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### Editorial.

THE only event of real importance which has occurred during the past term is the introduction into the School of a new games system. Certain views on the matter will be found in the Correspondence columns of this number, but so much unnecessary nonsense has been talked about "compulsion" that we deem it our duty to state the plain facts of the case in an Editorial.

The rule now is that members of the School, if posted to play Football or Fives or to Run, *must* play or run unless they give two days' notice of their inability to do so. It is significant of the School's attitude towards the rule that when applied to Football it is known simply as "Football," but when applied to Fives or Running, it is known as "Compulsory Games." That is to say, the School has decided to label Fives and Running "compulsory," because they consider them to be slightly more unpleasant forms of exercise than Football. The truth of this statement is borne out by the fact that no-one has even so much as grumbled at the Football system, though this is undoubtedly an application of the principle of compulsory games, much less openly complained of it. In short, these vapourings about "free will" and "the benefits of voluntary exercise" simply indicate the School's disinclination to disturb a Saturday's or Wednesday's pleasant idleness, unless by playing Football.

The murmurs of discontent arise mainly from the ranks of the idlers, but there are some who seriously believe that a great principle has been sacrificed by the new rule, namely, that it is infinitely better to play games voluntarily rather than under compulsion. There is no one who would not agree with this. But the School has never been in a position to quarrel with this principle. It was discovered that the facilities for playing Fives and Running were being used far too little and we have therefore had to decide whether it is better to play games not at all or under compulsion. Even when faced with this alternative, there are some who say "better not play at all." But surely there are limits to the supporting of a principle which involves complete inactivity. "Non-co-operation" may achieve dignity by the proximity of great political issues; in School it simply displays a confused sense of the true relative values of health and strength and what purport to be "principles."

It must not be supposed from what we have said that the majority of the School disagrees with the new ruling. There is always a large number in any society who feel a little doubtful whether they will really "do" something with their own time or will just stay at home or laze at the Kinema. To these, the

posting of their names on a notice-board gives sufficient impetus to make them do the right thing without hesitation. We believe that these latter have already realised and hope the rest of the School soon will realise that however they play games or exercise themselves, whether they are thrown in neck and crop or impelled to it of themselves, it is no sinister cabal, brooding over the School, known as the House Captains, who benefit—Heaven knows they don't—nor indeed any other unscrupulous controlling body, but themselves.

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### "If Wishes were Horses."

If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride,  
Not humbly and lowly, but puffed up with pride;  
And if on their journey a comrade they'd meet,  
Walking slowly and painfully down the rough street,  
Would ride by with laughter and curl of the lip,  
And greet the poor man with a flick of the whip.

If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride,  
Yet humbly and lowly, not puffed up with pride,  
But thankful to have such good fortune and ease,  
And ready and willing to help and to please;  
And if on their journey a comrade they'd meet,  
Would stoop down and lift him to share in the treat.

If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride,  
Some humbly and lowly, some puffed up with pride.

G.K.H. (3X).

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### Chat on the Corridor.

IT is with great regret that we announce Mr. Hall's departure from our midst; regret which is deepened because his going has been overshadowed by the clouds of sickness. He was unable to attend School when the term which closed his long career as a Master with us, ended.

After a period of almost thirty years' constant service at this School, one could perhaps endure to retire and to do so in a happy frame of mind, but it seems very hard that even one's last moments of active participation in school life should be snatched away. Despite the fact that Mr. Hall has been continually troubled by illness for many years now, he has always given generously of himself. Remembering this, we thank him

from the bottom of our heart and join with the Headmaster in hoping sincerely that the next few years may once again restore him to complete health and happiness.

We tender our very hearty congratulations to L. A. Jones on his Major Scholarship in Classics at Christ's College, Cambridge, and to A. C. C. Baxter on his Minor Scholarship in History at Peterhouse, Cambridge.

On Wednesday, October 21st, the School had an interesting visitor in the person of Mr. G. O. Lucas, of Lagos Grammar School. Mr. Lucas, who is a negro, gave a very interesting talk to the Sixths and Removes on the subject of his school, telling us, among other things, that his boys prefer to play "soccer" in their bare feet. Rigger does not appeal to them—they regard it as "too primitive." That, on the other hand, seems to us the appropriate comment on bootless soccer.

On the evening of the same day, a German Professor lectured in the School Hall on "The German Youth Movement."

On two occasions this term, previous, that is, to the Concerts given respectively by Jelly D'Aranyi and the New London Trio in the Picton Hall, the School has been treated to preliminary recitals of certain of the pieces to be played. We do not yet understand whether this has been done on the principle of "Forewarned is forearmed," or "Look before you leap." Certain members of the School, we must admit, seem to have regarded it from the point of view of "Once bit, twice shy."

#### Speech Day.

Gone are the days when just anybody came to Speech Day, and came at what time they liked. School organisation has now attacked and vanquished the problem of supernumerary guests. Last year, unwanted noise was abolished, this year, general comfort was secured—if indeed comfort is a word which can reasonably be applied to the School Hall.

But we were content to forget the personal discomfort of hard and wooden seats as we listened to Lord Leverhulme, who distributed the prizes, discoursing on the right way of life, and the pursuit of the paths of honesty and hard work. The point which struck us most forcibly, however, was the reason of his Lordship's asking for a whole instead of a half holiday, namely, that Headmasters have a peculiar and criminal habit of *disposing* of half holidays.

The Headmaster's report was largely occupied with an elaboration of the theme "the things that matter happen in the heart" as it concerned School life.

Mr. Arthur Damsell, the donor of the Arthur Damsell Prize for Arithmetic, also spoke during the evening. His reminiscences made even the oldest of us feel young again.

A short scene from "Hamlet" was given towards the conclusion of the ceremony, with M. T. Owen as Hamlet, K. B. Gibson as Horatio and B. Carruthers as Marcellus. We might have enjoyed it but for the ultra realistic guard at the back of the stage who kept us in continual agony by turning about at quite unpredictable moments and on each occasion just missed bayonetting the canvas throat of one of the School's illustrious benefactors.

Dr. Wallace's choir was, as usual, very good and very enthusiastically greeted. The evening concluded with the singing of the School Song.

The Headmaster's course of lectures this term was devoted to the study of Architecture. Influenced by this, we have felt it our duty to compile the following questionnaire for intending architects:—

(Examiner to count ten after each question before striking out a candidate.)

1. Why is a Romanesque Church like a Romanesque Church?
2. What is the relationship between half of an orange and half of an egg in—  
(a) Santa Sophia; (b) St. Paul's; (c) Eggs and Bacon; (d) Orange Flan?
3. Retell in your own words the touching story of Strzygowski and the East Christians.
4. Distinguish, if possible, between any English Parish Church and the one in the next village. (Of course, it isn't possible, really.)
5. What is wrong with (a) Burton's Taste; (b) Burton's Trousers; (c) Anything that is Mr. Burton's?

Producing the School Play in Crane Hall may have been a success from some points of view, but it has certainly lessened the easy familiarity which used to exist in the School Hall. There was a time when every member of the company, including ladies and gentlemen-in-waiting, stage hands, prompters and hind legs of animals used to get a curtain call, but now—how have the old customs sadly fallen away!

The Staff gave their Annual Concert at the end of term in aid of the Fund. The fact that there were more songs than

usual lends probability to the story that the Staff have been eking out their wages this Christmas with the proceeds of carol singing. Mr. Doughty in particular puffed and blew with great gusto—fortissimo or pianissimo—it was all one to him. But perhaps he was merely rubbing up his French phonetics. We noticed, too, that one member of the Staff was covered with shame at having to confess non-membership of the L.P.O. What an example to set the dear, little boys! Miss Deakin thrilled all manly hearts by singing of Love and the Growth of Apples on a Lilac Tree. We think Mr. Pollard, as a botanist, might have offered to come forward and explain the phenomenon. But these strong, silent men—

However, since we cannot thank each star individually, we will do so collectively and very heartily, too.

We understand that those of the School who went to see the French Art Exhibition at Burlington House, spent a night in a London Youth Hostel. Really, we thought this Bohemian business had gone out of fashion long ago.

We are grieved to see that the Rutherford scheme last term failed to call forth any inquiries as to whether a spade still was a spade. Apparently Mr. Brierley's lectures on pictures are as convincing as those on Land Values.

A certain smell which permeated the School during the latter part of the past term, has been described in some quarters as having proceeded from "Dead Black Baby." The Editors are anxiously awaiting further information from Sir Bernard Spilsbury.

We welcome most heartily Mr. Harman and Mr. Dickinson, who come to us this term.

### The School General Election.

Consequent upon the success of the Election held in the School a few years ago it was decided to hold another immediately before the General Election of this year. As before, the School Election was to be run on exactly the same lines as the General Election, which made it more interesting, if more complicated, owing to the formation of the National Government, which split up members of the same party into various factions. Nominations were invited from these sub-divisions, the list of candidates accepted by the committee being as follows:—

- A. P. BATES, Conservative.
- H. PENN, National Liberal Protectionist.
- E. W. HAWKINS, National Socialist.

- M. T. OWEN, Independent Liberal.
- A. C. C. BAXTER, Socialist.
- T. C. HARROP, Socialist.
- W. H. O'NEIL, Communist.

During the week preceding the Election, politics was on every tongue\*, and the seven candidates experienced the joys and sorrows of electioneering. Each dinner-hour, speeches were given in the Hall by two opposing candidates, with the Headmaster in the chair, and at every conceivable opportunity speeches were delivered in the Senior and Junior yards to those who cared to listen. These could hardly be termed peaceable, but what they lost through lack of control, they gained in enthusiasm. Posters were manufactured or procured in huge numbers, and the entrance gate of the School soon became a litter† of exhortations in a conflict of contrasting colours.

On Polling day the whole School assembled to hear the final speeches, and when these had been delivered, voting took place.

A feature of the election was the system of voting adopted—namely Proportional Representation. Under this, the possibility, obviously absurd, yet quite frequent under the present system, of a candidate being elected by a minority, and then representing the whole constituency, is obviated.

Three members were to be elected, and the results were announced as follows, the first three on the list being elected:—

	1st Count.	2nd Count.	3rd Count.	4th Count.	5th Count.
A. P. Bates ...	291-151	140	140	140	140
M. T. Owen ...	86 +12	6 92 + 3	95 + 2	97 +50	147
E. W. Hawkins	64 +96	48 112 + 7	119 + 1	120 +22	142
A. C. C. Baxter	49 + 9	5 54	54 +24	78 -78	—
H. Penn ...	29+171	85 114 + 2	116 + 2	118 + 6	
T. C. Harrop	23 + 1	1 24 + 5	29 -29	—	
W. H. O'Neil	16 + 2	1 17 -17	—		

M.T.O., Hon. Sec.

### The Weekly Collections.

During the year 1931, the amount collected by the weekly collections was £123 2s. 10d. In 1930, the amount was £129 2s. 5d. In each year, contributions of £60 to the Florence Institute, and £50 to the Children's Hospital were paid. A donation of £1 ls. was also made each year to the Mersey Mission to Seamen. The Christmas Tree and Tea to Out-patients at Myrtle Street received from us in 1930, £12, and in 1931, £10. It is to be hoped that the generosity of the School will be well-maintained this year. While, on the whole, we meet our obligations, there are some Forms who do not seem to be pulling their weight. The rate works out at about 1½d. from each boy every week of the School year. Date, *et dabitur vobis*.

\* (One of those rare times, the writer appears to think, when one man's meat is *not* another man's poison.—EDS.)

† (Sir, we thank you for this word.—EDS.)

### “The Argonauts.”

In the dim hours before the dawn we gathered in Lime Street Station—fourteen good men and true, in search of French Art. The murky darkness of the day proclaimed the storm to come, but no one noticed it, each intent on finding B——, his ticket and, presumably, a corner seat. The journey down was uneventful, as no one had as yet had much opportunity to lose his way, his ticket, or his train.

For those who had not travelled to London before, the perpetual heavy rain was a disappointment, since we saw hardly a thing except the wireless masts at Rugby, before the train drew into Euston and we were met by Messrs. Hart and Moy, who were to conduct us on our first days' tour in the wilds. Despite their care and attention one of the party—an O.B.—succeeded in getting the wrong tube, but astutely extricated himself from difficulties and arrived at his destination before the remainder of the party—to our chagrin.\*

Our first objective after admiring Friends' House, was to find No. 100 Gower Street, the Hostel where we were to have luxurious accommodation for next to nothing. We found it, a sombre house, rendered distinctive by a coat of bright blue paint, which we nearly knocked off before gaining admission. Once within we were quite satisfied with our prospective apartments, although the beds reminded us strangely of School Camp.

Without wasting a moment we tramped in the pouring rain to the British Museum, where different members of the party examined illuminated manuscripts, the Caryatid maiden, the Parthenon frieze or whatever they would. Thence by 'bus to St. Paul's, where the gale nearly stripped us of our hats while on the roof. The ascent to the library, Whispering Gallery and roof was obtained free, owing to Mr. Hart's commanding personality. More rain, then the Guildhall and the Art Gallery; the Bank of England provided our next stopping place and there we parted with Mr. Hart. After foraging for tea we made the best of our way homeward, or rather hostel-ward, and were greeted there by the Head and the delinquent O.B.

The “supper” provided by the hostel came as a surprise to all of us, including, as it did three ample courses and it appeared that nearly all had already done more than justice to their tea, in ignorance of what was to come. Despite this, however, all enjoyed a thoroughly good performance of Beaumont and Fletcher's “Knight of the Burning Pestle,” starring Sybil Thorndyke.

Up bright and early (?) in the morn, we deposited our bags at Euston, and then began the real business, reaching Burlington House at 11-0 a.m. No one could fail to be impressed by the range and beauty of the paintings; starting, on the advice of

\*(Judging from results, we would describe this as the “right tube.”

the Headmaster, at the 19th century work, we first paid our respects to such as Ganguin, Cezanne, and Degas, who figured perhaps most prominently because of the number and peculiar beauty of their works, and then proceeded from room to room to the earliest paintings. Unfortunately the shortness of the time allotted prevented us from examining minutely all but the first few rooms. Some few of the party elected to stay on after the remainder had adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon was spent in further sight-seeing, three parties choosing three different routes; the Old Boys went to an Architectural Exhibition; the Head took a party round Westminster, while five, either scientifically minded, or else satiated with the architectural beauties of London, chose the South Kensington Museum.

Euston again, and the Merseyside express. Hints of dark deeds and battle royal waged in the corridor, and a triumph for Passive Resistance! The murky night flew by; two minutes early at Mossley Hill, where all of importance alighted. Lime Street saw the deposition of the rest. B.C.

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### Christmas.

Passing by the toy-shop, I saw a pretty sight:  
Three little folk in woolly caps, their eyes all starry bright,  
With noses flattened 'gainst the glass, and small mouths open wide,  
They leaned against the window pane, and stared and stared inside.

The solemn, brown-eyed lassie gazed at the doll in blue,  
And I heard her whisper softly, “Oh, I'm wishing hard for you”;  
While her brother, fair and chubby, cast a longing, eager eye  
On a splendid model aeroplane that proudly hung on high.

Then cautiously, on tiptoe, with timid, childish awe,  
He crept just round the corner and peeped in through the door.  
With finger on his rosy lips, he hovered there, spellbound,  
For just inside, a clockwork train was racing round and round.

H.R. (4x)

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### House Notes.

**A**LFRED HOLT.—We can look back upon the past term with mingled feelings. We have dropped two places in the Efficiency Competition, owing to the continued activities of certain members of the Middle House among the “Order Marks” and Detentions. On the other hand we have won the Chess Trophy again, and our Gym. team, in spite of inexperience,

as we had not one member of last year's team available, put up a plucky, though unsuccessful fight. Our Juniors, too, were unlucky to lose in the first round of the Horsfall Cup. However, let us put our past misfortunes and failures behind us, and begin the new term on a note of optimism. We have the Steeplechase before us, and if only the House will turn out regularly for the ordinary Runs, we should do well in it. We have several promising runners among both Juniors and Seniors. However, what we need for general success is not individual talent so much as a greater communal effort. See to it that in the coming term it can be said of Alfred that everyone does something.

E.G.W.

**Cochran.**—Perhaps we might be justified in providing a humorous essay at the expenses of the House, now lamentably fallen on evil days, but we are charitable. We might exhort the House to perform prodigies of valour and soar to limitless heights, but we are not forgetful of noble, though vain efforts during the past term, of our glorious defeats, and our plucky endeavours. We might heap derision and sarcasm on the defenceless head of a House which can show no trophies, but we are merciful, and forbear. "Beauty" said the wisecrack "is only skin-deep." We feel that the smirch on the honour of this House is not even skin deep, but that vigorous and unanimous washing would soon restore it to its pristine brightness. May we add that the best prescription for a clear complexion is an abundance of fresh air and exercise.

B.C.

**Danson.**—Writing notes is seldom a pleasure—writing Danson's House Notes never *has been*. But this time is the great exception that proves the rule. It is years and years now since a House Captain of Danson has been able to pay the House a real compliment. But like wine, that compliment is all the better for long bottling. True, we were top and are now third, but that fall from grace could not be helped. Look at it from the other point of view and remember that we were *bottom* and are now third.

Moreover, we have achieved a number of successes in a wide range of activities. We reached the final of the Horsfall Cup and the final of the Chess Trophy, but were defeated in both. We missed being third in the Gym. Competition by half a mark. We supplied the Senior Swimming Champion in S. Denerley. We and Cochran held a joint Soirée—and now it is our pleasant duty to congratulate L. A. Jones on his Scholarship at Christ's College, Cambridge.

There's versatility for you! Just think what the House can do in terms of a Variety Show Programme—

THE 11 HIGH-KICKING KIDS  
(The House Football Team.)

A SONG "SLOW BUT SURE" BY THE FIVE CHESS-KNUTS  
(The House Chess Team.)

THRILLING TRAPEZE ACT! STUPENDOUS!! HAIR-RAISING!!  
(House Gym. Team.)

MARVELLOUS DIVE FROM A 100 FT. UP TO  
A MICROSCOPIC TANK!  
(S. Denerley.)

PERFORMING BEAR  
CLIMBS GREASY POLE AND WRITES NAME IN  
LETTERS OF GOLD ON TOP  
(L. A. Jones disguised.)

COMMUNITY SINGING  
(Danson and Cochran.)

## GRAND FINALE

A FEW SOLEMN WORDS OF EXHORTATION.  
(The House Captain)

Let us see if we cannot add a "Fives Act," a "Boxing Act," and a "Running Act" next time the Danson House Show takes to the road!

R.A.M.

**Hughes.**—We live in a most peculiar world, where change follows change with bewildering rapidity, and something of this hustle and bustle, this restlessness of modern life seems to have pervaded even the cold insensibility of that little wooden board and its ugly tin plates, as it hangs by the office door. Now one house, now another, has figured at the head, but for the past few years only one house, it seems, has been sufficiently impressed by the idea that the occupation of the top row of the board is only of real importance in July.

During the past term we have attained and maintained that strategic position near the top of the table which will enable us "to strike once, and strike no more" when the time is at hand. On this account the term has been particularly successful, but a rather more striking proof of the ability of the House is our performance in the Horsfall Cup, winning as we did, both Senior and Junior.

It is with a great deal of regret that we must bid farewell to J.B. and G. A. Robson who have been of untold value to the House and the School and who are thus early abandoning a school career of great promise; nevertheless good luck to them both.

Finally I would like to remind the House of the new system of games, which, if it is to work at all, needs a large degree of

co-operation from the School; it has been my greatest satisfaction while Captain of this House to see that you have the spirit of co-operation in a great degree, and I sincerely hope that such will continue to be the case, for it is now more necessary than ever if we are to maintain our pre-eminence.

A.C.C.B.

**Owen.**—At the end of every term the unfortunate House Captain is faced with the task of finding something on which to congratulate his House. In the past this has not presented much difficulty, since Owen has generally been able to claim its fair share of distinctions, but this year, as yet, we are unable to point to success in any sphere. The Horsfall Cup, which is still in the possession of Owen is, alas, not to stay with us next year, since we were defeated by a superior team in the semi-final. Again, when we had the nucleus of an excellent gymnasium team, the House failed to give its whole-hearted support and we had to content ourselves with third place, when first was not beyond our capabilities.

Of the House Competition, little can be said. After starting fourth we fell to seventh place through pure slackness and indifference. However, having touched rock bottom, there is a chance for us to build on a firm foundation and to rise steadily to the top. It was distinctly encouraging to see, during the last fortnight of the term, that Owen was beginning to realise its failings and to remedy them. The consequence was that we gained one place quite easily and that we are now rapidly overhauling the next house. It is to be hoped that next term this burst of enthusiasm will continue, in which case, Owen will easily regain its rightful position at the head of the table.

The House need not be discouraged in any way as to its future position since, as usual, there is a plentiful supply of young talent which ought to stand us in good stead, unless as is customary with Owen, the depressing atmosphere of the Fifth forms overpowers it and prevents it taking any further interest in House activities.

T.C.H.

**Philip Holt.**—It has been said that the hallmark of a good golfer is the ability to recover from a bad start. This term we can claim a similar distinction. As a result of School examinations we started the term as bottom of the House Competition—and bottom by a considerable number of marks. No sooner did we lessen this deficit when the publication of School Prize Marks threw us as far back as ever. Did we despair? No, of course not! Philip is not made of stuff like that. We put our backs into it and began to rise steadily; now we have reached fourth place. And we have not finished rising yet.

Nor is this the only triumph we can claim. We started our pot-collecting early by winning the Inter-House Swimming Competition; and later our Gym. Team, though composed for the most part of new members, also gained first place. The Junior XI. made a valiant attempt for the Horsfall Cup and were beaten only in the final.

The only remark a fair-minded Captain could make is "Well done! Keep it up!"

K.B.G.

**Tate.**—Our position in the House Competition at present is extremely gratifying, and we can safely say that this is due to the spirit which pervades the House as a whole. Results, following the usual Tate tradition, however, have not been conspicuous. But at the same time we have achieved something more than mere outstanding success, namely the maintenance of a steady effort in all activities. We have omitted, so far, our one distinguished success during the term and we must take this opportunity of congratulating the House Gymnasium team on their splendid effort in the competition, mentioning especially W. Walker (Vb) who was runner-up in the Individual Championship. This term has witnessed the introduction of a new Sports system whereby everybody will be called upon from time to time to partake in some outdoor activity. Such an innovation will be, no doubt, a great asset to the School and to the House, but if the system is abused, we stand to lose marks very heavily. If, therefore, you are called upon, do not be afraid to turn out, for you may prove to possess talents which you did not realise were yours. In conclusion, we urge the House to continue its efforts next term, and above all, to see to it that we have a record entry for the Sports.

M.P.

#### HOUSE COMPETITION.

Tate ...	...	...	...	...	2,416	pts.
Hughes ...	...	...	...	...	2,335	..
Danson ...	...	...	...	...	2,099	..
Philip Holt ...	...	...	...	...	2,071	..
Alfred Holt ...	...	...	...	...	1,946	..
Owen ...	...	...	...	...	1,606	..
Cochran ...	...	...	...	...	1,448	..

W.W.

#### Swimming Notes.

**D**URING the past year, four boys have obtained the Royal Life Saving Society's Bronze Medallion. These successes accompanied by our Juniors' gaining 2nd place in the Inter-Schools' Swimming Sports, make up a fairly success-

ful season. This is the first time that the School has gained a Bronze Medallion, and the prospects are very good for another five medallions at least, next year.

The School Swimming Sports were held at Lodge Lane Baths on 25th September. We must all congratulate Denerley, S., who swam well and hard all evening, and carried off the Individual Championship. It was also equally appropriate that such a good and promising swimmer as Curran, C. H., should win the Junior Championship.

The House Championship results are as follows:—

1. Philip Holt.
2. Hughes.
3. Owen.

The other results were:—

FOUR LENGTHS BACK STROKE (Open)—1, Denerley, S.; 2, Twist, H.; 3, Disley, A. B.  
 BEGINNERS' RACE (One length Breast Stroke)—1, Parry, W. E.; 2, Roberts, G.  
 LIFE SAVING—1, Denerley, S.; 2, Twist, H.; 3, Eslick, A.  
 TWO LENGTHS FREE STYLE (Open)—1, Curran, C. H.; 2, Burke, J. D.; 3, Denerley, S.  
 TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (under 15)—1, Collins, C. D.; 2, Cobban, J. D.  
 FOUR LENGTHS SINGLE OVER-ARM—1, Meek, W. H.; 2, Burke, J. D.; 3, Arnold, D. W.  
 NEAT DIVE (Open)—1, Santos, L. G.; 2, Hughes, H. T.; 3, Search, J.  
 TWO LENGTHS BACK STROKE (under 15)—1, Curran, C. H.; 2, Downs, H.  
 FOUR LENGTHS BREAST STROKE (Open)—1, Hughes, H. T.; 2, Denerley, S.; 3, Johnston, R.  
 TWO LENGTHS FREE STYLE (under 15)—1, Collins, C. O.; 2, Bate, A. R.  
 HOUSE SQUADRON RACE—1, Philip Holt; 2, Hughes.  
 TEN LENGTHS CHAMPIONSHIP—1, Meek, W. H.; 2, Denerley, S.; 3, Roberts, H. P.  
 NEAT DIVE (under 15)—1, Hutchinson, R. E. G.; 2, Redmond, J. D.  
 LONG PLUNGE—1, Hughes, H. T.; 2, Disley, H. R.  
 FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (Open)—1, Curran, C. H.; 2, Burke, J. D.  
 TWO LENGTHS BREAST STROKE (under 15)—1, Jones, H. H.; 2, Redmond, J. D.  
 FOUR LENGTHS FREE STYLE (Open)—1, Arnold, D. W.; 2, Meek, W. H.; 3, Denerley, S.  
 TWO LENGTHS FREE STYLE (under 13½)—1, Hornby, G.; 2, Jones, H. H.  
 OLD BOYS' RACE (Four lengths)—1, Bolton.  
 SQUADRON RACE (School v. Staff and Old Boys)—1, School.

H.T.

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 "Slick"

A MELODRAMA.

(With acknowledgments to the 4x Magazine.)

SCENE I.

(A Court room; Judge, Counsellors and jury talking in low tones; prisoner in dock; stump of beard on

prisoner's chin, who is dressed very shabbily, is pasty-looking, and without collar or tie.)

JUDGE: "Silence in the Court, please. The jury have consulted, and found you guilty of robbery with —"

PRISONER (quickly and wildly): "I never pulled the job off. I'm innocent."

JUDGE: "The Court decrees that you are sentenced to three years' penal servitude. Have you anything to say?"

PRISONER: "All I say is, I'll get the — guy who split on me."

CURTAIN.

SCENE II.

(Two years afterwards. In a smoky, grimy room; men drinking. A man, Speiler, enters; everybody starts.)

A VOICE: "It's the cops, boys!"

SPEILER: "Huh. Think I'm a bloomin' cop? Bitter, please."  
 SHUFFY INDIVIDUAL: "Howdy, Speiler. Slick's coming out to-day. Everybody believes 'im innocent. Huh. Pity help Judge Leary if Slick an' 'is knife get anywheres near 'im."

(Speiler shivers and looks apprehensively towards the door as if expecting someone.)

SHUFFY INDIV.: "Expectin' someone?"

SPEILER: "No."

(Men gradually slouch out and leave room empty, except for Speiler. He soliloquises half aloud.)

SPEILER: "I wonder if Slick 'll find me. (Shudders.) I wonder if he knows as 'ow I pulled the job off."

(Door opens. Speiler jumps up violently and goes white. Stranger enters.)

STRANGER: "'Ullo (goes through another door and disappears).

SPEILER: "I know what I'll do. I'll tell the cops. Slick can't get me then. I'll do it now. (Exit.)

CURTAIN.

SCENE III.

(Stage is divided unequally. Bigger part is Police Station. Smaller is road outside, deserted, but with lamp outside Station. Sergeant discovered bending over desk; policeman sitting down by fire.)

POLICEMAN: "Somebody at the door, sir. (Opens door; Speiler walks in, agitated.)

SPEILER: "Sergeant (gasping) I did that job about two years ago. Slick's innocent. I did it." (Policeman looks up amazed.)

SERGEANT: "Slick's innocent?"

SPEILER: "Yes, yes, I did the job. Arrest me at once. Quick  
(voice rises to a scream.) Slick 'll dig 'is knife into me,  
Sergeant."

(Policeman places handcuffs on him. Slick enters.)

SERGEANT: "Well?"

SLICK: "I've come fer my old pal, Speiler."

SERGEANT: "Well, you can't have him."

(Slick looks at handcuffs and walks out.)

SERGEANT: "Johnson."

POLICEMAN: "Sir."

SERGEANT: "Take this man to Officer Jones."

POLICEMAN: "Very well, sir."

(Drags Speiler out. On threshold he pauses to speak to his superior. Meanwhile an indefinite shadow slides up behind Speiler and makes the motion of cutting his throat.)

POLICEMAN: "Come on, Get a move on, Speiler, or else I'll 'ave to drag yer. D'ye understand me."

VOICE: "A dead man is heavier than a live one."

CURTAIN.

V.L.C. (IVX).

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## Fives.

THE Fives Courts were used very little during the past term, until the last three weeks, when Fives and Running were put on the same basis as Football. Now House teams are turned out regularly on half-holidays, so that the use of the Courts is ensured. The new system has already caused many members of the Fourths and Thirds to play regularly who previously knew nothing about the game. This is especially gratifying, as there was a dearth of younger players at the beginning of the year.

A House Competition will be arranged this term, as soon as weather conditions permit, so House Representatives are advised to prepare teams of four in readiness. E.G.W.

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## Chess Notes.

IT would be unwise as yet to indulge in over-confident predictions as to the fate of the Wright Challenge Shield; over-confidence has already cost us a match, and tradition is against us, in so far as we have never held the Shield. Nevertheless, with four points from five matches, our record is at least a satisfactory one, leaving us, as it does, half a point ahead of

our nearest rivals—Rock Ferry High School—whom we have yet to play.

The results of School matches were:—

School v. Liverpool Collegiate	...	...	...	Won	5—2
" v. Holt S.S.	...	...	...	Won	5—2
" v. Wallasey Grammar School	...	...	...	Lost	2—5
" v. Birkenhead Institute	...	...	...	Won	4½—2½
" v. Oulton Secondary School	...	...	...	Won	4½—2½

In a friendly match with the Florence Institute we were successful 6½—½.

The House Competition last term resulted in a win for Alfred Holt, the present holders of the Trophy, who defeated Danson rather easily in the final.

The reduction of the membership fee to 6d. per annum (instead of per term) met with a fairly good response, but of the present thirty-six members, twenty-two are from the Sixths. We cannot therefore, as previous writers of these notes have done, dilate upon the prospects for the future; rather must we exhort those members of the thirds and fourths, who have not yet put their skill to the test (or who cannot play but wish to learn) to hand their sixpences to the Secretary as soon as possible; he will receive them at any time. To those who waver, we would point out that, especially for those who "stay dinner," there is no better way of investing sixpence than joining the Chess Club: it provides an interest for every dinner hour, as well as being an after-school activity.

Finally, last term saw eight new sets added to those already in existence, and two copies of Staunton's Chess-player's Handbook placed in the Library—for one of which we tender Mr. Williams our best thanks. We can assure him that it will not be redundant.

D.A.T.W.

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## Phantasmagoria.

Men tell us now that ghosts have fled  
Their ancient habitation;  
But listen to a story dread—  
The hairs will rise upon your head—  
At this weird visitation.

'Twas Christmas; night o'ercast the skies;  
Of vittles was I full:  
Cake, bunloaf, Turkey, wine, mince-pies—  
I smile, my friends, to memorise  
That supper beautiful.

Not yet had slumber's serenade  
 My dull brain penetrated ;  
 About my room a dim parade  
 Of goblins formed a masquerade  
 Of men, who've graduated.

They stalked majestic to my bed  
 In gown and mortar-board ;  
 In hollow tones they thunderéd  
 Dire imprecations on my head  
 Unceasingly they poured.

Said one of them, " Arr well, you see,  
 I'm here to educate you ;  
 You owe me theorem number three  
 Ten times—it's in my diary—  
 We must accommodate you."

And as he spake he raised his hand,  
 And with a circling motion  
 He clutched a thin, fast-greying strand  
 Of hair upon his forehead, and  
 He tugged it with emotion.

Next from the spectral jamboree  
 There stepped a figure solemn,  
 In droning tones he lectured me  
 On mediaeval history—  
 It was a weighty pro'lem.

He ended and a phantom tall,  
 With profile bright, though hollow,  
 With Gallic verbs began to gall  
 My aching cranium, and all  
 Were " tabloids " hard to swallow.

Then after him a great banshee  
 Around my bed 'gan lurk,  
 He mourned that I'd engulféd be  
 By Latin's darkest cemetery—  
 I'd done no donkey-work !

So others came and soon the hum  
 Of menace " polyglotal "   
 Increased to Pandemonium  
 Until another shout did come  
 To swell the rising total.

I shivered ; looked again ; saw how  
 The sprites away had rolled.  
 A parent with a low'ring brow  
 Stood there, vociferating now,  
 " Get up, your breakfast's cold."

KNIGHT-MAYOR.

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**School Plays.**

" THE SPINSTERS OF LUSHE "           By Philip Johnson.  
 " ANDROCLES AND THE LION "       By Bernard Shaw.

**T**HOUGH not a dramatic critic, either by profession or by habit, I have seen a fair number of School Plays now ; and in the far distant days of my youth I even attempted to act a little. So that if I cannot bring to my task the mature wisdom of the hardened critic, I can at least approach it as one with an average experience of dramatics in general and School dramatics in particular.

About the curtain-raiser I have not much to say. Frankly, I did not think it a happy choice. The difficulty of finding suitable actors for girls' parts in a boys' school is great enough, without aggravating it by choosing a play which was originally written for a girls' school and contains all female parts. But it is only fair to say that in this particular case the result justified the choice. It would be difficult to single out any one member of the cast as better than the others. All did their own part (and, on the whole, did it very successfully) in reproducing the atmosphere of feminine fussiness which gave the play its peculiar and delightful characteristics.

And now " Androcles "—If you turn back to the Magazine of January, 1929, you will see the following : ". . . the producers took their courage in both hands and tried Shaw. Occasion was given for much gloomy prophecy, but we are happy to state that both the humour and the spirit of the author were conveyed to the audience . . ." To Mr. Hicks who produced this very successful play, we would repeat all that has been said on previous occasions of this nature, but would like to add our especial congratulations on his courage and success in trying Shaw." We learned our lesson well in December of 1928 and this year there were no gloomy prophecies. If there had been, they would never have been fulfilled. " Androcles " was a huge success.

Dale, as the Greek tailor, fulfilled every requirement as to appearance and portrayal, while the other title rôle was admirably and convincingly played by A. B. Disley, whose growling

was of the highest order. Hawkins made a portly and pompous Emperor and sustained the part well. On the military side, Proctor, as the Centurion, and Penn, as the Captain, were both very good; and of the Christians, Perry as Ferrovius, and, in a smaller way, Willis, as Spintho, gave very creditable performances. Owen was obviously "at home" as Lentulus, and to the writer, at least, brought back memories of a former success as Malvolio. It was unfortunate that Brower had to take a part in both plays. His afternoon performance was excellent in both, but by the evening his voice had almost disappeared. His valiant attempt to carry on despite this misfortune made him the real "hero" of the play.

The production of the plays was a further success for Mr. Hicks, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him again for his labours and to congratulate him on their remarkably successful fruits. Our thanks are also due to Miss Wilson for her invaluable aid in managing the intricacies of Victorian and Roman costume.

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### Not for All.

Algy met a bear;  
The bear was bulgy;  
The bulge was Algy.

Lugete, O Veneres Cupidinesque,  
Tumus mortuus est: inambulatum  
In silvae nemore: incidit, tumescit  
Ursa ingens: tumor ille Tumus ursae.

L.A.T.

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### Hockey.

UP to the present the season has been quite successful. A good number of new players have been recruited and practices have in general been well attended. Only two matches have been played during the Autumn term—one against the Masters and one against the Liobians.

The former was played on November 11th, at Greenbank, and in spite of a slippery pitch was an exceedingly fast and enjoyable game. The School team opened the scoring, but the Masters soon equalised, and, although the School managed to add another the Masters eventually won 5—2.

The game against the Liobians was played on November 28th, and was every bit as enjoyable as the game against the

Masters. Superiority of combination enabled the Liobians to defeat the School 6—1, the School's only goal being scored about a minute before the final whistle.

The School team have a busy time ahead; the following fixtures having been arranged for the latter half of the season:—

Team.	Gr'nd.	Date.
King's Regiment ... ..	H	Jan. 16th
Liobians ... ..	A	" 23rd
Hightown III. ... ..	H	" 27th
Northern IV. ... ..	H	" 30th
University III. ... ..	A	Feb. 3rd
Liverpool Collegiate ... ..	A	" 6th
King's Regiment ... ..	A	" 13th
Hightown III. ... ..	A	" 17th
Merchant Taylors' School ... ..	H	" 24th
Do. do. do. ... ..	A	Mar. 2nd
University III. ... ..	H	" 9th
Liverpool Collegiate ... ..	H	" 16th

Finally, I would like to remind all those who are thinking of taking up Hockey that there is still plenty of room for new players and all interested are invited to attend a practice during this term. D.C.P.

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### Cross-Country Running.

FLETCHER'S FARM has been more than usually busy during the past term, although few of the runners have shown either promise or ambition. Cross-country running can be, admittedly, one of the most strenuous and severe of all forms of exercise, but the pleasant amble at which the majority of School runners seem to proceed should re-assure those who think football a less exacting form of sport. The time, apparently, has now arrived when that solid lump of inertia, the Middle-school, will be faced with the problem—football, fives or running. For those who wish to choose the harder path, let them take up running with the enthusiasm which is essential to success, and for those who would take the line of least resistance, half an hour's trot in the country is hardly as strenuous as an hour in the fives court or an hour and a half on the football field.

School running has naturally suffered from the lack of talent revealed on ordinary runs and from the departure of all save one of last season's team. As a whole the term has been decidedly bad. Only one of the eight new runners tried this term shows any real promise or natural ability, although the

team has done its best in undertaking tasks altogether beyond it.

Under the new games system, next term's prospects are brighter, but the team will not reach the standard of previous years until individual runners realise that their purpose is not merely to preserve their place, but to develop their ability until they are capable of defeating other school sides.

The season opened with a narrow victory on our own course against the Oulton School, whilst against the University we were decisively beaten. The best run of the term was, perhaps, that against Alsop, where, although we were well beaten by a moderate team, the School received an object lesson in tactics and the principles of team running. It is my sincere hope that this lesson will be taken to heart and that a considerable improvement will be manifested next term. A.C.C.B.

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### Boxing.

THE attendance this term has been quite good, especially from the Junior School. But next term when the Competition is due to come off, it must be better still. More Seniors are wanted. Boxing is good exercise and a fine sport, and it has beneficial effects on the mind and outlook—*mens sana in corpore sano*. There is plenty of talent in the School and I urge House Boxing Captains to find it. Train your teams and send out the best you have in your House.

Boxing is on Monday evening and on Tuesday and Friday in the dinner hour from 1-25 to 2-0. The Instructor, Mr. MacEvoy, is present on the Monday and Friday, and you have an opportunity on the Tuesday of doing some training on your own. The Instructor has a good knowledge of the finer points in the art of boxing, and what is more, he has the rather rare faculty of being able to impart this knowledge. Turn up regularly and benefit by his teaching.

H.R.D.

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### A Pastoral Song.

TOMALIN : " Stay Hobbinol and Phyllis stay  
Till Phoebus' car draw nigh the day."

HOBBINOL : " What then will hap', that Tomalin  
Should call us, who our tasks would 'gin? "

TOMALIN : " Know ye not then, th' approaching god  
Borne upward on yon workman's hod? "

PHYLLIS : " The god of Love! who Eros might  
Did lovers leave in direful plight."

HOBBINOL : " When Daphne from Apollo fled,  
And sprouted laurel on her head."

PHYLLIS : " And Pan pursuing Syrinx, thought  
To catch her, but a reed he caught."

HOBBINOL : " And Ariadne, Theseus' love,  
Deserted, Bacchus' heart did move."

ALL : " 'Tis he, for sure : then let us all  
Trip lightly to the gloomy Hall  
Of Justice, Bow Street ; there will we  
Deck out his Worship fit to see,  
Sprinkle roses in the Dock  
And garb the warders in our smock.  
Let lazy loons all leave the ' House,'  
And Lyons' waitresses espouse.  
General rejoicings shall ensue  
In Holborn, Hampstead and in Kew.  
Cockneys shall swarm with dance and song  
About the flower-sellers' throng.  
Thames shall arise and overflow  
The flowery meads of Rotten Row.  
Road-menders shall forget to ' pop,'  
Old ladies let ear trumpets drop,  
Guards lose their weapons on parade,  
Maids dream of Margate's Esplanade,  
Students paint ' Rima ' brilliant green,  
Financiers sigh : " What might have been,"  
And think of youth's *affaires du coeur*.  
Brewers uncork their tuns of beer,  
Citizens forget the tax ;  
Censor's morals change to lax,  
Actresses divorce at ten,  
At eleven wed again ;  
Parsons gamble church-collections,  
Tax-collectors cease inspections,  
All rejoicings shall outpour,  
Eros has come back once more."

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### Schools' Music Circle.

IT started this way. For years Messrs. Rushworth & Dreaper have been holding Concerts for schools on Saturday afternoons ; but these were patronised mostly by Elementary schools and recently the organisers have been steadily losing

money on them. This term, however, the Concerts have been taken over by a joint committee of Liverpool Secondary Schools with Mr. Sidney Jones as chairman and Mr. A. M. Gibson, Headmaster of the Collegiate School, as Secretary. There have been two Concerts last term and there will be two more this term.

The first concert consisted of a Violin Recital by Jelly D'Aranyi (Violinist) and the programme was as follows:—

Adagio	...	...	...	...	...	Bach-Siloti.
Rondo in G	...	...	...	...	...	Mozart.
Two movements from Sonata in A	...	...	...	...	...	Franck.
	Allegretto ben Moderato.					
	Allegretto poco Mosso.					
Concerto in E minor, Op. 64	...	...	...	...	...	Mendelssohn.
	Allegro Appassionato.					
	Andante.					
	Allegro Molto Vivace.					
Melody	...	...	...	...	...	Hubay.
La Chasse	...	...	...	...	...	Cartier Kreisler.
Hungarian Dance No. 1	...	...	...	...	...	Brahms.
"La Vida Breve"	...	...	...	...	...	De Falla-Kreisler.

Miss D'Aranyi's playing was, of course, exquisite. If we might presume to criticise, the Franck Sonata seemed rather an advanced choice for an inexperienced audience. But the Mendelssohn was very well received and proved the "pièce de résistance" of the evening.

The second concert was given by the famous New London Trio, who played the B flat Quartet by Schubert, and movements from the Dumky Trio by Dvorak, the "Archduke Trio" by Beethoven and the "Gypsy Rondo" by Haydn. They were assisted by Miss Mercy Irwin who sang two groups of songs, one by Purcell and the other by Delius.

We are looking forward to hearing Leon Goosens, The London Wind Players and The McCullagh String Quartett this term.

K.B.G.

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### Gymnasium Notes.

THE excellence of the Gym. Competition has established itself as a tradition of the School. This year's competition did not prove false to that tradition, and if the number of spectators is any indication of the popularity of any display, the popularity of the Gym. Competition must be left unquestioned. For on the evening of Thursday, December 3rd,

a crowded gymnasium witnessed a keen contest for the Plevin Grieve Cup. We were very grateful again to have with us as judge, Mr. T. Wilson, from whom we have received an encouraging report; too long to reproduce fully, I quote from it the following:—

"The House Cup was again secured by Philip Holt, after a thrilling contest. The issue lay between four splendid teams: Philip Holt, Owen, Tate, and Danson, but the high standard of work shown by all four members of the Philip Holt team gradually widened the gap, and though Owen, Tate, and Danson fought keenly for second place they had to bow the knee to the boys of Philip Holt. The results were, first, Philip Holt, second, Tate, third, Owen, with Danson half a mark behind, followed by Hughes, Alfred Holt, and Cochran.

"Philip Holt, in addition to winning the Cup, provided the winner of the Individual Championship, T. H. C. Hill, followed closely by W. Walker, of Tate. Country and Morris Dances performed by some of the young boys were very creditably executed and reflected credit on Mr. Stell, their instructor. The Old Boys again showed their love for the School and their Gym. Master, Mr. Stell, by giving a fine display on the box-horse and an unique exhibition of Neil's Bukh Primary Gymnastics. Mr. Stell proved his versatility by giving a polished display on the Horizontal Bar, followed by a clever exhibition of illuminated club swinging; the boys applauded these items most enthusiastically and let their Gym. Master see how much they appreciated his sterling work amongst them." In conclusion the writer remarks: "The fine physique of the boys and the happy spirit displayed by them in their Gym. work generally, speaks volumes for this department of a boy's education. To adjudicate a contest at the Liverpool Institute will always be a pleasant task and the courteous words of appreciation by the Vice-Principal were in themselves a reward for work done with pleasure."

In another part of his report Mr. Wilson says: "I must also mention Cochran House team; these boys, though younger and smaller than the rest, kept on pluckily throughout the contest; this is the spirit that produces future champions and deserves commendation."

While we congratulate Cochran's team for their plucky fight, it must be pointed out that the Competition demands the older boys of the School, particularly those of the Sixths and Removes. For besides being more capable of performing the work, they most of all need the physical training which their

curriculum does not now provide. It is to be hoped that next year fuller use will be made of the Gymnasium by these boys.

Our best thanks are due to all who made the competition a success, particularly to the Old Boys and T. J. Ellison, of the School, for his invaluable work at the piano. Most of all we thank Mr. Stell for his unfailing help and endless energy, without whom the Gym. Competition could never be held.

Full Colours have been awarded to J. H. C. Hill; Half-Colours to A. B. Disley, A. Pearlman, W. Walker, and K. N. Willis.  
J.W.T.

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### L.N.U. Notes.

**O**WING to the large number of School activities in existence, it is, as usual, the League of Nations Union that suffers.

Considering the comparatively few meetings held, and the worthiness of its object, this seems rather illogical, and one could certainly wish for a larger membership. The only consolation is that the numbers have increased considerably from last year, and that all intelligent movements have a select and limited support. We would, however, appeal for a larger membership, and ask those who consider themselves intelligent to join an obviously intelligent movement. We would remind our younger brethren that the membership fee for those under sixteen has been reduced to sixpence, and ask their support in an effort made for their especial benefit.

At the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected:—Chairman and Secretary—M. T. Owen; Treasurer, A. P. Bates; and at the Representatives' Meeting, Owen was elected Chairman of the Merseyside Schools' Branches, and Bates was elected Editor of *Pax*. It seems a convenient opportunity to appeal to members to make an effort to write an article for *Pax* this year. Last year, although sufficient articles were received, they arrived too late, and the Magazine fell through. Let the Institute Branch keep up its good name, by sending in a number of articles, and by seeing that they arrive by the end of the Easter term at latest.

The School Branch held its first meeting on November 30th, in Mr. Peters' room, when Mr. Wormald, who had previously visited Geneva, gave an interesting talk on the International Labour Office. Unfortunately there was a very small attendance.

On Friday, December 4th, a meeting of the Schools' Branches was held in the School Hall, when Miss Nancy Stewart Parnell spoke on "Slavery and the League." Although the attendance was not very large, those who went thoroughly enjoyed a very enlightening speech. The Institute was well represented despite the fact that a number of members were attending a lecture by the Bishop at the Cathedral.

On Monday, December 14th, an Inter-School Debate was held, at which Calder High School proposed and the Institute opposed, the motion "That the entry of Russia and U.S.A. to the League is necessary for World Peace." After two eloquently read speeches from the proposers, and two eloquently delivered speeches from the opposers, the meeting decided in favour of the proposition by 28 votes to 25.

On Armistice evening a good number from the School Branch attended the Annual Meeting at Central Hall, and heard the very stirring speech of Viscount Cecil.

Next term an attractive programme is offered, one of the meetings being addressed by Dr. Kuangson Young, the Chinese Consul General for England, and it is hoped that the membership will be increased. The Treasurer is also waiting for the subscriptions of those who are already members. We would give a word of thanks, in conclusion, to Mr. Peters for the interest he has shown, and the active help he has given to us during the term.  
M.T.O.

## L. J. O. T. C.

THE reduction in the strength of the Corps and the raising of the age limit to 15 affected the recruiting at the beginning of the term, while the addition of an extra platoon to the Company at the end of term, left us below strength. Recruiting will, therefore, be continued, in the January term and it is hoped that sufficient new members will be found to raise our numbers above strength again. The retirement of Captain Thorpe was deeply regretted by all, and we can only wish our new O.C. as much success as his predecessor enjoyed.

The two Field Days held this term were extremely successful. The first, at Thurstaston, took the form of a rear-guard action, but the rear-guard vacated their position too early and then delayed to collect provisions from the abundant blackberry bushes, in which situation they were surrounded by the enemy.

Good use was made of the second Field Day at Altcar, and we found time for two demonstrations and a tactical exercise in which a well-planned defence was only overcome by superior numbers.

A party of 30 paraded on Armistice Sunday and took part in the march past and Cathedral service. This was the only ceremonial parade of the term.

We wish the two who took the written examination in Certificate "A" the best of luck and confidently look forward to a large number passing the examination next term. Under the new system this should be a record number. The shooting team is to be congratulated upon its victory over the Collegiate School O.T.C. and it is probable that further matches will be arranged and visits made to the open range at Altcar.

The Band, which began the term in a very uncertain manner, has considerably improved, but the uniform parades were badly attended towards the end of term after a good start. Moreover there are too many members of the Corps making an examination an excuse for not attending parades. The Section Competition bears witness to both these faults, which must be remedied next term.

Lastly, we have to thank Captain Aitken and Lt. MacFarlane for their interesting lectures, which they gave to the N.C.O.'s. These N.C.O.'s meetings must be attended more regularly in future.

The term was brought to an end by a successful soir e on December 21st. Let us begin next term well by enlisting a platoon of recruits and by attending all parades. The Inspection will soon be upon us again.

D.G., C.S.M.

## "New Year Resolutions."

IT is a curious but well-observed phenomenon that at that particular point in time known as the beginning of a New Calendar year, the generality of mankind, at other times singularly unliterary, but now seemingly seized with a desire to give to their fugacious thoughts a solid and enduring form, take to themselves pen and paper, sit them down, sink into abysmal gloom, knit their brows, and scowl fiercely at the clean white sheets before them, which remain eternally blank; and only after the most painstaking and persevering inquiry is it possible to elicit the fact that they are making New Year Resolutions. Awful, awe-inspiring Fact!

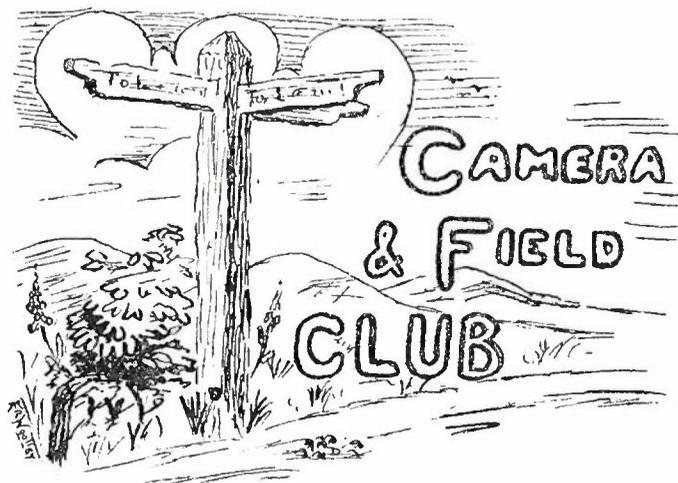
This *cacoethes scribendi* is however confined to the *hoi polloi*, the plebs, the common herd, and *cela va sans dire*—I am not one of these.\* To me, as to Sir Walter Scott, every hour, minute, second is the beginning of another New Year. I am not thrilled by this infernal tintinabulation, this bell-ringing, this syren-blowing, this making night hideous on this closing day of the year of grace 1931. To me it is a mere cacophony of sound, mere noisy noise. No heartfelt thoughts use up within my breast to choke my utterance; I am left cold. Nor does a flush rise to my noble brow at the thought of these my thoughts thus sententiously expressed. I am not ashamed. I would go further. I would even say—but no! The thought of becoming unprintable restrains me—I will pass on.

From a perusal of the above paragraph the intelligent reader will possibly gather that I do not love Hogmanay celebrations; he must not therefore conclude that I also anathematise Good Resolutions. Far from it! I have not yet signed the Pledge, but I doubt not that it is a Good Thing—people sometimes keep it. People have even been known to keep Good Resolutions. (I rose to see the eclipse—and wasted my time.) But New Year Resolutions! I know but one person capable of making and keeping a New Year Resolution (without quibbling about the wording of the motion. Some people do that. They hold that they are bound by their oaths only so long as the Year is New. That is mere chicanery, and much to be deprecated.) Yet strange as it may seem, he makes none. Strange!—and yet not so strange! What need has one who is a paragon of virtues of such things? What indeed! To him they are mere waste of ink.

But as for poor me, humbly, and with a contrite spirit I make my New Year Resolution: To nevermore cruelly misuse poor, weak, defenceless, patient, unremonstrating, unsuspecting Infinitives. May it never be broken!

D.A.T.W.

\*(Sez you! EL.—ED.)



As usual in the Autumn term we have enjoyed a fairly full programme, and members have been keen to come on all excursions. On several occasions so many applications were received that some had unfortunately to be turned down. Excursions have been held to: Messrs. Goodlass Walls; Francis Morton's; Cammell Lairds; Paton Calverts; the *Post* and *Echo* Offices; A.T.M.; and Crewe Locomotive Works.

On the last mentioned excursion a select party visited in addition the two Crewe Locomotive Depots.

Although keen interest has been shown, membership has declined a little. I would ask those who have allowed their membership to lapse to pay their subscriptions again this term. The cost is small and a successful final excursion in July depends on our membership total being kept up.

#### Junior Section.

The Junior School is still very enthusiastic and has enjoyed excursions to: Raby Mere; Port Sunlight Factory and Art Gallery; the Museum; and the Meccano Works.

Our thanks are due to the members of the Staff who have kindly accompanied parties from both Sections. K.B.G.

#### Photographic Section.

This branch of the club has been very active during the term. Many of the younger members of the School have become interested in its work and a number of practical demonstrations have been arranged. Mr. Stell has again shown his unfailing interest by giving demonstrations in Enlarging, Developing, Sepia Toning, Printing, Lantern Slide Making and

Copying, which were all well attended and in some cases admission had to be refused in order to prevent overcrowding. A few members are still careless in their treatment of materials and apparatus in the Dark Room, but they are gradually improving and if the present enthusiasm is maintained, the Exhibition of Photographs in the next Hobby Show should be a record.

W.H.P.

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### Literary and Debating Society.

At the Annual General private business Meeting, held in Mr. Hick's room on July 20th, M. T. Owen and T. C. Harrop were elected as Secretaries, and the existing committee members: Wright, E. G., Bates, A. P., Turner, J. W., Carruthers, B., and Martin, R. A., were re-elected to the Committee, and were supplemented by Hawkins, E. W., Disley, H. R., Johnston, R., and Gibson, K. B. Messrs. H. M. Brown, S. V. Brown, W. H. Doughty, and Martin, R. A., were re-elected Vice-Presidents, and Baxter, A. C. C. was added to their number. Mr. Hicks was unanimously re-elected chairman. The meeting then adjourned.

The first meeting of the Session 1931-32 was held in the Board Room, on Tuesday, September 29th, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. The minutes of the Annual General private business Meeting, and those of the Mock Trial, were read, and signed without alteration. Martin, R. A. then questioned the position of Baxter, A. C. C., who was elected to the Committee when there were already three vice-presidents on that body. After much debate the question was shelved. A vacancy on the Committee caused by the departure of Tarlo, M. A., was filled by the election of Carmichael, K. J.,. Audible sanction was given to various Old Boys: Messrs. J. G. L. Gibbs, H. W. Martin, and D. Booth, before the chairman called upon Martin, R. A. to propose "That male superiority is an exploded myth." He traced the position of woman through the ages, concluding that with the advent of the revolver she was the physical equal of man. In literature and the unobtrusive arts she was indubitably the superior. Taking it as a whole, therefore, he claimed to have carried his point. Owen, M. T., opposing the motion, was lost in wonder at the proposer's fallacious arguments, and quoted a French author by way of refutation. Then, going from the sublime to the ridiculous, he made a classical allusion to the position of women in ancient Greece and Rome. In literature, although the proposer could quote a few female authors, he (*sic*) could quote hundreds, even thousands of male authors. Wright, E. G., seconding the proposition, thought woman's acquiescence was only a form of low-cunning, and that while man was the executive, woman was the administrative factor. Bates, A. P., seconding the opposition, spoke of Amazons, witches, Chicago gunmen, and other irrelevant matters, before concluding with a split infinitive. Peters, A. J., gave the first of his fortnightly lectures on Pives, and mentioned women's inability to play that noble game. Slade, T. W., spoke of women drivers, muffs, and high-heeled shoes, and was ably supported in his indecision by Carruthers, B. Gibson,

K. B., proved his ignorance of women by quoting Bernard Shaw, and Harrop, T. C., gave an interesting lecture on biology. While Hawkins, E. W., claimed to be the first speaker with any sense, Brown, G. G. H. E., duly impressed, admitted that he knew nothing. The proposer made good use of his time for replying, and on the motion being put, it was carried by 20 votes to 17. The meeting then adjourned.

The Society met on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7 p.m., in the Board Room, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. At 7-15 p.m., after the minutes had been read and some criticism aimed at them, it was proposed and carried that "The consideration of Private Business be now postponed." The chairman then called upon the President of the Society to deliver his paper on "The monetary problem in the present crisis." He showed how the rise in the value of money since the war had meant the material increase in the internal war debt, because, although the same amount of money was paid, its purchasing power had risen considerably. He then spoke of contracts, and pointed out that this was an example of the necessity for some means of stabilising contracts. Turning to the question of reparation, he said that England, France, and the U.S.A. had forced Germany to pay her debts in gold. This had caused the world's gold to be locked up in the vaults of French and American banks, and had meant the consequent cheapening of food. It had also meant a terrible time for Germany, in which she had lost all the amenities of life, and the speaker stressed the fact that the crack of civilisation for the whole world was no indistinct possibility. He concluded by pointing out the great danger that nationalism was, and urged that the only way to a solution was an international spirit which would make possible concerted effort. The interest aroused was amply indicated by the very numerous questions asked. The vote of thanks, proposed by Baxter, A. C. C., and seconded by Martin, R. A., was carried with acclamation, and the meeting then adjourned.

The Society met in the Board Room at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, October 27th, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. Private business was occupied by the reading of the minutes, the setting up of a sub-committee, and, *mirabile dictu*, the passing of a vote of thanks to the secretarial board. Graneek, D., in proposing "That a gum in the hand is worth two clauses in a peace pact," reviled the League of Nations as inefficient, and asserted that armaments were the best guarantee of peace. He also thought that the misery since the war, was not caused by the war itself, but by discussion of peace. Bean, G., cited affairs in Bulgaria for the success of the League, and thought another war would mean the crash of civilisation. Regarding this, he made use of the president's paper of the previous meeting. Brown, G. G. H. E., taking a somewhat novel standpoint, reviewed war in the past, starting from Tennyson's "Idylls," and ending in a modern dog fight. War being healthy in animals, he stated, it must be healthy in men. Curtis, P., seconding the opposition, informed the Society that he was not going to reduce it to tears, and then proceeded to quote Juvenal to the effect that *quis custodiet ipsos custodes*. Bates, A. P., upheld the traditions of the Society by considering the motion undebatable. Hawkins, E. W., considered all other speakers Victorian, and himself modern, and concluded by reviling the O.T.C. Carmichael, K. J., gave a picturesque simile, before Gibson, K. B., informed the Society what the motion really meant. Johnston, R., repeated some previous sentiments concerning animals, before the proposer replied briefly. On the motion being put, it was lost by 12 votes to 16, several members refraining. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, November 10th, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. There were numerous criticisms of the minutes, the voice of Hawkins being heard in con-

tinual spasms throughout private business. Martin, R. A., protested against the Society concluding private business at the usual time, since the meeting had begun five minutes' late. On his motion private business was therefore extended five minutes, during which time a vote of censure was passed on the Secretaries, and Elwes, C. J., was elected Lord High Poker in Chief. Turner, J. W., in proposing "That League and Points are the ruination of true sport," declared that sport was a human passion and desire, and indulged in for the love of the thing. It was man's sophistication that introduced leagues and points, and they detracted from the real aim of true sport. Johnston, R., with a subtle insinuation, informed the Society that *he* was not going to bore them, and, with apparent irrelevancy, assured the Society that it was too elegant to laugh at anyone who had the misfortune to slip on a banana skin. Then in a few words he dealt with skill in sport, and the indication of it by leagues and points. Carruthers, B., seconding the motion, opined that international sport, far from being conducive to peace, was conducive to war. Peters, A. J., seconding the opposition, gave a further instalment of his lectures on Fives, saying that this strenuous game was played for pleasure, not for points. He was sure he would not play Fives, thereby half killing himself, for some points, he did it for the pleasure of half killing himself. Harrop, T. C., thought "sport" and "sportsmanship" were being confused, and while the former could not be ruined by Leagues and points, the latter could. Hawkins, E. W., and Davies, W. W., both supported the motion, before Martin, R. A., arose, and in violent language cursed about a "damned spot." He spoke of the House Competition (of late a favourite topic) and thought it obnoxious, since it infused the idea of those at the bottom being rotters. Brown, G. G. H. E., differentiated between the various forms of sport, and Ankers, W. A., and Curtis, P., reiterated former sentiments. Wright, E. G., in what he termed "the short time remaining," aired his views and Disley, H. R., in the still shorter time remaining repeated in brief what had already been said. Turner, J. W., in his reply spoke of fishing and kite flying, and on the motion being put it was lost by 12 votes to 17. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, November 24th, at 7 p.m., with Mr. Hicks in the chair. Criticism of the minutes was sharp, and some alterations were made before they were signed. A vote of censure on the secretaries was defeated, as was one on a certain sub-committee. Proceeding to public business, Carmichael, K. J., was called upon to propose "That civilised man is less happy than the savage." He pointed out the great problems, such as unemployment, with which we were faced, and from which the savage was free. He described the struggle we have to-day to obtain food, and said that the savage had merely to hunt. Slade, T. W., in opposing the motion, looked at the question from an aesthetic point of view. The savage, he said, had no opportunity for happiness. He could not, for instance, enjoy a fine piece of music, while we had every facility and therefore were far happier, even though we did grumble. Harrop, T. C., in seconding the motion, compared the savages to a flock of sheep. They did not know their danger, and therefore had nothing to be unhappy about. Brown, G. G. H. E., seconding the opposition, said that happiness was invariably due to refinement. It was civilisation alone that brought refinement, and therefore happiness. Carruthers, B., criticised the motion and left the Society in doubt as to whether he supported or opposed it. Davies, W. W., with surprising lack of taste, thought that the savage, being polygamous, could not possibly have been happy with a corresponding number of mothers-in-law. Curtis, P., spoke of the lack of clothing of the savage, while Wright, E. G., expressed the opinion that civilisation did not consist in trousers and tram-cars. Mr.

S. V. Brown, in an original strain, thought that riches and intellect did not lead to happiness. It was really a question of how these things acted on the gastric juices. If the flow of gastric juice was retarded or quickened, our happiness was ruined, just as his had been by the previous speeches. Peaston, M., thought everyone had missed the point, but failed to find it himself. Disley, H. R., spoke of gastric juices and quibbling, and exhorted the chairman to become a savage, if he was not already one. When the reply had been made, the motion was put and lost by 11 votes to 22. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, December 8th, at 7 p.m., with Mr. Hicks in the chair. After the minutes had been read, it was proposed that a large portion should be deleted, as being the secretaries' private opinion. The secretary defended his right to express opinion, and on the motion being put, it was defeated. Public business was occupied with a series of impromptu debates. Kinvig, T. E., by an eloquent silence, sought to convince the Society "That the story of Jack and Jill contains neither rhyme nor reason and should be expunged from all story books." O'Neil, W. H., thought the proposers' method unconvincing, but the Society thought otherwise, and carried the motion. Elwes, C. J., taking a broad view of the subject, was of opinion that "One Genesis is superior to ten Guineases," but Ankers, W. A., who spoke of men drowned in vats of beer, carried the day. Curtis, P., by saying that witches caused two lovers to commit suicide, and then to die, convinced the Society "that Ipswich witches who itch should be swished with switches," despite Mulholland, H.'s conviction to the contrary. In spite of the fact that Turner, J. W., was a trifle mixed in his belief "That it is better to be a bigger fool than one looks, than to look a bigger fool than one is," he was more convincing than Penn, H., who besides being mixed, split an infinitive. Cailer, M. D., proposed "That general strabismus would improve the human race," but Brown, G. G. H. E., carried all before him in opposing the motion, by telling an anecdote of Frankfurt, where he had met a party at whose head was General Strabismus. He was sure such an unruly body would not improve the human race. Bosworth, A. M., appealed to the humanitarianism of the Society in proposing "That the Parthenon Frieze should be thawed as soon as possible," but Disley, H. R., who invoked heaven to witness his knowledge of architecture and found that on coming back to earth he had forgotten the motion, succeeded in convincing the Society to the contrary. Owen, M. T., convinced the Society "That 'attacks' on motorists should be encouraged," by speaking passionately of the ruination of the beauties of Wales by motorists, and exhorted those wishing to go to Wales to join the Youth Hostel Association. Rodick, E. L., tried to dissuade the Society, but could produce no convincing arguments. Many more motions concerning the forcing of rhubarb, beefstake, and trade winds, were debated, before the meeting finally adjourned.

M.T.O., T.C.H.

#### Programme, 1932.

- Jan. 19 Debate: "That the final crash of civilization is rapidly approaching."  
*Pro.*: Baxter, A. C. C. (Am).  
*Con.*: Gibson, K. B. (Ac).
- Feb. 2 Debate: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."  
*Pro.*: Carruthers, B. (Ac).  
*Con.*: Bates, A. P. (Bc.)
- ,, 16 Paper: "Literature and Music." Mr. Rose.

- Mar. 1 Debate: "That complete political emancipation is necessary for the future well-being of India."  
*Pro.*: Disley, H. R. (Am).  
*Con.*: Wright, E. G. (Ac).
- Mar. 15 Debate: "That the death of party government is desirable."  
*Pro.*: Harrop, T. C. (Am).  
*Con.*: Hawkins, E. W. (Am).
- ,, 29 Mock Trial.

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#### "Carols"

WITH every possibility of a "white" Christmas and plenty of snow, the "Waits" set out.

Some form of a "depression" or "irregularity" invented by the B.B.C., we were told was fast approaching our region.

The "Waits" expected to continue on their way, over a carpet of snow to the house whose occupants were to be held in awe by song, proceeding from throats and noses—throats and noses made husky by Winter Chills and Colds.

Then came the rain. Snow rapidly turned to slush under the advancing feet. A gate was cautiously opened and a diminutive youth, a "first-treble," with adenoids took up his stand there. The others ranged themselves at intervals along the garden path.

After several attempts to begin, all marred by the bass who persisted in singing in the wrong key, a tune faintly resembling "Hark, the herald angels," was perceived by the wrathful householder.

At that moment he was trying to get a new foreign station on his wireless, in spite of many urges to patronise home industry. If Herald Angels are blessed, he blessed them. Forgetting his gentlemanly upbringing and Public School education, he ordered his wife to "Silence them." And she, tender-hearted soul, feeling in her purse for loose half-pence, made her way to the portal of the ancestral hall (*chez nous*) and flung wide the door. Noticing their peculiar positions on the path, she asked the reason and was told "Lor' mum! we're only on our 'andicap marks for fear yer set yer dawg on us." M.O.L.

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#### School Football.

WITH half of last year's team remaining, the 1st XI. promised to be a good side. It soon proved itself to be so, but nevertheless the School has not been as successful

as last year. Whether it is due to lapses in form, or whether it is due wholly to bad luck, it is difficult to say. The team has been forced on two occasions to a draw, and on two occasions to defeat. On each of those occasions one had a feeling that the result was hardly a true reflex of the game. The games that we did win, however, we won well, a fact which is easily proved by our heavy scoring of 59 goals as compared with 17 goals scored against us.

The 2nd XI., under the captaincy of Turner, has done excellently, having won every match so far, by a substantial margin.

The Junior XI., under the charge of Mr. Bartlett, has been very successful. It has only lost one match, and that against a Senior side.

Lastly, we desire to thank Mr. Reece for his general supervision of School Football, together with Mr. G. L. R. Brown, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Moy, and Mr. Peters, who have shown such splendid interest in the School teams.

#### SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Aintree, on Saturday, October 3rd, 1931. Won 3—1.

For the first match of the season we fielded the following team:—Bates; Williams, N. C., Carmichael; Disley, Twist, Search; Peaston, Harrop, Thomas, Robson, G. A., Santos.

Thomas won the toss and elected to play against the wind. During the opening minutes of the game the shooting and passing was inaccurate and in some cases a little wild. The wind however, was largely responsible for this and when we became used to the opposing element, play improved considerably. Twist opened the score with a well-timed shot. This enlivened the team still more, so that after pressing closely for some time, Harrop increased the lead. Our opponents after a short time also scored.

In the second half, the team changes proved a success, Harrop going to left-half, Search to centre-forward, Thomas to inside left and Robson to inside right. Search further increased the score with a low drive.

On the whole, the display was very promising, and the football towards the end of the first half and during the second half was good. Bates played a magnificent game in goal. The backs were inclined to be displaced somewhat but any weakness there was remedied by a secure half-line; Disley and Twist being outstanding. The forwards on the whole were good but should have shot more often.

#### SCHOOL v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, Saturday, October 10th.

For this match Twist was unable to play, and the following team was fielded: Bates; Williams, Carmichael; Harrop, Foster, Disley; Peaston, Thomas, Search, Robson, Santos.

Won 22—0. Scorers: Search 8; Thomas 6; Robson, Peaston, and Santos.

#### SCHOOL v LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Holly Lodge, October 17th, 1931. Won 4—2.

The team lined up as follows: Bates; Foster, Carmichael; Harrop,

Twist, Disley; Peaston, Thomas, Search, Robson, G. A., Santos.

The School lost the toss and for the first five minutes the Collegiate attacked. But we soon settled down and the game promised to be a real struggle. The ball was swung from half to half, but the School were the first to score, Thomas netting from a neat pass by Search. Some brilliant play followed, both sides displaying splendid football. The half-backs were very good, Twist especially. Mid-field play followed until the Collegiate began to press in real earnest. For two minutes they penned us in our own penalty area, but a determined defence, in which Bates excelled, relieved us of this pressure, which proved to be the last dangerous raid made by our opponents during this half.

Early in the second half the Collegiate scored, but this only served to put still more spirit into us, and we immediately took the lead through Thomas. After some terrific mid-field play, Santos broke away to score a splendid goal. At this stage, we were superior to the opposition, and following a good run, Thomas scored our fourth goal. Just before the end, the Collegiate scored a second goal, resulting from good work on the wing. This last ended the scoring, and we finished worthy winners.

The team showed excellent form in practically all departments, but the success of Foster on his debut as full back, is deserving of particular note.

#### SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY 3rd XI.

Played at Wyncote, Wednesday, October 21st. Drew 4—4.

Team: Bates; Foster, Carmichael; Harrop, Twist, Disley; Peaston, Thomas, Search, Robson, G. H., Robson, J. B.

Robson, J. B., was brought in at outside left and was quite a success.

#### SCHOOL v. QUARRY BANK SCHOOL.

Played at Stone House, Saturday, November 7th. Lost 2—3.

Team: Bates; Foster, Carmichael; Harrop, Twist, Disley; Peaston, Thomas, Search, Robson, G. A., Robson, J. B.

Thomas lost the toss and we were placed with a strong sun in our eyes, on a somewhat uneven ground. The School were the first to attack but were rapidly forced on to the defensive, when the team did not appear too safe. Early in the game, Harrop conceded a doubtful corner, from which Quarry Bank's inside-left scored with a good header. Our opponents returned to the attack and, from a scramble in the goal mouth, further increased their lead. Bates was meanwhile greatly handicapped by the brilliance of the sun, which made his saves at times extremely lucky. We must also congratulate the enterprising player who nearly scored off the very convenient telegraph wires. The School then took their share of the attack and our forwards were extremely unfortunate in their shooting, while Search was obliged to leave the field for a few minutes. Half-time, 0—2.

Almost before the School had settled to their game in the second half, following a break away by the opposing left winger, our opponents scored a third goal. Not even when three goals down did the School realise its position, but continued to play in a half-hearted fashion until about twenty minutes from the end. At last the School woke up and from then onwards monopolised the play. This change was marked by two goals, both scored by Search, which, had they been scored a little earlier would have completely altered the result. The last five minutes were merely a scramble for an equalising goal, which we failed to obtain. The last act was an extremely lucky save by the Quarry Bank goal-keeper, when Search shot and the ball, hitting the goalkeeper, shot over the bar.

In this game the School had only itself to thank for its defeat, since it underestimated the strength of its opponents and proceeded with far too much leisure in the opening part of the game. It lacked that *savoir-faire* which is always necessary for victory and, until the last quarter of an hour played like a defeated team.

SCHOOL v. QUARRY BANK HIGH SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, Saturday, November 21st. Won 10—1.

The team remained unchanged, and having returned to its customary form, with luck not too adverse, we out-played our opponents.

Scorers: Search 5; Thomas 3; Robson 1; Twist 1.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, Saturday, November 20th, 1931. Lost 3—1.

In this game we introduced Woods for Peaston, the latter being unwell. Otherwise the team was unchanged.

A fair crowd turned up to watch, as a result of the Headmaster's appeal.

We won the toss, but gained no advantage as there was neither wind nor sun. For a change, the School did the first part of the attacking, and their efforts deserved a better fate. Owing to the wet ground however, the ball was very slippery, and so, difficult to control, which perhaps accounted for our somewhat indifferent shooting. It was rather against the run of the play, when our opponents, who were fast and very quick on the ball, opened the scoring. The goal might even have been averted, had it not been for our backs, who were very slow to tackle. Play then continued very evenly, being mainly confined to the mid-field. We again attacked, and were at last rewarded with a goal, Thomas being the scorer. In spite of good efforts by Search and G. A. Robson, there was no further scoring in the first half.

On resuming, the School again attacked strongly, bad luck alone preventing us from taking the lead. But, as was the case in the previous half, Manchester, for the second time, took the lead. We were not to be disheartened, and the team, at this stage, showed its truest form. But the ball seemed averse to entering our opponent's net, and despite fine efforts by our forwards, and splendid tackling by our defence, Manchester broke away and increased their score.

In the closing stages Thomas went centre-forward, but, although we still worked hard, the Grammar School retained their lead of two goals, and we finished losers by 3 goals to 1.

The match had been most interesting throughout. The whole team played extraordinarily well, and although the strength of the opposition was unquestioned, we hardly deserved to be beaten.

Woods, on his maiden appearance in the 1st XI. did very well, but nevertheless Peaston was sadly missed.

SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY 3rd XI.

At Greenbank, Wednesday, December 2nd. Draw 3—3.

The following team represented the School: Bates; Foster, McKim; Harrop, Twist, Disley; Quayle, Thomas, Search, Robson, G. A., Robson, J. B.

Scorers: Robson, G. A. 2; Quayle 1.

SCHOOL v. KING'S SCHOOL CHESTER.

At Greenbank, Saturday, December 5th. Won 10—1.

The team remained unchanged from the previous match.

Scorers: Search 4; Robson 4; Thomas 1; Harrop 1. H.T.

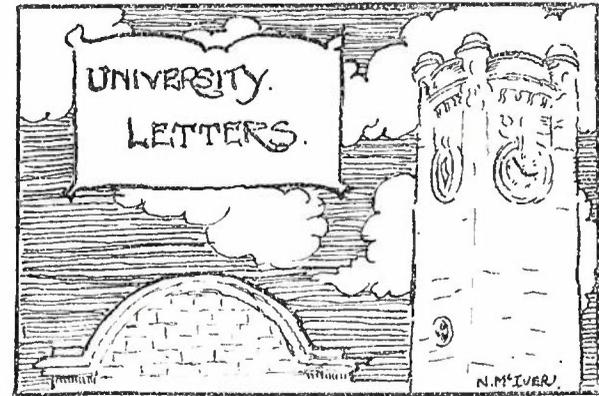
House Football.

SENIOR HORSFALL CUP.

1st Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Owen ...	Owen ...	Hughes ... 4	Hughes.
v. Cochran ...			
Hughes ...	Hughes ...		
v. Philip Holt	v.		
Tate ...	Tate ...	Danson ... 3	Hughes.
v. Alfred ...			
Danson (bye) ...	Danson ...		

JUNIOR HORSFALL CUP.

Winner ... ..	Hughes.	H.T.
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The Union,  
Bedford Street.

DEAR SIR,

We know not whether to tell you in round terms what we thought of your suggestion that we retire awhile from the drunken revelry of the festive board and pen a University letter, or whether to congratulate you on your achievements at Oxford. We do the latter. *Noblesse oblige*, of course, because we feel that you would do so much better if you came to Liverpool and brought a few friends along to do Medicine, as Mr. Henry and Mr. Robinson did of yore. The latter of these two gentlemen,

by the way, already looks as though fifty years of Harley Street had left him only the richer in experience. Mr. Dove, also of the Medical Faculty, has taken to Black Magic—on his upper lip, while Mr. Henry affects a colour resembling Mr. Hamling's politics. Mr. Gill once grew a beard but now wears a tie again. Mr. Robson apparently never takes a holiday, but always walks up Brownlow Hill as though he had one. Mr. Jones wanders round looking for someone to box, but not everyone is willing to oblige. We never see Mr. Cohen, we only hear of him, while Mr. Williams and Mr. Kerr move in that mysterious way characteristic only of the Very Great. Mr. Beeston is Treasurer of the Physical Society—but it's no use, we've already tried. Mr. Booth rushes about the countryside in a way that we should describe as foolish, but he affects to enjoy it. Mr. Graneek denies a suggestion that he is in love, but we have it on good authority that Mr. Leiper has been "walking out" lately. Mr. Packer has a new motor-bike, Mr. Bridge just has a motor-bike, and Mr. Barrett has not a motor-bike. For further information see "Who's Who" and the "Newgate Calendar" for here our story endeth.

Yours very doubtfully,

LIOSPHX.

Liverpool,  
Xmas Vacation.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

When I opened your appealing missive upon Xmas Day, I was deceived and thought you had conceived a sudden love for me. But I soon realised your crafty editorial guile in offering me Christmas greetings, in return for an epistolary Christmas present. And yet I did not think too harshly of you, for I knew the extremities to which members of your lofty fraternity are driven.

The Liobians in Durham, after whom you so generously enquire, are still a happy and gay crew, despite the fact that they are developing quite an unusual theological complex. Mr. Bussby, who was the Institute's first and sole exponent in this hazardous field, is now joined by Messrs. Jellicoe and Wilkinson. In the near future, Mr. O'Neil declares his solemn intention of joining in this arduous course. We shudder as we contemplate the development of his already incipient heretical tendencies.

Our budding heretic has already shown his depraved leanings as he coxes on the Wear, but the appearance of Mr. Luft, who has proved to be a more than successful cox, has been an effective restraint. But Mr. Luft's eminence is not just of the

aquatic sort, for he has managed to have his study burned, and himself to catch some complaint beyond the wit of the medical profession to diagnose, which confined him indoors for a couple of weeks. We might almost say he has been baptised with water and with fire.

Mr. Jellicoe looks more and more learned every day. His Semitic genius rivals his Semitic looks, whilst for a pastime he delves deep into unknown psychological caverns. Our other theological neophyte speaks with all the gusto of a fourth year man at the many debates which he attends. Occasionally, in an afternoon, his ecclesiastical legs hie merrily over hill and dale in pursuit of health. So far he has been but moderately successful. All this term, Mr. Bussby seems burdened with the imminence of "finals," and rarely appears save immaculately dressed for some distinguished occasion. *Odit profanum vulgus et arcet* (with apologies to Horace).

And now, Sir, you know more about us than we do ourselves. We are glad to hear of at least one of your contemporaries who hopes to join us in October. But although the Institute's future in Durham is guaranteed for at least three years, we invite you to come and secure a scholarship in botany or any other subject, classical, modern or scientific. We have a large variety to offer and a selection of colleges to choose from. Finally, the University (like any other University) always needs men from the Institute. We shall welcome them eagerly and heartily.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN CHAD.

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Correspondence.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

It has become increasingly clear since the end of the late war, that there is something radically wrong with the system upon which our so-called European Civilisation works. Developments have taken place which have pushed before the attention of the Statesmen of the world, problems of International Relationships such as have never arisen before in such a pressing form. Problems of inter-class relationships, and struggles between Socialism and Capitalism, which worried thinking men before the War, have been dwarfed by the larger and more pressing problems arising out of war, and commerce, which seems to be regarded nowadays as a kind of "war in peace."

There are some who say that social evils must be cured before anything else. Others answer that when the house is on fire there is no time to look to the stables.

All sane people are agreed, at least, in calling for "Internationalism" as the only ultimate cure for the World's sickness. Whatever the solution of the various problems and however it is applied, it is universally agreed, by all who are qualified to think about the matter, that the remedy must be an international one.

This being so, there is nothing more certain than that all remedies will fail unless the great majority of the people of the world are educated to forget "patriotism," which is the great stumbling block to all international movements. While such "patriotism" continues to exist, as that which persuaded millions of honest men, sixteen years ago, to forget that they were Christians (and which prevented the Churches reminding them of the fact) and which induced them to devote themselves to slaughtering each other, for four years, *pro patria*, it is worse than useless to mention disarmament and international banks.

Now, Sir, the true point of all this, as it affects us here, is that we have in our midst, struggling hard to thrive, it is true, but favoured by the powers that be, an organisation which fosters, and which is part and parcel of, such a patriotism. This organisation exists, primarily, "to train officers, and create a potential reserve of officers, to meet a national emergency." Those responsible for this organisation still hope, then, as they did in 1913, to maintain peace, by placing their trust in an army.

Is it not pitiable, Sir, that in this twentieth century there should still be, in authority, in a country which went through the Great War, men who believe in "National emergencies which need armies to meet them"?

Ought we not to feel ashamed, Sir, that officials of a War Office of what is called (on Sundays) a Christian country, should urge (on week-days) on the growing generations, the conviction that far from being a sin, it is a virtue and a necessity, to prepare themselves and be ready when called upon, to put their religion behind them, and to slaughter their fellow-Christians—*pro patria* (as their country will be pleased to inscribe on their tomb-stones, afterwards).

Can you conceive, by any stretch of your imagination, how the peoples of the world can be made to look at these problems in a broadminded way, and attack them in an international spirit of co-operation, while the most enlightened schools, in what we fondly hope is one of the most enlightened countries, continue to preach the doctrine that wholesale murder is no crime when it is done *pro patria*; and while they bolster up this relic of "Post Renaissance Patriotism," with its futile dreams of "Balance of Power."

Why cannot those who "go forth" from here, at least, Sir, be sufficiently well educated to realise that their country

has no more claim over their lives than any other country; that they were born for the *World*, and not for *England*? Is the time not opportune for education to be brought up to date, and for our schools to cease attempting to delude youth with this bauble of "patriotism."

We ask you to publish this letter, Sir, because it is sincere, and because we have no fear of our argument being condemned, out of hand, for lack of argument with which to combat it.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. HAWKINS.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

The powers that be in this School of ours, have at last come to the conclusion that a modicum of sport and the physical exercise which games provide, are of value to the School as a corporate body and to the individual member of the School in his education. There can be little doubt that the average member of this or any school, does not know what is best for him—that indeed, is what he comes to school to learn—and it seems to me, also, that there can be no denying that the true function of education is to discipline the body as well as the mind of the school-boy by instruction and exercise on the playing field as well as in the form-room. The first of these two principles will probably be appreciated by all masters and the second is, I hope, what has guided them in the introduction of a modified form of compulsory games.

Much as one may agree with these ideas, the mistaken system which has been evolved from them, can command little support and less sympathy from those who trouble to think about the matter at all. If we really believe in the value, or, rather, the necessity for physical exercise, we must go to extreme lengths. I therefore, in all seriousness, make the following suggestion for a complete adoption of compulsory games.

It is at present the custom to end School at 12-40 p.m. on the Wednesday and Saturday of each week and on the afternoon of each of these days to organise numerous semi-voluntary, semi-compulsory games. The result is that three-quarters of the School have two afternoons entirely to themselves, each week, while the rest play games on one of both or these days. This constitutes, I think, an amount of leisure for many school-boys which they do not properly know how to use, and it would be therefore advantageous to limit the half-holiday to Saturdays thus placing the scholar under the care and control of the School for five complete days. Games could then be organised by Houses or otherwise, on a completely compulsory basis as a

part of the School curriculum. In compensation for losing one afternoon of complete freedom, a boy would get two afternoons of games. Two afternoons may seem a waste of time to those who think that a School and a school-boy exist only for the purpose of instilling and absorbing knowledge, but it has often been shown and proved by headmasters as well as by physical culturists, that a generous amount of healthy open air exercise will greatly increase the mental efficiency of young pupils. We must not forget the old tag *mens sana in corpore sano*, which may here be translated "What you lose on the swings you gain on the roundabouts."\*

We are blessed in this School with a fairly large extent of playing fields and we have sufficient numbers and adequate facilities to accommodate successfully all the games which we are now making feeble attempts to establish on the voluntary basis, and to provide games for any member of the School on two afternoons of each week. The games could be organised on a House, Form or any other system, while School games would, of course, be reserved for Saturdays. The idea seems, at first sight, too revolutionary to result in success but the fact that it is successfully worked elsewhere should persuade us of its practicability.

There are several objections to the scheme which I have already heard, and I will answer the most important. Firstly, it is maintained that no boy can afford to spend three afternoons—with Saturday that is—playing games; his work is bound to suffer. This objection has been previously answered—the increased health of the boy will more than make up in increased efficiency for the decrease in the time spent at School. Secondly, it is argued that such a proposal is a gross interference with the individual rights of every member of the School: a criminal confiscation of his legitimate leisure. The answer to this, is—piffle!† How many of these "intellectuals" who are, so they say, so diligent in the pursuit of knowledge on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, object to "wasting" their time in the gymnasium period?

The key to the whole question is the abolition of the Wednesday afternoon off, and the inclusion of games in the School curriculum. Do that and you have the admittedly lazy and the *intelligentsia* in two clefts of the same stick.

Yours faithfully,

A.C.C.B.

\*[We have heard of the revised Latin pronunciation, but this recasting of the language—! Seriously, however, this is a complete misconception of the meaning of the phrase "*mens sana in corpore sano*." It does *not* mean "a healthy mind will result from a

healthy body"—which, for our own part, we believe to be untrue—but is simply part of a prayer for a healthy mind *and* a healthy body; an entirely different thing. The context, from Juvenal Satire X, lines 354-356, is as follows:—

"Ut tamen et poscas aliquid voveasque sacellis  
exta et candiduli divina tomacula porci  
orandum est ut sit mens sana in corpore sano."

The note explains this as "a slight alteration of the common prayer for 'bona mens' and 'bona valetudo'; cf. Petronius 61 'omnes bonam mentem bonamque valetudinem sibi optarunt.'"

Larousse discovers the same misunderstanding, as witness the following notes on "Locutions Latines et Étrangères." "Mens sana in corpore sano," Maxime de Juvénal (Satires X., 356). 'L'homme vraiment sage, dit le poète, ne demande au ciel que 'la santé de l'âme avec la santé du corps.' Dans l'application, ces vers sont souvent détournés de leur sens, pour exprimer que la santé de corps est une condition importante de la santé de l'esprit."

We hope that this explanation will correct these mistaken renderings which generally pass in the School for accurate translations.—ED.]

† [Personally, we should feel disinclined to designate our own arguments with such a word.—ED.]

Upper Physics Lab.,

Liverpool Institute,

December, 1931.

DEAR SIR,

As a peace loving member of the community I have been startled out of my silence by the recent upheaval in the School caused by the adoption of compulsory games. The School has long been suffering from an attempt to model this establishment, as far as possible, upon a Public School. This old-fashioned system, a relic of England in her semi-barbarous days, is being thrust down our throats, together with many additions.

With regard to compulsory games, at least half the Upper School are against them. As a free subject, I cannot understand how and why I can be compelled to play games against my will, especially as those games interfere with the time I have been accustomed to have for myself.

Yours faithfully,

H. ZALIN.

[Of this letter some part has been omitted because it was inaccurate, some because it was irrelevant and some because it was merely impertinent. What is left displays the virtue of individuality, if indeed it be a virtue in this case. The previous letter contains a reply to some of it.—EDS.]

## Football Fixtures.

DATE.	1st XI.	2nd XI.	3rd XI.
Jan. 16	Alsop H.S. ... H	Alsop H.S. ... A	Alsop H.S. ... H
" 23	L.I.O.B. ... A	14th B.B. ... A	
" 30	Collegiate ... H	Collegiate ... A	Collegiate ... H
Feb. 6	War'ngton G.S. A	14th B.B. ... H	
" 13			
" 20	King's School A		43rd B.B. ... A
" 27	Holt S.S. ... H	Holt S.S. ... A	Holt S.S. ... H
Mar. 5		Oulton S.S. ... H	Oulton S.S. ... A
" 12		Oulton S.S. ... A	Oulton S.S. ... H

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## Editorial Notices.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any omissions:—

*The Inkwell, The Elizabethan, The Anchor, The Olavian, The Calderian, The Cowleian, The Merchant Taylors' Review, The Televox, The Wirral County School Magazine, The King's School, Chester, Magazine, The City of London School Magazine, Ulula, The Quarry, The Wallaseyan, Esmeduna, Liverpool College Magazine, The Wyggestonian, The Hymerian, Hinckley Grammar School Magazine, Holt School Magazine, Oultonia.*

## The Calendar.

## EASTER TERM, 1932.

Wed., Jan. 13	TERM BEGINS.
Fri., " 22	Liverpool Schools' Music Circle, Concert.
Thur., " 28	Parents' Day (6ths, Rs, 5th and 4ths). House Soiree (Owen).
" Feb. 4	House Soiree (Hughes).
Fri., " 5	L.I.O.B.A.
Tues., " 9	O.T.C. Field Day.
Fri., " 12	MATHS. EXAM., Periods 1 and 2. ENGLISH EXAM., Periods 3 and 4.
Mon., " 15	Certificate " A." Practical Examination.
Thur., " 18	LATIN EXAM., Periods 1 and 2. FRENCH EXAM., Periods 3 and 4. House Soiree (Philip Holt).
Mon., " 22	Form Competition Half-holiday for Fourths and below.
Wed., " 24	MARGARET BRYCE-SMITH EXAMINATION. Form Competition Half-holiday for Removes and Fifths.
" Thur., " 24	} HOUSE PLAYS (Judging).
" Thur., " 25	
Sat., " 27	HALF-TERM.
Tue., Mar. 1	Liverpool Schools' Music Circle, Concert.
Wed., " 2	HOUSE PLAYS (Finals).
Thur., " 3	PHYSICS EXAM., Periods 1 and 2. CHEMISTRY EXAM., Periods 3 and 4.
Fri., " 4	O.T.C. Field Day. L.I.O.B.A.
Tue., " 8	O.T.C. Certificate " A " Theoretical Exam.
Thur., " 10	Boxing Competition.
Sat., " 12	No Football Fixtures after this date.
Mon., " 14	EXAMINATIONS FOR SIXES AND REMOVES BE- GIN.
Sat., " 19	Steeplechase. Normal School for non-runners.
Wed., " 23	TERM ENDS.

Next Term begins on Wednesday, April 13th.

Sports on Mon., Tues., and Sat., April 25th, 26th, and 30th.

## Old Boys' Section.

### Old Boys' Log.

THE record of last term, as far as the Old Boys are concerned, is one of frustration. Two Dinners, in turn, were abandoned. The first, arranged for the 7th November, was given up because of the regrettable ill-health of the guest of the evening, Sir Donald MacAlister. The doctors have forbidden him to take part in any public meetings this winter. It is to be hoped that he may be able to be with us next Session.

The second Dinner, arranged for the 5th December, at the School, was also abandoned, this time because of lack of support. It is to be presumed that members are feeling the stringency of conditions in the business world. A similar explanation is to be given for the abandonment of the Old Boys' Dance that should have been held on the 19th of December.

There has been one Smoker, on the 6th November, but it was attended by only a few.

The Old Boys' Gymnasium Class, which is going very strong at present, gave their usual successful exhibition at the School Gym. Competition, on the 3rd December. Our thanks are due to Mr. Stell and to the enthusiastic secretary, J. W. Prowting, for enlivening the proceedings at the Competition.

The Centenary Players presented "The Soul of Nicholas Snyders" and "The Poacher," at the School, on the 24th and 25th November. The performances reflected the usual high standard of acting that we have come to expect from the Players. T. L. Latimer was an excellent old miser, T. A. Drinkwater, a bluff sea-captain, R. Low a convincing lover (when the play allowed him), A. C. Williams an imposing Burgomaster, and P. W. Dennis a heart-broken artist. In the One-act Play, E. Williams, T. L. Thomas and A. C. Williams, conveyed the Welsh atmosphere (naturally) with remarkable faithfulness.

For the rest of the Session, the fixtures are as follows: there will be two Smokers, it is hoped—one on the 5th February, the other on the 4th March—at the School, at 8 p.m. The Centenary Players are presenting on the 12th February, at Crane Hall, the play, "Thunder in the Air," by Robins Millar. They are entering "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets" for the British Drama League Competition.

The School Sports (Final Day) will be held on the 30th April. It is hoped that there will be even more competitors than last year for the Old Boys' Races. On May 21st there will be the usual Cricket Match, Old Boys v. the School; it is hoped that more Old Boys than before will attend to watch the match.

#### OLD BOYS' NEWS.

We omitted to record in the last number that A. J. B. Cooper ('31) had gained a University Scholarship in Law (2nd year). We congratulate him on the achievement.

We have heard again from Basil N. Evans ('12), who informs us of the arrival of a son "who will, if I win a Sweep or otherwise acquire much wealth, be the third generation to attend the Institute." Basil Evans reports an old Old Boy in Kimberley, a William Sagar, with whom we are hoping to get into touch.

From South Africa also we have a letter from W. Wilkie ('98). He is in the Post Office in Belfast, Transvaal, and forwards a copy of the Magazine of the Belfast High School, edited by his elder son. The Magazine is bilingual—partly English, partly Afrikaander. We found the English part of great interest, and congratulate the Editor on an excellent number. As we learn that he (the Editor) is proceeding to Cape Town University shortly, we offer our good wishes.

We have had an interesting letter from J. McGhie ('88) who is now in Montclair, New Jersey. He recalls the Staff of his time: Kennedy, Froyssell, and the others, and wonders whether boys have improved in the years between.

We have had a note from G. H. Turton ('84), of Melbourne, who is in England on a visit, and we expect to have the pleasure of seeing him some day soon at the School.

Congratulations to Dr. Hill Abram ('81) on his election to be President of the Royal Infirmary for the year.

Through Capt. Ellis, we hear that R. Crosby ('19) is now in Vancouver, B.C. His address is 1222, Alberni Street, Vancouver.

A. D. Baxter ('27) gives us some interesting news about his present work. He has been working on the gear-cutting section for the automatic self-changing gear-boxes. He says, "I have never worked so hard or looked so much like it before, not even in building the late School camp. A good deal of oil is required in the cutting, and the result is that I am more or less saturated in it daily—rather like a sardine, but without the tin." He says he hears occasionally from R. R. Maddock ('27), "who is at Metropolitan Vickers in Manchester, spending his time between burning out alternators and driving broken-down cars."

T. A. Bickerstaff ('18) writes from West Bridgford, Notts. He tells us that he recently met N. W. Ellison ('20) who was acting at the Grand Theatre, Derby, in "White Cargo." He thinks that Ellison is likely to be heard of in London soon.

W. A. Sibbald ('73) recalls a Dinner given 54 years ago to Sir Donald MacAlister on his winning the Senior Wranglership of 1877. He says, "Of that merry party I fear that Sir Donald, J. A. Owen, and myself are the only survivors." He hopes that a Dinner to Sir Donald will be arranged next Winter.

A. R. B. Lyman ('26) has taken his "first plunge into the maelstrom of the scholastic profession." He has had a month's practice in a very old church school in one of the dirtiest and poorest quarters of Manchester. Now he goes to the other extreme, to Manchester Grammar School, in its very palatial new building at Fallowfield.

Through Mr. Wormald, we have got into touch with W. Foden ('69). He gives us interesting details of the school life of his day. "Our chief mode of reaching School" he says (from Birkenhead) "was, when the tide permitted, from New Ferry Pier, to a landing Stage then fixed at the South End of Liverpool, near the Herculaneum Dock, and we walked across open land via Mill Street and the Mount." Mr. Foden confesses to getting the only "hour" with which he was "inflicted," for knocking off Mr. Bickerstaff's top hat in a snowball fight between the High and the Commercial Schools on the Mount. Mr. Foden has had a very busy life, having served 52 years as Law Clerk in one of the leading solicitors in Liverpool. He is still with the firm—Messrs. Archer and Gregory. He has been one of the most active members of the Liverpool Clerks' Association. We wish we could insert more of his letter, and hope to do so in a future issue.

Congratulations to two Old Boys on whom the University of Liverpool at its celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of University College conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws: C. G. Barkla ('93) and Sir Benjamin S. Johnson ('80).

We have to thank W. H. Chisholm ('89) for sending us the old Debating Society's programmes for 1888 and 1890. There are several interesting names and subjects in them.

Some of those who follow the Centenary Players may be interested in the following rough verses sung (or rather recited) by R. Low at a recent General Meeting of the Players:—

Why the School shows do not pay is easy for to tell;  
Our members always find that the seats are hard to sell  
'Cos the audience have learned they're hard to sit upon as well.

Tell Taylor.

"Dear Brutus," said "The Magistrate," "You Never Can Tell" what tricks Our Haydn can do in "Half an Hour"; "The Poacher" can teach him nix; How does he change "The Bird in Hand" into "The Bishop's Candlesticks"?

"Ask Beccles."

Just look you now, we had a show 'bout a man after a rabbit; He wanted to go out and have just one more chance to nab it. And all the audience left the building talking Welsh from habit.

Tell Lloyd George.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO.

It is thought that possibly extracts from some of the School Magazines of Forty Years ago may be of interest to our readers. Here is this number's instalment:—

(Dec., '87). The following anagram, formed out of *Liverpool Institute* has been sent to us—O PUERI NOLITE STULTI.

(March, '88). I heard a report the other day—though on good authority, I give it with extreme caution—to the effect that the Institute had invested in a new brush. What are we coming to? Why, I shall soon be hearing that the Laboratory towel has been washed, or the patent "lather-resisting" soap in the same place has come to an end.

(April, '88). Last month I virtuously chronicled in this column the purchase of a new brush by the Institute, but now—would it be believed?—a new wall-map of England has been purchased! No longer will it be necessary for the Master examining in English geography to say, "What place would be here if the map weren't torn?" What *does* this portend?

(April, '88). Those youths who voluntarily trudged through the snow the other day to attend an extra chemistry class at 8-15 a.m., and found the Master not there, must be devoted students. How different to the assemblage at the Light and Heat Class, when but *two* arrived!

(March, '89). It is not very creditable to be seen smoking a short wooden pipe with tarnished brass mount in Bold Street in broad daylight; yet it has been done by an Institute boy—he has even been seen smoking a *clay pipe* in one of the large streets.

(March, '90). We have received a letter from the Liverpool College, stating that they are thinking of starting a School Magazine, and asking us for advice and information.