

# LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE SCHOOLS MAGAZINE.

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## A Visit to Gibraltar.

ONE morning I was called at five o'clock, and half-an-hour later, when I went on deck, I saw the famous Rock of Gibraltar in the distance, about thirty miles away. The weather was very fine, and everything promised for a good day. On the outward voyage we had passed Gibraltar at midnight, and of course nothing but the lights of the town were visible. This time, however, about half-past ten, we rounded the point, and a grand view disclosed itself to us. Here were ships and steamers of every nationality; a barque laden with cork, an Anchor line vessel filled with emigrants, and last, but not least, several men-of-war. Here also we saw the remains of the ill-fated *Utopia*, which collided with a British ironclad and sank, carrying with her several hundred unfortunate Italians. It was nearly eleven when I stepped into the steam launch with Captain D—, and in another five minutes we were all on *terra firma*. After doing some business, we hired a vehicle somewhat resembling an English "Victoria," but considerably smaller, and began our sight-seeing. We drove right through the town, which contains several fine buildings, but whose streets are very narrow, till we came to the gardens. Here is erected a statue of General Elliot, who held the fortress for three years against the combined forces of France and Spain. Then we came to a hundred-ton gun, mounted on a spot which commanded the Straits right to the African side. Here the prospect was very fine, the foliage gorgeous, in front was the blue sea and Ape's Hill. On the one side was the Spanish town of Algeciras, and on the other the frowning rock, on the top of which we could see here and there the red coats of the sentries. Still we drove on, till we reached the very extremity of the road passable to a carriage. Here we turned, and as we were driving back, we saw the whole regiment of the 42nd Highlanders drawn up for church parade, it being Sunday. On reaching the town, we dismissed the carriage, but keeping the driver with us for a guide, we walked across the neutral ground, till we reached the Spanish lines. Here we were searched by the customs, and allowed to pass. We turned our steps towards the Bull-ring, which we entered on paying the attendant, a little old Spanish woman, with a yellow dried-up complexion, a small fee. We were then shown round the whole building. First of all, we were taken to the room where the doctors wait in case an accident occurs in the arena. Here were two small beds, on which were placed the wounded—often dying—men. Then into the harness-room, for so we might call it, in which were kept the saddles of the horses and the darts and spears of the bull-fighters; these are gaudily decked with bunches of

ribbons. The ring itself came next, it was of considerable diameter, with a floor of sand. Crossing over, we came to the part of the building set apart for the accommodation of the bulls from the time they are brought till they are needed for the fray. Here the tour of inspection ended, and we found ourselves again outside. After wandering about some time, we again reached the Customs building; passing through we were soon on British soil. Before closing, I will endeavour to describe the Spanish sentries as I saw them. You might have mistaken them for shoeblacks if you had seen them in Liverpool, but the fact of their having rifles, with bayonets fixed, plainly told us they were soldiers. One of them was lying on the ground, another, the guard at the gate through which we entered Spain, had squint eyes, his uniform was covered with dirt, and showed signs of wear at the knees. However, about three o'clock, we again stepped into the steam launch, and arrived on board, after spending a most enjoyable visit to the greatest of England's possessions in the Mediterranean.

### Literary and Debating Society.

**JANUARY 26th.**—A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley, presiding. A discussion was opened by P. J. A. Francis (for the negative) on "Should the House of Lords form part of our Constitution?" Francis urged that we should abolish the House of Lords, because it consisted almost entirely of landowners, and placed the interests of that class before those of the country; because its members were irresponsible; because the majority of its members knew nothing and cared nothing about politics; and, finally, because its members represented no one but themselves. The discussion was continued by D. D. Braham, F. W. Inman, C. M. Jones, N. C. Miller, G. Bell, and D. W. Auld for the affirmative; and by R. J. Ewart, J. F. Carmichael, and B. J. Wood for the negative. Eggington also spoke, but took a neutral attitude. After Francis had replied, a vote was taken with the following result:—Affirmative, 6; negative, 4; affirmative majority, 2. The meeting then adjourned.

**February 4th.**—A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. After the transaction of the usual preliminary business, the Chairman called upon Mr. A. F. Fryer, B.Sc., to read his paper on "Some recent interesting discoveries in Inorganic Chemistry." Mr. Fryer treated firstly of Moisson's isolation of Fluorine, and secondly, of the discovery of the new compound of Nitrogen and Hydrogen. He illustrated his paper by experiments, and described, in some detail, the methods adopted in isolating Fluorine, and also in the investigation of the properties of the nitrogen compounds. At the close of his paper, there was no discussion, but a vote of thanks on the motion of D. D. Braham, seconded by J. H. Addinsell, was passed to Mr. Fryer. The lecturer then replied.

The remainder of the meeting was occupied in the discussion of important private business.

**February 9th.**—A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read

and confirmed, the following subject was announced for impromptu debate:—"Should it remain legal for one man to have more than one vote?" The following spoke for the affirmative—C. M. Jones, H. L. H. Millard, N. C. Miller, and G. Bell; for the negative—D. D. Braham, F. W. Inman, H. E. Williams, B. J. Wood, and the Chairman. The usual arguments was brought forward on both sides, the only noteworthy speech being that of Williams, who vehemently attacked the representation of the Universities. Upon a vote being taken, the negative was carried by a majority of three. The meeting then adjourned.

**February 16th.**—A meeting was held on this date, F. M. Baddeley in the chair. After the reading of the minutes, the Chairman called upon Mr. A. J. Ewart to read his paper, "Reason or Instinct?" He commenced by defining reason as a faculty demanding the exercise of the powers of thought and remembrance. Instinct, he did not attempt to define. He contended that many of the lower animals possessed a faculty which could only be designated as reason. He gave several anecdotes and illustrations bearing upon this statement. Beginning with the lower animals he gave instances from ants, crabs, and others, of powers resembling reason. He then gave examples from many others, including spiders, bees, cats, birds, elephants, and apes and monkeys. In the discussion which ensued, D. D. Braham, F. W. Inman, A. P. Banks, H. E. Williams, B. J. Wood, and R. J. Ewart took part. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the lecturer, the meeting adjourned.

**February 21st.**—A debate was held with the Canning Street Junior Association, in their rooms, at 7.30 p.m. The L.I.L.D.S. took the affirmative in the question, "Does England owe more to the Army than to the Navy?" D. D. Braham, who had been chosen leader for the Institute, opened by asserting that the Army had borne the whole burden of defence for hundreds of years before a competent Navy existed. He said that Wales and Ireland had been conquered by the Army alone; and that their subjugation was of great importance, for they would have been dangerous foes if independent. He concluded by saying that the fact that the various races in Britain had fought together in the Army since a very distant period brought them more together as one nation. H. W. Clarke replied for the negative, on the side of Canning Street, by reading a finely-written paper. In it he traced the history of the Navy, and described, in spirited and glowing terms, its great triumphs and principal achievements. F. M. Baddeley then supported the affirmative for the Institute; he criticised the arguments of our leading opponent, and affirmed that the services rendered by the Army at Waterloo, outweighed the Naval achievements of the war against Napoleon. J. H. Eastwood replied, citing many popular songs to show that the Navy held the foremost place in the affections of the nation. C. M. Jones then read a brief paper for the Institute, showing how modern the navy was. H. F. Lenton replied, and was followed for the affirmative by A. P. Banks, who said that the greater length of the army's service was an unanswerable argument. A. W. Clarke then dilated on the services of the navy in the defeat of the Armada. R. J. Ewart replied for the affirmative. J. A. Peers, who spoke next, opposed the arguments of the Institute speakers. F. W. Inman said that the hardships of the soldier

exceeded those of the sailor. Mr. Kersopp, speaking for the negative, like most of his side, dwelt upon the naval opposition to the Armada. H. E. Williams spoke next, answering the arguments of the other side. After the leaders had replied, a vote was taken with the following result:—*Affirmative*, 11; *negative*, 12. A vote of thanks to the Institute visitors closed the meeting.

### Chat on the Corridor.

“WHERE is the Editorial?” will probably be exclaimed on the appearance of this number. We will therefore explain that, for several reasons, we have decided to omit it. It takes the place often of matter which might otherwise be inserted, and as we well know, it is about the least interesting part of the *Magazine*; besides, it puts ourselves forward too prominently. The “Chat on the Corridor,” too, is often used for any particular editorial remarks. Thus we think that its omission will be a distinct advantage.

Our circulation last month was more satisfactory. From the four hundred of the previous issue, the circulation in the School rose to very nearly five hundred. This is not by any means, however, the highest point to which we wish to reach; if the circulation was one thousand, it would be nearer what it should be. If we sell as many as we did last month, we will just pay expenses this time, as we have only sixteen pages. The fact that last month's issue was the first of the year, and that two important events—the Prize Distribution and the Old Boys' Dinner—had occurred, obliged us to have a twenty-page issue. If the circulation increases, we could make that number of pages permanent. Meanwhile, let us hope that this month will see another increase of at least one hundred in the circulation.

It will be remembered that in the Secretary's report of the Debating Society, which was printed in our October number, the following passage occurred:—“There is a tendency noticeable in other clubs and societies to encroach on the time of the Literary and Debating Society, thus, the Chess Club, not content with one night out of six a week, appropriates, it would seem, four, and for some time seriously retarded and interfered with our meetings.” We published the following month a letter from the Secretary of that club pointing out that Thursday was not one of the club evenings, and that it was in deference to the Debating Society that Thursday was not selected. Lately, however, the Chess Club seems to have fallen again into its evil ways, and the Committee passed a motion that the Chess boards should not be issued to the members on Thursday. This raised so much opposition that the motion was annulled, and the evil still continues. Thus the Chess Club holds meetings every day at the close of afternoon school, on Wednesday and Saturday at 12, and in the dinner intervals, not to mention the frequent occasions on which matches are played against other clubs in the evening. Surely it is not unreasonable to expect that the Chess Club should appropriate a little less time than this.

J. B. Dale, Scholar of *St. John's College, Cambridge*, who was mentioned last month as being head of his College, has been awarded the Sir John Herschell Prize for Astronomy. H. Nolan (*Guy's Hospital*) has obtained Second Class Honours in Jurisprudence and Roman Law at the London Intermediate L.L.B. Examination. We regret to hear that we shall shortly lose the services of the Rev. J. J. Hulley, B.A. Mr. Hulley has been appointed to the Curacy of Ormskirk, and will leave us at Easter. We sincerely congratulate him on his appointment, and wish him every success; at the same time we must express our regret that the Institute is losing him.

*The Musical Festivals.*—The third Musical Festival of the present term was held on the afternoon of Thursday, February 16th. At the invitation of the Head Master, the parents and friends of the Lower Fifth and Upper and Lower Fourth Forms (H. S.) were present on the platform. A very pleasant programme of instrumental music and singing was provided; and it was evident from the hearty applause of the visitors that they appreciated the effort which had been made to entertain them. The first item on the programme was the performance by the Orchestra of an exceedingly tuneful Gavotte—“Immer Weider”—which was played with a smartness and crispness which did credit alike to conductor and performers. “The Men of Harlech” and “Willow the King” were then sung by the School, Crouch (C. S.) very creditably taking the solo verses in the latter song. Then followed “The Miller of the Dee” and “The Mariners of England,” Evans (C. S.)—[how is it that the Commercial School provides all the singing talent?—sang the solo verses of “The Mariners” in capital style. An arrangement of “The March” from *Judas Maccabeus* was next given by the Orchestra. This item was received with such enthusiasm, that the call for an *encore* had to be responded to. The success of this piece is particularly pleasant to record, the arrangement being Mr. J. F. Bulmer's own work. Mr. Book then sang “The Old Brigade,” the School joining in the chorus. The appropriate and pretty orchestral accompaniment to this song is also the original work of Mr. Bulmer, and when it is remembered that besides the labour of arranging and composing these, he has, unassisted, to make some twenty copies for the use of the members of the Orchestra, it will readily be understood that the post of conductor, even to a small orchestra like our own, is not a sinecure. The singing of “God Save the Queen” brought a very pleasant gathering to a close. The “Flam-boux March” was played while the boys were leaving the hall.

A Concert for the benefit of the *Magazine*, under the auspices of the L.I.L.D.S., will take place after the Easter holidays. Mr. Book has very kindly offered his services in organizing it, and the entertainment will be under his able supervision and guidance. We hope that as many as possible will attend, so that the present debt on the *Magazine* may be paid off. At the same time we hope that no one will think that they need not take a *Magazine* because we shall realise a profit on the entertainment. We hope that last month's increase of circulation will be fully maintained.

## Club Reports.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

*General Meeting.*—A meeting was held on January 20th in Mr. Ewart's room. Mr. Ewart presided over an attendance of 24. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the following were proposed by various members to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the resignation of J. Dale, who has left:—W. E. Gething, J. D. Crichton, D. D. Braham, and R. Dale. On a show of hands being taken, Gething received 10 votes, Dale 4, Crichton 4, and Braham 3. Gething was thus elected. A. C. Armour proposed that those members who joined the club after the Christmas holidays should pay a subscription of 1s. without, or 1s. 6d. with, the card of fixtures. This was unanimously carried. After a few words of encouragement from the chairman the meeting terminated.

### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Birkenhead on Wednesday, January 25th. The Institute winning the toss, the School kicked off. Play settled at midway, and for a short time remained stationary, till at length Robson broke away, and, eluding the full-back, scored behind the posts, the try being converted. After the kick-off the Institute steadily took the ball up the field, till a combined rush from the School's forwards brought the ball to the Institute's "25." However, Armour and Gething brought relief by their kicking, but the School gaining possession passed the ball to Robson, who a second time ran in, a second goal resulting. Shortly before half-time Armour was conspicuous for good tackling, but all efforts appeared fruitless when a third goal was added to the School's score. On resuming the Institute kicked off, and for a time had the advantage. Still, before the final call of time, the School scored twice more, thus leaving them winners by 5 goals to *nil*.

### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. PARKFIELD OLD BOYS.

Played at Sefton Park, on Saturday, January 28th. The Institute kicked off. The forwards immediately set to work, and during the whole time it was mainly a forwards' game. Though the Parkfield had the superiority of backs, the Institute forwards put in some solid work, though they must learn to obtain the ball, and after preliminary scrimmaging took the ball to the visitors' "25," whence the Parkfield backs ran strongly past the half-way flags. Scrimmaging again ensued, and the "Boys" worked steadily up the field, when Gething and Armour relieved, only for the opponents backs to make a few sprints, which, however, ended in a touch-down. Soon after the drop-out, during even play, half-time sounded. On resuming the Old Boys' were seen to advantage, and shortly a minor was scored. This was counteracted by a false kick from one of their men, and good play by Ewart, Squires, and Cheeseright, which brought the ball to the Parkfield's goal line. The forwards, of course, fell off again and tried to take the ball with them, whereas, had they heeled out, victory would have undoubtedly resulted. They allowed their advantage to slip, and the Parkfield's

backs were only stopped by our three-quarters' good tacklings. After a minor had then been scored by the Institute, the game ended in a draw, neither side scoring. Thus both matches with the Parkfield Old Boys have remained undecided.

### MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.

Played on Wednesday, February 1st, at Sefton Park. The Institute played a very weak team. Losing the toss, the Institute kicked off down the slope, a good return was made, and the Taylors, since they obtained the ball in nearly every scrimmage, fed their backs well, and with such result that after some eight minutes play Thompson scored behind the posts, a goal resulting. This was followed soon after by another try by Thompson, which was successfully converted. Our men now played in better style, and held their antagonists in check till Crump made a run through our forwards and backs, thus scoring the third try, which was not augmented. On changing sides, the Merchants kicked off, and play was brought to our goal line by Crump's and Thompson's runs, both of whom scored again. Eventually another try was scored by them, and the game was an easy victory by 4 goals 2 tries to *nil*.

Another match was played against the Merchant Taylors' on Wednesday, February 15th, at Sefton Park. The Institute was playing an "A" team, being without Armour, Ewart, Baddeley, Crichton, and Wood. The match resulted in a crushing defeat by 5 goals 1 try to *nil*. The only improvement was in the forwards' tackling.

### SECOND TEAM.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. PARKFIELD SCHOOL.

Played at Sefton Park, on Saturday, Jan. 28. The Institute having lost the toss, kicked off and almost immediately play settled in the Parkfield's 25, and remained there throughout the game, which was an extremely uneven one. When the final call of the whistle sounded, the Institute found themselves winners of an easy game by 4 goals 3 tries to *nil*. The try getters being G. Bell (2), Collins (2), Ellis, Emmerson, and Hawkes.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WATERLOO H. S.

Played at Waterloo, on Saturday, Feb. 4. The Institute winning the toss, kicked off and play settled in their 25. For some time they were hard pressed, but owing to their good tackling, the School only got through once with the result of a goal. The second half two more tries were obtained, one of which was converted, and Ellis by a good run scored the only point for the Institute, but failed to convert it. The game thus resulted in a win for the Waterloo H. S. by 2 goals 1 try (12 points), to 1 try (2 points).

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE.

Played at Sefton Park, on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Luckily two men gave their services at the field. The Institute were hard pressed from the outset, and during the first half the College ran in four times, two

goals being obtained. Great improvement was shown in the second half, but the Institute were unable to score, and the finish left the College victors by 3 goals 4 tries to *nil*.

### THIRD TEAM.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

Played at Crosby, on Wednesday, Feb. 1. The Institute played a much better game than usual, more combination being visible, but owing to the Taylors' putting a very strong team on the field, the home team scored two goals and one try by half-time. In the second half, Humphreys after a good dribble scored a try, which was not converted, and the game ended with the score thus, M. T. S. 2 goals 3 tries; Institute 1 try. Amongst those conspicuous for good play were Cox, Humphreys, and Emmerson.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE U. S.

Played at Sefton Park, on Wednesday, Feb. 15. The Institute were a few men short, and despite all their efforts were unable to make headway. The result being that they were beaten by the alarming score of 7 goals 1 try to *nil*.

### NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

- A. C. ARMOUR (*Captain*), centre three-quarter, plays an excellent game, always in the right place and doing the right thing, and is the mainstay of the team.
- W. E. GETHING (*three-quarter*) is a good runner, and hands-off well, tackles well, but is rather too selfish. He often kicks to great advantage, but as often in an off-hand way.
- H. C. SQUIRES (*three-quarter*) is a fast runner, but his tackling is rather erratic. He has done good work as forward at the beginning of the season. He might put in more punting.
- A. BRETTARGH (*half*) is small but plucky; kicks well and clears well, but his tackling is weak.
- R. DALE (*half*) plays a good saving game, tackles well, but passes wildly at times.
- F. M. BADDELEY (*forward*) plays a hard game, tackles well, dribbling might be improved.
- D. D. BRAHAM (*forward*) has developed into a steady and reliable forward; tackles very well, but is slow on the loose.
- F. CHEESERIGHT (*forward*) our heaviest forward, works and tackles well, but should take his man lower.
- J. D. CRICHTON (*forward*) a good scrummager, and follows up well; very slow on the loose, yet is a good dribbler.
- J. M. EDWARDS (*forward*) is a heavy forward, works hard in the scrums., but is weak on the loose.
- C. M. JONES (*forward*) has greatly improved, tackles fairly well, but is inclined to "take it easy."
- A. P. KER (*forward*) a good forward, but is inclined to shirk the scrums.
- H. L. H. MILLARD (*forward*) has improved considerably; tackles well, but passes rather wildly. He should put in more dribbling.
- S. A. WOOD (*forward*) good, though somewhat small; can work hard, but is inclined to shirk the scrums.
- H. G. HUMPHREYS (*full-back*) kicks to advantage, and tackles well at times; he sometimes fails to go for his man at once, which is fatal. He seems not to have settled quite to his new position.

### RESERVES.

- G. BELL (*forward*) light forward; can tackle very well, but is inclined to be lazy.
- T. F. PUGH (*forward*) plays a hard game, but is rather slow; is heavy for his size.

To complete these criticisms a few remarks may be added. There seems to be a general deficiency in the forwards of following up, a defect we hope will be speedily remedied. The half-backs keep the ball too

long to themselves, and the three-quarters invariably hold the ball till they are tackled and down, and then in vain attempt to pass. We think, if these faults can be rectified, the next match we play cannot fail to be a success.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

On February 8th the Institute A.F.C. should have played Ormskirk Grammar School, but as Ormskirk were unable to raise a team the match was scratched.

On February 15th the Institute were again disappointed by Waterloo College being unable to fulfil their return match.

The return match between a team picked out of the School (Commercial) and the Institute took place on February 22nd. The match was played at Sefton Park. The ground was in a miserable condition, the players on both sides being often unable to keep their feet. The Institute won the toss. Lloyd kicked off for the School, who quickly reached the Institute's goal, but was smartly cleared by West; the Institute's forwards gained possession of the ball, and from a nice bit of passing Morton scored the first goal. From the kick off Kershaw got the ball, and scored the second goal. Even play continued for a time till Little, with a pass from Morton, scored the third goal. The Institute forwards penned the School in their own goal till Shepherd, from a rush, scored the fourth goal. Half-time Institute 4, School *nil*.

In the second half the School had the advantage of the wind and the slope. After the restart the School rushed away, and Rose, from a pass from Hargreaves, scored the first goal for the School. The Institute now brightened up, West, from a foul in the School's goal mouth, scored the fifth goal. Little and Shepherd added one goal each. A rush of the School forwards seemed like scoring, but Lawson saved the final shot; a little later Lloyd scored the second goal for the School. From a corner Little scored the eighth goal. Liverpool Institute, 8 goals; School, 2 goals.

At a general meeting of the members, held in Mr. Bickerstaff's room, Mr. Raundrup presiding, F. Sinclair was elected sub-captain, J. Little and Kershaw were elected committee-men.

### CRICKET CLUB.

At a general meeting, held on February 3rd, the following officers were elected for the coming season: Hon. Secretary, A. P. Ker; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Snow; Captain, W. A. Jones; Sub-Captain, J. L. Hawkes; Committee, W. L. Collins, W. E. Gething, C. N. Ellis, and W. Beatty. The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with Mr. Brown as Secretary for the small boys. The subscription was fixed at 2/6, card included.

### LACROSSE CLUB.

*General Meeting.*—On Monday, February 25th, a meeting was held in Mr. Storr's room, Mr. Raundrup kindly presiding. The Chairman then announced that the meeting was summoned to elect a Sub-Captain and a Committee-man, as both boys who held those posts had left the

School. F. J. Bradburn was elected Sub-Captain, and Bathgate as Committee-man. The meeting then adjourned.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. ST. HELENS II.

Played at Wavertree, on Saturday, February 18th, and resulted in a victory for St. Helens by four goals to *nil*. From the face the ball was quickly rushed down to the Institute goal, with the result St. Helens scored, this being done again in less than five minutes; but the Institute now began to play up, and nothing more was scored before half-time. On re-facing, the Institute broke away with the ball, and by some splendid passing between Wilkie, H. Bradburn, and Stubbs, were within an ace of scoring. This sally was kept up by the Institute for about a quarter of an hour, till St. Helens secured the ball, and then slowly but surely by their weight inched their way up to the Institute goal, where several splendid shots were stopped by our goal-keeper, Ellis, in brilliant style, but just before time St. Helens secured another goal to their score. It was then decided by the captains to play for another twenty minutes. The Institute again with their neat passing charged St. Helens, but were unable to break through; St. Helens then took up the attack, and added another goal. Final result:—St. Helens, 4 goals; Institute, *nil*. The Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the Head Master's subscription to the above club.

It will be seen by a notice on the Board that the North of England Lacrosse Club have formed a Junior School Flag Competition. We have entered for it, and it is hoped that the team which will be selected to play in the League will turn up to all practices.

#### CHESS CLUB.

About 25 boys have joined this club since the subscription was lowered to 3d., and the club now numbers about 80. Thanks are due to Mr. Bain for the interest in Chess and the Chess Club which he has stirred up among the boys of the Commercial Preparatory. A Championship Tournament is now proceeding.

*First Team Matches.*—A match was played on Jan. 26th against the North End 3rd. The Institute team which was chiefly composed of old boys out of practice was defeated by 4½ to 2½: Bradburn and Cheeseright won their games and Hinde drew his.

Jan. 27th. On this date a match was played against Hope Street Higher Grade School, who were badly beaten by 5 to 1. Ewart, Bradburn, Cheeseright, Wood, and Eggington won their games. Tayler lost his by an unfortunate mistake.

Jan 31st. A match was played against Sandon 2nd, which resulted in a victory for the Institute by 5 games to 2. Bradburn, Tayler, and Wood won, and Ewart and Cheeseright drew their respective games. Clissold won his game by absence. Credit is due to R. J. Ewart for drawing a game which at one time seemed hopelessly lost.

Feb. 9th. Against the Balfour Institute. The Institute had not a full team, yet scored another victory, winning four games and losing two. Clissold, Eggington, Wood, and Stewart won their games for the Institute.

Feb. 14th. A match was played at Crosby against the Merchant Taylors' School, and although the Institute had not their best team, the Merchant Taylors' were decisively beaten by 5 games to 2. Ewart, Bradburn, Cheeseright, and Worgan won their games, and Tayler and Stewart drew theirs. The Institute has now defeated every school club it will meet this season.

Feb. 16th. The Institute, who were not fully represented, met the North End 3rd on this date, and were defeated by 4 to 3, a result which does not at all represent the play of the two teams. Eggington, Clissold, and Stewart won their games for the Institute.

Feb. 20th. For the third time this season the Institute met the Balfour Institute, and for the third time defeated them by 5 to 1. Ewart, Bradburn, Cheeseright, and Clissold won their games, and Eggington won his by absence.

Feb. 26th. A match was played against the Hebrew School for the second time this season, and we again defeated the club which has trained one of the best players in England—Mr. Kaiser. For the Institute Tayler, Wood, Fisher, and Eggington won their games, and Ewart drew his. Thus the Institute won by 4½ to 2½.

*Second Team.*—Feb. 6th. A match was played against the Hebrew School 2nd, who were defeated by 4 to 3. Askwith, Hvistendahl, and Inman won, and Worgan and Bell drew their games.

Feb. 7th. A match was played against the Merchant Taylors' School second team, which resulted in a victory for the Institute by 4 to 1. Stewart, Inman, Worgan, and Hvistendahl won their games. Gordon, for the Taylors' cleverly defeated Bell.

#### THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The Librarians of the High School are pleased to be able to report that during the past year the work of the Library has been carried on with increasing success. By the generosity of friends it has been possible to have a catalogue printed, and to make large additions to the Library, as many as forty volumes having been added since June. The result of this increase in the number of books has been that it has become necessary to provide increased accommodation. The Library has now ample space, and the Librarians will be glad to receive any donations in the shape of books or of money.

In connection with the Library a new departure has been made this term by the formation of a club for boxing and single-stick. It was hoped that in this way the popularity of the Library might be increased, and that some good work might be done. The club appears to have had the desired effect, as the number of members who subscribe to the Library has increased by thirteen, while twenty have joined the Boxing Club. For this club an appeal is also made to friends for help. Any further information about either the Library or Boxing Club may be obtained from Mr. Caldicott.

#### ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Of all the Societies connected with the School none have been more successful than the Orchestral Society. The untiring energy of Mr.

Bulmer, the assistance of some of the masters, and the regular rehearsals, have kept the Society alive and in a flourishing condition for over three years. During this time Open Rehearsals have been given, which have been well attended, and which have reflected the highest credit upon all who have taken part in them. The leading part in our Musical Festivals is taken by the Orchestra, and without any attempt at self-glorification on the part of the Society, it must be admitted that without their help these pleasant afternoon gatherings would lose much of their charm. The fact that the Society consists mainly of boys of the School who, at the most, only stay with us a few years, is a serious drawback to the establishment of an Orchestra on a permanent basis. What is really wanted is a backbone to the Society, made up of the Masters of the School, who would give a stability to the Orchestra which it can never possess while depending for its main support upon members who leave the School just at the time that they become valuable players. There are in the School many Masters who would be glad to give every assistance to bring about the desired result if instruments were provided upon which they could practice. But funds are low—nay, worse than low, they have disappeared altogether, and there is a balance on the wrong side; for the conductor having himself met all expenses during the last twelve or eighteen months is out of pocket some four or five pounds. Perhaps there are among the readers of this *Magazine* some friends—may be some who have had their ears tickled by the merry music of our band—who may have a desire to help us; if such there be, any donation addressed to "The Treasurer, Liverpool Institute Orchestra," will be thankfully acknowledged.

### "The Liverpool Institute."

SONG AND CHORUS.

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(Author of "An Institute Idyll.")

The year was 1825: no railway trains were seen,  
And all Edge Hill was country still, and Prince's Road was green.  
That horny hands were gaining power, few then would dare dispute:  
The hope to guide the flowing tide produced an Institute.

*Chorus*—Then sing, boys, sing! Let the chorus ring,

And never a voice be mute!

We're proud to belong, twelve hundred strong,  
To the Liverpool Institute.

"Mechanics' Institution"—this its first historic name.  
The working-men, its students then, for sound instruction came:  
Along School Lane they took their way, on quest of knowledge bent;  
With willing feet to Slater Street for mental food they went.

But Education's queenly form deserved a nobler home  
Whose front should speak of classic Greek, should point to ancient Rome:  
From civic dole a site was won by Radcliffe's zeal alone;  
With due parade great Brougham laid a true foundation stone.

The months roll by. There comes a day with fell destruction fraught—  
Mishap and fire alike conspire to bring the work to nought;  
But Phoenix-like, with form renewed, more glorious see it rise!  
And Wisdom's shrine (prophetic sign!) is opened by a Wyse.

That youthful minds might here be trained for Learning's high pursuit,  
"Twas re-arranged, with name exchanged for that of "Institute;"  
And "Dicky Sams," both boys and girls, have turned to good account  
The lessons learned and pages turned at school upon the Mount.

In many a busy counting-house, on many an office stool,  
Men still admit the benefit of our Commercial School;  
And others, whose surpassing powers have wide renown attained,  
Must yet confess their life-success was from the High School gained.

No doubt their brains were "fostered" well by rolls and sweets combined,  
The pens or "spud" enriched the blood and fortified the mind;  
The "dinings" merged in chestnuts warm, or swamped by "pilars" cool,  
The Evans' fare of hot-pot rare—have all built up the school.

No work, my boys! Before our eyes youth's hopeful vista spreads.  
No worker fears those sad "arrears," those "hours," and "regs.," and  
"Weds."

But this we know—the trifler's steps are by misfortune dogged;  
The idle fool in life's hard school with scorpions must be flogged.

On cricket field, or football ground, at any sport or game  
To idly shirk should cause a blush of shame.  
Nor play we but to please ourselves: be this our nobler rule,  
With might and main to strive to gain the glory for our school.

Good luck attend the Institute that caps each youthful head  
With "navy," blue, (suggestive hue!), and circling stripes of red!  
Those colours grace the glorious Flag whose fame can ne'er depart;  
The white we miss: yet find we this in innocence of heart!

No take the lessons home, my boys, they try to teach us here:  
Be brave but kind, of humble mind, unselfish and sincere.  
For thus our Institute shall add its share to that renown  
For honour bright and love of right that marks the "Good Old Town."

### Boys and Birds.

MANY a time, in the spring-tide of the year, and whilst rambling  
along some lovely lane, has it been my misfortune to meet a  
booting, shouting mob of the unfeathered bipeds termed boys. These  
have leagued themselves in a manly and high-souled endeavour to dis-  
cover and appropriate the nests of the feathered bipeds called birds.  
Now, although I may myself be termed a boy, and so be liable to be  
included in the aforesaid class of bipeds, I by no means sympathise with  
the popular sport of bird-nesting; for though I doubtless love the birds  
more than many a boy may be said to, yet I have not that wild longing  
to possess their persons, nests, young, and eggs, which seems to fill the  
minds and beings of the generality of boys. On the other hand, instead  
of following the example of the noisy shouters in breaking the tenth and  
attempting to break the eighth Commandment, I even experience a

red squirrel. I *think* he oölogizes. I *know* he eats cherries (we counted five of them at one time in a single tree, the stones pattering down like the sparse hail that precludes a storm), and that he gnaws off the small ends of pears to get at the seeds. He steals the corn from under the noses of my poultry. But what would you have? He will come down upon the limb of the tree I am lying under, until he is within a yard of me. He and his mate will scurry up and down the great black-walnut for my diversion, chattering like monkeys. Can I sign his death-warrant, who has tolerated me about his grounds so long? Not I! Let them steal, and welcome. I am sure I should, had I the same bringing up and the same temptation. As for the birds, I do not believe there is one of them but does more good than harm; and of how many featherless bipeds can this be said?"

In conclusion, let me ask those who intended to go bird-nesting this year, to change their unmanly plans and either to support the Football or Cricket Club, and similar societies, or to take up Natural History, the most delightful and absorbing of all pursuits. At this season, the brightest of the year, there will be a splendid opportunity for forming a Naturalist's Society in connection with the School; why should not some Master adopt the idea, and organize a new enterprise to occupy the idle and mischievous hands of the schoolboys? Of course Sixth Form "Swots," by reason of their position, will be excluded.

[ANTI-AUCEPS.]

### Editorial Notices.

THE next number of the Magazine will be published during the last week of March, before the Easter holidays. As no delay can be allowed we must remind club secretaries that they must be energetic.

A prize of five shillings is offered by one interested in the Commercial School for the best short sketch on "How best to spend a Wednesday afternoon?" open only to boys of that school. There is no limitation of age or class, but these circumstances will be taken into account in making the award. No competition should be longer than a little over two pages of an ordinary exercise book. The name of the successful competitor will appear in next month's *Magazine*, in which the successful competition will also be probably printed. The names of those who obtain Honourable Mention will also be given. Competitions should be sent in to the Editor or Commercial School Correspondent of the *Magazine* by Thursday, March 16th. Each competition should be accompanied by the name, class, and age of the competitor.

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