

Chat on the Corridor.

THE School sustained a great loss at the end of last term by the unexpected departure of Mr. Broom to take up an appointment as Classical Master at the City of London School; we wish him every success there. The vacancy thus caused in the Staff has been filled by Mr. Cunningham-Pike, who comes to us with a great reputation, and to whom we extend a hearty welcome.



Owing to the war, it has been decided to abandon the Inter-School Sports this year, as was done last year.



At the time of writing, the Senior Shield Team has successfully passed through the second round of the competition, and we hope that, by the time this Magazine is published, we shall have fought our way through the final, and obtained the coveted Shield.



The Library has at length been opened for the use of boys in the Sixths and first-class boys in the Removes and 5x, at specified times. Mr. Bain has kindly undertaken the duty of Librarian, a task by no means easy, and our thanks are due to him for the excellent and painstaking way in which he has carried out his work.



C. E. O. Lee has been appointed an Editor of this Magazine.



An innovation, in the shape of a peculiar red box, has been placed at the end of the Alfred Holt corridor, and dignified with the title of "Line-box." Into this respectable small boys, who have incurred the wrath of prefects, are instructed to place their impositions. The scheme appears so far to have been a complete success.



Capstick has unfortunately been compelled to enter the army through the ranks, his O.C.U. papers not having yet arrived. By his leaving, football loses one of its most ardent devotees and the School its most popular Prefect. His "valet" gives but a very poor idea of his sterling worth and importance in the life of the School.

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D. C. Ward was elected Football Captain by the Games' Committee, and has proved a worthy and able successor to Capstick.



H. F. Hutchison has been elected Cricket Captain for the coming season.



The School has received a splendid gift from Lieut. Stone, an Old Boy, in the shape of a silver Gymnasium Cup, for which we tender our grateful thanks. It is intended that the Cup shall be awarded yearly for open competition among the Houses.



The weekly collections have been carried on this term, and at the date of writing there is a balance in hand of about fifteen pounds.



The Hobby Show will be held as usual on Thursday, March 29th, and we hope that when these words are read, the efforts of those concerned will have been attended with success. There has been a tendency in the last few years to make the Hobby Show more of a mere entertainment, and to our mind, this is not as it should be. We understand that the leading side-show will be a mock-conjuring show under the agency of Mr. Brown, but 6B are also producing a modernised version of Sheridan's play, "The Scheming Lieutenant."



Information is desired about C. N. Breckell, who was with the Australian Expeditionary Corps. Will anyone who knew him when with it, please communicate with Miss S. Breckell, 127, Robson Street, Everton?



Once more the School owes a great debt to an anonymous donor. There has been a gift of £200 a year to the Governing Body of the School for the purpose of general education of masters, mistresses or boys, in the way of Continental travel. It is hard to over-estimate a gift so wide in its application, and the School should feel very grateful for the gift of a fund that is found in very few of even our public schools. The gift will be administered by the Council of Education.

Roll of Honour.

The following names must be added to the Roll of Honour this term:—

W. R. L. Brown
 B. J. Nobbs
 Lieut. J. I. Millikan
 L. Cohen
 W. Smith
 Lieut. H. A. Sewell, R.N.R.
 Lieut. G. H. Daymond, R.N.R.
 James Grieve
 Reginald Carter
 S. Hayes

Military Distinctions.

The following distinctions have been conferred upon Old Boys of the Institute since the publication of last term's Magazine:—

MILITARY CROSS:

R. K. Milne.
 P. W. Lace.

MILITARY MEDAL:

C. E. Middleton.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES:

Lieut.-Col. H. Leech (second time).
 R. E. Kelly.
 T. J. Pritchard.
 Capt. A. T. Earle.
 Lieut.-Col. Luther Watts.

Dramatic Performance.

THE School play this year was the Merchant of Venice, which was given on Tuesday, December 19th, before an audience which would have been larger but for the bitterness of the weather and the inconveniences of the lighting restrictions. The preparation had been more than usually an anxious task, since there was no tried talent on which to draw for the three female parts, but the choice made was amply vindicated by the performance. Truly there were moments when one could have desired just a little more show of animation in Portia's acting and in Nerissa's, the rather as their costume tended to encourage any impression of stiffness. However, K. St. C. Thomas, who played Portia, is to be congratulated on a level of performance extremely creditable to him. His elocution was very good, after the nervousness of the first scene was passed, and he was very good in his long speeches, especially in the "Mercy" speech. T. A. Jermy, as Nerissa, made a very good lady-in-waiting, and gave frequent tokens of promise for the future, noticeably in his pert and coquettish acting towards the end. He must, however, restrain a tendency to talk too fast. C. H. Taylor undoubtedly was a very alluring Hebrew beauty, and most people considered him the best-looking of the ladies. Despite an occasional stiffness, he played his part with such an appropriate air of charming reserve as to make it easy to sympathise with Lorenzo.

And now it seems hard to separate Lorenzo from his beloved Jessica in this account, the more so after his very captivating love passages in the garden scene. He was played by H. F. Hutchison, who portrayed his passion with great skill and made the garden scene perhaps the most beautiful passage of the play. The elopement scene was also very effective, but there was something a little disturbing to one's sense of the romance of the situation in the rather half-hearted attempt at frivolity in the exit at the line "Our masking mates by this time for us stay."

Perhaps the best tribute which can be paid to D. G. M. Jackson's rendering of the Prince of Morocco, is that, although on his first entrance the audience was slightly moved by the barbaric grotesqueness of his appearance, the stately dignity and manliness of his interpretation secured their attention immediately, winning extra applause in the end.

The title rôle was played by J. Laver, whose acting successfully sustained the reputation which his portrayal of Miss Hardcastle, three years ago, won for him. His part was especially hard, one which demanded a great deal of real silent acting, apart from the words, above all in the trial scene, where he

showed to great advantage with hardly a line to utter. His contempt of the Jew was exquisite.

H. M. Turner's Gratiano deserves commendation. A. G. Russell, as Salarino, G. Pym, as Solanio, both filled their rather unimportant characters very well, and Russell was quite the "nutty" courtier.

Shylock's was, of course, the part which gave the greatest scope for dramatic achievement, and it was ably filled by R. E. Williams. He was throughout vigorous and intense, interpreting his rôle with the greatest sympathy. Where the level was so consistently high, it is hard to single out any particular passage of superlative merit. Tubal, his friend (F. J. Stringer), was rather strange in appearance, a cross between Father Christmas and the wicked ogre of the pantomime, but he played his rather passive part with fair ability.

The comic relief, of course, was provided by the Gobbos. G. Dudley, as the father, and J. W. Brown, as Launcelot, are to be congratulated upon a performance which brought down the house. Brown in particular was very mirth-provoking, though he inclined too much now and then towards low comedy acting. On the whole, we preferred his more restrained first performance to his second.

The Duke was played by J. Wilde. Thomas, who was destined for the part, unfortunately contracted throat-trouble before the fateful day, and his deputy is much to be commended for the way in which, at very short notice, he produced a Duke of such dignity and effectiveness. Thomas and Lloyd, sitting beside him on either hand, were very solemn greybeards of Justice as the Magnificoes. Scott and Wardle made stalwart guards.

Bassanio, played by E. S. Roberts, gave us some excellent acting where the part would have led one to expect nothing but the commonplace. His portrayal in the casket scene, of the rapidly succeeding emotions of suspense, astonishment, joy, and then sudden despair at the news of his friend's misfortune, was extremely effective. For sheer good acting, he, along with Shylock and Antonio, must be given far and away the highest place. Of that trio, we should, perhaps, put Shylock first, and Antonio second, but Roberts, as Bassanio, must certainly count among the immortals.

Honourable mention must also be made of Coomer, the black page, and Ward, Caldow, and Baxter. Ward played Leonardo; Caldow was both servant and placard-bearer to announce the scenes; and Baxter united to his menial service the arduous task of scene-shifting. To these and all the "vile associates" who, under the leadership of E. S. Jackson, clerk of the court and stage-manager, worked behind the scenes, our

thanks are due, and we must not omit mention of the stage-manager's redoubtable hammer.

At the close of the proceedings, Russell, on behalf of the company, presented a pair of brass ornaments to Mr. Hickinbotham, in token of gratitude for the trouble he had taken in organization and rehearsal, and Mr. Hickinbotham made suitable reply. We are glad to have the privilege of reiterating our thanks in this Magazine. The School play without Mr. Hickinbotham is unthinkable absolutely. We would also express our hearty thanks to the Headmaster, who gave invaluable assistance during the rehearsals, especially in the coaching of Shylock.

A very pleasant feature of the evening was the work of the orchestra, to the members of which we desire to express our sincere gratitude. Mr. Baxter, very kindly assisted by Mrs. Hicks, was at the piano; Mr. Hicks, Kennedy, and Kauffmann played first violin; Mr. Brierley, Halliday and Mullin played second violin, and Mr. Thomas the 'cello.

The School had the benefit of the second performance, which was given to them the next morning with much success. The trial-scene, indeed, was, if anything, more effective the second time than the first. The thanks of the School are due to the entire company for a performance which well maintained the high tradition of excellence, in this direction, which belongs to the Institute.

The company desire also to give public expression of their thanks to Mrs. Hutchison and to Miss Baker, for their kind and valuable assistance in dressing the "ladies" for their parts. The duet in the casket scene was very pleasantly rendered by P. B. Astle and W. G. Jones.

Morning.

I woke from sleep, and lo, the dawn was red;

Young Day had bathed him in the dews of night,

And came forth like a rosy acolyte,

With solemn step, and with annointed head.

The sun's bright beams, around his forehead, shed

An aureole of more than earthly light,

Scattering the shadows in a headlong flight,

Till all into the forest dark had fled.

The whole black night, my spirit, all forlorn.

Went wandering through a weary maze of doubt

Nor recked I that, his midnight journey done,

The Day was waiting at the doors of dawn;

Till suddenly, he burst his palace out—

I sprang from rest, and cried "The sun! the sun!" J.L.

O.T.C. Notes.

THE Corps sustained a great loss at the end of last term in unexpected departure of Mr. Broom to take up an appointment as Classical Master at the City of London School. He has resumed his military duties in connection with C.L.S. O.T.C. Sergeant Capstick has also left us to take up his duties in the army. As senior N.C.O. he was always willing to sacrifice his time to the Corps, and to him is largely due the present efficiency of the Corps.

The regular Company parades have been profitably employed and the discipline of the Corps has been improved, but Cadets must learn to stand still on parade.

On Saturday, January 20th, the Company paraded at the School field to practise artillery formation. An interesting and instructive afternoon was spent, marred only by the cold weather. On the following Tuesday, the Company held a similar parade in the dusk, which was quite successful.

On Saturday, 27th, a party of N.C.O.'s and Scouts spent a very cold afternoon in the Wirral, practising taking bearings of a road. From these bearings, maps were made and in due time found their way to the O.C.

Saturday, February 3rd, was Speech Day, and according to custom, the Corps paraded in uniform. Selected sections formed a Guard of Honour for the Lord Mayor, who complimented it upon its smart turn-out.

A combined field day and concentration march was held on February 14th in the Wirral. The Corps split into three parties at Woodhey, No. 1 under Lce.-Cpl. Fry, No. 2 under Lce.-Cpl. Halliday, and No. 3 under Lce.-Cpl. Roberts. The two former marched to Thingwall by different routes, whilst the third party proceeded to Brimstage. At 1^h-10 Lce.-Cpl. Halliday was to open his sealed instructions about the place of concentration and communicate to the other two parties. Meanwhile, cycle scouts and foot scouts under Lce.-Cpl. Baxter had proceeded, the former to Irby Mill Hill, the latter to Storeton station. Using these places as their respective headquarters, the scouts were to try and find the place of concentration and the disposition of the forces, and were to report to Mr. Brown at Newton Smithy at 14-5, when operations ceased. Lce.-Cpl. Halliday sent messengers out to the other parties, and those intended for party No. 3 arrived safely, and this party concentrated at Barnston Church at 14-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. They detained three scouts and captured one other. No. 1 party, however, did not receive any message and came to a full stop at Thingwall, and if No. 2 party had not

met them they would, in all probability, be waiting there yet. These two parties proceeded together in rather a mixed formation to the point of concentration and arrived about ten minutes late, the delay being due to the stalking and capture of several scouts. No. 1 party early on in the campaign engaged in a little route march round a wood. After waiting some time at Barnston for the scouts and dilatory messengers, the Corps concluded an interesting day by marching back to Rock Ferry. The day was made interesting to the rank and file by their knowing what they were supposed to do, except the party under Lee.-Cpl. Fry, of which the commander of the advance guard did not know where he was supposed to go.

Several scouts showed a lack of initiative in their work and more than one did not know when to report, but on the whole they gained fairly accurate information. Considering the state of the roads, the marching was very good, although one member of Platoon 1 did his march, part of the way, in a motor.

This term there has been a Signalling Class made up of N.C.O.'s and senior cadets, which has met on Friday evenings for instruction, under a sergeant-instructor from the School of Signalling, Blundellsands. The work is very interesting and much progress has been made, some being quite efficient in reading. Thanks are due to the sergeant for the way he impresses things upon our memory and chiefly to the Officers who secured the services of such an able instructor.

The armoury has been improved and augmented by the addition of rifles: charger loading, Lee-Enfield, 50. It is hoped that the manual of the Corps will improve by the use of these gifts of the Army Ordnance Depot.

The following promotions have been made this term:—

Cpl. Hutchison, H.F., to be Sergeant.

Cadets Low, R., and McKie, J. I., to be Lee.-Corporals.

Camera and Field Club.

DURING last term, two excursions took place after the **MAGAZINE** had gone to print, so a record of them is given in this number.

The first excursion took place on December 6th, and was of a private character. Mr. Lawrence Holt kindly made an arrangement by which it was possible for about half-a-dozen boys, with Messrs. Elliott and Stell, to see over a warehouse and a ship. The excursion was much enjoyed.

The last excursion was held on December 13th, and took the form of a visit to the Autumn Exhibition. The party, composed of about twenty-five boys, were admitted at half-price. Messrs. Elliott, Brierley and Stell were present. Mr. Brierley kindly explaining a number of the pictures.

At a General Meeting, held early in this term, the appointment of H. J. Stern (Rc.) to the Assistant-Secretaryship of the Club, was announced, and A. R. Ellis and J. C. Mayne were elected for the two vacant positions on the Committee.

So far this term, the Club has been unfortunate in the number of its outings. Up to the present two have taken place. Letters have been written to three prominent local firms, asking for permission to make visits, but each of them has been compelled to reply in the negative, owing to the pressure caused by the war.

Of the two excursions which have taken place, the first was held on February 24th, when a visit was paid to the offices of the *Liverpool Post*. The party consisted of about twenty boys, accompanied by Messrs. Malkin and Stell. We are exceedingly grateful to all those who made the afternoon such a success, and particularly do we record our thanks to W. A. Macleay, who was instrumental in obtaining for us permission to make the visit.

The other excursion was held on March 7th, when twenty boys, under the leadership of Mr. Elliott, visited the Wavertree Gas Works. The Liverpool Gas Company very kindly gave us the required permission to go, and the Superintendent—Mr. Charnley—an old boy of the School—made our visit very pleasant by his interesting explanations of the manufacture of gas.

Before the end of the term, it is hoped to hold three more excursions. The dates of them being March 17th, 24th and 31st. On the latter date Mr. Lawrence Holt has kindly promised to show us over a ship, if circumstances then permit. We have also a promise from Professor Watkinson, of the University, to demonstrate to us before the term ends.

In conclusion, we offer our warmest thanks to all those masters who have attended the various outings—thus making them possible by their presence.

Compulsory Games.

AS we know that the majority of the School are interested in the question of compulsory games, we considered that the *MAGAZINE* would be brightened considerably by a few sparkling, breezy articles on the subject; so we asked two people who, we knew, were fanatics on the question, to put their opinions on paper.

In the course of time we received this effusion from one:—

The School was badly beaten recently by a team of ten men. In view of this disgraceful occurrence, the question might arise of compulsory games. It has been thought that there would be a considerable elevation of standard in games, if all boys were compelled to take part in a certain number of football or cricket matches each term. The moral spirit of the School would be greatly increased, and the physique of everybody improved by a course of compulsory training in athletics.

It is not conducive to the dignity of the School's appearance for two teams of five men each to turn up at Sefton Park, and play a slack game of football. It does not add to the moral tone of the School for a few unchanged or half-changed boys to kick a football about the field at Greenbank, in full view of anybody who likes to watch them. It does not promote a spirit of good-will in School, for boys to know that if they do not turn up for "voluntary" games they will be punished. At present it is not a very serious offence for a boy to be absent from a game in which he should play; consequently, a spirit of slackness creeps into games. Under a system of compulsory training it would be as serious an offence as staying away from School.

It should be quite clear also that the physique of everybody would be greatly improved by a series of games. Instead of wasting his afternoons lounging about at Greenbank, or elsewhere, a boy would not only be taking useful and healthy exercise, but would also be helping his House to gain marks. The Gymnasium has done much to improve boys' health; it would do more if the principle at present applied to gymnastic exercise were applied to games.

And this from the other:—

On some occasions in the past our School 1st XI. has happened to play against a school in which there is compulsory attendance at games. Can anyone say that the opponent's spirit has proved better than ours? Sometimes, indeed, it has been noticeably worse, as many as nine fouls being given in one match. This is the outcome of compulsory training. It may seem all right to think of six inter-house matches being played, with full sides, and all players changed. But half the boys turn up against

their will, and no boy is fit to play football with a rebellious spirit. This spirit would creep into the School and be found everywhere. The dirty tricks played first in the field would be soon played in School.

What boy who wishes to pursue a studious career will turn up willingly to a "bullying, ruffianly fiasco," as he calls football? Such, in case of compulsion, might be exempt. Slackers, however, under the cloak of "swots" will also want exemption. Then the compulsion that is half exemptions becomes no compulsion at all.

When a boy wishes to slack turning up at a game, he devises some excuse. Slackers get proficient in making up excuses, not only there but in School. This habit is carried into after life, and the boy becomes a failure. Is a failure a credit to his old School? Much rather a boy should keep away from football, than allow such a spirit to take hold in the School. Sports should always be indulged in voluntarily with a right spirit. Bring compulsory sports into a School and the first milestone to degeneration is passed!

So now our readers can come to a decision!

The Literary and Debating Society.

THE Society sustained a great loss at the end of last term by the unexpected departure of Mr. Broom, to take up an appointment as Classical Master at the City of London School. His position as Chairman of the Sub-Committee has been ably filled by Mr. Brown.

Up to the present, the meetings have not been so largely attended as those of last term, but there is no reason to believe that the standard of intelligence has fallen to any very great extent. Perhaps the most lamentable feature of the Society's meetings this term is an apparent lack of sound judgment among the members, together with a nerve-racking and persistent desire to be humorous, or, at least, to give rise to expressions of mirth from the expectant throng. The Society has been at some loss to secure victims for its disapproval, as the remarkable efficiency of the Secretaries leaves no ground for complaint. A curious element in the Society this term has been what is known as the "opposition." This somewhat futile institution consists of a number of discontented and degenerate persons who have acquired unfamed notoriety by continually seeking to stultify themselves and waste the time of the Society.

It is to be remarked, moreover, that in both of these aims, their efforts have met with no small success.

At the end of last term, on the 5th December, Mr. Doughty read a paper on "How Plants Feed." The speaker began by quoting a definition of plants which he showed to be erroneous. He then proceeded to show the difference between plants and animals, but was interrupted by a cautious enquiry from Baxter, who was operating the lantern, as to whether the electric current still traversed the wire which he contemplated handling. This question being settled satisfactorily, the speaker resumed, and pointed out the necessity of food for plants as a source of energy. The structure of plants was then discussed and illustrated by a judicious selection of lantern slides. The speaker showed the manner in which plants take in air through a series of apertures known as stomata. The great influence of light on the growth of plants was then made clear, after which the speaker concluded by showing an assortment of slides, illustrative of his numerous points. The subject being declared open for discussion, E. S. Jackson made some rambling statements and quoted from Latin authors existant only in his own imagination. Laver then caused some astonishment by declaring himself clear upon some points, and presenting the Society with a dictionary which he and his colleagues had purchased at a price. Wilde then made some suggestions for the use of the munificent gift, and was followed by D. G. M. Jackson and Williams, who asked perplexing questions. Mr. Brown then made a few remarks, after which a vote of thanks was expressed to the reader of the paper, and the meeting came to an end.

On 16th January the Annual Impromptu Debate was held, and was very similar to all previous meetings of its kind. Tumarkin and Roberts engaged in a mathematical duel, but only succeeded in losing themselves and everyone else in a dense cloud of cosmic dust. Stringer endeavoured to persuade the house that he was mentally deficient and, as might perhaps have been expected, won an easy triumph. The meeting decided that twice two did not make four, in spite of Mr. Hickinbotham's able defence of old mathematical customs. E. S. Jackson and Rosney came into conflict over the question of the fourth dimension. Hutchison indulged in a few unintelligible remarks about the Head of the School and "Scouts." Wilde proposed "that the fire-lighter is superior to the chip," and vice-versa. Having proved the first part of the motion to everybody's satisfaction, he pulled his own arguments to pieces in proving the second half. Adams, in reply, said nothing. D. G. M. Jackson, Harvey, McWilliams and Williams all spoke on various subtle motions, after which the outstanding motions were read and the meeting came to an end.

On the 30th January the Society met to hear a paper by Mr. Brown on "Plant Movement." The reader began by commenting on the reasons for plant movement, which he said to be for purposes of distribution, obtaining food, or securing a position best suited for successful growth. Numerous slides were shown to illustrate the functions of spores and the different methods by which they bring about the distribution of plants. In another slide was depicted the life cycle of a fern. The different species of fly-catching plants were then discussed, and several slides shown to illustrate the movements of creeping and twining plants. In conclusion, Mr. Brown described and demonstrated the mutual movements of two plants of a certain species which grow in pairs. As the subject was then open for discussion, Rosney endeavoured to pass off some ideas from "Amateur Gardener" as his own. The Chairman asked one or two deep questions, after which Sterne, Laver and Wilde had their curiosity gratified on some minor points. Baxter and Williams then made a few remarks about centrifugal force and plants which shriek, while Onians boasted about a "little garden." A vote of thanks was then accorded to the reader of the paper, and also to Professor Harvey-Gibson for the loan of the slides, after which the meeting adjourned.

On the 13th February, R. G. Baxter proposed "that an empire would inevitably be ruined by an adoption of the principle of 'Might is Right.'" He began by inveighing against Germany and her policy, and held her up as an example of the ruin which must befall an empire built up, as it were, on the bones of men. He also made reference to the fall of Greece and Rome, but secured imperishable fame by giving an apt and pithy quotation from the "Koran." Laver, replying, stated that all empires had been built on the principle of "Might is Right," including our own. The Society, however, refused to be beguiled by his short-sighted patriotism into a way of reasoning which Reason herself deserted. Williams seconded Baxter in an eloquent but unconvincing speech, and was followed by Wilde, who seconded Laver in a few well-chosen remarks. Onians delivered one of his rare and sensible speeches. D. G. M. Jackson spoke with éclat against the motion, while Rosney and Jackson did their best. Baxter then replied in a speech which was not very much worse than his former effort, after which the motion was put to the vote and carried by 19 to 11.

On the 27th February, the Society met to hear a paper on the "Problem of the Commonwealth," written by Mr. Broom and read in his absence by Laver. The paper was a review of a book of the same title by Mr. Lionel Curtis. The need for

organisation against the dangers of war was declared to be urgent. The great weapon of Germany is commercial penetration, while the looseness of our federal system is an encouragement to our foes, who think that the Empire is a more or less disjointed fabric which may at any time secede from the central authority. The loyalty of the colonies merits great reward and, whatever the difficulties may be, an effort should be made to establish a secure Federation with a new Imperial Government, responsible to an Imperial electorate, whereby we would secure the government of each by each, and all by all. Laver then intimated that he had finished reading the paper, and added a few words in support of the views pronounced therein. He concluded by moving that "it is high time for the British Government to take the Colonies into its consultations on matters of foreign policy." The Chairman then made a few remarks, chiefly inspired by a deep-rooted hatred of all things democratic. E. S. Jackson did much to confuse the meeting, and was ably assisted by Knox and Russell. Williams spoke in a very pathetic strain, while Rosney seconded the motion in a transport of enthusiasm. Baxter said something and took his departure. D. G. M. Jackson handled the question with his usual precision and unerring judgment. Gross and J. W. Brown then spoke, followed by Wilde, who levelled scorn and abuse at all who had spoken, finally declaring himself in favour of the motion, which was then put to the vote and carried by 12 to 6. After a vote of thanks had been accorded to Mr. Broom, the meeting came to an end.

On the whole, the Society can look back upon a very successful session. The Removes are to be congratulated on the keenness which they have shown, but this may perhaps be due to a distorted sense of humour with regard to votes of censure. Our thanks are due, moreover, to our able Chairman, whose tact and diplomacy has steered the Society safely through waters not always untroubled.

House Notes.

ALFRED HOLT HOUSE.—The House succeeded in carrying off one of the Senior Football Trophies and also the Junior Football Cup last term, and we have great hopes of the Horsfall Cup finding its way to Mr. Smith's room this term. We are fortunate to have four members in the Senior Shield team and four in the Junior Shield team, as well as Christian, who is over age. The House has won the first round of the Horsfall Cup.

beating Hughes, thus revenging last year's defeat. We congratulate Ward on being elected School Football Captain, and also on being appointed prefect. Ward has been elected Sports Captain, and it is hoped that everybody will follow his example and train hard for the sports, so that the House may add some more trophies to its already numerous collection. The House colours scheme has worked admirably, and the House must be congratulated upon the way in which it subscribed. Thanks are due to Christian and Low for their work in carrying out the scheme. It is hoped that the awarding of the badges will help to maintain the keenness of the House. The House choir is progressing favourably under D. G. M. Jackson; there is some good talent among the basses.

PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.—The House is progressing favourably this term. Thomas was elected Sports Captain for the House, and if the members of the House are keen and do enough training, we should put up a good show at the Sports on June 9th. We have started well in the Horsfall by beating Cochran in the first round. A House Choir has been formed, whose progress is steady and whose chances for the Cup are hopeful. The House should remember the Plevin-Grieve Gymnasium Cup and try to win it. We are pleased to see that four former members of Philip Holt House, namely Norris, Fletcher, Stowell and Madrell, have been gazetted from their various O.C.U.'s.

COCHRAN HOUSE.—In surveying a term which has so far been uneventful, we have cause for satisfaction at the promise of future achievements. Football has not been our strong point, but there are several promising players who ought to be able to recover somewhat our position in the next football season, and boys should now think seriously of taking up cricket during the summer term. At present our ability lies with the House choir, which is progressing under the management of Lloyd. We certainly have a good chance of winning the Cup for singing. Boys should also remember that there is another Cup offered by Lieut. Stone to the House team which excels at gymnastics. Here again is a good opportunity for Cochran House to display its prowess. The competition will probably take place in the autumn term. To conclude these brief notes, we are all pleased to learn that F. J. Wright, our former House Captain, has now obtained his commission, having completed six months' training in an O.C.U.

HUGHES HOUSE.—The House this term has not been very successful in sports. We were beaten in the first round of the Horsfall Cup by Alfred Holt, but it was a moral victory for us.

There was a moderate show of keenness in the first part of the term, but except for Civil and Roulston the House does not possess great football talent. Civil has been given his well deserved 1st eleven, and Roulston his 2nd eleven colours. There has been, on the whole, a good attendance at the meetings of the Literary and Debating Society, but there is certainly room for improvement in this direction, and it would greatly increase the value of the debates, if members came prepared to give serious speeches which might add something to the discussion. The House Choir is in the able hands of Fry, whose abilities as an organiser are only secondary to his good bass voice; and the House has at least a reasonable chance of winning the Singing Cup. The House is fortunate in possessing the Secretary of the Camera and Field Club, and those who care for excursions such as the Club provides, would do well to consult him.

Capstick, our House Captain and such a prominent figure in the life of the School, has gone, and we have to welcome the new Captain, C. E. O. Lee. If the members of the House support him as they supported his predecessor, there is little doubt that the House will maintain that level of public spirit which Capstick did so much to foster.

DANSON HOUSE.—Although this term has witnessed as yet no outstanding event to merit either censure or commendation for the House, Danson's is maintaining its honour by doing more than its part in all phases of school life. The Corps and the play have both revealed the wide range of our active talents and the multifarious interests which divide our attention, while the election of Hutchison to the School Cricket Captaincy is yet another recognition of the merits of some of our individual members. Although the football field has denied us its laurels and we must bid a sad farewell for the present to the cup which has so often graced our walls, yet the match against Alfred Holt House, which so untimely cut short our promising career, was at least a defeat with honour. Until half-time the defence had successfully stemmed the surging tide, with no goals for or against, but after, whether through a change in the disposition of our team or not, the tide turned against us, and our opponents succeeded in forcing our goal four times before the whistle blew to close the dreary game. So much for the past and its vicissitudes.

For the future, all is hope and effort. We must concentrate our energies on regaining once again that glorious pre-eminence in cricket and sports which the annals of our past proclaim. Indeed, no better seconding of our hopes therein can be desired than that the House should display the same spirit and assiduity in its practice and training as the House Choir is now manifest-

ing under the conduct of Onians and King. Despite, however, such engrossing external activities to distract us, our traditional high intellectual standard has been fully maintained within in classroom, Chess Club and debate.

At the House meeting at the beginning of the term, H. F. Hutchison was elected Sports Captain. We urge all to support him by their regular training.

TATE HOUSE.—The Spring term is one in which quite a lot happens, and yet there is very little to chronicle. Especially is this the case this term. Owing to the wretched state of the weather and the impossibility of playing on a frozen ground, there has been no House football, except one Junior match, in which we were defeated by Philip Holt (3—0). In the Horsfall Competition, we had a bye in the First Round; in the Semi-Final, we lost to Philip Holt by 5—1. In the latter match, our team put up a stubborn defence, but were greatly handicapped by the absence of Pate and Scott.

The House Choir, for the Hobby Show Singing Competition, is progressing favourably, but there is the usual weakness in the tenor parts. Still the House has a chance of winning the trophy. At the House meeting this term, Pate was elected Sports Captain, with Scott as Sub-Captain. Training for the sports should commence these Easter Holidays, and any member of the House desiring advice should go to either Pate or Scott, who will be pleased to give any hints.

House Football.

THE severe weather that has been experienced has curtailed this season have been completed, and particulars are appended the football a little. However, the House matches for the below. The form games at the Lacrosse field have had marked success, the attendance being very good. Owing to the early date at which the Magazine has to go to press, it is impossible to insert the results of the Horsfall Cup this term.

SENIOR.

	A.H.	D.	P.H.	T.	C.	H.
Percentage of points	100	66 $\frac{2}{3}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	25	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Goal average	5.8	4.67	4	3.75	3.5	2.5

JUNIOR.

	A.H.	P.H.	T.	H.	D.	C.
Percentage of points	100	70	50	50	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10
Goal average	8.33	3.2	5.67	3	3	2.4

Prize Distribution.

THE Prize Distribution took place this year on Saturday, 3rd February. It has been the habit to hold this function in the evening, but on this occasion the time was changed to the afternoon. The experiment cannot be said to have been altogether successful. There seemed to many of us to be something lacking in the "atmosphere." The proceedings left behind them a strange sense of incompleteness and a certain unreality. It is not possible to set this down all to the direct account of the war. Its direct influence was shown conspicuously in the comparatively bare appearance of the prize table. Certainly it is not easy to work up much enthusiasm over certificates merely, and this perhaps accounts for the fact that the actual distribution, usually the liveliest part of the programme, as far as applause and the interest of the boys in the audience can make it so, became this year even rather tedious. The time of day, and the prevalence of colds, were responsible also for the absence of numbers of the boys. Not all the parents, either, found the time convenient. There were, however, other reasons. For the second time in succession, it was not found possible to hold the Speech-day until over six months had elapsed since the prizes were won. This was doubly deplorable, as tending not alone to weaken the interest of the School and of parents, but, moreover, to thin the ranks of those who were able to attend as prize-winners. The second reason—not to comment further on this one—was that, without doubt for very urgent cause, the proceedings were hurried noticeably. The necessity for this was very unfortunate. Above everything, the Annual Prize Distribution is not a function to be got rid of as soon as is decently possible, whenever it occurs. That day on which, for the only time in twelve months, meet together the parents, boys, staff, and the Governors of this School, whose pride it is to be first among the secondary schools of a great city, and whose aspirations are not yet satisfied—that day should not be one of only slight importance. It is idle to deny that this function is not at present all it should be, all it could be, as an agent to secure the most loyal spirit, the keenest interest, and the closest co-operation between all concerned in the maintenance of the School. It is, however, an exaltation in importance, and not a depreciation that it requires; and the tendency towards the latter that was undeniably to be noticed on this last occasion is extremely regrettable.

The prizes were distributed by the Lord Mayor. Mr. Danson, the Chairman of the Governing Body, commenced at about three o'clock by saying that it was the first time in the history of the Institute that the Annual Meeting had been held on a holiday afternoon, but that, owing to the lighting restrictions, it was inconvenient to come together in the evening. He said that the School had been exceedingly fortunate of late in that it had been presented with a splendid organ and one of the finest gymnasiums in the kingdom, also a luxurious library and Prefects' Room, all given by anonymous donors. Lastly, there was an experimental gift of £200 per annum to provide holidays abroad for promising boys. With regard to the School, he said that there were more boys in the High School than there had ever been, and the numbers were steadily increasing.

Mr. Weisse, who was then called upon to give his report, said that he stood in a unique position as Headmaster of a School which, in a time of universal sorrow, had cause to rejoice, and which, in times such as the present, had received bounty after bounty. Whilst we thought in grief and pride of the 130 Old Boys of a past generation, who had given their lives for their country; yet it was with joy and gratitude we thought of the benefits here conferred on unborn generations. He was not without hope that the gifts already mentioned by the Chairman were some recognition of the work of the Masters in recent years. Only by the loyal and united work of the staff does a School reach the higher standards in work and corporate life. He did not mean that the School deserved *all* the good things conferred upon it; no School could do that. But he did not believe that any donor would confer benefits upon the School without evidence that the School was trying to be worthy of them. "Non inferiora sequi" was a good School motto; and it was necessary that we should so use the wonderful gifts as to set up higher ideals to aim at.

In the struggle following this war, our country would be impoverished, amongst other things, in the best results of higher education. A whole generation of the best intellects of the middle classes, who would have had a University training, will have fallen out, leaving a gap that can never be filled. Many of our best boys, with Scholarships at the great Universities, had fallen, others would not return to University life. The loss of this generation would have a disastrous effect upon the intellectual resources of the country. Therefore, especially, it was the business of the Schools to carry forward the younger

generation to fill the gap as far as possible. A scientific training was necessary even in a commercial struggle; but the confusion of commerce was nothing to the disorganisation of human relationship, the abasement of standards, and the distortion of virtues. The re-adjustment of mental vision, the establishment of true values—even the re-birth of true religion, are the problems which would call for national education. There was too much life's training in science, too little scientific training for life. Efficiency is an admirable thing, but it is possible to create an efficient forger, an efficient murderer, even an efficient Prussian. Quite another thing to create an efficient human being. It was impossible that the greater qualities should develop themselves uneducated in times of peace. Although the fine qualities, which the war had revealed in our happy-go-lucky national character, were truly wonderful, yet certainly in times of peace they were often hard to realise. But these qualities were in danger of becoming atrophied for want of use, for the coming time of peace would bring with it grossly material competition. For the spiritual salvation of the country we must maintain men and women who rank the Spiritual above the material. This proportion of the people was certainly not to be recruited from only one class, and by one means. In every boy who came to this School with reasonable abilities, from a reasonable home, and after reasonable preparation, there was a potential "Happy Warrior." In closing, he said that it was to him a cause of profound gratitude that all the gifts which had come to us made it increasingly possible to give fair opportunities to every boy, and to prevent the degradation of the finer feelings and imaginings of youth.

The Lord Mayor then distributed the Prizes and Certificates. He afterwards gave an address, in which he said that he had always found great difficulty in writing, and therefore merely made out brief notes for an address. For this reason, he believed he had cultivated the power of speech more than most people. He gave some advice to the boys, especially new boys. Every boy ought to have his share of chaff and teasing, and to take it cheerily; for the time would come when he would be able to pass on what he had received. It was the duty of all boys not only to take an interest in their work, but to be keen on the House Games and Athletics. He remembered the days when he was at school near London, and afterwards at Clifton, where he made the acquaintance of Mr. Weisse as a visitor and Old Boy at the Games and Sports. He concluded with that phrase so much used by modern Headmasters: "Play up, play up, and play the game."

Sir Alfred Dale, who proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, said we had listened to an inspiring address. He recalled the fact that for many generations the ancestors of the Lord Mayor had taken great interest in education, and that his grandfather had actually stood upon this platform as President of the Institute. Mr. Sydney Jones briefly seconded the motion. The Lord Mayor replying, said that he had not known the incident about his grandfather, and was pleased to hear of it. He then asked the Headmaster for a half-holiday for the School, which was increased to a whole holiday by the Chairman, who also expressed his sympathy for the Lord Mayor, saying it was an alarming thing to have one's ancestors suddenly brought up from the past—nay, even from the grave!

The Governing Body then had tea in the Library and Prefects' Room, and afterwards attended a gymnasium display by boys of the School, which ended the proceedings.

Chess Notes.

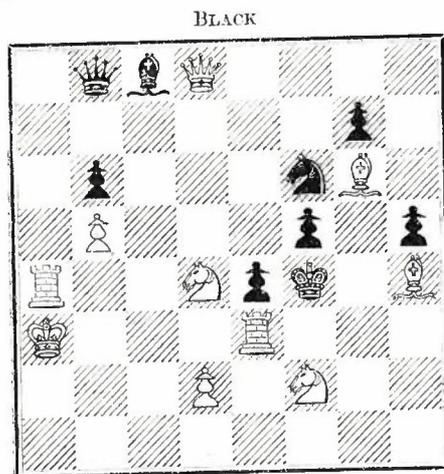
THESE is much this term to stimulate our hopes. Fortune has proved kinder than conditions warranted. On March 6th we played the masters in our only match this season, and gained a decisive victory. The staff were able to put only seven into the field, through unfortunate circumstances which prevented the appearance of Mr. Bain. The total score was eight games for the School and three for the masters. All the games were enjoyed and there was clever play on both sides. The evening was so pleasant that it is hoped that the losers will have an opportunity for revenge. A list of the games may be of interest:

Mr. Hicks	...	...	...	2	Kennedy...	...	...	0
" Pike...	...	...	...	0	Knox, T. M.	...	...	2
" Eaves	...	...	...	1	Onians, R. B. (captain)...	...	...	0
" Hickinbotham	0	Sholl	2
" Elliott	0	Tumarkin	1
" Doughty	0	Cosnett	1
" Baxter	0	Taylor	2
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There is, however, a more interesting item still than this match. The Sports and Arts' Club Committee has proposed to devote a sum at their disposal to the purchase of a chess trophy for House Competition.

It is a matter for renewed effort that no one sent in the correct solution of the problem offered last term. The key move was K—Q2. Anyone who takes the trouble to try will discover the beauty of the position whatever black does.

We now offer the following for solution, in the hope of better results:—



WHITE

White to play and mate in two moves.

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Skates.

Ironmongery may be divided into three classes—tame, semi-civilised, and totally savage. Under the first heading we place things which will not do anything at all, such as pen-knives; under the second, articles which are sometimes tame and sometimes savage, such as steel nibs and lawn-mowers; but the most prominent pieces of ironmongery in the savage state are skates. The word "skate" originally came from the Abyssinian word "scathal," meaning "an instrument of torture"; the name was probably bestowed upon it in a moment of anger by the first antediluvian man who was misguided enough to endeavour to slide on anything other than his own feet. We can imagine him sitting in a painful position on the ice, nursing a broken nose, and muttering benedictions on the instruments which he had concocted out of the family stone stock-pot and his neighbour's wife's flint hat pins.

Skates are various in pattern, and the ways of wearing and using them vary, but the general principle is that the object of the skater is to skate in spite of the skates, and the usual method is for the skater to skate (or otherwise) with the skates on his feet; of course, it is purely a matter of taste: some of

the most prominent skaters the world has ever known have skated on their ears, and the inhabitants of Sefton Park still vividly remember a gentleman who patronised Greenbank lake every winter on one skate, securely clamped to his nose, until he collided forcibly with a companion, went through the ice, and was seen no more.

The inexperienced skater will be advised to be careful as to where he skates. Most of the authorities are agreed that ice, not snow, is the best thing. For the sake of the unversed in the art, I may say that snow is a peculiar slushy material, varying in colour from dirty grey to dark brown, which is quite comfortable to fall on, whereas ice is a very hard, bluish-white material, which becomes colder and harder every time you sit on it, and has a nasty habit of cracking and even melting at times. Unfortunately, both snow and ice have two very objectionable characteristics in that they are both horribly cold, and when they melt they are so confoundedly wet.

As I have said, skates vary, but their general features of construction are the same; the skate consists of a bar of iron, either long or short (or middling), which slides gracefully along the ice (sometimes); if possible, the makers give it a slight twist so that it is more liable to want to go the wrong way. The front of the skate turns up, and is equipped with a very sharp steel spike pointing upwards; this is for the purpose of catching the skater when he falls, as otherwise he might hurt himself on the ice; on the top of the skate are several projections, which are there to stick into the skater's boots and ruin them, if possible. It adds to the fun immensely if there are a few more spikes stuck somewhere about. To put the skates on, the sufferer places the foot two inches in the rear of the full bent of the cocking-piece, and turns the ejector screw until he feels something between a prisoner in the stocks and a tinned lobster; it may then be assumed that the skates are on. The skater then stands up—voluntarily, and sits down—involuntarily (this process is repeated about seventeen times). The skater then— but why should I anticipate the joys of skating? Let me conclude with a small catechism in the style of Gale and Polden's Army Manuals:—

- 1.—Q. What is the official name of the skates used in the British Army?
 - A. Skates, cast-iron, pattern 27, No. BJ53621XK, mark IV., gauge 9, pair of, one.
- 2.—Q. What is the material used to clean this skate?
 - A. Vaseline, No. 532, tin, one.
- 3.—Q. Why is this material used to clean this skate?
 - A. Because the Sergeant-Major says it is to be used.

- 4.—Q. Why should not some substance such as plum-and-apple jam or candle-fat be used to clean this skate?
- A. Because it is liable to injure the mechanism.
- 5.—Q. What is the sear of the ejecting full-bent—
(Enough, enough, quite enough!—Eds.)

R.E.W.

Soirees.

A COMBINED soirée of the Old Boys and the Literary and Debating Society was held on the 25th November. There was a good attendance and everybody enjoyed the meeting immensely. The general tone was, according to tradition, hilarious, and the various items of the programme were as effective as usual. The "Brothers Williams" made a few confessions, which were received with forgiveness by the majority of the audience. 6b choir had an opportunity of displaying their muscular development, of which they took advantage to the uttermost. It is to be hoped that this choir will persevere in its laudable efforts to increase the gaiety of the School, and nothing is more certain than that in a little while, if it does so, it will be really amusing. Messrs. Gledsdale and Alan Williams both contributed to the entertainment with good old songs. Mr. Doughty sang the popular song "Three for Jack," and Mr. Elliott gave "The English Rose." Mr. Latimer destroyed anything like seriousness which the meeting might have possessed before, with his rendering of the "Bassoon." Mr. Hicks and Lloyd rendered a duet with great success, while Dudley and E. I. Halliday increased the hilarity of the audience. This was the last soirée over which Mr. Broom presided, and we may take this opportunity of thanking him for the many enjoyable evenings for which we have been indebted to him in the past.

The second soirée this session was held by the Literary and Debating Society in conjunction with the Old Boys on the 3rd March. The programme did not fall short of its usual high standard, and our thanks are due to the many artistes who contributed to it. Once again we were favoured with a few items by the "Williams Brothers." For the benefit of the more inquisitive, we are able to state that these gentlemen are not really brothers, or, at least, that only one of them is. Messrs. Gledsdale and Baker added to the programme, while we were fortunate in obtaining the talented aid of Messrs. Fletcher and Stowell. Mr. Doughty sang the "Longshoreman" and "John Peel," while Mr. Elliott also contributed to the entertainment. Mr. Askey was amusing as usual, and Fry obliged with some

lightning sketches. The 6b choir was once again in evidence in a few acrobatic turns. We would wish to modify the praise lavished upon this choir by us after the first soirée, but we may remind its members that there is still time to reform. Mr. Hicks and Lloyd gave several duets, which were received with great applause. The organisation of this entertainment was entrusted to Mr. Brown and we offer him our congratulations and thanks for the able manner in which he executed his commission. An enjoyable item of the entertainment was a quartette "The Regular Royal Queen," by Taylor, Ravenscroft, Lloyd, and Williams.

THE SECRETARIES.

Football.

THIS term football has not reached its usual standard. This is due, perhaps, to the scarcity of matches, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Although the Junior Shield team trained fairly strenuously, they were beaten by a smaller-sized, but pluckier, team in the First Round of the Junior Shield. This failure was largely due to the lack of support which the School always gives on such occasions. The School teams will never have great successes in the football line until the School wakes up and takes a keener interest in the winter game. The seniors are to play Liscard in the Semi-final of the Shield Competition; and we hope to see them play once more at Goodison Park in the Final Round.

SENIOR SHIELD TEAM CRITIQUE.

- *WARD, D. C. (Capt.)—Has ably fulfilled the office of Captain. An excellent goalkeeper who knows what to do. Inclined to wander round the centre-line.
- TONKIN.—Has played very well the latter half of the season. Wants to be a little more sure of his kicking. Tackles fairly well.
- HOLMES, H. E.—A promising back, with a clean, strong kick.
- CAIN, A.—A player who has entered the team recently. A clever half, with an excellent idea of the game.
- MACLEAY.—Has played some good games in his new position of centre-half. Wants to feed his forwards more.
- GRAHAM, H.—A forceful, but unpolished, half-back.
- WRIGHT, L. R.—A good passer, but rather too timid.
- *PATE, G. S.—Has not played so well this term, being inclined to over-dribble.

*JONES, W. G.—A dashing, clever centre-forward. Has been the mainstay of the team on many occasions.

*LOW, R.—Rather lackadaisical, but livens up at times. One of the best passers in the School.

CIVIL, C. C.—A clever outside man. Always plays a useful game. Centres and shoots well.

* Awarded Colours in 1915-16.

SHIELD TEAM v. COLLEGIATE FIRST ELEVEN.

At Greenbank on January 31st.

We kicked off on a frosty ground. The Collegiate early forced the pace and Blair soon scored. The School, however, held their own and Jones, W. G., scored two goals in quick succession. Following an attack by our forwards, the whistle blew for the interval with the score 2—1 in our favour.

On resuming, the play was confined to mid-field. Blair, who played outside-right in the first-half, now played centre-forward. Leading the Collegiate attack, he scored from what appeared an impossible angle, with a very clever shot which passed between Ward and the post. Undaunted, however, the School forwards kicked off, and Jones, W. G., again scored after a splendid solo run. After this, the School team had the game in their own hands. The Collegiate scored again, but full time came with the score 5—3 in our favour.

All the members of the team played a sterling game and are to be congratulated on their well-fought-for victory.

SHIELD TEAM v. LISCARD HIGH SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, Feb. 24th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Holmes; Cain, Macleay, Scott, J. A.; Low, T. B., Pate, Jones, W. G., Low, R., Civil, C. C.

Liscard kicked off against a slight breeze. For a short time play was confined to the centre. Soon, however, we began to take the offensive. After some smart work by the left wing, Jones, W. G., scored a good goal. In spite of this reverse, Liscard forced the ball into our territory, and their inside-right scored rather a lucky goal. Our forwards, however, set the pace, and Low, T. B., scored from one of Civil's centres. Soon afterwards, Jones scored another. Score at half-time, 3—1 in our favour.

On resuming, our team had much more of the game than Liscard. Civil hit the post and the ball bounded out to Low, T. B., who promptly steered the sphere into the net. Play now passed into our end of the ground, and the Liscard inside left centred from what was undoubtedly an offside position, and Liscard scored in a mêlée in front of the goal. Full time arrived with the score 6—2.

SECOND ROUND SHIELD COMPETITION.

FIRST ELEVEN v. CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.

At Greenbank, on Feb. 28th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Holmes; Cain, Macleay, Graham; Wright, L. R., Pate, Jones, W. G., Low, R., Civil, C. C.

Contrary to custom, the weather was fine with a slight breeze blowing. A keen match was anticipated, and many enthusiastic supporters from both Schools were present, although the majority were C.I. boys. The C.I. kicked off, and after some smart work by their inside left they were one goal up in a little less than two minutes, the shot giving Ward no chance. Nothing daunted, the School kicked off and worked the ball into the opponents' territory. A clever movement by the left wing, finishing with a smart centre of Civil's, resulted in Pate's equalising. Each side having scored within eight minutes play, the spectators prepared to witness a hard, fast game. Each side, however, seemed to have taken the measure of the other, and for about twenty minutes, mid-field play predominated. An attack on the part of our forwards resulted in the C.I. custodian blocking a shot but not clearing it. Rushed by Low, he was carried through the goal with the ball. During the remainder of the first half, the School had slightly the better of the game, but no more goals were added.

After the interval, the School enjoyed most of the game, and after about ten minutes play, Jones scored a well-earned goal with a shot that rather tantalised the C.I. keeper, bouncing over his head into the net. About a quarter of an hour later, Jones again scored. The School team was undoubtedly superior during the second half and several forwards had hard luck with their shots. Soon afterwards, a breakaway by the C.I. led to a goal from their left wing.

Score at full time, 4—2 in our favour.

For criticism, it only remains to be said that all the team played a very hard and good game, and thoroughly deserved their victory. Both the backs were very useful, being much more sure of their kicking than in previous matches. Ward had no opportunity of showing his goal-keeping powers, being rarely called upon to save. Both the shots which found their billet in the net were difficult to save. Owing, chiefly, no doubt, to the presence of so many spectators, fouls were plentiful, none of them, however, being against us; the members of the eleven are to be complimented on their very clean and dashing game.

SHIELD TEAM v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, on March 3rd.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Holmes; Cain, Macleay, Graham; Wright, L. R., Pate, Low, T. B., Jones, E., Civil, C. C.

In the first few minutes our opponents made a determined rush upon our goal, but soon became exhausted. After which they were more or less strictly confined to their own half. The score at half-time was 3—0 in our favour.

The second half was much the same as the preceding one, and the game ended with the score 7—0.

JUNIOR SHIELD TEAM CRITIQUE.

COOMER, G. M.—A splendid goalkeeper. Has played some magnificent games. Is quite reliable.

MACDONALD, J. S.—An unpolished back. Rather brutal. Kicks well.

BEST.—A dashing left back. A promising player.

CAMPBELL, R. M.—Should mark his wing man more.

MORLAND, R.—Was not up to his usual standard in the Shield match. Fills the centre-half position with capability.

CABRERA.—A young, forceful, half-back. Worries his opponent. Played an excellent game in the Shield match.

BROWN, E. V.—A good winger. Shoots and centres well.

LOW, T. B.—A sturdy, dashing forward. Uses his head well and works hard.

WILKINSON.—Did not play very well in the Shield match. Has a good idea of passing and can use his head to fair advantage.

STEPHENSON.—A quiet inside forward. Feeds his wing man well.

SCOTT, J. H.—A rather excitable outside man. Too fond of lying offside. Has a fair idea of the game.

The following Colours have been awarded:—

First Eleven: Tonkin, Holmes, Cain, Macleay, Wright, L. R., Civil, C. C.

Second Eleven: Thomas, A., Hughes, G. L., Jones, E., Wilkinson, Low, T. B., Graham, Scott, J. A., Lloyd, and Roulston, J.

Old Boys' Association Notes.

ALTHOUGH we are, for the time being, depleted in numbers, we can look back upon the last two terms with some degree of satisfaction. The ball has been kept rolling. At the end of last year our Secretary went, and now our Treasurer is expecting to go any day. In spite of this, we have kept going—mostly due to Mr. Tiffen, without whom we should be lost.

We have to deplore the loss of many of our best and ablest members, many of them destined for brilliant careers, men who would have made their influence felt in the world. Yet though these men have been cut off in their early manhood, we feel grateful to the School which made them, and we who are left will have to struggle to follow worthily in their footsteps.

Coming to actual meetings—we have once more to thank the School for arranging two Soirées. We can only say one thing about these; they get better each time. On two occasions football matches have been arranged and played against the School. We would take this opportunity of wishing the School every success in the Shield Competition, in progress at the time of writing.

The Gymnasium Classes, in the School Gym., have been carried on, twice weekly, through the winter. Though the attendance has been less than was hoped for, the members of the classes are most enthusiastic, and at the first Soirée they gave a very attractive exhibition of their work. Many of them have now gone, at their country's call, but we hope that when happier times return, they and many others will wish to take the advantages which these classes offer.

Social work has been curtailed this winter, but in one or two places the Happy Evenings' Association has re-started, and perhaps next year we shall be able to resume this highly interesting and useful work. To all our younger members, we would say: Turn up to all meetings and then we shall be able to "carry on."

H.B.

Correspondence.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute School Magazine*.
Sms,—

I venture to use your columns to exploit a suggestion which in the last two years I have persistently tried to bring before the authorities. Why cannot the School produce an opera as well as, or instead of, a play, either at Christmas or at the Hobby Show? Surely we have enough musical talent to manage so small an operetta as "Trial by Jury" or "H.M.S. Pinafore." I endeavoured to have this letter put in December's Magazine with the idea that something of the sort might be done at this Hobby Show, but failed; I am not yet daunted, however, and offer this suggestion to the "powers that be" in hope that something may be done.

Permission to produce one of the D'Oyly Carte's repertoire is not hard to obtain for one or two performances, and the School might in time enhance its musical reputation still further by aspiring to more serious operas. Yours faithfully,

SILBERT AND GULLIVAN.

Valete.

CAPSTICK, E.—1911-17; Via. Prefect 1914-15-16; Captain of Hughes' House 1915-16-17; Senior Sergeant O.T.C.; Editor Magazine 1916; Football Captain 1915-16, 1916-17; First Eleven Football Colours 1914-15-16-17; Second Eleven Cricket Colours 1916.

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It has been reported, on quite good authority, that certain prefects have lately been *seen working*—on allotments.

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Editorial Notices.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of: Esmeduna, The Wyggestonian, Ruym, The Birkonian.

The thanks of the Editors are due to R. E. Williams for his kind assistance in preparing the Magazine during the unfortunate absence of C. E. O. Lee.

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Obituary.

Towards the end of the term the School experienced a great sorrow, in the loss of one of its younger members, R. S. ROWLANDS. His tragic death has cut short a life that was full of sunshine and hope, and we can only offer our heart-felt sympathy to his mother in her great bereavement.