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Sir Roger de Coverley.

THE essay (on p. 108), which depicts Sir Roger at church is a gem of the first water; the Arcadian simplicity of the picture is only heightened by the simple manner in which the whole is drawn. There is a great dissimilarity between manners in the country then and those of to-day, but how many of the present readers of Sir Roger have not in their minds, as they read, some village Squire from whom the portrait might have been taken? Sir Roger's presenting a hassock and a Common Prayer-book to each parishioner; his engaging the intinerent singing-master to instruct them; his allowing none to sleep but himself, and sending his servant to rouse those that nod; his lengthening out a verse in the singing Psalms, and his standing up at some times in the prayer to count his flock, and detect the absent ones, make him out to be the veriest patriarchal autocrat that ever reigned.

A country gentleman in the reign of Queen Anne is, of course, a fox-hunter (p. 120). Many were nothing else—Squire Westerns whose grossness would get an ill name for a Leicestershire stable-boy of the present day. Mr. Spectator declared that the curse which Goliath intended for David: "I will give thee to the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field," had lighted upon the heads of these infatuated Nimrods. But he commends it where it is made a healthy recreation, and not a debasing employment. Sir Roger's hunting-fever varied with his love-fever; "whenever the widow was cruel, the foxes were sure to pay for it. In proportion as his passion for the widow abated, and old age came on, he left off fox-hunting; but a hare is not yet safe that sits within twelve miles of his house." A stuffed otter is placed on one of the panels in the hall, put there by his mother "because, it seems, he was but nine years old when his dog killed it" (p. 123). One can't help thinking that when the tale was told at Coverley, his "dog" was not so prominent, and that Addison has perhaps emended the text. A particular nose is fixed with a brass nail for that gallant Reynard which had cost Sir Roger two fine geldings, half a pack of hounds, and a ride of fifteen hours over half a dozen counties. At present,

a run of an hour's duration and of twelve miles length is an unusual occurrence, and double the space would be death to the stoutest animal in the field. But at Coverley the huntsman even is not mounted! The length of day which the fifteen hours presupposes points to another difference. Men rode to hounds then in summer as in winter, and the hunting season was coeval with the year. They bred foxes to the destruction of the farmer's poultry, and hunted them to the destruction of their wheat. Sir Andrew Freeport, later, speaks of hunters "riding like a blast over fields of corn," (p. 157). Since then, there has been a passion for improvement as regards animals, and such squires aim at possessing the noblest coursers, the fleetest dogs, and the goodliest beeves.

Two other well-known characters—men with but a single idea,—are then introduced to the reader: Will Wimble and Tom Touchy (pp. 91 and 131). The device with which Sir Roger satisfies them both in deciding their dispute on the only common ground the two have, and the sly hit the Spectator deals him (p. 135) in answering the question as to the Saracen's Head—"that much might be said on both sides,"—reminds us of Falstaff when personating the Wise Woman of Brentford:—

Simple. "Why, sir, they were nothing but about Mistress Anne Page; to know if it were my master's fortune to have her or no."

Falstaff. "'Tis, 'tis his fortune."

Sim. "What sir?"

Fal. "To have her, or no, Go; say the woman told me so."

Addison next directs the attention of his public to the question of witch-craft, and attacks the general opinion that still held in the country (p. 125). The imputation of being a witch went, it seems, by seniority in any village, for in *The Drummer*, Addison represents the coachman asking to whose agency may he lay the bewitching of Dobbin,—Gammer Crouch's, or Gammer Flyc's. On being answered, "To neither," he replies, "Then it must be Gammer Gurton, for she is next oldest in the village." Just before Mr. Spectator commenced his publication, two women were tried and executed for witchcraft at Northampton; and in 1716,—five years after the appearance of the number for July 14th, 1711,—a Mrs. Hicks and her daughter met the same fate at Huntingdon, for "selling their souls to the devil, plaguing their neighbours with a plague of pins, and raising a storm by which a certain ship was almost lost."

Sir Roger is half credulous, half sceptical. He rejects many of the tales spread to the disadvantage of Moll White, but advises her, when he enters her hovel, to abjure communications with the devil, and not to injure her neighbours' cattle. He protects her from the rough injustice of the village mob, but would have committed her for regular trial, if the Chaplain had not interposed. He acquits her of any concern in the wind which blew down his barn a month after her death, but betrays a lurking suspicion that she brewed the blast.

(To be continued).

University Success.

ONCE again the star of the Institute is in the ascendant, and it is the proud privilege of the *Magazine* to record a brilliant event in School history.

J. E. Wright has won a Mathematical Scholarship, of the value of £75 per annum, at Trinity College, Cambridge, and has thus attained to the highest honour which can be achieved by a boy whilst still at school. Wright's career has throughout been a brilliant one. He came to the Institute in January, 1892, having won a Council of Education Scholarship from Windsor Street Wesleyan School. His ability and diligence won him rapid promotion in the Commercial School, and he crossed over to the High School with an Institute Exhibition at Michaelmas, 1894. Since then, of course, his work has been specialized, and he has devoted himself mainly to his favourite study, Mathematics. He has throughout displayed an absorbing attachment to this subject, his ability in treating which is only equalled by his zeal in pursuing it. To this combination of energy with talent, he owes his present fortunate position, and if he must needs serve as a moral, that certainly is the lesson of his career to those whose gifts are great. He has trodden the customary stepping-stones in his progress to the University. In the Oxford Local Examinations, his results from year to year, since July, 1893, have been:—Junior, 3rd Class Honours, 1893; Senior, 3rd Class Honours, 1894; 1st Class Honours (25th), 1895; 1st Class Honours (6th), 1896. This last result gained for him Lord Derby's prize of £10. In the Science and Art Examinations his successes have been perhaps even more conspicuous. He has passed every stage of Mathematics to the Sixth inclusive, obtaining a First Class in every one except the Fourth. In addition, he has gained a Second Class in the Fifth Stage Honours—probably the highest achievement of all. His chief school prizes are:—Samuel Booth Prize for Mathematics (Commercial School), 1894; Lord Derby's Prize for Mathematics, 1895; W. D. Holt Prize for Natural Science, 1896. Wright makes no claim to excel as an athlete, although it is whispered that he did once hold a catch when playing for his class, and was once put in the Second Rigger "XV"—but the match was scratched. The evolutions of queens, bishops, rooks, &c., and the devolutions of the wily knights have formed his chief pastime, and in the land of gambits and mates has he found the means, *sollicitam explicare frontem*. Such is a sketch of his career at this school.

Now that his work here is nearly completed, no one can judge better than himself how deep a debt of gratitude he owes to those who have guided him in his studies, those who have led him in the steps of his many brilliant predecessors. Every master who has

taught him can claim some share in his success, but most of all are congratulations due to Messrs. Fletcher, Owen and Lewis, the value of whose teaching can only be fully appreciated by those who have enjoyed it. That by their efforts, success may long attend the old school is the heartiest wish of

AEQUALIS.

Chat on the Corridor.

WE seem never to be able to come before the judgment seat of our readers without an apology. This time we have to admit that the space allowed to "Chat" is too short, but in extenuation we plead our wish to include in one issue a whole term's football. The same thing happened in the corresponding issue of last year; then we were too simple to avoid our most dangerous critics, but experi—No! we won't stoop so low.

The most important event of the term is Wright's Scholarship, at Trinity College, the details of which are treated at length elsewhere. Space does not allow us to do more than tender him our heartiest congratulations, and express the hope that his worthy example may be as worthily copied within the next few months.

The Distribution of Prizes and Certificates gained during the past year in public examinations, will be held on Monday, December 21st. Sir Henry Roscoe, one of our most famous "Old Boys" (*vide* "Three Times Three") will deliver the prizes.

The sale of last issue reached a very respectable figure. For this we heartily thank the school and masters; particularly are we indebted to the efforts of Messrs. Bain and Bailey in the Commercial School, and to those of Messrs. Brown and Goddard in the Preparatories. Will boys who take this *Magazine* please remember to pay for it before the holidays; otherwise great trouble is given to Messrs. Eaves and Bailey, and the editors, in the preservation of lists of debtors, &c.

Club Reports.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.)

THIS, the opening match of the season, was played at Sefton Park, on Wednesday, October 14th. College started, but for a time the Institute had the advantage, and kept play in the College

half. Our forwards were slow in packing, and consequently lost ground. Play continued fairly even, but on the whole our forwards were beaten, and were gradually forced back to their own "25." College generally got the ball out, and good tackling by the backs alone prevented heavy scoring. Our opponents' efforts were chiefly directed to feeding Pierce, their wing three-quarter, who was, however, well marked by Tebbutt; at length, however, he received a good pass, and dodging through all our forwards and backs, scored a brilliant try, which Weaver converted. Our opponents continued to hold the upper hand, but did not score again before half-time. During the greater part of the second half, we were kept on the defence, but at times long kicks by the backs relieved the pressure, and once there seemed a decent chance of scoring. Pierce was the shining light of the College backs, the attempts of the others being rather feeble. For the Institute, the brothers Long, with Jones, Tebbutt, and Brown, were conspicuous for strong tackling. Pierce made another brilliant run, and scored at the corner, the place-kick failing. Shortly before full-time, Hickson received near our line, and, although floored by Brown, managed to crawl over beneath the posts. Weaver converted, and the College were left victors by 2 goals 1 try to *nil*.

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.

This match was played at Waterloo, on Saturday, October 17th. The weather was very dull. Long won the toss, and Waterloo kicked off. Tebbutt receiving, punted into touch. From the throw out a scrummage ensued. The Institute backs then did some fine passing, which ended in Tebbutt scoring a good try. Long failed to convert. On the kick off, Brettargh knocked the ball forward, and a scrummage ensued. Waterloo got possession, and after some forward passing, which the referee did not see, the left wing scored. Again Waterloo scored, this try being clearly an offside one. Tebbutt scored a second unconverted try for the Institute. Half-time was then given, and Waterloo thought fit to change the referee. On play being resumed, Waterloo got possession and scored. This try was improved. Waterloo had hard lines from a drop at goal, the ball striking the bar. Then, after a series of scrimmages in Waterloo's "25," W. R. Long scored a neat try from a forward rush, himself converting it. About five minutes afterwards he again scored, converting this also. After a few more minutes' play, Affleck scored from another forward rush; the place kick failed. When time was called, the Institute were left winners, by 2 goals 3 tries to 1 goal 2 tries.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

This match was played at Birkenhead, on Wednesday, October 20th, in fair weather. The Institute had a very poor team, being especially weak forward. Birkenhead won the toss, and the Institute

kicked off. The forwards followed up well, and a scrum ensued. Birkenhead got possession, but their halves failed to get the ball away. From another scrum, Birkenhead backs got possession, and Horbury scored a try, near the touch line, after a good run. Hunt converted. Bell and Horbury scored again. Hunt converting Bell's try only. On half time being called, the score was:—Birkenhead 2 goals 1 try; Institute, *nil*. Nothing remarkable as far we were concerned occurred in the next half, except that Brown, getting possession, made a neat run down the field, and was only collared when he was about a yard from the line. Birkenhead added four tries in this half, three of which were converted. The final score was:—Birkenhead 5 goals 2 tries; Institute, *nil*.

INSTITUTE v. OLD BOYS 3RD.

This match was played at Sefton Park, on November 21st. We were without Tebbutt, Evans, and Pitts. The Old Boys also had a weak team. C. M. Long lost the toss, and the Old Boys defended the goal nearest the road. After a few scrimmages, Crichton got possession in the Old Boys' 25, and running round, scored our first try behind the posts. W. R. Long converted. From the kick-off the Old Boys got down into our 25, but some splendid passing amongst the forwards took the ball back again into their 25. Here the forwards heeled out, and Crichton again scored underneath the posts. The kick was successful. Soon after half-time was called with the score:—Institute, 2 goals (10 points); Old Boys, *nil*. After half-time the forwards fell off, and the game became little better than a scramble. The Old Boys made great efforts to score, but we succeeded in keeping them out, and the game ended:—Institute, 2 goals (10 points); Old Boys, *nil*.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

The above match was played at Sefton Park, in fine weather, on Wednesday, November 25th. The Institute were without Crichton and Bell, and played two second team men in the scrum. The School also had not their strongest team. C. M. Long won the toss, and the School kicked-off from the road end. The School were slightly heavier in the scrum, and would have scored but for the good play of the home halves, Pitts and Brown. From a free-kick to the Institute, W. R. Long narrowly missed kicking a goal. After a lot of fruitless scrummaging, D. Taylor broke away from touch, and scored for the School. The place-kick failed. In the second half, W. R. Long kicked-off, and play settled in midfield. Later, Norbury dropped a neat goal for the School from a difficult angle. This reverse caused the home forwards to liven up, and from a great punt by Hall, followed by a combined rush, W. R. Long received the ball, and scored under the posts; the try was converted by him. From then the Institute continued to press until the whistle blew for time. The final result being:—Birken-

head School, 1 goal (dropped) 1 try (7 points); Institute, 1 goal (5 points).

The three-quarters played fairly well together, Norbury being well marked by Tebbutt. W. R. Long was noticeable for his following up; Evans also played with plenty of dash, and on one occasion nearly scored. Among the forwards, Hall plays a very strong game, but is a bit inclined to wing instead of using his weight in the front rank of the scrum; he will doubtless improve with experience. We must specially mention the excellent refereeing of Mr. Allan in this match, for which we have to thank him most heartily.

INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS SCHOOL.

This match was played at Crosby, on November 28th. We turned out a full team. C. M. Long won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. Our forwards did not show up very well in the first scrimmages, and the Merchant three-quarters getting possession, kept the game in our 25. We kept them out for a time, however, until, after about a quarter of an hour's play, they scored a try. The kick was successful. After the re-start our forwards did not show up any better, in fact, the success of our opponents seemed to have demoralized our team completely. The peculiar decisions of the referee further confused our men. As a result, Chate got in, but the kick was unsuccessful. Soon afterwards, Chate got in again, though he ought to have been easily tackled, and the same player converted with a splendid kick from the touch-line. Another unconverted try was added soon afterwards, and at half-time the score read:—Merchant Taylors, 2 goals 2 tries; Institute, *nil*. After the re-start the forwards played a little better, and let the ball out, but no advantage occurred, as either the half-backs or the three-quarters were immediately tackled. The Merchants then scored another try, which was unconverted. A few minutes later Bentley got possession, and easily scored for the Merchants under the posts. The kick, strange to say, was a lamentable failure. From the kick-off, we went away with a rush, and Crichton got hold and ran round the Merchant three-quarters and scored. W. R. Long kicked the goal. Our success spurred on the Merchants, and they scored another try, which was not converted. Soon after the whistle blew with the score:—Merchant Taylors, 2 goals 5 tries (25 points); Institute, 1 goal (5 points).

On the day's play the Merchants were decidedly the better team; our men seemed to have lost all dash. The forwards packed very badly, the halves were very slow, whilst the three-quarters did not mark their men properly, and made no attempt at combination whatever. There was an absence of that life which the team displayed so well on the Wednesday previous against Birkenhead School. The Merchant Taylors, on the other hand, knew the ground well, and played with determination from start to finish. By this victory they amply revenged themselves for our victory over them on the same ground last year.

INSTITUTE v. ASHFORD HOUSE "EXTRA."

This match was played at Sefton Park, on December 5th. Our opponents brought a very strong team, half of their 2nd team being played. Despite, however, their superior weight and strength, we signalled our return to form by playing splendidly. From the kick off the forwards took the ball down into the House "25," and heeling out gave opportunity to the three-quarters to score. Some splendid passing at length resulted in Tebbutt scoring a fine try near touch, and W. R. Long converted with a magnificent kick. We kept up the pressure, and nearly scored again. The House often tried to break away, but the ball was always landed back in their "25." At half-time the score was, Institute 1 goal, Ashford House *nil*. After the re-start, we got into their "25," but the House played up, and a good dribble let them into our half, but Tebbutt saved finely. We were soon back again, however, and Evans had hard lines in not scoring, being pushed into touch behind their goal line. The forwards, however, were not to be denied, and rushed the ball over again, but they were called back, and the try disallowed. No further scoring took place, and the result was, Institute 1 goal (5 points); Ashford House *nil*.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

WATERLOO COLLEGE v. INSTITUTE.

Capital weather favoured the first fixture of the season, in consequence of which, the team was accompanied to Waterloo by many of its supporters. Prompt to time the Institute lined up as follows:—

Team:—Goal, Middleton; full backs, Bellman, Jones; half-backs, Hall, Lumby, Rose; forwards, Ellis, Muir, Gore, H. S. Jones, Lott.

The Institute pressed from the start, and were only prevented from scoring immediately by the magnificent defence exhibited by the Waterloo goal-keeper, who saved shot after shot in masterly style, but he was at length beaten by Gore, who netted the ball from a centre by the right wing. On re-starting, Muir was prominent with a fine shot from the left wing, which completely defeated the goal-keeper, thus scoring the second goal for the Institute. From the kick-off, the Institute right wing took the ball down the field, and after some desultory play in front of goal, Lumby received a pass from Lott, which he promptly netted, but the referee ruled the point off-side, to the evident surprise of the spectators. The next goal gained by the Institute was rather a soft one; H. S. Jones shot in, and the goal-keeper in clearing, sent the ball on to his own full back, from whom it rebounded into the net. From the re-start Waterloo woke up, their left wing endeavouring to get the ball into the visitors' quarters, but they were promptly pulled up by Rose, who effected a partial clearance; mid-field play followed, after which the Institute went away in fine style, Gore finishing up

with a grand shot, thus scoring the fourth goal; shortly after this the whistle went for half-time. Half-time score:—Institute, 4 goals; Waterloo, *nil*.

Gore re-started, but Waterloo managed to hold their own during the opening stages of this half, and at length scored through the right back missing his kick; this success (which proved to be a solitary one) on the part of the home team was greeted by the spectators with loud cheers. From the kick-off, the Institute went down the field, Gore shooting in, and Muir, meeting the re-bound, scored the fifth goal. Rather rough play followed, but the Institute were not to be denied, and Gore gaining possession of the ball on the right, took it down and scored. The seventh goal for the Institute was scored by the Waterloo right back, who in trying to clear, put the ball through his own goal, the Institute thus winning by 7 goals to 1.

WEST KIRBY G.S. v. INSTITUTE.

For this match the Institute had to travel to West Kirby, a rather long railway journey, and on leaving the train had a walk of rather more than a mile. The Institute team lined up as follows:—

Team:—Goal, Middleton; full backs, Bellman, Lumby; half-backs, Hall, Jones, sub.; forwards, Ellis, Muir, Reece, Cowley, Lott.

It will be seen that the Institute team was scarcely up to the mark, their captain, Gore, centre-forward, and Grant, right-half, both being absent; on the other hand, the home team was strongly represented. From the kick-off the Institute went down the field, but were driven back, and from a foul close in West Kirby scored. Re-starting, the Institute went away, and Reece equalised. Following this, mid-field play was the order of the day, till West Kirby broke away and scored another goal, half-time immediately following. Half-time score:—West Kirby, 2 goals; Institute, 1 goal.

Re-starting, the Institute left wing rushed away and equalised, after this, West Kirby held the upper hand, and scored twice, the final result being as follows:—West Kirby, 4 goals; Institute, 2 goals.

INSTITUTE v. WATERLOO COLLEGE.

This return match was played at Wavertree. The Institute were without Grant, and turned out as follows:—

Team:—Goal, Middleton; full backs, Bellman, Gore; half-backs, Lythgoe, H. S. Jones, Gosling; forwards, Ellis, Muir, Lumby, Cowley, Lott.

For the first twenty minutes the game was of an even character, each side holding its own; at length the visitors broke away and scored. Re-starting, mid-field play followed, after which, the Institute right wing got away, and centring, Lumby put the ball past the opposing custodian, thus putting his side on equal terms with the visitors. A slight alteration was then made in the Institute team, Gore coming forward and Cowley taking his place. Gore signalled

his appearance among the forwards by scoring the second goal for the Institute. Shortly after, half-time was announced. Half-time score:—Institute, 2 goals; Waterloo, 1 goal. Before re-starting, a further change was made in the Institute team, Lumby going full back, and Cowley resuming his place at inside right. The play during this half was of a most one-sided nature, the Institute scoring seven goals, of which Muir claimed two, Cowley, Lott and Lythgoe one each, and Gore two. Waterloo scored once; their right wing taking the ball down, shot in, and the Institute goal-keeper running out to clear, partially mis-judged his kick, the Waterloo centre-forward rushing in and netting the ball before the goal-keeper could recover himself. Final result:—Liverpool Institute, 9 goals; Waterloo, 2 goals.

LIVERPOOL COLLEGE v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.

For this match we had to travel to Stanley for our first match with the College. The ground was in bad condition being ankle-deep in mud. The Institute turned out as follows:—

Team:—Goal, Middleton; full backs, Bellman, Lumby; half-backs, Gosling, Hall, Jones; forwards, Ellis, Muir, Gore, Cowley, Lott.

The College got away from the start, but were pulled up by Lumby, who effected a good clearance. After this, mid-field play ensued, following which, Ellis and Muir got away on the left, and Ellis, tricking the right back, was about to shoot, when the left back, dashing across, dropped on him. Unfortunately, Ellis was found to have smashed his collar bone, and this unhappy accident cast a gloom over the rest of the game. On resuming, the College left broke away and shot from long range; Middleton, in trying to reach it, slipped, the ball going into the net. Following this success the College right forced a corner, from which they scored. The Institute team was now altered, the College giving us permission to play Mellish in place of Ellis, Hall going back, Mellish taking his place, and Lumby going forward on the left with Muir. After this, the Institute woke up, the College backs having a warm ten minutes. A moment later, Lumby missed a splendid chance close in. Subsequently the College right got away, and centring, their inside left scored the third goal. End to end play followed, and then Lumby received a pass in front of goal, but hearing a whistle (which turned out not to be the referee's) left the ball alone, the College right back getting the ball, gave to his wing, who rushed down without any opposition on the part of the Institute, and put the ball through the goal, Middleton not making the slightest attempt to save. The referee was somewhat doubtful what to do in the matter, but after consultation with the linesman, disallowed the point and announced half-time. Half-time score:—College, 3 goals; Institute, *nil*. Institute re-started with a re-arranged team, and went off from the kick-off, Muir shooting and hitting the cross-bar, but it was cleared, and the College right got away, but were pulled up in splendid style by Bellman, and the Institute again got on the

attack, shot after shot striking the upright. The College left then broke away, but found a stumbling block in Gore, who was playing in fine style. Mellish and Lumby were now prominent with fine shots, which the goal-keeper cleared away in masterly fashion; at last a shot from Mellish struck one of the College backs and bounded into the net. The Institute continued to press, but nothing more was scored. Final Result:—Liverpool College, 3 goals; Liverpool Institute, 1 goal.

[There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that we have engaged a special reporter from the *Echo* staff to write our association report. ED.]

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL CLASS COMPETITION.

The following table shows the position of the clubs in the Senior and Junior Leagues. The sixth round in the Senior Division is not yet complete.

Clubs.	SENIOR DIVISION.				Goals		Pts.
	(No. of Matches Played.)	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For	Ag't.	
First Form.....	5	4	1	0	34	3	8
Middle Second.....	4	4	0	0	18	1	8
Lower Second.....	4	3	1	0	19	11	6
Upper Second.....	5	3	2	0	12	9	6
Upper Third.....	4	1	3	0	15	16	2
Middle Third.....	4	1	3	0	7	13	2
Lower Third.....	6	0	6	0	4	49	0
JUNIOR DIVISION.							
Lower Fifth.....	5	4	0	1	8	0	9
Upper Fourth.....	5	3	1	1	16	5	7
Upper Fifth.....	5	3	2	0	14	7	6
Middle Fourth.....	5	2	2	1	10	8	5
Lower Fourth.....	5	2	2	1	10	6	5
Upper Sixth.....	4	1	3	0	6	19	2
Preparatory.....	5	0	4	1	2	21	1

As far as can be seen the Middle Second seem to be the likely winners, but as one or two surprises have already occurred, it is scarcely safe to prophecy. There have been several very good games, well fought out to the end. The First were unfortunate in not having quite their full strength against the Middle Second, but the latter deserved their win for the determined way in which they played during the second half. A keener game has probably seldom, if ever, been played on Mr. Horsfall's ground.

In the Junior Division the Preparatory have at last scored two goals, and also drawn a match. They are the pluckiest team in the Junior Division, though they can scarcely be said to play a scientific game. The Upper Fourth at present stand second; had they not foolishly scratched their first match they might have been at the head. The only other team to scratch has been the Upper Sixth, who usually seem to prefer the quiet and seclusion of the hour room to the football field.

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT.

A Junior Chess Tournament has lately been held among boys in the Lower Seventh of the Commercial School. There were six competitors; T. Smith, S. Eve, H. Morton, N. McLeod, A. Lawson, P. Moseley. The results of the games are given below: Moseley and Morton won their games rather easily, owing to their having practised more frequently than their opponents; Smith after a little difficulty check-mated Lawson rather neatly. Queens were somewhat common, for when one died, her place was filled by others, the Kings seeming decidedly Mormon in their tendencies. In the second round Morton had a bye; Smith and Moseley playing. After a close game, very carefully fought on both sides, Smith stale-mated Moseley. On playing a second time, Smith won. He then played Morton, and after some exciting play the former had only his King opposed to several strong pieces of his opponent's, but moving behind the castle's pawn, which was entrenched on the 7th square, he brought about stale-mate. On playing again, Smith won, and consequently wins the prize for the Tournament.

Editorial Notices.

J. E. Wright has been appointed Sub-editor of this *Magazine*.

We beg acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of annual subscriptions from the following gentlemen:—Rev. A. H. Caldicott, Messrs. W. W. Beatty (two years), J. H. Raundrup, C. G. Barkla.

Since our last issue we have received the following *Magazines* and *Chronicles* from other Schools:—*King Edward's School Chronicle*, *Ruthin School Magazine*, *Plymouthian*, *Ipswich School Magazine*, *Fettesian*, *Splint*, *Birkenhead School Magazine*, *Red Man*, *Indian Helper*.