, a Chester player was injured and had to retire for a short time. The School then began to attack more vigorously, but Chester scored again. Then Mayhew took the ball up the wing and passed to Rumjahn, P. U., who drove it into the corner of the net. Another was soon added and this was again followed by a third—a terrific shot just under the cross-bar; but Chester equalised. The last few minutes were anxious for the School defence, as Chester strove desperately to gain the lead, but failed.

It was a very fast game, full of tense moments for both sides.

Team: Roberts; Blower, Hargreaves; Blackie, Leather, Hughes; Leith, Faulkner, Rumjahn, P. U., Price, Mayhew.

Dec. 4th. v. COLLEGIATE XI, at West Derby. Won 16—0.

Rumjahn, E. J., was able to take up his place again. Having won the toss, the School team at once began to attack vigorously and before long they had scored through Rumjahn, P. U. This good start was maintained and the score mounted steadily until by half time the School had nine goals to its credit, while Roberts in goal had touched the ball only once. After the interval the Collegiate became more determined, but their defence could not stem the attacks of the School forwards and when the final whistle blew the score was sixteen without reply. The School team, especially the forwards, combined well throughout.

Team: Roberts; Blower, Hargreaves; Blackie, Leather, Hughes; Leith, Faulkner, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Mayhew.

Dec. 14th. v. HIGHTOWN 3RD XI, at Greenbank. Drawn 3—3.

The ground was frozen, making all irregular places particularly noticeable. The School immediately took the offensive and Rumjahn, E. J., opened the scoring. By half time the School were leading by three goals to one, but when Hightown later took up the attack the scores were made level, the School being unable to take the lead again. The whole game was played at a very fast pace with no slackening of effort by either side; it was also very open and exciting, especially towards the end after Hightown had equalised.

Team: Roberts; Blower, Leather; Blackie, Hargreaves, Hughes; Leith, Faulkner, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Mayhew.

RESULTS FOR THE TERM.

Played 6; Won 2; Lost 2; Drawn 2. Goals for 32; agst. 19.
Scorers:—Rumjahn, P. U., 16; Rumjahn, E. J., 16.

FIXTURES FOR NEXT TERM.

W.	Jan. 22	University 3rd	...	...	...	...	...	A
S.	Feb. 1	Northern 4th	...	...	...	...	...	A
S.	" 8	Chester College	...	...	...	...	...	A
W.	" 19	Collegiate	...	...	...	...	...	H
W.	" 26	University	...	...	...	...	...	A
W.	Mar. 4	Dr. Rumjahn's XI	...	...	...	...	...	A

G. HUGHES.

School Football.

SINCE only three members of last season's successful team remained at School, team-building naturally proved a difficult problem. With four members of last year's 2nd XI, one absolute stranger to School football and three players in last season's Junior XI we have formed a light team whose one heavy member, Robinson, has recently left School. Of the new players, the three Juniors show distinct promise, but find their lack of weight a great handicap; Garton has developed into the sound goal-keeper we expected, while Phillips has greatly improved since he was moved to full-back at the beginning of the season.

The defence ought to develop into a strong combination next term, because Needs has been playing exceptionally well this season, while Lewis's forceful and enthusiastic play should make him a powerful half-back. The constitution of the forward line, however, has troubled us throughout the term, and so far no real solution has been found. Of the forwards only Rose, though forced to leave his natural position of outside-left, has played consistently well. The other forwards have rarely answered to his prompting by quick shooting; their unreadiness to take a shot, indeed, has forced Rose both to be the general of the line, and to take upon himself most of the shooting.

In such circumstances, therefore, it is not surprising that the form of the First Eleven has been very fickle and uncertain. On some occasions we have surrendered the game through the sloth of the whole team, and the lack of penetrative ability on the part of the forwards. In other games the team has played really fine and enthusiastic football. If, indeed, the team could maintain the form shown in the away games against Quarry Bank and the Collegiate, we should prove a powerful force in School football next term. Finally we thank Mr. Moy for his interest and enthusiasm in the cause of the First Eleven, and hope that we can render him a more tangible appreciation next term by gaining better results.

The Second Eleven, under the direction of Mr. Peters, has proved a workmanlike combination which has won the majority of its matches. Mr. Pollard has encountered the same difficulties in forming a Junior Eleven as we have met with in the First Eleven; the results have been equally varied, but the team includes several promising young players.

T. J. HOPWOOD.

SCHOOL v. YORK HOUSE.

Played at Greenbank.

Won 5-2.

For the first match of the season, with Rose out of the team because of influenza, the School was represented by Garton; Phillips, Robertson; Robinson, Hopwood, Needs; Jones, H. L., Dickinson, Barnard, Lewis, Pike.

The game started with brisk attacks on both sides, and our opponents opened the scoring when their centre-forward netted from close range. The School fought back and pressed strongly for the rest of the first half. As a result we assumed the lead by scoring three good goals, the first through Dickinson, who shot on the turn when the ball had been bobbing about our opponents' goal for quite a time, and the second through Robinson, who banged home a pass from Hopwood, which set him clear of all opposition.

On the resumption the School scored two further goals, and maintained the supremacy until rain came on, which was driven into our faces by a rising wind. Then the defence tackled so promptly that Garton only had to deal with long shots. Our opponents, therefore, could only reduce our lead by one goal, and the final score was 5-2. On the whole the team gave quite a promising display and at times combined quite well. Our victory, indeed, was quite a good beginning for the season.

SCHOOL v. HOLT HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank.

Won 3-2.

Vanner and Rose had recovered sufficiently to take their places in the team; otherwise the Eleven was unchanged. The game proved one of the most exciting struggles we have ever contested with the Holt. The School over-played its opponents for the majority of the game and should have built up a convincing lead, but at the end of the match the Holt were pressing for an equaliser, which only narrowly eluded them.

In the first half the School were the superior team and working well together scored two good goals, the second when Jones jumped high into the air to head into the net a centre from the left. In the second half we were just as superior (but only scored one lucky goal when a long, trickling shot from Rose passed between the goal-keeper's legs), until Bentham moved to centre-forward for the Holt. Hopwood immediately assumed the role of a third back, but so quick to seize opportunities did their new centre-forward show himself that he soon scored two goals—once when a misunderstanding between the backs and Garton let him in, and again when he received the ball on the edge of the penalty area and shot for the top left-hand corner of the net before anyone could tackle him. The defence, however, remained secure for the few remaining minutes, which proved full of danger and excitement.

SCHOOL v. L.C.S.

Played at Greenbank.

Lost 0-4.

The School team was as follows: Garton; Vanner, Phillips; Robinson, Hopwood, Needs; Jones, H. L., Rose, Barnard, Lewis, Pike.

The Collegiate won the toss and decided to play uphill against the wind and a strong sun. The game was quite even for the first fifteen minutes, during which the Collegiate full-back kicked a shot from Jones off the goal-line with the goal-keeper beaten. The Collegiate then settled down and scored twice before half-time.

The Collegiate scored two quick goals after half-time but this seemed to liven the School up, and only bad luck and some fine goal-keeping prevented them from scoring. Rose was the star of the School forward line and hit the bar with a terrific drive. The Collegiate were unfortunate in losing their goal-keeper shortly before the end, but even then the School forward line was unable to score.

The School defence in which Needs and Garton were prominent did very well against a fast forward line, but the forwards, with the exception of Rose, were disappointing.

SCHOOL v. ALSOP H.S.

Played at Aintree.

Lost 1-3.

Team: Garton; Vanner, Robertson; Phillips, Hopwood, Needs; Jones, H. L., Rose, Barnard, Lewis, Pike.

With Robinson engaged in the Inter-School Swimming Gala, Phillips was moved to right-half and Robertson brought in at left-back. A small field with turf which made ball control difficult, together with our forwards' lack of ability to finish off good movements, found us at the finish the losers by 3 goals to 1.

The first half saw plenty of pressure being put on the Alsop defence and with a little more thrust goals would have resulted. Our smaller forwards however, were up against burly backs who found great delight in kicking the ball into touch, giving Needs and Phillips a very tiring job of returning it into play. But some quick thrusts by the Alsop left wing gave them rather a lucky goal and later Garton made two capital saves so that at half time we were losing 0-1.

After the resumption Alsop attacked for some time and notched two goals, one again being the result of a defender's mis-kick. However, Rose, working hard and effectively, obtained our only goal after a neat dribble and the best shot of the match. During the last fifteen minutes we overwhelmed our opponents but Lewis missed a good chance of scoring.

This was a game which the School should have won, but *finesse* without finality will never win a match.

SCHOOL v. UNIVERSITY OLD BOYS.

Played at Greenbank.

Won 5-2.

The School fielded the following side: Garton; Vanner, Phillips; Robertson, Hopwood, Needs; Barnard, Rose, Jones, H. L., Lewis, Pike.

On winning the toss, Hopwood decided to kick down the slope and against the slight wind. The Old Boys kicked off and attacked briskly. The attack was broken up and the School forwards got away nicely. Almost immediately Jones put the School ahead by heading in a centre from the left wing. A few minutes later the School's lead was increased by a well-deserved goal from Pike, who ran into the middle to score.

Rain now fell heavily, and consequently play was not so good since the ball became very heavy and greasy.

The third goal came from the left wing, Needs scoring a good goal from a corner-kick. The ball curled in just under the bar, completely beating the goal-keeper. From the resulting centre the Old Boys pressed hard and had bad luck when, Garton having tipped the ball away on to the upright, the centre-forward shot wide from an open goal. A few minutes later the Old Boys scored a goal at point blank range, through the centre-forward. The School forwards were working together well, but the defence was not too sure with the greasy ball. A few minutes before half-time, Cohen ran in from the right-wing to score, giving Garton no chance.

From the restart the School did all the attacking. Bates at centre-half was a big obstacle, but Rose managed to get past him. Jones, H. L., now put the School farther ahead, using his head with good effect. The Old Boys' left-wing was always dangerous but the School defence played much better this half.

After about 75 minutes, Barnard scored the final goal of the match.

SCHOOL v. LIOBANS.

Played at Greenbank.

Lost 2-9.

Team: Garton; Vanner, Phillips; Robinson, Hopwood, Needs; Lynam, Rose, Jones, H. L., Lewis, Pike.

Lynam was introduced at outside-right for Barnard who was injured. Hopwood won the toss and the School, favoured by a slight breeze kicked towards the park. The swift raids of the Liobians kept our defenders busy for the first quarter of an hour. The School retaliated and the forwards sent in some good shots which failed, however, to pierce the excellent goal-keeping of Jones, N. M. Then a left flank movement by Liobians resulted in a goal. Shortly after this, Jones was unfortunate, when, with the goal-keeper beaten, he hit the cross-bar with a long drive. Play continued to be fairly even but despite this the Old Boys' left winger added two further goals, the first of which found Garton at fault.

On resuming, Liobians scored two more goals in quick succession, but again we fought back and were rewarded by a goal. Needs got possession and beat the goal-keeper with a grand shot from 40 yards. Despite our efforts, the Old Boys scored another four goals to which we replied with one, the scorer being Lewis. Our goal was the result of a clever right wing movement. The game throughout was played at a fast pace and was very enjoyable, but the score was not a fair reflection of the play, a large share of which was claimed by the School. Rose was a splendid forward and he worked hard throughout the game, whilst Needs excelled in the defence.

SCHOOL v. QUARRY BANK.

Played at Allerton.

Won 5-2.

The team was as follows: Garton; Vanner, Phillips; Robinson, Hopwood, Needs; Lynam, Rose, Jones, H. L., Lewis, Pike.

The School won the toss and gained the advantages of the slope and the sun. Nevertheless we did not immediately find our form, and Quarry scored a very good goal. The School attacked more vigorously, and, as a result, gained a penalty which Rose skilfully netted.

Encouraged by this success, the School pressed the Quarry defence hard, and, after the ball had crossed our opponents' goal-mouth several times, Lewis scored with a strong shot. Quarry then made a determined effort to score, and, just before half-time, equalized.

Immediately after the interval our opponents attacked vigorously, but gained no success. Our forwards, however, received the ball and made good use of it by putting us ahead. Once more Quarry attacked, but were repulsed after a few exciting minutes.

The School then increased its lead when Pike scored with a long drive. Despite several dangerous attacks, our opponents could not score; but our forwards again secured the ball and scored yet another goal. Nevertheless Quarry were not to be beaten and resumed their attack with great spirit. But the game was drawing to a close, and they were too late.

Both teams played good football, but the School played exceptionally well, and won a well-deserved victory.

SCHOOL v. KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER.

Played at Greenbank.

Lost 4-5.

The School fielded the following side : Garton ; Vanner, Phillips ; Robinson, Hopwood, Needs ; Lynam, Rose, Jones, H. L., Lewis, Pike.

Hopwood lost the toss and Chester decided to play down-hill with the sun at their backs. The early play was fast and both sides played good football, play being chiefly in the centre of the field. After about twenty minutes Phillips had the misfortune to kick the ball against Needs and the Chester inside right took a simple chance to open the score. This goal inspired Chester to further efforts and they scored two quick goals. The School forwards who had hard luck on several occasions, were rewarded when Jones scored from close in. Chester scored again shortly after, and then the School made a splendid recovery scoring three quick goals through Jones, Rose and Pike. Half-time came with the score at 4-4.

After half-time the School, with the slope in their favour, went all out for the winner, but Chester defended brilliantly against a good attack. Play continued much the same and a draw seemed probable, but just before the end the opposing centre snapped up a chance and placed the ball into the corner of the net. All efforts by the School were repulsed and Chester ran out winners 5-4.

The forwards played quite well but the half-line with the exception of Needs was not up to its usual standard. The defence must learn to tackle and kick harder and better results will follow. At the same time the School were unlucky not to win.

SCHOOL v. ALSOP H.S.

Played at Greenbank.

Drew 1-1.

Team : Garton ; Vanner, Phillips ; Robinson, Needs, Hopwood ; Lynam, Rose, Dickinson, Lewis, Pike.

Robinson was brought back at right-half and as Jones and Barnard were unable to play, Lynam went outside-right and Dickinson played at centre-forward. Hopwood lost the toss and the School kicked against slope and wind. In the opening stages of the game, we did most of the attacking, but, as throughout the whole game, our forwards were loth to shoot. Soon Alsop made repeated attacks, but in vain, for our excellent defence frustrated their moves. Later on, play became more even, although our goal had two narrow escapes from the opposing centre-forward. Nevertheless, Alsop's inside-right scored with a good shot which Garton made a brave attempt to save. Immediately afterwards, Dickinson, whilst unbalanced, lobbed the ball over the bar from close range.

After the resumption we tried hard to equalise and as a result play was confined chiefly to the Alsop half. Instead of shooting from fifteen to twenty yards our forwards endeavoured to approach to within two or three yards of goal and consequently they were frequently robbed of the ball by Alsop's big and excellent backs. On several occasions the Alsop forwards broke away and Garton made some fine saves from high shots which swerved in dangerously. A quarter of an hour from time we made three positional changes, Needs going centre-forward, Hopwood moving to centre-half and Dickinson dropping back to left-half. This move brought almost immediate success, for Needs, providing the necessary thrust, scored a good goal. This goal instilled us with new life and both halves and forwards attacked incessantly but without further reward. Thus ended an exciting game in which the School defence completely mastered the Alsop attack.

SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Holly Lodge.

Lost 0-1.

Team : Garton ; Vanner, Phillips ; Hopwood, Needs, Lewis ; Barnard, Kushner, Jones, H. L., Rose, Pike.

This meeting at Holly Lodge produced its usual hard struggle, and a draw would have been a more equitable result. It was a match of superb defences and we can especially congratulate Mr. Moy and Hopwood on finally stringing together a good defence. But, alas, our forwards are still, unlike William Tell, missing the target (no goals in three matches).

The ground was hard, the ball rather soft, making both individualism and combination hard for both teams. Hopwood won the toss and chose to kick up the slight slope. Each goal repulsed many attacks, each goal had its lucky escapes. Kushner shot over from near in, whilst Lewis tested the Collegiate goal-keeper with three perfect shots. Our defence had most attacks well under its power. Half-time came with no score.

We now had the slope but could make nothing of it. Lewis's occasional wanderings gave their right wing too much scope, but Phillips held on bravely. Both teams were having equal exchanges and Rose went near with an acute-angled shot, but his partner Pike was timidly weak. Jones was hardly seen but should have shot more often than he did. The darkness made the final minutes hard but nevertheless exciting. Needs kicked off the line twice. One minute from time a long shot, which Garton hardly saw, found the net. Eleven players cursed their bad luck.

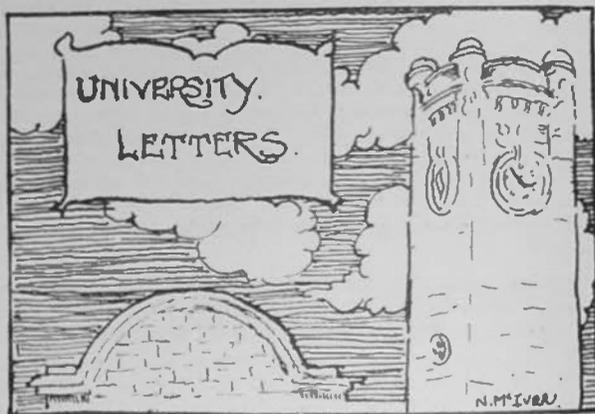
Bad fortune again. In our defence Hopwood and Vanner held the left wing better than on the previous occasion, whilst Needs gave their centre little room to work. Of our forwards, only Rose again need be mentioned.

House Football.

HORSFALL CUP—SENIOR.

1st Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Tate v. Owen	Tate	Hughes	Philip Holt.
Hughes v. Danson	Hughes		
Alfred Holt v. Cochran	Alfred Holt	Philip Holt	
	Philip Holt (Bye)		

	JUNIOR		
1st Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Alfred Holt v. Tate	Alfred Holt v. Philip Holt	Alfred Holt v. Cochran	} Alfred Holt.
Philip Holt v. Hughes			
Cochran v. Owen	Cochran v. Danson (Bye)	Cochran	



OXFORD.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The philosopher's stone that shall reveal the perfect way in writing an Oxford letter is hard to find. Destitute as we are of the literary gifts of our predecessors and naturally given to believing the best, even about Mr. Martin, we feel a certain hesitation in opening to the ruthless gaze of your contemporaries the private life of our own friends. It would, of course, be possible to tell you all the truth, but we are not yet so depraved. We could again arrest your ear and stimulate your imagination by half-hints and allusions dear to the hearts of gossip-writers. But we are plain, simple men, Mr. Editor, and our tale is plain and simple. Oxford is not now as it has been of yore. The very air is pensive with sadness as it breathes "Pembroke has gained 52 Freshmen and lost F. W. Rew." A pale, faint shadow has been flickering despondently around Headington, but Mr. Rew has never been the same since that fatal mistake.

When we were very young we were informed on creditable grounds that we possessed some dons in Oxford. We were sceptical until Mr. Bussby told us in awed tones that he had seen Mr. Kneale from a great distance. As Mr. Bussby is a man both of honour and discretion, we are prepared to believe tentatively in the existence of one Don at least. Further not even our curiosity has been able to go.

We do not feel at home in the rarified atmosphere produced even by meditating on these august personages. Mr. Ankers at least is visible to human sight, and may be seen any day in Jesus—working—or in the Radcliffe Camera—still working. If questioned, he appears harassed and stammers unhappily that he has done really no work at all as yet. Mr. Page, on the other hand, is a blithe spirit. He has some connection with a motor-car manufactured in 1907, and has twice driven out of Oxford accompanied by the plaudits of an admiring crowd. He asserts that he reached London and that his object was to visit the British Museum. Both these statements are open to grave suspicion. Of Mr. Martin and Mr. Peaston we believe the best (pure trusting souls that we are). Did they not wrap themselves in a cloud of impenetrable mystery, we would have more to tell you. Mr. Peaston still endeavours to ask young ladies to tea.

Mr. Bussby, Mr. Bebb, Mr. Little and Mr. Curtis are still careless young children. Life is still gay for them; there are no clouds on their horizon. Mr. Bussby has achieved the dignity of sub-chaplain of Exeter, while Mr. Bebb defeated Mr. Curtis at ping-pong. Mr. Little and Mr. Curtis give each other indigestible tea parties at which Mr. Curtis explains his theories of slimming and Mr. Little reveals a surprising knowledge of dietetics. Mr. Curtis excelled himself at the end of term. Dressed in dingy black skirts, and resembling a charwoman as no one but Mr. Curtis could, he acted in a play at Balliol Boys' Club. The sequel was highly exciting, but we are merciful; we will spare Mr. Curtis' tender feelings.

Such, sir, is our brief tale. In conclusion we rejoice that Leather is to join us next autumn. We congratulate Hopwood and Corlett and are only sorry for their slight error of taste. Send us yet more men, Mr. Editor, to beat more boldly and more promptly the duties of that time-honoured signature

J. I. KNOXUCLAVE.

THE UNION SOCIETY, CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have just received, through various and devious channels, your urgent request for a University letter, which has taken me by surprise in the middle of a rather festive week. I will do my best to fulfil your requirements, but I fear the information I give will be as misleading as the address of this letter.

The C.U. Liobians' Society is still flourishing, although several meetings have been marred by the unruly conduct of Mr. Campbell, who in addition to being a practical joker and a practising Communist, is apparently learning to become an all-in wrestler. To turn to a more pleasing subject for contemplation, our worthy chairman or president continues to be the "Admirable Crichton" of Cambridge. He plays soccer, acts in Spanish plays, works, and strenuously resists the title of "comrade."

The big news of the term, of course, is his romantic election expedition to Grimsby. Mr. Rodick lives a life of dignified ease in the seclusion of his luxurious suite in darker Pembroke. He has been seen playing soccer, and has occasionally visited the river, the scene of his former triumphs. There is a great mystery about a certain week-end in the middle of term, but nothing has been proved yet, and we shall not believe anything until we see it in the papers. Mr. Owen envies Mr. Rodick his dignified ease, and regrets the happy days of the English School. He is now struggling with the complexities of *tort* and *replevin*, of *seizin* and *socage*. These, strange to say, are not vaudeville acts, but legal terms. Mr. Owen also plays squash, and collects comic clubs, in which two blacks do make a white—they make him President.

We see very little of Mr. Peters, who is reported to be working; he occasionally relaxes for a game of chess or hockey, but his bridge has suffered, for, we regret to say, he was fleeced by a pair of common sharpers on the last night of term.

Except as a fellow-victim of one of Mr. Campbell's delightful practical jokes, we have seen nothing of Mr. Scarisbrick, but presume from his absence from the fashionable centres of amusement that he is working hard. Of Mr. Patterson, caught in the gay whirl of Trinity Society, we can say nothing that has not already appeared in the *Bystander*. Mr. McCloy, we hear, sustains the tradition of the School and the Hall on the river, wearing the well-known MacTrinity scarf. Finally, we congratulate Mr. Corlett on his success at Trinity and Mr. Hopwood on his at Christ's, and promise them a hearty welcome in October.

Yours, etc.,

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THE UNION,

MOUNT PLEASANT, LIVERPOOL.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

To be or not to be indiscreet—that is the question. The answer lies in what follows. In writing the University letter one is apt to omit mentioning quite a number of Liobians and to the unfortunate we offer our apologies and promise to include them in the honoured list next time.

We welcome the Freshers who in the short space of ten weeks have made themselves quite at home and are really doing quite well—we like the choice of Mr. I. C. Jones; Mr. Nicholson smokes! Mr. Williamson looked quite lost when we saw him in the Engineers building one day last week.

The School always did do well socially, but this year we seem to shine brighter than ever. Mr. Beeston is President of the Guild; Mr. Henry is President of the Medical Students' Debating Society; Mr. Pike is one of the joint treasurers of the A.S.A.; Mr. Hogg is Engineers' secretary. In fact on every committee we find at least one (except women's committees).

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Warren entertain us conjointly at the piano with Bach, Beethoven, etc., at least twice a week. They now have formidable opposition in the Rhythm Society.

Mr. R. C. Rice sometimes manages to lunch in the Union. He thinks that the butter supplied is of inferior quality and supplies his own instead. We have not seen Mr. Wright for quite a long time and we hope he is better. Might we explain that an Honorary saved him from being terribly mauled by a fair student in the Northern Hospital. At least he was in the right place to receive attention.

Preparations are now well in hand for Panto Day and we shall shortly be paying you a call with *Pantosphinx*.

Yours sincerely,

LIOSFINX.*

* So he (s)finx: Ha! Ha!—EDS.

Prefects' Letter.

THE PREFECTS' ROOM,
LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Have you ever heard of a wolf in sheep's clothing? This description fits you admirably. How you approached me mildly, and said "What do you think of a Prefect's Letter for the Magazine?" I, poor, fool, blind in my folly, replied "Quite a good idea." And, sir, with what a sudden metamorphosis from wheedling to command did you swing round and declare "O.K. You shall write it." I don't know whether you appreciate the invidious position in which you have placed me; for what news can I give you? There are things, sir, which the pen would not write, nor the paper record.

Still, life in the P.R. pursues the even tenor of its way, except when Mr. Corlett bursts into song: that certainly makes it a very uneven tenor. Should there be a minor explosion or riot, one is generally right in betting that Mr. Bone is in the middle of it—after all, a boxing captain must do something. Mr. Tharme works as of old—he is always either beginning or ending an essay—a monotonous life but one which seems to afford him the utmost satisfaction. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, Mr. Rose's aim with a W.P.B. has deteriorated considerably.

Mr. Hopwood and Mr. Dawes have been too busy with other things to arouse much attention. The former is usually seen wearing a worried air and muttering the peroration of the next speech he is due to make, while Mr. Dawes' interests lie, I fear, rather outside the city boundaries. Of the others, one can say little—Mr. Mellor remains as placid as ever, though we suspect dark secrets in his life; Mr. Hughes' bicycle has at last retired to a dishonourable retirement after forcing its owner to undertake a two mile walk to School; Messrs. Garton and Stewart are seen from time to time starting French proses and finishing German proses, while at odd moments the biologists, Bender, Corlett, J., and Collett shake themselves from their slumbers to draw an intricate diagram and then retire to peace again.

Mr. Martin is busy pursuing a blood feud, or so it seems, for at times he goes mad and throws things; for further reference see Mr. Dawes or Mr. Tharme. Mr. Hawthorn we seldom see—he strolls in at 9-30 and out again at 4-0 and but for an occasional fleeting glimpse, one might remember him more as an impressive

vicar than a hard-working Prefect. We must, by the way, talking of hard work, congratulate Messrs. Hopwood, Leather and Corlett, W. T., on their University successes.

By the way—two new institutions have made their appearance this term—the first is that of reading the lesson in Hall; for further comment on this see Mr. Mellor. The second is that of P.D. No one knows if this means Prefect's Drill, Punishment Drill, or Penal Drill, but Mr. Tharme, who has been seen standing in the Upper Yard with icicles forming on his beard, could tell you quite a lot about it.

Finally, for you and I, sir.* You—well at the present moment my feelings are too strong for me—still I understand that being a goal-keeper at hockey is quite dangerous, so I live in hope—and as for me, whatever my past sins, surely I have atoned for them by being forced to write this letter. And so, sir, worn out by the stress and strain of this unaccustomed effort, I remain, but only just,

Yours sincerely,

EUSTACE.

Correspondence.

HAIFA,

PALESTINE.

The Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

I am not addicted to writing letters to editors, this is only the second, at least as far as the *Institute Magazine* is concerned; the first, written some years ago, dealt with School caps and blazers. I realise the futility of such a proceeding but there are times when a protest must be registered.

I refer to the most recent piece of vandalism in connection with the School Magazine, that of suppressing the old cover with the reproduction of the ship familiar to Old Boys for generations past all the world over, and substituting for it the present geometrical design.

* Considerable alteration has been necessary here, the original matter being unfit for publication.—EDITOR.

I do not presume to criticise the artistic merit of the latter. I find no fault except to state that, in my opinion, it is entirely out of place and detracts considerably from the dignity of the Magazine. Such designs belong to the realm of pictorial advertising, excellent indeed for hotel brochures, patent food pamphlets and steamship cruise handbooks, but surely not suitable for a School Magazine.

Why was the change made? Was it made in the name of progress? True progress should bring gain; wherein lies the present gain? Surely change is not desirable simply for the sake of change.

It seems that this piece of iconoclasm was due mainly to the desire for expression of the editorial ego. Presumably incapable of leaving its mark in any other sphere of Magazine editing, this ego finds satisfaction in achieving the present change, and modestly claims a little fame for so doing. Notoriety would have been a better word.

In the next breath, editorial apologies are forthcoming. It was done by a member of the School for the School Magazine—art evidently begins at home. And to clinch matters the block was made for nothing, thus providing the additional, and no doubt overwhelming incentive in changing the cover. Preserve us from the generosity of publishers!

This letter cannot stay the tide of editorial progress but if it echoes the feelings of Old Boys elsewhere I shall be satisfied.

Yours faithfully,

F. A. BALL (1922).

Room 24.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

A crude, cacophonous comet has soared into the aesthetic heavens, startling its presumably aesthetic angels; for you have had the courage to change the cover of the Magazine. A laudable action, but a move from bad to worse.

Of the two covers, the new one is decidedly the more repulsive. To look attractive, the cover should be a thoughtful and harmonious composition. To remain engraved on the mind, the drawing should be of closed composition, based on a simple geometric plan, which inevitably holds the eye more easily than a non-limited amorphous composition. The new design has little geometry, and is non-limited in its composition, one that is to say, that flows out of the frame in all directions, in spite of the attempts of a heavy border to restrain it.

The designer of the new cover does not know of, or has failed to achieve, that big conception or primary rhythm that must be maintained throughout. I have a suspicion that, in spite of his accomplishments, the designer is not aware of such a principle, for why should he leave a meaningless black strip at the head of the design, and adulterate the delicacy of an engraved figure group with the shock tactics of the hoardings: with the sprawling and clumsy initial letters of the School? Unity must remain, however much variety is expressed. Here there is no unity, and the variety is distasteful, for the rhythm of line and the rhythm of form are incongruously mixed.

As to the old cover, time has worn away the finer points of an accomplished drawing. Here is a balanced composition, spoilt by ugly lettering and superficial decoration, reminiscent of an age before the Beggarstaff Brothers. The cover of a popular magazine and a school magazine should be more than this if properly controlled and supported, should be an expression of its epoch. The old design is not. It savours vaguely of Victorianism, and consequent dullness.

To be frank, and casting aside all courtesy, both designs are offensive to the eye, and unsatisfying to the mind. Nothing but a dictatorial purge, and the adoption of a better balanced, psychologically pleasing, contemporary design, will ever make me cease to wonder whether or not I have wasted a shilling.

Yours sincerely,

A. MAIR (Rx).

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

As the designer of the present cover for the Magazine, it is most gratifying to note that the design has attracted the attention of a technical and geometrically minded artist and so interested him as to elicit such a helpful and unbiased criticism. It is indeed a catastrophe that the author of this criticism did not find the opportunity to impart his valuable advice previously and thereby assist the poor uninitiated designer to achieve "That big conception and primary rhythm that must be maintained throughout," as the designer might then have been expected to know of this very valuable principle, of which, the author of the criticism suspects, the designer is unaware. It is quite evident that, with co-operation, a veritable masterpiece might have been created and the name of the critic perpetuated to eternity as the saviour of an offensive cover for our School Magazine.

I am perturbed to note that an esteemed member of the School should ever, by gazing at the Magazine cover, doubt the advisability of his expenditure of one shilling, surely the contents are of sufficient interest to warrant this abnormal expenditure. Furthermore, a word of advice from the designer—join the Sports and Arts Club and receive your copy free.

I am afraid my apologies are due to the Editor for taking up so much valuable space.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. REDFEARN.

(We also note, from *The Visor*, Christmas, 1935: "... Liverpool Institute Magazine ... We heartily second the editor in complimenting the designer of the cover. ..."—Eds.)

Football Fixtures, 1936.

DATE.	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI
Jan. 14	L.C.S. A	L.C.S. H	L.C.S. A
" 18	Q.B.H.S. H	Q.B.H.S. A	Q.B.H.S. H
" 25	Holt S.S. A	—	Holt S.S. H
Feb. 1	Warr'gton G.S. A	Warr'gton G.S. H	Warr'gton G.S. A
" 15	King's School, Chester A	King's School, Chester H	—
" 19	—	Waterloo and Seaforth S.S. A	Blue Coat Sch'l. H
" 22	—	43rd B.B. A	—
" 26	University A	—	—
" 29	Man. G.S. A	Waterloo and Seaforth S.S. H	—
Mar. 7	Warr'gton G.S. H	Warr'gton G.S. A	Warr'gton G.S. H

Alterations may be made to this programme.

Editorial Notices.

OWING to earlier dates of publication, contributions, written on one side of large essay paper (obtainable from the Editors), should reach the Editors at any time before the end of the first week of the holidays. The authors' name should accompany all contributions (including correspondence).

The Editors will be pleased to receive copies of any Form Magazine, as matter suitable for publication in this Magazine may be found.

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

The Magazines of: *Wrexham County School*, *St. Francis Xavier's College*, *Holt School*, and the *Anchor*, *Elizabethan*, *Pincerna*, *Oultonia*, *Esmeduna*, *Birkonian*, *Wallaseyan*, *Wyggestonian*, *Visor*, *Faraday House Journal*.

These Magazines will in future be placed in the Library.

The Calendar.

Easter Term, 1936.

Tue.,	Jan. 14	TERM BEGINS.
Tue.,	" 21	Field Day for O.T.C. and Scouts.
Tue.,	" 28	Lecture-Recital by Mr. Roy Newlands, 7 p.m.
Wed.,	" 29	MARGARET-BRYCE SMITH EXAMINATION. Holiday for all Forms.
Fri.,	" 31	Film Society. Display of Films. 5-30 p.m.
Wed.,	Feb. 5	FULL SCHOOL DAY.
Thu.,	" 6	Full School Day for Junior School.
Fri.,	" 14	EXAMINATION FOR REMOVES BEGINS.
Mon.,	" 17	EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL FORMS, ending Friday, February 21st.
Sat.,	" 22	HALF-TERM.
Wed.,	Mar. 4	Choral and Orchestral Concert, Crane Hall.
Thu.,	" 5	
Fri.,	" 6	
		JUNIOR CITY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION. Field Day for O.T.C. and Scouts. Normal School for Sixths and Removes.
Sat.,	" 7	JUNIOR CITY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION. Extra Half-holiday for all Forms.
Mon.,	" 9	Parents' Meeting.
Tue.,	" 10	O.T.C. Certificate "A" Examination.
Wed.,	" 11	FULL SCHOOL DAY.
Thu.,	" 12	FULL SCHOOL DAY for WHOLE SCHOOL.
Mon.,	" 16	Boxing Competition.
Sat.,	April 4	Steeplechase.
Wed.,	" 8	TERM ENDS.

Next Term begins—Wednesday, April 29th.