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## Editorial.

THERE are not many things accompanied by more difficulty and less praise than general reports or reviews. The reason of this is, perhaps, not very hard to grasp. In making a general report of matters which may, in themselves, contain a due amount of interest, one is obliged to omit those parts of the subjects which really constitute the merit-claims of the subject itself. The editorial of the *Magazine* may be regarded in a somewhat similar manner, but it should not be inferred from these statements that the promulgators of this *Magazine* do not receive thanks for their work. We sincerely believe that no editors have had such delightful encouragement given to them, both by masters and boys, than ourselves; and it will always be our greatest aim to try and merit as much of this "honeyed water" as our frail faculties will permit. An encouragement we take greatly to heart—and to pocket too—is increase of sale.

It is highly pleasing for us to look back upon our closing Football season. Institute has not made such a show of pluck and energy like that which was displayed this year, for a long time. Because of this brilliant show everyone hoped for great things; among these was the winning of the Shield. Undoubtedly the fact of our fellows defeating

such a strong team as Merchant Taylors' afforded us some grounds for expecting that our hopes would be realised, when, however, we consider the task which we imposed on a team which had not been even in the final round for a long period, we cannot fail to recognise that it was too hard. To sweep away, at a single stroke, the ancient claims of the College to that Shield is a rather difficult work. Nevertheless, though unsuccessful in this great attempt at supremacy, a great deal of praise is due to the members of our team for the tough struggle they made on that memorable Wednesday, and the Shield could not have been misplaced to whichever of the teams it had fallen.

It is gratifying to see this year a Cricket Club formed; but boys should bear in mind that its success will depend entirely upon the interest displayed in its development by the school in general. Of course we must not expect to "whack" College and Birkenhead School right off the reel. The plan of proceeding should be—considering no Cricket Club existed last year—to get as much practice and as few matches as possible, until we are sure of being able to make a decent "stand" against surrounding schools. The Orchestral Society gave us a proof by its last entertainment, of the hard work it had been doing during the winter months, and the enthusiasm of the large audience on that occasion, amply testified to the interest which is taken in it. The Clubs all seem to be getting on well—especially the Swimming. Every youth who is a member of any of the Upper Forms knows what May brings and what it does not; therefore we will not hold a discourse on the desirability of frequently referring to such books as treat of mechanics, mathematics, or any of the allied subjects; but shall conclude by offering our sincerest thanks to the masters for the trouble they take in pushing the sale of this publication.

### Chat on the Corridor.

SINCE our last issue the result of the English Essay Competition has been made known. This year the prize of two guineas has been awarded to A. P. Banks, of the Sixth. Banks has all along distinguished himself in the English examinations, and has been closely followed in almost every case by F. M. Baddeley, who only stood a few marks below him in the Essay Examination. It is undoubtedly a rare achievement to

be able to express in good English one's views of a subject. Still it is one which is much needed in every-day life.

One of the many bugbears to boys at present is the raging of the May Examinations. Of course, it is very nice to get an A 1 in about half-a-dozen subjects, and it isn't altogether galling to get two or three First Honours thrown in; but then look at the swotting one has to do. A fellow feels quite unnatural after having had his head soaked in—not knowledge, but vinegar, for about ten days. Perhaps when one appears at the examination the paper is not altogether adapted to the state of his cranium at that particular time. This can easily be overcome. The best way is to answer as many questions in *all* parts of the paper as you possibly can, and then hold a big discussion on what such and such a question could mean. For instance, supposing you are taking Elementary stage, take a question out of the Honours paper, translate it into Elementary language, and then proceed to solve it in your own masterly style, at the same time dropping numerous hints as to your knowledge of its hidden meaning. This style will undoubtedly receive due consideration from a conscientious examiner, and if you don't succeed in capturing a First, you can accuse the examiner of narrow-mindedness for not entertaining your views on the various points.

The 25th of March was a day productive of some queer results. During the period of greatest excitement I nearly got overwhelmed by a trio of big chaps pushing against me and calling "College." I'm only a little innocent fellow, and a big thought just struck me not to be prejudiced, so I yelled "Institute" for dear life. There were many musical sounds being emitted from outlying bodies, especially from some of those which had seen "the leaf its red tinge take" about fifteen times. These masses—by no means inert—(a fact which I was made cognisant of by that peculiar feeling of one's "lowers") reached, at certain periods, beautiful, high, and clear notes, and then suddenly there was an awful crack, and silence was the order of the time.

It has been proposed that a number of boys should join together on Gymnasium days and solemnly declare that they will only use short and light clubs. No doubt this would do away with the "Sweating" system; but as to the development of nature's organs, it would not, perhaps, be such a great success.

If it is permissible to judge from appearances, one would think that the Tugs of War in the High School yard had been given up in terror. Probably a number of those precocious "kids" have been investigating the amount of strain that a two-inch diameter rope will bear, and have come to the learned conclusion that since flags and pants don't agree, they will relinquish for a short period their longitudinal stretches.

The Commercial School is at present very hard at work, and to judge from attendances at the extra classes, it is evident that boys are working

to make a still greater name for this great school. An incentive to steady application to study is offered to the lower classes in the form of an exhibition to the High School for boys under thirteen years of age.

The First Class still heads the list in point of strength, having beaten the other classes, including the great and terrible Upper Second. In the final pull, First beat Upper Second after a short pull, and also Lower Third, but after a very long tug. The younger boys of the Commercial School would very much like a Cricket Club to be formed for juniors. There is no reason why this should not be done, and if they make an attempt at its formation, perhaps they will be assisted by the older boys.

On Tuesday evening, April 28th, Mr. J. A. Muir gave a capital miscellaneous Entertainment to a somewhat small but most enthusiastic house, in aid of the Institute Teachers' Superannuation Society. The whole programme, which was rendered in Mr. Muir's most excellent style, was intensely appreciated, the items in the first part which called forth most applause being, undoubtedly, the Recitation "*The Three Parsons*" (Overton), and Bunthorne's song, from "*Patience*." The Musical Sketch, "*A Domestic Festival*" (J. S. Moore) went down immensely, the various songs introduced, "*Thou of my Thou*," "*See me dance the Polka*," etc., etc., being highly popular. The pianoforte selections from "*The Gondoliers*," "*The Mikado*," etc., also greatly delighted the audience. Altogether we have seldom listened to a more thoroughly enjoyable entertainment; it should have been infinitely better supported considering the worthiness of the object, and the excellence of the programme, though the nearness of the May Examinations will, no doubt, account for the absence of many. We trust when another performance of the kind is given the school will back it up in myriads.

The Editors beg respectfully to state, that although they will try to answer the majority of questions in the "Answers" column, yet questions relative to themselves (the Editors) could not be discussed in so prominent a place as the *Magazine*.

### Debating Society Notes.

MARCH 19th, 1891. A meeting was held on this date, Mr. J. A. Owen B.Sc. (Vice-President) presiding with all his usual tact and geniality. Besides many members and visitors, there attended J. B. Dale and H. E. Long, Ex-Chairman and Secretary of the Society respectively, and W. McI. Brown, a former editor of the *Magazine*. After the

usual preliminary business, W. McI. Brown read a paper entitled "A Few Remarks on the Nervous System." After treating generally of the part our nervous systems plays in everyday life, he went on to describe the system more particularly, in a highly capable and scientific way, and dealt with functions of its various parts. Among other things he described the brain and its divisions, and detailed some interesting experiments on various animals to illustrate the different points in his essay. After dealing with other parts of the system, he gave a refutation of the tenets of the so-called "science" of Phrenology, and concluded by stating his views on certain theories about the nervous system. His paper, besides showing more than usual thought and care, was admirably worked out, and led up to the various points in a way which did not fail to interest and entertain his hearers. The discussion was opened by A. J. Ewart in a learned speech; he was followed in quick succession by Long, Wolde, Dale, Braham, and Marshall. Mr. Owen also spoke. After Brown had replied, a hearty vote of thanks to both Mr. Owen and him was proposed by Wolde, and seconded by Long. The meeting subsequently adjourned.

### The Sports.

AS everyone knows, or ought to know, the Sports will be held on May 25th. It is greatly to be desired that everyone will work his hardest to make them a success, and that Institute boys will flock in their hundreds (one might almost say "thousands," for many old boys will be there) to Fairfield, to witness the success of their friends if not in every case to bear away the palm themselves. And let no one think that he can do nothing to add to the success of the sports; that his absence will not be marked; that his presence will not be welcomed. Every boy who comes will help to support what is a most deserving institution; and every boy who stays away, unless he is absolutely unable to come, will, I think, have failed in his duty toward the school. By entering vigorously into school games and institutions a boy tends to become less an isolated unit, and more an integral part of one great whole. We all remember the fable of the sticks which were unbreakable when bound together in a bundle, but which were easily broken one by one when the cord which kept them together was cut. So a school, when its members stand firmly by each other, "steadily, shoulder to shoulder," will achieve results which are impossible as long as it is divided. It was nothing but this unselfish, harmonious working together, every one for the XV, and none for himself, that so quickly brought about such a wonderful change in our football last term. And by giving a unanimous and enthusiastic welcome to the Sports, we shall do much to help the school which has done so much for us.

## Choral Society.

THE above Society has, since the holidays, met regularly. The practices, though rather poorly attended, have been very enjoyable, and much work has been got through. There are still plenty of vacancies for good voices, and we are sure that nothing would please Mr. Bain so much as to see a great many more boys—especially “High Schoolers”—take advantage of this class.

## Football Notes.

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

#### FINAL TIE.

Liverpool Institute v. Liverpool College. Played at Fairfield on March 25th.

THE Institute having lost the toss, played up hill, and kicked off against a heavy wind, getting immediately into the College's 25. Todd then took the ball into the Institute quarters, where several scrimmages took place. Then the Institute forwards slowly worked their way to the half way flag. The next item was a minor point for the College. From the kick-off the Institute again rushed into their opponents' 25. Our halves made themselves very prominent by their good tackling. Some passing then took place between the College backs, which was effectually stopped by our three-quarters. At half-time the score stood—College, 1 minor; Institute, nil.

At the re-start our forwards again pressed and penned their opponents to their own lines. Had it not been for the poor “heeling out” of our forwards, we should certainly have scored. As it was, we scored a minor point. A. J. Ewart then made a fine run, but being tackled passed to Gething, who ran in. The referee, however, disallowed the try. Todd then made several fine runs, but was pulled up by Jenkins. Gething then made a capital run along touch, but was stopped. The College backs then obtained the ball from a mistake by F. E. Marshall, and scored by means of Irving. They, however, failed to kick a goal. Time was then called, leaving the College winners of a very tight game by 1 try 2 minors to 2 minors.

Our forwards, on the whole, played well, A. J. Ewart, Lloyd and Creighton especially deserving praise.

Both of our halves marked their men well, but did not pass out enough. Our three-quarters tackled well, but their passing was weak.

Our full back could not have been improved upon, his tackling being very commendable.

The following is a list of the Results of the Matches played during the season :—

Date.	Against.	Where Played.	Result.	SCORE.					
				L. I. F. C.			Oppon'ts		
				G.	T.	M.	G.	T.	M.
Oct. 1	Merchant Taylors' . . . .	Away.	Lost.	0	0	0	3	2	0
" 4	Ashford House (2nd) . . . .	Home.	Won.	2	0	0	0	3	0
" 8	Wallasey Grammar School . .	Home.	Won.	3	7	0	1	0	0
" 15	Birkendead School . . . .	Home.	Lost.	0	0	0	4	3	0
" 18	Liverpool College (M. S.) . .	Away.	Won.	0	3	0	0	1	0
" 22	Liverpool College (U. S.) . .	Home.	Lost.	0	0	0	3	2	0
Nov. 1	Royal Institution . . . .	Home.	Won.	5	6	0	0	0	0
" 8	Birkenhead School . . . .	Away.	Won.	1	3	0	1	0	0
" 15	Royal Institution . . . .	Home.	Won.	2	9	0	1	0	0
" 22	Waterloo High School . . . .	Away.	Won.	1	0	0	0	0	0
" 26	Merchant Taylors' . . . .	Home.	Draw.	0	0	2	0	0	1
Dec. 9	Liverpool College (U. S.) . .	Home.	Won.	1	1	0	0	2	0
Feb. 4	Liverpool College (U. S.) . .	Away.	Lost.	0	0	0	0	2	0
" 7	Ashford House (2nd) . . . .	Home.	Draw.	1	0	0	1	0	0
" 11	Waterloo High School . . . .	Home.	Won.	7	0	0	0	0	0
" 28	Birkenhead School . . . .	Away.	Won.	3	0	3	1	0	0
Mr. 4	Merchant Taylors' . . . .	Away.	Won.	1	0	0	0	0	4
" 11	Waterloo High School . . . .	Home.	Won.	1	3	2	1	0	0
" 25	Liverpool College (U.S.) . .	Old Boy's	Lost.	0	0	2	0	1	1

Number of Games Won . . . . 12

Number of Games Lost . . . . 5

Number of Games Drawn . . . . 2

Total number of Games Played 19

Number of Goals scored by us . . 28

Number of Goals scored against us 16

Number of Tries scored by us . . 31

Number of Tries scored against us 16

Total number of Points . . . . 115

Total number of Points . . . . 64

The matches printed in *darker* type are those played for the Liverpool and District Schools' Challenge Shield.

## The Natural and Unnatural History of the Ant.

THE ant is a bizzzy creature. It lives in colonies, and has also been found in decaying polonies. Ants is inseks; my ant is different inseks to my unkel. In each colony there are three sorts of ants: worker ants, sojer ants, and femail ants. The sojer ants does the fitin', and bite everythink that they find (which can't bite back). Some sorts bite dreadful. One day I sat on an anthill in a field (not for long), and

when I got home nurse thort I 'd been sittin on a pincushan with all the pins stuck in the wrong way.

Some forrin kinds is worsor still, speshully the Baskoo-ay (Basque?) ants. If you are sittin' in the sun in the tropies and some find you out you will bask away no longer. They will make you dance considerabbel untill you can persuade them to come out from inside the legs of your trowsers (which is not easy). The natives place crimmynels in the path of the ants so as to kill them, which the ants does willingly by each nipping off a little peace (the crimmynel gets no peace), and in about two hours only a bear skelephant is left. While the painfull hoppyration (happy rations to the ants) is goin' on, the crimmynel howls dredful, so they crams his mouth full so as he can't squawk. This is true. I hope no one will say it is a howling cram for all they do is a cramming howl. The femail ant stays at home and has company in the best parlour. In consekens and cause of stuffin' she gets dredful fat. She has wings, but if she was to try to fly a cat would laff. The worker ants stays at home also, but they does the house work, washes up the dishes, and the kids, and feeds them. Also they waits at table, and answers the door, and if a tax collector comes sends for the sojer ants, as comes and chucks him out. Some ants has cows, soft-bodied, green crectures; others is soft cows theirselves. They are home rulers, and can dror strait lines with mathymatickle eggsactichewed. Sum ants has slaves, as feeds them with pobs just as if they was growed up babies, but they are good fiters. Other ants makes parasauls out of leaves, this complex affair is to shun the sun spoiling their complex-shuns.

I do hope, Mr. Eddy Tatur, you will put this in your *Maggy-zeen*, cause all that's in it is written by those 6th form fellows, as has sticks and big collars, and I don't think it fair that we should pay up reglar and yet never have anythink that is all our own in it, and this is all my own.

#### PRE-PARRY-TORY.

P.S. —I hoap the spellin's all rite. I looked up most words, but heeps weren't in the Dic., "bizzy," "forrin," "consekens," "eggsactichewed," and heeps of others.

### Orchestral Society.

THE entertainment given on March 25th, by this Society, was as pleasing in its effect as it was unique in its character. The various items on the excellent programme were rendered in a style, which indicated the amount of labour spent on them. The charming violin solo by Wheldon, the plaintive melody so ably rendered by Laughton, the fine Haydn trio for violin, 'cello and piano, the two songs

so admirably rendered by Moore, with an accompaniment specially arranged for the orchestra by Mr. Bulmer, the quaint minuet for muted strings, flute and piano, and lastly the popular Gamerra March (another special arrangement, we believe 'our own') were full of interest for the large and appreciative audience of parents and friends. The programme was decidedly classical in its character; perhaps too much so for a general audience. This fact, no doubt has been recognised by the Conductor, and we shall look forward with pleasure to the next entertainment, on which, we understand, there will be played two original fantasias of a popular character from the pen of Mr. Bulmer, entitled "Hibernia" and "Caledonia," on which it is said he is now working—another little piece of "special property" for "our Orchestra." It can easily be seen what an enormous amount of labour it takes to prepare boys for an entertainment like this; and as Mr. Hughes remarked on the evening of the rehearsal, though all the names of those who took part in the proceedings appeared on the programme, the name of him who had all the responsibility—Mr. Bulmer—was left out. Mr. Bulmer deserves specially to be congratulated for the great success he has made the Orchestral Society, and should be sincerely thanked for the unswerving interest he has always taken in it. We append a statement of accounts from March 1890.

Dr.		Cr.	
		£	s. d.
2/6 Subscriptions from 16 members originally forming Orchestra in March, 1890 .. .. .	2 0 0	By Music, Stationery, &c.	2 18 9
Donations from Mr. Hughes	1 10 0	" Instruments & Fittings	2 18 2
" " various ..	0 12 0	" Printing .. .. .	3 0 6
Proceeds from sale of programmes at open rehearsal	3 6 3	" Stamp for Music ..	0 5 0
Balance .. .. .	1 14 2		
	<u>£9 2 5</u>		<u>£9 2 5</u>

#### OPEN REHEARSAL, MARCH 25.

Dr.		Cr.	
		£	s. d.
To proceeds from sale of programmes .. .. .	3 6 3	By Printing tickets ..	0 9 0
		" " programmes ..	2 5 0
		Balance .. .. .	0 12 3
	<u>£3 6 3</u>		<u>£3 6 3</u>

### Harrier Club.

THE above came to an end for this season on Wednesday, March 11th. We cannot, in honesty, call it a successful one, though there have been some undoubtedly fine runs; but the attendance on the whole has been bad, more especially of High School boys, and a little

effort would have saved a great deal of this. It is to be hoped, that next season will show a decided change and improvement. Messrs. Bailey and Bickerstaff cannot be too highly praised for their continued kindness to the club; praise is also due to Messrs. Cowan, Graham, Sharpes and Eaves, who have so helped the club along in various ways; and to anyone who has in any way shown interest in its doings, the club desires to express its heartiest thanks.

### Chess Club.

THE return match with Toxteth Y. M. I. was played on Tuesday, February 26th. Toxteth, 4½ games; Institute, 2½.

It is proposed to commence a Handicap Tournament for Prizes. This can only be done if each competitor pays a small subscription. We hope that all, or nearly all, the members will compete.

### Answers to Correspondents.

Owing to the promise we made in our last issue of devoting a small space for an "Answers to Correspondents" column, we have received numerous queries, some of which we here endeavour to answer to the best of our abilities.

G. R. OWLER.—The only way we know of making a pair of boots last five years is to leave them on the last. That is to say, don't wear them.

ENQUIRER.—You will find a complete table of the Football Matches of last season in another part of this issue.

L.I.—We believe the following are the lines you refer to. They were published in Halliwell's *Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words*:—

#### THE HARNET AND THE BITTLE.

A harnet zet in a hollur tree.—  
A proper spiteful twoad was he;  
And a merrily zung while he did zet  
His stinge as shearp as a bagganet;  
"Oh, who so vine and bowld as I,  
I vears not bee, nor waspe, nor vly!"

A bittle up thuck tree did clim,  
And scornfully did look at him  
Zays he, "Zur hornet, who giv thee  
A right to zet in thuck there tree;  
Vor ael you zengs zo nation vine,  
I tell 'e 'tis a house o' mine."

The harnet's conscience velt a twinge,  
But grawin' bowld wi his long stinge,  
Zays he, "Possession's the best laaw;  
Zo here th' she'snt put a claaw!  
Be off, and leave the tree to me,  
The mixen's good enough for thee!"

Just then a yuckel passin' by,  
Was axed by them the cause to try:  
"Ha! ha! I zee how 'tis!" zays he,  
"They'll make a vamous munch vor me!"  
His bill was shearp, his stomach lear,  
Zo up a snapped the caddlin pair!

#### MORAL.

All you as be to laaw inclined,  
This leetle stowry bear in mind;  
Vor if to laaw you aims to gwo,  
You'll vind they'll allus zar'e zo:  
You'll meet the vate o' these here two,  
They'll take your cwoat and carcass too!

So DEUM.—If the wax on the stringing of your bat sticks, give it a wipe with an oiled rag.

Ko KOE.—For particulars of the London University Matriculation write to the Registrar, Burlington Gardens, London, W.

ANXIOUS.—You can buy any Act of Parliament for a few pence of Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, Fetter Lane, London.

Fo NOGRAF.—To get a broad chest practice with Indian clubs, take deep breaths, and leave off braces.

### Cycling Club.

THE above Club has again commenced its weekly runs, and has already been to Hale and Knowsley. This year's card shows a most varied and interesting list of places to be visited. The advantages of united companionship while visiting our local scenes of rural beauty should induce many to join this branch of the School Athletics. Annual Subscription One Shilling, payable to Mr. W. J. Reed, from whom all further information may be obtained.

### Liverpool Institute Cricket Club.

A meeting of the above was held soon after the Easter holidays. The following officers have been elected:—*Captain*, W. A. JONES; *Sub-Captain*, W. G. JENKINS; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*, A. E. EWART. *Committee*: F. E. MARSHALL, EGGINGTON, STONES, A. C. MARSHALL.

The subscription was fixed at half-a-crown.

Boys intending to join are requested to send in their Subscriptions as early as possible to the Treasurer.

### Correspondence.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—Probably the following facts will interest some of your readers. As most of them are aware, a nucleus of a School Library is being formed by one or two classes in the High School. It was evident to the promoters that not much advance could be made if they did not have the co-operation of the other part of the school. With this view, they—the promoters—invited two of the upper forms to join the library, and

by their example induce other forms to join, until the whole school would support it. Naturally one would never dream that this offer would not be readily accepted. But alas! what does one see? These two forms—forms which have hitherto boasted themselves of being so loyal to the old school, of having so much of the *esprit de corps* so frequently alluded to—have utterly and deliberately ignored this benefit. They have not stirred a finger to help on those noble promoters of this scheme of forming a library which the Institute should be proud of. I ask, gentlemen, is this fact to their credit? Or does it not show that their “loyalty” and their *esprit de corps*, as they are pleased to call it, is only skin deep?

Perhaps they are unconscious of the fact that, inasmuch as they refuse to help in promoting this worthy object, other forms not so high as they, who look up to them for guidance in any new venture, are discouraged, and feel that the library is not worthy of their help also. Well, gentlemen, I have trespassed on your valuable space I fear, so I will conclude with the sincere hope that the above remarks will have their desired effect.

Yours, etc.,

S. MAC.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—I have seen the necessity for some time of forming a Model Yacht Club for the Institute. I feel sure that there are many boys in the school who will be willing to form themselves into a club. If there are any such, I would be much obliged if they would communicate with me through the Editors; hoping that something will come of this, and apologising for the space,

I beg to remain yours respectfully,

J. G.

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*The subscription from this date to Midsummer is 6d., post free.*

*The Editors will be pleased to receive the names of New Subscribers.*

*As the “Magazine” costs considerably more than its published price, they look forward with extreme anxiety to the issue of their financial report, which is handed in on the 1st of May to the Debating Society.*