

# BOOKS for STUDY or RECREATION

Over 1,000,000 books in stock on every conceivable subject  
The largest stock of Educational works in the world

Text Books for all Examinations. Special Departments for Educational, Scientific,  
Technical, Literary, Foreign, Sport, Music, Physical Culture Books, etc., etc.

Second-hand and New Books at Lowest Prices

Send for Catalogue 261. Post free, State Wants : Books sent on approval  
Books Bought : Best Prices Given.

**W. & G. FOYLE, LTD., 121-125 Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2**

Telegrams: "FOYLIBRA, ON, LONDON."

## LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE MAGAZINE.

Editor: G. S. CLOUSTON.

Sub-Editors: S. MILBURN AND J. GROSS,

VOL. XXXII. No. 1.

DECEMBER, 1920.

### CONTENTS.

	PAGE.
EDITORIAL ... ..	2
CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR ... ..	3
SCHOOL OFFICIALS ... ..	5
LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY ... ..	6
A TALK ON THE TELEPHONE ... ..	7
LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY ... ..	7
O.T.C. NOTES ... ..	10
CAMP NOTES ... ..	12
CAMERA AND FIELD CLUB ... ..	14
IN THE MELTING POT ... ..	15
CHESS CLUB ... ..	16
HOUSE NOTES ... ..	17
OUR ENQUIRY BUREAU ... ..	20
FORM FOOTBALL ... ..	21
SCHOOL FOOTBALL ... ..	22
THE LIBRARY ... ..	24
CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE! ... ..	25
OUR UNIVERSITY LETTERS ... ..	26
VALETTE ... ..	30
O.B.A. NOTES ... ..	31
WAR MEMORIAL ... ..	...
CORRESPONDENCE ... ..	32
EDITORIAL NOTICES ... ..	33

## Editorial.

IT must be admitted that to write about nothing is, at times, a task fraught with difficulties, but to be limited to one printed page in which to air the most innocent moralisations upon the happenings of a term such as the present, is disconcerting.

Armistice Day again left an indelible impression upon our minds. The overwhelming feeling of the presence of the glorious dead served yet more forcibly to confront us with the tremendous responsibilities which have fallen to our lot. They gave everything in the hope of destroying, once and for all, the grim spectre of war. They have given us our liberty. More—they offer us the opportunity of laying the foundations of a peace, never to be broken. There lies with us the choice henceforth, either of sowing the seeds of disaffection, or spreading ever farther afield the golden gospel of Love. The former means the destruction of civilisation, the latter the establishing of the Kingdom of God upon earth. With the sacrifice of so many millions before us, with the heartrending misery of a sick world, even now crying out for succour, there can be no hesitation. Force, the instrument of the brute beast, is but the instrument of the madman. Self can no longer be consulted; the very existence of civilisation depends upon each of us working, at school and at play, for the happiness of all. Never must we, or can we forget our duty to the dead.

Thus it is that the foundation of a Senior Branch of the League of Nations Union in the School is so exquisitely opportune. This, again, is an event which inspires a chronicler with awe. Not merely is it a Society to take its place at the side of other time honoured institutions, but one destined ultimately to overshadow them all: one to crown the efforts of the others in preparing citizens of character, by itself guiding energy and capability into the channels best fitted for the attainment of the Brotherhood of Man. Indeed, merely to join the Society does material good, since it, in itself, means giving at least nominal support to those who spend their lives in the endeavour to build such a mighty basis for the cause, as shall never be destroyed. By those, however, who have the privilege of an education, such as the Institute affords, impassive support cannot be regarded as sufficient. What is demanded of us all is active co-operation and real effort.

Such an abstract duty may be difficult to grasp to some of us; but to think and act is imperative. The fair name of the School will make a very good nearer goal for which to fight. Working hard in school for it, working hard at games for it, is fulfilling part of our duty to our neighbour. To possess such

an admirable object is indeed a wonderful privilege; and even this could only have been effected by the loyal hard-working efforts of generations, past and present, the memory of whom the School ever keeps fresh in our minds. Our very House names are there to remind us of the magnificent debt we owe to those 'who have helped to establish and maintain our School.

Happy the thought, therefore, that gave birth to the idea of perpetuating the memory of Mr. J. A. Owen amongst us, by creating an Owen House in the School. It is to those who labour unceasingly, though may be obscurely, that the School owes its present traditions—and it is to these that we have to repay the debt.

## Chat on the Corridor.

WE wish to congratulate R. H. Miller, A. M. Fletcher, and G. G. C. Wilson on winning Senior City Scholarships—the first named with the addition of a State Scholarship; also Eustace, Fletcher and Huxley on being awarded University Scholarships.

Mr. R. E. Williams has added to the long list of honours gained by O.I.'s at the Liverpool University, by his election to the Presidency of the Physical Society. He was also awarded the prize for the best speech of the evening at the University Impromptu Debate.

It was with proud pleasure that we heard that yet another O.I. had distinguished himself in the world of learning. We refer to Dr. Wallace's splendid achievement at Durham University where, though several years younger than his contemporaries, he was made a "Doctor of Music."

The following are the successes in the Higher School Certificate Examination of the Joint Matriculation Board of Northern Universities:—

VIAc.—Clouston, G. S., Eustace, A., Francis, F. C., Fraser, L. M., Milburn, S., Thomas, K. St.C.

VIAm.—Binger, F. R., Cosnett, E., Holmes, H. E., Huxley, T. A., Robertson, C. R. O.

VIAsc.—Ainley, J. A., Caldow, D. G., Coomer, G. M., Dodd, J. W., Fletcher, A. M., Jarvis, B. S., Miller, R. H., Sharpe, R., Taylor, C. H., Wilson, G. G. C., Woodworth, E.

The following are the successes in the School Certificate Examination (with exemption from Matriculation):—

Rm.—Jasperson, A., Mason, T. E., Worgan, A. C.

Re.—Evans, H. J., Kerr, G. L., Renault, J. C. E., Silverman, I.

Passes: Rm.—Altman, S., Ball, C. F., Ball, F. A., Bell, J. A., Colenso, J. A., Dewhurst, J., Griffiths, W. G., Leask, B. H. C., Lucas, G., Morris, T. A., Pople, H. W., Rabett, S. R. W., Shankland, J. Ferguson, N. S.

Rc.—Barker, E. V., Chiswell, S. S., Cohen, E., Gallagher, H., Johnson, D. D. B., Jones, W. A. O., Lieper, H., Morland, E., Palin, S. H., Roberts, A. T., Roberts, G. N., Roberts, R. R., Wickes, H. E., Wokes, A.,

Vib.—Stein, E., Tarshish, V.



The School Prizes have been awarded as follows:—Latin, Eustance, A.; Essay, Francis, F. C.; History, Gross, J.; Maths., Taylor, C. H.; Physics, Wilson, G. G. C.; Chemistry, Miller, R. H.; German, Holmes, H. E. French Prize was not awarded.



S. Milburn and J. Gross have been appointed Sub-Editors of the Magazine.



A Junior Branch of the League of Nations Union has made a somewhat belated appearance in the School and we hope that it will meet with the success worthy of such a great cause.



We are looking forward to the old type of Hobby Show again next term, and hope that everyone will give due support to its promoters, by taking advantage of the Christmas Holidays to prepare their exhibits.



We wish heartily to thank Mr. S. V. Brown for the very efficient manner in which the School fields have been managed during the term and the facilities he has provided for so many of the School to play on half-holidays.



The Head's ever-ready generosity in helping the School's institutions has again been exemplified by his promising annually to reward the holder of the best batting and bowling averages, and by his interest in the formation of a League of Nations

Union, whose funds he has opened with a handsome donation to be spent on books for the League's Library.



We welcome the rumour that there is to be a School play this term. Perhaps there is nothing, not even Prize-giving, to which all look forward with such eagerness and interest.



A long-felt need has at last been satisfied by the addition of a new playing field. A field has been rented for a season in Thingwall Road.



We feel sure the Head's lectures will be eagerly welcomed by the School. It would be hard to find any lectures which could prove more interesting than the Head's Science Lecture.



The Coal Strike, attended by the threat of a Transport Strike, awoke visions in some youthful breasts of exciting times looking after horses, driving motors, etc. Almost the whole of the Upper School have filled in cards declaring their willingness to help the Civic Service League in future crises.



We may also add that the Headmaster has received a communication from Mr. Gladstone, Chairman of the Civic Service League, expressing his appreciation of this excellent example and useful offer of help.



The School has undertaken to contribute every week to a collection made on behalf of the Florence Institute, where many of the Old Boys are giving their help several nights of the week. It is rather hard perhaps for the School to realise how necessary is their continued support for this excellent object, but they will no doubt realise it when they leave School and hear of the good work done by the O.I.'s in the city.

## School Officials.

Head of the School.—S. Milburn.

Magazine Editors.—G. S. Clouston, S. Milburn, J. Gross.

Literary and Debating Society.—Secs.: "L. R." Fraser, J. Gross.

League of Nations Union.—Secs.: G. S. Clouston, J. Gross.  
Treasurer: E. S. Ball.

Football.—Captain: G. M. Coomer. Sub-Captain: F. W. Dunn. Sec.: P. J. Baxter.

Cricket.—Captain: G. M. Coomer. Sec.: F. W. Dunn.

Chess Club.—Captain: L. M. Fraser. Sec.: J. Gross.

Camera and Field Club.—Sec.: J. G. Mayne.

O.T.C.—C.S.M.: S. Milburn.

Gymnasium.—Captain: G. M. Coomer. Sec.: R. W. Buckley.

Library Committee.—S. Milburn, G. S. Clouston, J. Gross.  
Sec.: K. St.C. Thomas.

Organising Secretary of House and Form Games.—D. A. Hutchison.

House Captains.—S. M. Milburn (C.), G. S. Clouston (A.H.),  
K. St.C. Thomas (T.), A. M. Fletcher (D.), G. M. Coomer  
(H.), J. Gross (P.H.), R. H. Miller (O.).

Secretary to Prefects.—F. R. Binger.

School Locker Prefect.—L. M. Fraser.

### League of Nations Society.

TOWARDS the middle of October, we were invited to join the League of Nations Union and form a Junior Branch of it in the School. Before the Branch was definitely founded, the School went to hear a lecture on the subject, given by Professor Zimmern at the Picton Hall; and Professor Webster, of Liverpool University, came and explained to us the principles of the League itself. The result of his address, which was greatly enjoyed by the School, was that a constitution was drawn up by several of the House Captains, and the first meeting of the new Liverpool Institute Junior Branch of the League of Nations Union was held. At this meeting, the Headmaster was elected President, G. S. Clouston and J. Gross Secretaries, and E. S. Ball Treasurer of the Society.

It was decided that a subscription of 6d. per term should be raised, to be used in buying the Magazines of the Senior Union and in forming a Permanent Collection of Books dealing with the subject. For this purpose the Headmaster very generously presented two guineas to the Society.

By the time this Magazine is published there will probably be a fair number of books in Mr. Groom's room, which is to be open to members during the dinner hour. We hope that all members will take an interest in the doings of the League itself, and not merely turn up to the meetings of what will be an official School Society. The object of having Magazines and a

Library is to foster such an interest and give people a chance of learning something of the League beyond a mere outline of its policy; we wish, therefore, to see Mr. Groom's room well filled every dinner hour.

In conclusion, we would ask the upper part of the School as a whole to make this, the first Society of its kind to be established here, a great success, by attending its meetings and making full use of the advantages which membership of the Society offers.

### A Talk on a Telephone.

(In Three Calls.)

HELLO! Oh you're the Editor of the Liverpool Institute Magazine. What's that? You want an article? Certainly. What kind? Serious? What do you say to something on Spiritualism; Divorce, Liverpool's chances in the Cup, or Advice to Married Men? Oh, you don't mean that kind of article! Well, I'll let you have something soon.

\* \* \* \* \*

Hello! What's that? You want the article by to-morrow. Well-er-you see I've been *very* busy lately, and I really have not had a minute to spare. O, yes I can do one. But-er-by the way, er-can you suggest a-a-a subject. O, yes of course, I know there are plenty. It's only I can't quite decide-er-which is the best. Yes, I will let you have it before to-morrow.

\* \* \* \* \*

Hello! Why did not I send my article? O, I am sorry, but really you know, not a moment, not a *single* moment have I had. But I can let you have it by to-morrow for certain. What? It's too late? Thank Heaven!!! O, no, I only said I was *so* sorry. You see, I have just had a brilliant idea. Oh, well, perhaps for the next issue!

### Literary and Debating Society.

THE Society shows promise of a very prosperous session this year. Never less than forty, and usually over fifty members have been present, and several old boys honour the Society by being present with unflinching regularity. These large attendances have been largely due, we have no doubt, to the excellence of the Secretaries of this year, who are to be warmly congratulated on the services they have already rendered and are rendering to the Society.

As well as the ordinary debates, the Society have been enjoying themselves in a series of Special Private Business Meetings. Feeling the inadequacy of the old rules, they appointed a commission, at the end of last session, to draw up a complete code of new ones which they have now adopted, with some alterations.

The Annual General Private Business Meeting was held in the Hall on September 21st, when the following officers were chosen:—President, the Headmaster; Acting-President, Mr. Hickinbotham; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Bain, H. M. Brown, S. V. Brown, Doughty, Reece, and Williams, with the addition of Milburn and Clouston. Gross and Fraser were elected to the onerous office of Secretaries, and a Committee of ten were appointed. The meeting then listened with delight to the programme for the season, which had been prepared by a skilful sub-committee, and subsequently adjourned.

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held on September 28th at 7 p.m. Owing to the lack of private business, at five minutes past, the Chairman, Mr. Hickinbotham, called upon E. S. Ball to propose "That the limited Monarchy as found in the British Constitution is the best form of democracy yet evolved." The speaker first made a few remarks at random on various topics. Then, warming to his work, he overwhelmed the meeting in general and the Chairman in particular, by a flood of rhetorical questions addressed to that long-suffering person. "Have you," he cried, "ever read accounts of the American Presidential Elections when men come from all parts of the country with votes in their pockets for their own particular idol? and how blocks of votes pass from one candidate to another till one man secures the necessary majority?" Having propounded these and similar conundrums, he browbeat the wilting Chairman into a state of utter collapse by accusing him of a desire to quibble about the American President, and sat down with a relieved air.

H. J. Abraham, in opposing, when he had comfortably seated himself on the table, confided to the Society the fact that the American and Swiss constitutions were immeasurably superior to ours. If the meeting did not believe him in that, it would at least admit that the British Constitution had no advantage whatever. Wardle, in seconding Ball, said that as the British Constitution was the only one which had been evolved—all the others, he affirmed, had come into existence through a revolution—the motion was proved to be true without need of further argument. Having discovered, however, that only a quarter of a minute out of the ten minutes allotted him had been used in saying this, he decided to continue, and drew lurid pictures of the American elections, and concluded by

condemning many of the opposer's remarks as "irrelevant"—meaning, we presume, that they did not reveal anything. Kennan, in seconding the opposer, proved that if the Hohenzollerns had been in the British throne, a revolution would have taken place. This, he said, was a conclusive argument against the motion. Upon the subject being thrown open to debate, several speakers aired their views on the subject, and when Ball had replied, the motion was put to the vote and carried by a considerable majority.

The Society met on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7 p.m. After the usual outbursts from the more unruly members, the Chairman, Mr. Hickinbotham, called upon P. J. Baxter to propose "That Tennyson was a greater poet than Browning," which he did by making many interesting statements, *e.g.*, that Tennyson was not fond of paints, and by quoting many poems. Worthington, in espousing the cause of Browning, told the meeting what qualities a good poet should have and showed that Browning possessed a large number of these, and Tennyson very few.

The authorities had laid it down that there were to be no seconds, but E. S. Ball had evidently decided otherwise, and read forth a carefully prepared speech to second the efforts of the opposer of the motion. Mr. Brown, Kennan, Mr. R. E. Williams, Thomas, Fraser, Gross, Mr. Eustace and Hutchison in turn charmed the Society by their observations, and after Baxter had attempted to refute his opponents, the motion was put to the vote and lost by 15 votes.

A meeting of the Society was held on November 2nd at the usual hour. When private business with the usual inanities therein had been completed, Mr. H. M. Brown was called upon to read his paper on "Some Standards of Right and Wrong." Before beginning, the Hon. Vice-President said that he hoped that his paper would be of use to *some* members of the Society, if only to sufferers from insomnia. He then began to read it. After having given definitions of such words as "conduct," "will," and "conscience," he said that different theories of ethics fall into two main divisions—those which take what is good—what is serviceable for some end—and those which insist upon the right, that is, the lawful, as the true basis of morality. He then considered separately different theories, and their development from the early Greek philosophers to the present day, first taking Hedonism with all its sects and heresies, and then Stoicism. He ended his paper by describing the modern idealists.

The Society is extremely grateful to Mr. Brown for the trouble he took in the preparation of his paper, and individual

members expressed this feeling, incidentally plying the unfortunate Vice-President with cunningly-devised questions purporting to bear upon the subject. A vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and after Mr. Brown had endeavoured to answer the questions put to him, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Society was held on the 9th October, with Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair. After Ball, E. S., had finished carping at the innocent Secretaries—his motto appeared to be "*carpe diem*,"—the Chairman called upon W. C. Kneale to convince the Society of the desirability of nationalisation. He tried to do this by saying that if everything were nationalised, competition would cease, which would cause no reduction of value, and much less waste. This he confirmed by many examples, and was getting well into his stride, when he was stopped by the relentless scythe of Time as personified in the Chairman. Fraser then rose to oppose him. He began by belittling his opponent's arguments and stated his own, which he thought were incontrovertible. He then launched into a description of a Utopia *not* founded on Socialism—a Utopia which, he said, would *work*.

Gross then aided the efforts of Kneale to delude the meeting into the belief that nationalisation would bring in the millennium, and Abraham those of Fraser to enlightening the meeting as to the real dangers of such a policy. After these, several speakers attempted to seduce or convert the somewhat comatose audience, but apparently the powers of evil were the stronger, for on being put to the vote, the motion was carried by 25 votes to 17—plainly a case of the ignorant majority.

[Ed.—We fear that, "the Secretaries of this year," in the first paragraph is a misprint for "late Secretaries."]

### O.T.C. Notes.

THE Corps has, this term, been in a most flourishing condition. At present there are 126 cadets on the Company Roll Book. No doubt it is due to the glowing accounts of those who attended Camp that so many have joined the Corps. There is no need here to dwell on the joys and excitement of Camp life, which have been described by another who was present at Tidworth Pennings last August.

Activities have this term been limited to two route marches. The weather has not been very suitable to Field Days and moreover darkness necessitates the cessation of all operations early in the day.

On the 27th of October we had a most enjoyable march to Gateacre where we met the Collegiate Corps. It had been hoped

to organise a "stunt," but owing to Captain Ellis being unable to discover the owner of certain fields over which he wished to operate, nothing could be done. The Corps marched out of School at 11.20 a.m. 100 strong. Immediately we left the bounds of the inhabited part of Liverpool and entered Sefton Park, we broke into song. The tunes indeed were not always true, nor did many of the "rags" fit in with the step. It was on this march that those who had been to Camp could exhibit their vocal powers in the songs they had been taught at Camp. In this way singing pathetic ditties of accidents liable to happen to "Green bottles hanging on a wall," we turned from the Park, up Queen's Drive, along Woolton Road and down Gatacre Brow, at the bottom of which we stopped for lunch. About five minutes later we heard the strains of a military band and saw the Collegiate School Corps coming down the Hill, preceded by several scouts and signallers. After dinner we marched off in the direction of Childwall. We arrived back at school about 3-10 p.m., put away our rifles and hurried home to a welcome tea.

Half-term proved a welcome opportunity for holding a day out, and on the morning of the 6th of November the Corps, 70 strong, entrained at the Central Station. Sgt Hutchison had prepared a scheme of concentration for two platoons, which he put under the command of L'Cpls. Ball and Baxter. It is reported that Cpl. Baxter, after leading his platoon a wild goose chase after a road he could not identify on his maps, eventually got through to the concentration point, where he met Cpl. Ball. From there, the whole company marched straight back to Rock Ferry.

This term we have entered four candidates for Cert. "A." It appeared rather a terrible prospect, that of going to Seaforth to drill regular soldiers for the practical exam., but the adjutant soon put us at our ease, and we went down to inspect our platoon, who looked very formidable. However, we soon regained confidence and started to drill a squad, and later a platoon under the adjutant's watchful eye. After some tactical work on the shore at Seaforth we were taken back and stayed to lunch in the Officers' Mess. We returned home with thankful and relieved hearts, for we had all passed. The theoretical exam. was held three weeks later. This proved somewhat harder, but what disadvantages it offered were more than compensated by the interest of the subject.

The Corps is now organised into 3 platoons, under the following Officers and N.C.O.'s: O.C., Capt. Ellis; 2nd i/c., Lt. Reece; C.S.M. S. Milburn; Sgt. No. 1 Platoon, Sgt. Hutchison; Cpl. Kerr, L/Cpl. Ball, E.S., Ball, F.A., Binger, F.R., Baxter, P. J., Bowman, G., Cox, G., Pople, H. W., Renault, J. C., Rabett, S. R., Rushworth E. D., Slater, F., Mayne, J. G., Jermy, T. A., Linholm, J. R.

The following are the results of the Competitions held at the end of last year: Sec. 1, under Cpl. Fuller, won the Capt. W. M. Hutchison Memorial Cup; Sec. 7, under Sgt. Clouston, won the Capt. Wheeler Memorial Cup.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Thorpe has been gazetted to a lieutenancy in the corps.

---

### Camp Notes.

**A**FTER many days of preparation, work, not unmixed with anxiety in view of previous happenings, the L.I.O.T.C. paraded for Camp, on July 27th, 50 strong, including Cdt. R. E. Williams (!), and with Captain Ellis, M.C. in command. We entrained at Lime Street, with the College contingent, for Crewe. We had about an hour's wait at Crewe, and regaled ourselves on "fizz" and other such luxuries. We then joined our "Special" to Tidworth, in company with most of the Northern public schools. It was a long, but jolly journey. Some excitement prevailed when the engine refused a steep incline outside Swindon, and all the cadets lined the grassy banks of the cutting, some patrolling the tops of the carriages, others inspecting the lower portions. Reinforced by another engine, our train arrived at Tidworth about 7 o'clock. We marched to the camp at the Pennings. Tea was then served out, blankets and stores issued, and we soon settled down and were quite ready for sleep at 10-15 (lights out).

Rain was falling when we awoke next morning, but we paraded for prayers before breakfast in our mackintosh capes. Breakfast was then served, and the remainder of the time till 9 o'clock was occupied in cleaning of equipment and clothing. We "fell in" in pouring rain and marched on to the plain to see an excellent performance of an attack practice. The afternoon found us listening to a lecture in the Recreation Tent by the General, and after this the remainder of the day was our own. In the evening many cadets enjoyed the "sing-song" and the canteen (not wet!) Thursday was beautiful, and we rehearsed the attack we had previously witnessed. We assembled, after dinner, on a steep slope to see a demonstration by a picked platoon of infantry, which was most instructive and enjoyable. The shower baths were most popular in the heat of the evening, but some found refuge in the stuffy canteen and recreation tent.

By this time the cooks had settled down, and we were served up with an abundance of excellently cooked, wholesome food.

On the morning of the 30th Mr. Thomas arrived, looking very well, and he stayed with us until the camp broke up. The company went out for outpost work, and Capt. Ellis delivered

a lecture in the afternoon. A 7 o'clock Sergeant Hutchison, Corporal Fuller and six men constituted the guard, and were congratulated for their extremely smart "turn-out," the state of their rifles and equipment. This, of course, was a high tribute to the fine work of our O.C. and his officers, and as a result the whole corps was extremely "bucked" at such a compliment to itself as a whole. This guard remained on duty till 7 p.m. on Saturday, and all enjoyed the unique experience. On Saturday afternoon we had sports, Cdt. Cox bringing honour to the L.I. by winning the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

On Sunday morning a few members of the corps attended Holy Communion, and the whole attended Church Parade to hear a stirring sermon by the Pâdre. The sports were continued after dinner, and the Institute was again to the fore by being second in the Tug o' War. We were defeated by Framlingham, a fresh team, who easily pulled our men, who had tugged twice previously. Some excitement was caused by two of our number losing themselves on the way to Stonehenge and turning up at nearly 5 in the morning!!

On Monday there was a lecture in the morning and advanced guard practice in the afternoon, followed by boxing in the evening.

We were assisted in our attack on Tuesday morning by "contact" planes, and the experience was quite instructive, not to say "novel." A Tracer bullet display and boxing tournament occupied us in the evening.

Wednesday brought us our Grand Finale in the form of a field day with spotting aeroplanes and artillery versus the O.T.C.'s from Tidworth Park. We were fighting a rear guard action and were successful in our object. A march past the General and his staff then took place, and we returned home rather tired. In the afternoon we were free, and at night the canteen was crowded out.

In the tent competition, especial praise is due to the smaller members of the corps, who carried off the tent prize after diligently working for it, and thoroughly deserving it.

We were up and dressed by 3 o'clock the next morning, and owing to some oversight, one tent received no breakfast. However, we marched to Tidworth Station after returning stores, and the C.S.M.'s and C.Q.M.S.'s packs looked very full and heavy, presumably with tins of corned beef! We very nearly missed the train on account of the guard making the singular mistake that the train must go at its scheduled time!

We arrived at Liverpool very tired, but otherwise "in the pink" after a splendid life in the open.

### Camera and Field Club.

**A**T the end of the summer term we had the misfortune to lose G. S. Clouston, who has always been a keen supporter of the Club. For some time previous to his resignation he occupied the post of secretary, and we owe a great deal to him for the many excursions which he arranged for us during past years.

We were also very sorry when J. W. Dodd and A. Jaspersen left. We wish them every success in their future careers. We were able this term to resume our activities early, the first excursion being on September 29th, to the Mecano Works. A select party of five were privileged to visit "Meccano Land," where they saw each part of the toy as it was made. The clock-work trains were especially interesting in their manufacture, and the party appeared to be fascinated as they watched the testing and trial runs of these trains. We would like to tender our sincere thanks to Meccano, Ltd., for the very enjoyable afternoon they gave us.

A very interesting afternoon was spent at the North Shore Flour Mills, on October 6th, when Mr. Elliott and ten boys were conducted through the mills. The grain was seen being taken from a barge by means of an elevator, and the various processes of washing, drying and grinding were observed, until finally, the flour was produced. We feel deeply grateful to Mr. Cooper for allowing us to visit his mills, and thus providing for a very instructive excursion.

On October 13th a score or so of boys, accompanied by Miss Buchan and Mr. Elliott, paid a visit to the Hamilton Iron Works at Garston. The party was divided into three sections, and conducted over the works. A most interesting feature was an oil tank of huge dimensions, which was being constructed for the purpose of carrying oil, to rival coal as fuel in railway locomotives. The party reunited at the end of the afternoon to partake of "liquid refreshments," kindly provided by Mr. Halliday, and expressed their gratitude to him for the enjoyable afternoon by giving three cheers.

A party of 21 boys, under P. J. Baxter, visited Messrs. Bibby's P.P. Press, on October 20th, and, after a short delay, entered the first department through the emergency exit. Here were seen various catalogues and painting books being printed, and, in the next department, sheets of cardboard being cut up into boxes, which were then passed into a folding and gumming machine at the rate of a thousand per minute. Another source of interest was the monotype, which picks up automatically the letters forming various parts of a word. They also watched the complete manufacture of a mould of a pictorial advertisement.

The visit was a most instructive one, and our thanks are due to Messrs. Bibby and Sons for allowing us to visit their printing press.

Through the kindness of Superintendent Weir, we were allowed to visit the Central Fire Station, on October 27th. The party was small, because of a corps parade, which took place on the same day. Those who went, however, spent a very pleasant time inspecting the station. On November 10th about 20 boys, accompanied by Miss Buchan and Miss Robertson, went over the works of Messrs. Lever Bros. at Port Sunlight. The excursion was one of great interest, and we owe our thanks to Messrs. Lever Bros. for their kindness in permitting this visit. In conclusion, we should like to express our thanks to all those members of the staff, who, by their interest in the Club, have made possible these excursions.

J.G.M.

### In the Melting Pot.

**T**HE whole world, as we know, is now seething with unrest of political nature and otherwise, and we are young. What can we do to avert a catastrophe? We are now at School and are divided between a multitude of interests. We have represented amongst us the future leaders of the land in politics, invention and commerce, and indeed in every sphere of active life. We are the people who can turn for the good or bad, the whole world at our own will—but what is our will? The empires of the earth are now in the melting pot—let us reflect.

It was in 1913 that the world was spinning on its endless path, and its inhabitants gave not a thought to impending danger, and indeed there seemed no cause to do so. However, in one part of Europe there was a black spot—a danger spot. This little spot grew and grew, and gradually we saw that it was the minute body of a young and sturdy octopus, which had been thriving in Germany since 1870. The legs began to emerge and suddenly one leg that was slightly larger than the rest touched the City of Sarejevo and a foul murder was committed. This acted as a "bolt from the blue," and the somnolent octopus rose to life, and wriggling on its foul belly, attacked the very heart and vitals of Europe and the world. This loathsome creature crawled throughout the Duchy of Luxembourg, through Belgium and then—The Powers of England and France intervened in the name of civilisation and of their own mutual desire for the extinction of all that was vile. The best of our young, and indeed old, men, volunteered for foreign service, and those who could not fight, did work of national importance. Then the flower of our

empire fell in the horrible carnage and the best of our women gave their dear ones for the all-important fight. Through four long years the octopus thrived, and after three years of hesitancy the Americans came in, but in 1918 the animal began to grow tired of himself, and in November was crushed against the wall, fighting madly and desperately. But now we have a fresh octopus to meet in the shape of Bolshevism, and assuredly will history repeat itself if he is not smashed to pieces quickly.

On November 11th, 1920, one of the bravest in the land was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey by the mightiest of the earth. He was an unknown soldier—ah! What does that convey to us? Fleeting visions of our lost heroes, each mourner imaging that his or her lost warrior now lies in the Abbey. Are we to betray our mourners and mourned? Did the Unknown die that this impending monster should throttle our trade, make civilisation extinct, and ruin our Empire and our homes? We have the instrument to work with it in our hands, and we at school must sieze it with vigour and gradually win over the whole world with our tool. The League of Nations is with us; let us give it our whole-hearted support and then shall we see Bolshevism crushed. The nucleus has been formed and we must roll the "snowball" on, fetching within its far-reaching grasp, all nations. This is the only way in which we can help the world. In the words of our gallant Prince of Wales, let us, in the name of all that are dear to us "Pull Together" and further the all-important League of Nations.

D.A.H.

---

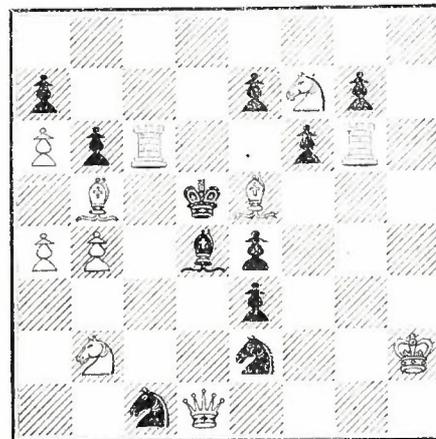
### Chess Club.

**T**HE Chess Club shows promise of a very successful season. More fixtures have been arranged this term than there have been for a long time, and some of these are in the nature of experiments. To begin with, two of our members were given the opportunity of playing against Mr. Blackburne at the Liverpool Chess Club, and Gross achieved the signal distinction of drawing against him.

On the 1st November the club played Merchant Taylors', and on the 11th the Liverpool Chess Club were kind enough to invite ten of us to play a team of theirs. Both of these matches were lost, the former 4-2, the latter 8-2. This result was, however, in both cases entirely expected, and did not in any way disappoint us. In a match with Wallasey Grammar School we are to play the unprecedented number of sixteen—eight at home and eight away. On December 2nd a member of the Liverpool Chess Club is to come here and play simultaneously as many as we can muster against him. It is to be hoped that he will not be able to beat all of us too easily.

No solutions have been sent in for either of the problems in the last two issues. It is to be hoped that this one will receive more attention, and that those who have solved it will send in their results:—

BLACK (11)



WHITE (11)

White to play and mate in two moves.

---

### House Notes.

**C**OCHRAN HOUSE.—Last year House Games, owing to lack of ground, were not very successful, with the result that the expedient of form games has had to be adopted to arouse interest in football this term. House notes, therefore, must be rather short. Being unable to discourse on the success of the House in the past year, we must confine ourselves to writing of the future prospects.

We hope to be able to have a much better football team next year, as so many more members have been able to play in form games this year. McHugh and Jones, R. E., have been appointed senior and junior football captains. We would remind the House that next term there will probably be a Hobby Show. The Christmas holidays will afford an admirable opportunity for preparing work.

Heartiest congratulations to Eustance, A. E., on his winning the School Latin Prize and later a Tate Arts Scholarship to Liverpool University. We must also congratulate Fletcher, A. M., who won a Bartlett Scholarship. We wish him success in his new house this year.

Luckily, the House has rested undisturbed in possession of its three rooms. Amid all the uproar and disturbance which occurred at the beginning of the term, Cochran House was left untouched. Let us hope it has left us untouched in spirit as in body, and ready to win a higher position in the coming year.

**ALFRED HOLT HOUSE.**—Except for a senior test match, no House football has taken place this term, but we look forward with great hopes to the Horsfall Cup Competitions, to be held next term. It will be for the juniors also, under Lenton's lead, to do their best to recover the Junior Football Cup, and we trust they may have the best of luck in their work.

At the House meeting, Dunn was elected Football Capt., with W. E. Davies as Sub.-Capt. and Fraser Chess Capt. Dunn and Aked have joined Fraser as House prefects. To these, together with the successful examinees last term, we offer congratulations and best wishes. We had the misfortune to lose, among others, Buckley, Roberts, G. N., and Frangopulo to Owen House at the beginning of the term, and, whilst deeply sympathising with them, we thank them all for their past good work.

The House is to be congratulated upon the manner in which they made good the mysteriously meagre list of Sports' and Arts' Club subscribers this term. It is sincerely to be hoped that a good response will be made immediately at the commencement of the New Year, for it is upon this Club that the whole life, athletic and literary, of the School depends.

There is little necessity for reminding A.H. of the coming Hobby Show and Gym. Competitions, in which there is a tremendous reputation to be upheld. Success, such as last year's, will only be our lot if every single member of the House does his utmost to "play the game." Despite the considerable influx of new boys and exodus of "old boys," the House's spirit is still, more or less, "there." The difficulty is not to excel the other Houses, but rather to maintain the standard set by those who have made it their primary duty to stand by the House, for the sake of the School.

**TATE HOUSE.**—It happens that this term our notes must necessarily be meagre. Through the abandonment of the House system of football (except for the Horsfall Cup), there are no glowing accounts of "victories won" to be written, but may it be ours to congratulate a winning cup team. We hope that all members of Tate will strive their utmost to make themselves masters of the game, so that we may wrest the Cup from the grasp of the present champions. All our activities will come next term, when we shall have the gymnasium cup, the singing cup and the football cup to compete for. We hope all members will go into training early for each of these great events. Lastly, we

must wish our late distinguished Captain a prosperous future; and to all other old members of Tate, long life and happiness.

**DANSON HOUSE.**—There has been no opportunity this term for the house to display its prowess on the football field, owing to the house football system being in abeyance.

The house cricket team should be congratulated on its endeavours to capture the Headmaster's Cup. Although not successful, they reached the final and made a hard fight for it. The house did not show to advantage in the swimming gala, mainly owing to the apathy shown by the juniors.

The successes obtained by the House in the School Certificate and Higher School Examinations last July, are too numerous to mention individually. Owing to the formation of the new house we have lost some of our most promising members. We wish all successes to Dodd and Sharpe in their careers at the University, and we welcome Kennan, Kneale and Hutchison as new prefects.

**HUGHES' HOUSE.**—Ours is the pleasant task of congratulating the House cricket team upon their brilliant achievement in winning the Headmaster's Cup last term. This is the fourth successive year we have won it, and it is up to every member of the House to retain this trophy as long as possible. The House swimming team is also to be congratulated upon winning, not for the first time, the Swimming Championship at the School Gala. Heartiest congratulations to C. H. Taylor, our late House Captain on winning the School Maths. Prize—we also wish him every success in his University career. There has been no activity in House football this term, owing to Form games taking the place of House games, but we ought to stand a good chance of retaining the Horsfall Cup next term.

We are glad to welcome Gregory, who comes to us from Philip Holt, and who, as well as Walker, has been made a House Prefect.

G.M.C.

**PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.**—There have been no House activities this term, and it is therefore useless to write House notes. We hope the doings of the House next term will speak for themselves.

J.G.

**OWEN HOUSE.**—Our first duty is to extend a hearty welcome to all members of the House, and especially to the House prefects, Binger, F. R., Buckley, R. W., Mayne, J. G. and Duckers, A. L., and hope that they will do all in their power to build up a name for the House. Having played no games, the House has lost none.

I should like to remind the House that the Hobby Show which, this year, will not take the form of a concert, is to be held

next term. There is no need to mention the fact that the dark evenings and Christmas holidays are the time to prepare exhibits. Altogether we are glad to see that the House is quietly settling down under the new conditions, and hope that it will start life vigorously next term.

R.H.M.

## Our Enquiry Bureau.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[This bureau has been in existence for some time and has flourished exceedingly. We give each client our personal attention and try to accommodate our answers to his requirements. Even the highest circles have not disdained to make use of us. We must apologize to those people to whom answers are appended, for not adhering to our usual custom of sending them private answers, but it will be noticed that the greatest care has been taken to ensure that nobody shall be able to find out for whom the answers are intended, except these people themselves.]

W. Shallis.—We can recommend no diary more highly than that published by Boots'. These, we may say, are very suitable for binding, and an autobiography in them, would bid fair to become a classic for future degenerate generations.

J. A. Wheatan.—A good way to refrain from making angry remarks is to count twenty slowly, before replying to anyone who has annoyed you. As an alternative we propose the cultivation of 'Jettatura.'

S. D. Emmiot.—A good book on 'How to play Cricket' will be found in the Badminton series of Games. We hope that this will meet with your requirements.

L. M. Clauser.—We altogether disapprove of the rouge, all sorts of which are deleterious to the skin. You are quite right in wishing not to become bald, and your open 'air treatment will, we hope, be an entire success.

K. T. St. Clare.—A series of Greek and Latin translations are, we believe, published by Geo. Bell and Sons. We cannot, however, inform you as to their value; we do not deal in rags and Bohns.

S. Milfreeze.—We are pleased to hear of your touching interest in and affection for white mice. You will find (our nature experts inform us) that they will eat practically anything.

E. S. Howl.—It is a great pity that you keep on complaining of the length of the secretaries' minutes. That is not the proper spirit in which to look on them. You should say to yourself "We should not complain; we must remember that the secretaries' minutes are (h) ours."

J. Twelvedozen has pained and grieved us exceedingly. He sent a poem for us to criticize, and asked if we thought it good enough for publication in the school magazine. Presuming that he was its author, we gave our opinion, regretfully informing him that we feared it did not come up to the require standard, pointing out its faults. This poem was one of Wordsworth's, which we have all known from our childhood, and is one of the most priceless lyrical gems in the English language.

## Form Football.

We have been favoured by the Gods this term with the most delightful weather, and up to date not a game has had to be scratched. The success of the games is due to the brilliancy of Mr. S. V. Brown's scheme, as may be seen from the fact that on a fine day about 200 members of the school enjoy organised games. The advantage of this over the House scheme is obvious, although immediately we can procure new grounds of our own, we shall revert to the House system, with three divisions—Senior, Middle and Junior included in the games.

The following are the completed tables up to, and including, November 13th:—

TABLE 1.		TABLE 2.		TABLE 3.		TABLE 4.	
Per cent.		Per cent.		Per cent.		Per cent.	
DAY .....	100	4Y .....	100	3E .....	100	C .....	87.5
HBC .....	80	4A .....	83.33	3B .....	80	D .....	70
HC .....	75	4X .....	66.66	3C .....	75	A .....	60
50 .....	66.66	4C .....	50	3A .....	66.66	E .....	50
BAX .....	40	4D .....	37.5	3X .....	37.5	F .....	41.6
6BY .....	33.33	4E .....	0	3Y .....	12.5	B .....	20
HM .....	25	4B .....	0	3D .....	10	G .....	0
6BX .....	0					H .....	0
5C .....	0					K .....	0

A word of praise is due to the preparatory forms. Let them not be disheartened by defeat, but rather think of the words of first-class players on defeat, that we can read any Monday morning in one of our great daily papers—"Oh, but that is the glorious uncertainty of the game!"

D.A.H.

### School Football.

So far the First Eleven has a very successful season, having played seven games and won them all, scoring 32 goals and having 11 against. The team are combining much better now than they did at the beginning of the season, but some of the players would do well if they learnt to head a ball.

The Second Eleven have not done so well, having only won one out of their four matches. This is chiefly due to half the team having 'Weds' and consequently being unable to play.

#### SCHOOL v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, September 25th.

Team: Ball; Davies, Costain; McHugh, Dunn, Lewis, H. V.; Kennan, Roberts, Coomer, McDavid, Baxter.

Coomer won the toss and elected to kick up-hill. The School soon forced the pace, and after about ten minutes' play, McDavid scored from a pass from Roberts. A few minutes later Coomer scored a second from a corner. We now had the misfortune to lose the services of Baxter, who sustained an injury to his knee. Despite this handicap, the team continued to play well, and after some good passing, McDavid scored a third goal with a good shot. The Holt now livened up, and after some very good forward play scored two goals before the interval. At the beginning of the second-half, play was rather scrappy, until Lawton, their centre-forward, equalised. The pace now became much faster, and the football better. The Institute continued to press and were awarded a penalty, from which Coomer scored. McHugh had now to leave the field on account of an injury to his back. However, we managed to keep them out and finished victors by four goals to three.

#### SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Team: Ball; Davies, Costain; Smith, Dunn, Roberts; Kennan, McDavid, Coomer, Keedwell, Bowman.

The School started with ten men, Davies turning up late. The team soon settled down to play good football, and it was not long before their efforts were rewarded, Keedwell scoring from a pass from Bowman. On the arrival of Davies, the School slackened off considerably, and the Collegiate, taking advantage of this, equalised. A few minutes later Keedwell ran through on his own and scored with a good shot. Play was very even now, but McDavid managed to score a third goal before half-time.

In the second half the Collegiate left-winger, who had given us some trouble in the first half, played a splendid game and some of his many centres should have been converted. Our forwards, at the other end, could do anything but shoot. However, Coomer, after many attempts, managed to score, and full-time arrived with the score 4-1 in our favour. The School, on the whole, gave a good display, the half-back line showing an improvement.

#### SCHOOL v. BOOTLE S.S.

Played at Bootle, October 27th.

Team: Baxter; Davies, Costain; Smith, Dunn, Roberts; Kennan, McDavid, Coomer, Keedwell, Bowman. Coomer won the toss and set Bootle to kick-off against the sun and the wind. The School soon settled down and kept the Bootle defence busy. After about a quarter of an hour's play Coomer scored and added a second a little later from a pass from Keedwell. The Bootle forwards were small and nippy, but they were well held by our half-backs, so that they were never really dangerous in the first half. The second half was more evenly contested, and it was not long before Bootle scored, Costain being too slow in clearing the ball. A few minutes later Keedwell, who was playing well, centred for Coomer to score a third goal. The Bootle forwards now attacked vigorously, and it was chiefly due to the efforts of Baxter (who was at times brilliant in goal) and Dunn, that Bootle were prevented from scoring again. Full-time arrived with the score 4-1 in our favour.

#### SCHOOL v. S.F.X.

Played at Greenbank, November 3rd.

Team: Ball; Loughlin, Costain; Roberts, Dunn, Cohen; Kennan, McDavid, Coomer, Keedwell, Baxter. Losing the toss, we kicked off down hill. Inside two minutes Coomer had scored our first goal from a corner, well-placed by Baxter. About ten minutes later Kennan added a second goal. The School continued to attack and, except for a few spasmodic rushes made by the S.F.X. forwards, monopolised the play in the first half, but could not add to the score. On resumption, however, S.F.X. had most of the play, and soon succeeded in scoring, but a few minutes later failed to convert a penalty. The game now became fast and furious, and Coomer headed a third goal from a centre from Kennan, this being followed by Baker, the opposing centre-forward, reducing the lead after a brilliant individual effort. End to end play followed, both goalkeepers making some good saves, and although our backs were unsafe towards the finish, we finished victors by 3 goals to 2. A feature of the game was the good work of our half-backs, Dunn in particular playing an excellent game.

## SCHOOL v. CALDY G.G.S.

Played at Greenbank, Wednesday, November 17th.

Team: Ball; Davies, Costain; Roberts, Dunn, Cohen; Kennan, McDavid, Coomer, Keedwell, Baxter. The School won the toss and started down hill. After about five minutes' play Coomer scored from a centre from Baxter, and a few minutes later Caldý equalised. The School now pressed, and play was confined to Caldý's half. The Caldý backs were very unsafe, and in the next twenty minutes we had scored five more goals. During the rest of the half Caldý improved immensely, and made several dangerous raids on our goal, but were repulsed by our backs, and half-time arrived with the score 6-1 in our favour. The second half was more evenly contested, but the School forwards continued to dominate the game, and full-time arrived with the score 10-2 in our favour, Caldý obtaining their second goal a few minutes before time. A feature of the game was the excellent work of our wing men, Baxter and Kennan, who both put across some very nice centres. Scorers: Baxter, 3; Coomer, 5; McDavid, 1; Kennan, 1.

## SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

Liverpool Institute v. Liverpool Collegiate School. Lost 3-1.

Liverpool Institute v. Bootle S.S. Won 7-1.

Liverpool Institute v. S.F.X. Lost 5-2.

Liverpool Institute v. Boteler G.S. Lost 7-3.

---

### The Library.

IT is unfortunate that the library affairs should take up the Magazine space, but it is our sad duty to request the users of the library not to make the place a rendezvous for home-work. The library was intended as a place of "reading, learning and inwardly digesting," and as such it should be used. To leave this subject, we may remark that the library is steadily growing, and that soon we hope to have completed the selection of books which are to belong to it; and if boys would only think a little, they could see what a splendid benefit they have

## Contributions Please!

SINCE periodical repetition appears inevitable, it is highly desirable for all and sundry to know that the School Magazine is still waiting for the School's support. The Editors have, as a duty, before exploiting their own new-fangled schemes and ideals, to see that every possible opportunity is given for the development of any literary ability there may be in the School, and secondly, that a record of School activities is kept in the Magazine. So far then from wishing to make the Magazine the exclusive property of the Sixth, they wish to encourage and give all possible support to any who are keen enough to offer contributions. Mere indifference is the worst hindrance, but this ought surely to be overcome by the realisation of the privileges, which a Magazine, open to all, affords and the obligations which this imposes on them. Any spirit that there is in the School must be devoted to School activities, and it is up to everyone, in this respect also, to do their bit.

This self-complaisant spirit is manifesting itself in other ways. It is acknowledged by most, for example, that the maintenance of the School traditions is a supreme duty; that this depends as much on the School Societies and Clubs, as on simply scholastic successes and that it is impossible to manage, without expenditure, football, cricket, sports, societies, literary and recreational, concerts, or even a magazine! The only deficiency in reasoning occurs when this is not taken to prove that it is everyone's plain "job" to see that the funds of the Sports and Arts Club, without which no single one of the above can be continued, are kept always in a healthy condition. There ought not to be the slightest hesitation in carrying out this duty, especially since the payment of these subscriptions is not included in the term's fees, but is voluntary and left to the individual's sense of decency and reasonableness.

There is a third aspect of this question which might also be profitably discussed here. If there is anything that one would expect to have effect on a vigorous schoolboy, in the full possession of his faculties, it would be the appeal for financial aid for the Leasowe Hospital and the Florence Institute. The School have long taken an interest in the former—during the war especially, rendering signal service—and it would indeed, be a tragic disaster if we, who follow on, were to allow the cessation of our connection with such a wonderful and good work. What a difference it would make to some, to see what happiness this institution brings into the otherwise hopelessly blighted lives of those poor crippled children who are fortunate enough to be numbered in its ever merry wards! One Institute bed would not suffice then!

In a precisely similar fashion, the Christian spirit of comradeship and mutual help is being spread amongst the most unfortunate of our brothers, by the assiduous helpers at the Florence Institute. The School might well be proud to adopt such a Club as a "School Mission." Help is here given where help is most needed and to hinder, let alone stop, it would be a disgraceful betrayal of our trust.

This selfishness is not the outward expression of any materially deficient spirit. We are not wrong at heart—it is the thoughtless indifference on the surface that obliterates.

ED.

---

### Our University Letters.

Union Society,  
Oxford,  
7th November, 1920.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

The task of composing these notes has fallen alas! unto less able hands. For the next year you will find little of the jocularly and verve of my predecessor; less still of the solid humour of the man who is to come after me. The trouble is that we have all become assimilated to the institution and therefore, there is nothing to write about. A year ago, in revenge for our uncomfortable shyness, we permitted ourselves to laugh at the peculiarities and eccentricities of Oxford; now, we are convinced that without it, the Empire is lost and civilisation hopeless. We are appreciating all the delights of being no longer freshmen and beginning to feel a horrid consciousness of the awful proximity of "Schools."

Our ranks have been reinforced by the arrival of another Old Institute Boy in the person of Mr. Harvey, of Exeter, who plays "soccer" vigorously and is reading ..... but that is the last thing one remembers to ask. Our Corpus scholar has left his remote lodgings in the suburbs, and will on occasion invite one to breakfast in his cosy rooms in College. A similar fortune has overtaken the inmate of New College who is saved from the demoralising influence of a low hostelry, but has been allotted rooms so huge that he has to live in the pantry to keep warm. Otherwise he is perfectly happy. Messrs. Knox and McKie remain as they were, but are approaching their respective authorities to have lifts installed, so as to render visits from their acquaintances a little less unlikely. At present we exchange hurried greetings in the street, as we dart from lecture to lecture or run into one another on the tow-path. The Union generally

enshrines somebody of the party, but then talking is forbidden there. It would be annoying, anyway, when people want to sleep.

Our future gatherings, for tea and toast and intellectual conversation were impossible last term, especially the intellectual conversation, but we have revived them this, especially the tea and toast. Sometimes we find a piano and some of us sing.

We are taking a more confident part in the life of the University. Mr. Harvey has spoken at the Union, and Mr. Hutchison asked Lord Haldane for his autograph. We go to political meetings when there are refreshments and to Gilbert and Sullivan whenever we get the chance.

The weather is horrible. Fog is very penetrating. We all have colds. There is lots to do and no time to do it in. Besides man cannot live on cheese lunch alone, especially when it's tea-time.

Yours sincerely,

J. I. NOXUCHLAVE.

---

The Union Society,  
Cambridge,  
20th November, 1920.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

We—some of us—admire, in the old sense, many things. In fact, to a casual observer, we might seem to spend our whole life (or lives) in a continual ecstasy of wonder; to go about the country in a frenzy of respectful submission. Of course, you may doubt whether something which provokes astonishment also induces humility, and whether, if it does, it is natural or desirable for it to do so: but this has little or nothing to do with the subject. But really, you know, we don't.

There are, however, some things at which we still have the energy to marvel. One is this town of Cambridge. At the beginning of this term, if one could forget about the houses and shops, and close one's eyes to the horrid streets, and shut one's ears to the townspeople, and ignore the existence of a University, the place could be quite presentable. Now, in the middle of November, with the whole place covered with a greasy film of mud, the temperature incredibly low, the atmosphere stagnant, and a wretched church blaring out its strident bleating of bells thrice daily (and innumerable on Sundays), it is essential, if one wishes to preserve one's sanity, to do one of two things: either to cultivate a calm and philosophic detachment, and so remain unaffected, or to pretend that the outlook (literal) is not so bad as it is: And the other thing at which we marvel is the

glorious English prose which flows so nobly from the pens of the learned.

It is in truth a very delicate tracery of fancy imaginings and well-turned likenesses, not unmingled, of course, with passages of the sterner sort, which earns our respectful admiration. We have often thought of the heights above us whereon dwell those, to whom the mysteries of History and the Classics are as open as the books they read about the mysteries; and we have basked in the sunshine of their felicitous wit, and refreshed ourselves in the gentle rain of their descriptive writing. But the earth (as it were) is not the source of sunshine, and only indirectly that of rain. It follows, therefore, that the instrument which purports to represent in turn and simultaneously the mathematician, the engineer, the chemist and the farmer, cannot compete either in philosophic subtlety or frolicsome gaiety with any other.

Now as to the former. He is a newcomer to this letter, although he has been here a whole year, and we really ought to have mentioned him before. He is A. V. Russell, of Downing, who, having seen service in various places, is now studying agriculture. If we had met him earlier, we would have welcomed him with the enthusiasm which we now display.

The others are well known to us. The engineer, a certain R. G. Baxter, also (curiously enough) of Downing, is in a state of rejoicing, in that he is soon to have a new and beautiful laboratory to play in, remote from all the distracting influences induced by the presence of medical students, with their horrid anatomy and distracting biology. And the scientist, a large and dignified one too, (M. T. Sampson, of John's) is soon, we hear, to be allowed to occupy the space which the engineer will have vacated; so it is reasonable to suppose that he, too, will have grounds for joy.

The whole place now is in a ferment of passion about these women. It is unsafe to predict what will happen to them, whether they will be admitted to the University or not, and anyway, the result will be known long before this letter appears, so it would also be useless. At present the two sides appear to be evenly matched; but it remains to be seen. We will, no doubt, have destructive comment from a certain other University about the said women; indeed, of course, with appropriate and crushing scorn for our dilatory attitude. But we will endeavour to support them.

And anyway, Mr. Editor, it is nearly Christmas; so we will bid you a farewell and good wishes, and remain

Yours sincerely,

The Union,  
Bedford Street,  
Liverpool,  
22nd November, 1920.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Once again the time has come round when your correspondent at Liverpool feverishly appeals to any and every O.I. he meets to "Write the 'Varsity letter this term, I've got far too much to do!" and this time he has succeeded in thrusting his responsibility on to me.

It is no light task to detail the activities of all the O.I.'s who are "up" at present, there are so many of them, and all so busy, that you must forgive me if I merely pick out the more famous (or notorious) characters.

Your late correspondent, Mr. R. E. Williams, with his passionate love for Gilbert and Sullivan, is trying to emulate the famous Pooch-Bah. He is—amongst other things—Editor of the *Sphinx*, President of the Physical Society and Chairman of the Dramatic Society. Rumour hath it that in his spare time he is taking Honours Physics, but beyond the fact that he was seen at a Physical Society Social, I can find no ground for this statement. Among other O.I.'s who are at present holding office are, Mr. A. McK. Reid, President of the Guild, Mr. A. G. Russell, President of the Classical Society, and Mr. D. G. M. Jackson, President of the Historical Society.

Our friends of the Medical Faculty who managed to "scrape" through their first M.B. last session, now spend all their time in the Dissecting Labs., where, clad in beautiful white (?) overalls, they cut up inoffensive corpses—"On the meat!" as they so poetically term it. Three of them were recently seen in the Arts Building in these spotless raiments, and I heard an ecstatic murmur, "Doesn't Mr. Howard look lovely in his overalls?" from a young lady who happened to be there at the time—but this is mere scandal, Mr. Editor, and as such must be suppressed.

It is considered correct, I believe, to comment on the "Freshers" at the beginning of the Session. I have not yet met all of them, but those I have met, have very much impressed me. While strolling down a corridor the other day, I saw a tall imposing figure striding towards me. "An Honours man, at least," thought I, and was about to pass humbly on, when I realised that it was Mr. C. H. Taylor, Dentist! A little later I came across Mr. Francis, in a great hurry, and wearing a most troubled frown. The only information I could glean from him, that he was "working frightfully hard," but as this is so obviously ridiculous, I shall not dwell on the point. Mr. Cosnett

has already caused a sensation by demanding money all round the Arts Faculty for some wonderful Chess Tournament. I failed to discover what his official position in the Chess Club is, but he is undoubtedly a very important and busy man.

Of the Medical "Freshers" I can discover nothing, nobody seems to have seen them, they must be working!

The Engineers are people you very seldom hear of, and we (that is we *ordinary* students) only see them from time to time, but I understand that Mr. Stringer is now a B.Eng. taking Honours Electricity, which certainly sounds imposing.

Well Mr. Editor, I have endeavoured to mention a few of the illustrious O.I.'s who decorate Brownlow Hill, and I've already wasted much of your valuable time. (I understand it is correct to talk to an Editor about his valuable time.)

The 'Varsity is now crowded with men who spent their youthful days evading work in Mount Street. A fellow student said to me the other day: "As far as I can see, this place (the 'Varsity) is a sort of Old Boys' Club for men from the Institute." So it is, but still there is room for more, so send as many more next session, and at least, you will have a good choice of men to ask, when you make your customary appeal for the latest scandal from the University.

Yours, etc.,

X.

### Valete.

- FRANCIS, F. C.—Entered 1914. 3x (Danson). O.T.C. 1915. L'Cpl. 1918, Corporal 1919, Sgt. 1919, C.S.M. 1920; Oxford Local Senior 1917; Matric. 1918; Higher School Certificate 1919; Prefect 1918 (Tate); Danson 1918; House Captain (D.) 1919; House Football Captain 1918; Library Committee 1919; Secretary 1920; Sub-Editor Magazine 1919; Editor 1920; Sec. Lit. & Deb. Soc. 1920; Essay Prize 1920.
- FLETCHER, A. M.—Entered 1915 (3x) Cochran; Prefect 1919, Cochran; House Captain (D.) 1920; School Certificate 1918; Higher School Certificate 1920; Bartlett School 1920 (resigned); Senior City Scholarship 1920; Committee Camera and Field Club 1919; Treasurer 1920.
- WORTHINGTON, K.—Entered 1914 (3x) Philip Holt; Prefect 1919 (Philip Holt); Matriculation 1919; O.T.C. 1915-18.
- ROBERTSON, C. R. D.—Entered 1914 (2b) Danson; Prefect (Tate) 1919; School Certificate 1918; Higher School Certificate 1920; O.T.C. 1916-19.
- MILLER, D. M.—Entered 1915 (3x) Hughes; Prefect (Hughes) 1919; School Certificate 1919; O.T.C. 1917.

### Old Boys' Association.

WITH the coming of winter, the L.I.O.B.A. has resumed its activity with the aim of offering to its members opportunities of keeping in touch with the School and with one another. For this purpose two football matches, two smoking concerts, and a dinner have been arranged, and part of this programme has already been carried out as reported elsewhere. The evening gymnasium classes also are being continued on Monday and Wednesday evenings, but have not been attended so well as during last session. Possibly this is owing to the meteorological and legislative delays which deferred the beginning of winter and it is to be hoped that during next term, there will be a greater demand for this regular physical training. Those who have taken it up appreciate the advantages of keeping themselves physically fit.

For the progress made with the War Memorial, we refer our readers to the account given elsewhere.

Considerable progress has also been made with the scheme for building up a Club for Social Work, which may render great service, not only to those who participate in it, but also to our poorer brethren in the City. It will be remembered that this was started last year, but met with serious difficulties and attained little success. This season a fresh start has been made under much more favourable auspices; and at the time of writing, the project promises well. About 20 of our members have been giving help one evening per week and have already rendered invaluable assistance in the re-organisation of the Boys' Club there. Between 100 and 150 boys assemble every evening and efforts are made to give them opportunities of amusing themselves amid comfortable surroundings and of learning to be creditable members of Society. Mr. Ellis, Mr. Stell and others have produced order in the gymnasium, and chess, draughts, ping-pong, and other amusements are continually in progress. There are also football and swimming clubs and a troop of boy scouts, who would welcome one or two of our members who would like to take up scouting. As the boys have to be drafted off into different rooms, there is need for three or four of our members to be present on each evening and now that the organisation is growing rapidly, we shall welcome further offers of help. We hope also that both the School and the members of the Association will be glad to give such financial aid as they can to a club which should, in a year or two, be a source of justifiable pride to the School and to all those who have assisted in its formation.

### War Memorial.

WE are glad to be able to report that the plans for the War Memorial have now taken definite shape. About £1,400 have been contributed and a design for the Memorial, as drawn with much labour and skill by Mr. Brierley, has been approved. The matter is now in the contractor's hands, and if the necessary constructive work can be completed during the holidays, it is to be hoped that the Memorial may be finished during next term. When this has been done, it will remain for the Committee to decide the exact nature of the Scholarship to which the balance of the fund will be devoted.

Contributions still continue to come in, and we would remind our readers that it is still possible for them to take their part in this tribute to their former schoolfellows.

◆◆◆

### Correspondence.

Marine Hotel Buildings, Durban,  
31st August, 1920.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

In one of my recent tours round the country, I happened to come across a very ancient copy of your Magazine and to say that I was astonished is only putting it mildly.

I am an Old Boy myself, my time being the four years 1909 to 1912, and having a natural affection for the Old School, I should like to know if there is any other Old Boy of my time in this country besides myself. Perhaps if you know of one, you could let me know his name and address.

At present I am acting as representative of this Branch of Dunlop's and, as such, travel the whole of Natal, Zululand, East Griqualand and about half of the Orange Free State, and so if there are any of the old School out here, I have a pretty good chance of meeting them.

If at any time I can be of any assistance to you I shall be only too pleased, and wishing everybody and everything connected with the "Inny" the very best.

I am, Yours sincerely,  
BASIL N. EVANS.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Once upon a time, as the old School Magazines tell us, Rugby Football was played and well played, as was only to be expected, by the boys of the Liverpool Institute. I often wonder why the game was discontinued and who was responsible for this colossal blunder—a blunder from which I have felt we have suffered for many years and which was brought home to me with full force when I recently read an article by a man who knows

all about boys and their games, in which he said: "I cannot help pitying those boys who, solely owing to the turn of Fortune's wheel, which sent them, young and innocent, to a Soccer-playing school, have been condemned to a life sans Rugger—a state of affairs too awful and too heartwringing for further contemplation."

Why can't we revive the game in our School? We have progressed in so many ways that it seems incomprehensible to me that the game which stands without a rival as the healthiest winter game for the young and active should be barred.

I agree that we must have no half-hearted support if we are to succeed. There must be at least one hundred boys who will pledge their word to give the game a chance, and I guarantee that no one, after half a dozen games of Rugger would ever play Soccer, when he could get a game in the other code.

I would suggest that a meeting be held when the subject could be discussed, and that, in the meanwhile, as many boys as possible should take the opportunity of watching a good game on either side of the river.

Yours truly,

R. UGGER.

[Ed.—O for a verdant pasture new!]

15th November, 1920.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Would it not be possible, in a School of our Standing, to form a Musical Society?

Such a society, we suggest, should not merely consist of an Orchestra and Choir, but should also aim at fostering a knowledge of music amongst those who are interested, but do not play themselves. Its programme would not be confined to giving concerts and playing the incidental music at the various School entertainments, but should provide for discussions and papers on musical subjects.

Hoping that this suggestion will be taken up,

We are, Sir, Yours faithfully,

J. GROSS.

L. M. FRASER.

◆◆◆

### Editorial Notices.

The Editors wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions: Ulula, Esmeduna, Liverpool College Magazine, Ruym, Kelly College Chronicle, Wallaseyan, King's School, Pontefract Magazine, Hinckley Grammar School Magazine, Hymerian, The Elizabethan, Holt School Magazine, Oulton and Liverpool College for Girls' Magazine, and Foyle's Educational Catalogue.