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### Editorial.

SINCE the first beginnings of the School Magazine, this column has seen many lines penned in imitation of Oliver Twist's notorious request. But unlike Dicken's hero, these bold petitioners did not live in a workhouse, nor yet in Dartmoor Prison, and wanted not more porridge, but more articles.

And pray, Gentle Reader, do not conclude from this that the Editor is an exclusive and finicky fellow. True, we do not ask directly for porridge, but even this would be useful on many occasions as an appropriate substitute for our special brand of glue. On the whole, however, we prefer articles of a literary character. Prose, poetry, tragedy, comedy, history, pastoral, pastoral-comical, historical-pastoral, tragical-historical, tragical-comical-historical-pastoral, scene indivisible or poem unlimited—the Editorial arms are all-embracing. But just at the moment they are embracing thin air, which is very ungraceful and undignified in an Editor. All very well for Isabella, who

"To the silence made a gentle moan,  
Spreading her perfect arms upon the air,  
And on her couch low murmuring 'Where? oh where?'"

Tragic heroines are privileged to do these things, but we, whose arms are not perfect, whose moan is distinctly unmusical, and whose exclamations of "Where? Oh where?" if we made them, would be greeted with unsympathetic derision we cannot.

Here are no bold pirates demanding subscriptions, or your silver paper or your coupons, we merely ask in the humblest of tones for your assistance in publishing the Magazine—for the products of your experience and your brains, both of which you undoubtedly have, as Mr. G. B. Shaw would say. Or if you would rather we said it in song—an old song once popular but now discredited—

"There's a moon in the sky (a somewhat trite remark).  
"There are you, here am I (our address is to be found on the Notice board) and so—which contains the point of the quotation—"Do, do, do, do something."

From these introductory remarks which have been subtly compounded so as to excite the interest of lovers of Dickens, the *Daily Mail*, Scotland, Shakespeare, Keats, Panto Day, "our leading modern Author," and jazz music, you will no doubt have gathered already that we are somewhat alarmed by an embarrassing dearth of articles.

"So was it when my life began;  
So is it now I am a man."

But something must be done about it.

It is perhaps unnecessary to remind the School that the literary standard of a Magazine such as this determines its real value. Notes are after all, merely a dull catalogue of common things which must be written by unwilling secretaries. But the number and quality of the voluntary contributions alone show whether there is any life and spirit in the School or not. It is the old problem of doing something for nothing. Most people have something to say, but they are too lazy to say it—and even those who have nothing to say, can always say it gracefully. In fact, there are so many combinations possible between the subtle differences of matter and manner that the opportunities for writing an article are infinite.

For instance, one might have the matter for a sweet little poem on "Spring," and the manner of a local ratepayer resenting the Mersey Tunnel. In that case the result would be distressing. But there is certain to be somebody in the School with a distorted sense of humour who would enjoy it. And pray believe us when we say that we only wish you to enjoy yourselves. Our true intent is all for your delight.

Hearken then to our call and give the Editor something to embrace, something to lean upon. Leave him no longer staggering like a tight-rope walker when the rope has been withdrawn and he remains in the air by sheer force of will-power.

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### Chat on the Corridor.

Mr. Brierley.

Below the age of about fifteen, few schoolboys stop to consider the real merits of their tutors. Consequently, such schoolmasters as are averse to sparing the rod, stand less chance of being understood by their younger pupils than do those whose methods are less strict. And Mr. Brierley, unfortunately, had very little contact with the older members of the School. But those few who chanced to know him in their last year or two at the Liverpool Institute, will readily testify to their great esteem for him. The majority, however, left School under the impression that he was somewhat of a disciplinarian, which was far from being the truth.

Actually, there could be few men whose interests were so widespread as Mr. Brierley's. Many will be surprised that they included an active part in the Volunteer movement prior to, and during, the War. His reason for this was no innate spirit of

militarism, but the conviction that the war would see the rectifying of social and political wrongs and evils. Subsequently disillusioned, he saw the futility of war as a satisfactory means to any useful end, and plunged with his own well-known enthusiasm and sincerity into the reform of these wrongs from the economic side, which was, he believed, the right starting point for the solution of all international, political and social problems. His knowledge of social and economic matters was thorough and considered; modern, but not fanatical, for he was loud in his denunciation of Communism, and, in truth, anything not backed by sound and cogent reason. That he was more than a mere theorist is proved by the fact that no idea or principle which Mr. Brierley studied or pursued was not supported by actually successful practice. He was not content to satisfy merely himself with studies, but in private conversation or in public speaking, which he undertook widely, he would take infinite trouble to explain anything to anyone who showed the slightest interest, and was still more ardent in showing the truth to any who were misguided by popular fallacies.

Mr. Brierley's work as an Art Master in the School he always regretted as inadequate, because his pupils finished their art work before they had reached the appreciative age. Few people are able to develop an eye for artistic beauty below the age of about seventeen, and without a good groundwork of artistic knowledge, it seems difficult to hope for any such development at all. It takes considerable elementary work to enable anybody to think in a foreign language. Still more is this true in art, and the realisation of this fact was, to Mr. Brierley, the source of much regret. He left the School, however, considerably cheered by the satisfaction of knowing that in future the study of Art is to be extended.

On his ability as an Art Master, there is no need to enlarge here. It will suffice to say that outside the School, he did considerable artistic and architectural work, and to his ability in this sphere ample testimony is offered by his appointment in Bristol, whither he goes after the summer, and in which he will be accompanied by the best wishes of all who knew him.

We should like to welcome Mr. G. H. Wedgewood, who comes to the School as Art Master in place of Mr. Brierley. He is an Old Boy of the School who left in 1918. Subsequently he attended the City School of Art and in 1925 was elected an Associate of the Royal Society of Painter Etchers. He has also won the Prix de Rome for Etching. Some members of the Upper School no doubt visited the Exhibition of his etchings, which was held in the Blue Coat Chambers not so long ago.

The members of Mr. Hicks's Play-reading Circle would like to thank him heartily for holding his meetings again and to assure him that they have never failed to enjoy his hospitality.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ledger on the birth of a daughter. We are always pleased to discover further refutation of Molière's remark "Ah! there are no children nowadays."

The School will be pleased to hear that S. Cashdan, scholar of Brasenose College, Oxford, has been awarded the Hall-Houghton Septuagint Prize (Jun.), and that L. Henry has won the Lyon Jones Scholarship, awarded on the 1st M.B. Examination at Liverpool University. Another Old Boy, J. E. Bebb, is to be congratulated on winning a Scholarship in Theology at Durham University.

Congratulations to R. A. Martin on winning an Open Exhibition in Classics at Worcester College, Oxford.

Earlier on last term the Upper part of the School heard a lecture by Dr. Robertson of Glasgow University, delivered in French, on the subject of "A Frenchman's impressions of England in the 18th century." Though somebody forgot the old proverb and tried to elicit from Dr. Robertson an exact verbal explanation of the qualities of plum-pudding, the lecturer eventually came to the conclusion that *Les Anglais sont tres taciturnes*. At the end of the lecture it was obvious that that remark might also be extended to our neighbours across the Irish Sea.

At the end of term, the Sixths were kindly invited by Miss Ashwell, the Headmistress of Blackburne House, to come and hear Major Cottam in some scenes from the "Merchant of Venice." Those of us who had heard him previously as "Hamlet" were only too glad to have this opportunity of seeing him again. Nor were our high expectations disappointed. At the conclusion of the recitation there was a noticeable quiver of horror when the Institute were requested to leave the Hall before the ladies. The gentlemen amongst us crawled out slowly with a wounded air of silent protestation. We should like to apologise to our Sisters in Education if not in Blood for this wanton insult.

The now popular substitute for a Hobby Show, a House Play Competition, was held again last term. The results were as follows:—

- 1st "Wurzel-Flummery," by Philip Holt.  
 2nd "The Little Man," by Danson.  
 3rd "The Rehearsal," by Alfred Holt.

The judging this year was done by an outsider, and we should like to thank her for her kindness in giving up so much time in the cause of School Dramatics. The unconscious humour of the actors was, we hope, sufficient recompense.

The Headmaster continued to lecture the Upper Sixths during the past term on subjects of general interest, ranging in popularity from cinema advertisements to matters of International importance, with quotations from the week-end papers. There is confident expectation in authoritative quarters that the sales of the School Magazine will be much affected by this campaign for "Wiser Reading."

The Sir Frederick Radcliffe Prizes for Recitation have this year been awarded as follows:—

- Senior : E. W. Hawkins (Resigned by M. T. Owen).  
 Junior : R. H. S. Robinson.

Several members of the Upper School have attended classes in Religion for Secondary Schools, held at the Cathedral during the past two terms. The meetings have been informal, questions being freely asked and answered.

In the midst of efforts to render the School internationally-minded, we are sorry to see that the Literary and Debating Society has not held its usual meeting with Wallasey Grammar School. And so friendly relations have not been cemented between the Youth of Liverpool and Wallasey. Some time in the future, when Liverpool and Wallasey fall to fighting over the adverse balance of trade and the protection of Wallaseyan and Liverpoolian Nationals respectively, the Secretarial board will have a lot to answer for.

The School is evidently bent on opening a special Free List of its own. This has been commenced with a Distribution gratis of Reports and Fives Balls. Moved by such generosity Smithkins in K asks with anxiety if his water-pistol can be restored.

We are not quite sure whether or not this is a very old chestnut, but at any rate the author considered it to be perfectly original. "The Popes had children whom they called nephews. This practice was known as euphemism."

The School may be interested to learn that yet another new game has been introduced. This is known as the Money Game and is at present restricted to the Upper Sixths. Its objects are innumerable; the two main ones being to teach (a) Economics, the *sine qua non* of a useful life, and (b) Good manners. Don't speak until your bid. There are also several minor proverbs such as "People in Glass factories mustn't throw Brickworks," and "Gongs may come and gongs may go, but we go on for ever." Big business is penetrating even our academic seclusion.

We should like to congratulate the School representative, E. W. Hawkins, on achieving 2nd place in the L.N.U. Speech Competition.

Thanks are due to those members of the School who assisted the Youth Hostels Association during the holidays. They were intrepid—but even the boldest spirits jibbed at invading the exclusively feminine precincts of Bold Street.

It is said that over 200 ran in the Junior and Senior Steeplechases. More and more does it become an occasion

"When Youth and Pleasure meet  
 To chase the glowing hours  
 With flying feet."

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### On seeing the first Daffodils.

What is this graceful, dainty flower,  
 Nodding and aspen in the breeze,  
 That blossoming in the April shower  
 Doth blow upon the verdant leas?

Its tender stem and trumpet head  
 Deck the green bank of the babbling rill,  
 With yellow petals and leaves outspread;  
 Mankind calls it the daffodil.

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### House Notes.

**A**LFRED HOLT.—Now that the two winter terms have passed we may pause for a moment's reflection, and assure ourselves that however weak the flesh may be, the spirit of the House is sound enough. It is true that up to

the present time our pot-hunting has brought us only the Chess Trophy, but what of that? It is not actual results which measure the spirit of a House, for talent cannot be manufactured. What matters is the effort which is made by the House as a whole, and in this respect we have done well. We were only beaten in the final of the Horsfall Cup, and obtained Third place in the Dramatic Competition, while Rodick and Thornley are to be congratulated on their performance in the Senior and Junior Steeplechases respectively. Nor were we disgraced in the Boxing Competition. However, the most striking proof of the sound spirit of the House is the fact that during the whole of the two past terms we have not lost a single mark for failure to turn out a complete team for any branch of sport. This is a boast which no other House can make, and a record which speaks for itself. All that remains is to urge the few slackers in Alfred Holt to buck up, and the rest of the House not to rest on their oars. Next term the effort must not flag, but must be even greater. Do your utmost, every one of you! E.G.W.

**Cochran.**—In this column where the House Captain is wont to tell his little joke and leave his name immortally preserved in a leather-bound volume tucked away in the corner of the Library, precedent and custom call for ringing words of exhortation. Often in the great days of the past has the House Captain by a few well-chosen, witty remarks, spurred the flagging energy of his House to the prize of the House Competition.

But what of the present? Is the House to maintain its ignoble posture in slothful ease while golden opportunities are lost? Can no pleading, no expostulation, no vigorous exhortation bring about a revival to flagging energies? We cannot begin a clean sheet—yet. But we can wipe out the unseemly Adverse Balance of marks. Next term always begins in fresh spheres, perhaps more hopeful for the fortunes of Cochran. Spur on, and accomplish the long-awaited revival; and

“Then if I die a Rural Dean  
Or rob a bank, I do not care,  
Or turn a Tory. I have seen—.”

What?

B.G.

**Danson.**—Our star is in the ascendent. Now for rocketting it up while other observers watch the heavenly paths of Hughes and Tate. Don't wait for next November 5th. Provide the fireworks now. R.A.M.

**Hughes.**—The results of the House Efficiency Competition during the last few years have so borne out what anyone could perceive was the truth, that I have almost been persuaded to

admit that it does not belie its name and that it does indeed reveal the true strength of each House. Should we win the Shield for the fourth successive year—and it is hard to see how we can fail to do so—I shall be convinced that it has not been a coincidence that the best House in the School has won the Competition each year.

During last term I gave the House a short lesson in the mathematics of Cross Country Running. I thank the House for taking the lesson to heart and earning some four hundred marks for running in the last fortnight of term. Another effort like that will make the Shield ours again.

The Junior House has as usual pulled more than its weight throughout the term, gaining the honours in the Steeplechase and the Horsfall Cup, so that, altogether, we have had a very successful term.

And now, just a word in your ear. What about the Sports?

A.C.C.B.

**Owen.**—In looking back over a past term, it is usually possible to discover some successes on which to congratulate the House, but on this occasion there is little which even deserves mention. After holding the Horsfall Cup for two seasons, we were defeated this year, and have not achieved anything to make up for it. In the House Play Competition we were placed fourth, a satisfactory position, but not one with which to remain content. As regards the Steeplechase there is little to be said. Although in the Junior event the House did well, and we have to congratulate Gibson on his victory, the performance of the Seniors was most discreditable, as we were unable to turn out a full team.

At the end of last term, moreover, there seemed to be signs that the House was realising its position in the House Competition, but at the close of another term, we are still as far from the top as ever, and with still less likelihood of rising.

It remains then for the House to make a big effort in the coming term. There will be plenty of chances of distinction, and it is to be hoped that the talent which must be in a House, such as Owen, will find summer activities more congenial than winter. We must make up our minds to win the Cricket Cup to balance our defeat in football, and to make a good start by doing well in the Sports. The task before the House concerns every individual member, not merely a few keen people, who are made to do more than their fair share. Let everyone do something useful, no matter who it is, and the House as a whole will soon begin to make up much of the ground, which previous slackness has lost. T.C.H.

**Philip Holt.**—We have spent most of the term “wobbling” from fifth place to fourth and back again. We have sunk back to fifth in the final list, but we don’t worry. We know that the House has the ability and the spirit to rise to even greater heights next term. K.B.G.

**Tate.**—From the words spoken at our House meetings during the past term, even a disinterested listener might have inferred that we were in danger of falling to second place, but now the crisis has passed and we look forward with confidence—that is with a margin of about 50 marks—to what the coming term may hold. Let us briefly review our successes during the past term so that we may be encouraged to maintain our efforts during the summer, when there is a strong tendency for interest to wane.

Our present position is largely due to originality. What about this for a headline?

**TATE ORIGINALITY DRAMA.\***

**TATE PUGILISTS WIN BY THE K.O. ROUTE.**

One would infer from this that we had won the House Boxing Competition—indeed, such is the case. In other words we have become original. Previously we had resigned the laurel of success to other contestants. Now we have it ourselves.

To stop here without mentioning achievements in other activities would be a serious injustice to the name of Tate, since our worth has been more outstanding in other directions than in Boxing.

**REMARKABLE DISAPPEARING TRICK.**

**65 MARKS LOST IN A SECOND!**

(or was it a Wednesday?) Further comment is superfluous.

Finally however, our success in the Steeplechase deserves mention. For although Cross Country Running has not been our *forte* this year, we were placed third in the aggregate.

Now that we have reviewed our successes, see to it that they are an incentive to renewed activity next term, and not an excuse for slackness. For if you regard them in this light, you may be sure that you will meet with success. M.P.

**HOUSE COMPETITION.**

Tate ...	...	...	...	...	3,132 pts.
Hughes ...	...	...	...	...	3,074 „
Danson ...	...	...	...	...	2,877 „
Alfred Holt ...	...	...	...	...	2,693 „
Philip Holt ...	...	...	...	...	2,538 „
Owen ...	...	...	...	...	1,817 „
Cochran ...	...	...	...	...	1,778 „

H.T.

\* [Wot abaht it? Heds.]

**In Brief.**

**THE EDITOR.**

“O Life! thou art a galling load,  
Along a rough, a weary road,  
To wretches such as I.”

“Every newspaper editor owes tribute to the devil.”

**A.C.C.B.**

“My business asketh haste.”

**T.C.H.**

“With the smile that was childlike and bland.”

**E.W.H.**

“Speak clearly, if you speak at all  
Carve every word before you let it fall.”

**E.G.W.**

“Let his lack of years be no impediment to let him lack  
a reverend estimation.”

**B.C.**

“Voyaging through strange seas of thought, alone—.”

**M.T.O.**

“He doth show some sparks that are like wit.”

**H.R.D.**

“How angel-like he sings.”

**W.W.**

“None are all evil.”

**D.A.T.W.**

“A kind and gentle heart he had  
To comfort friends and foes.”

**THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.**

“Their impudence confounds me.”

**THE SENIOR SHIELD.**

“Albeit failure in any cause produces a correspondent misery in the soul, yet it is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterward carefully eschew.”

**1st XI. v. STAFF.**

“Ruin upon ruin; rout on rout,  
Confusion worse confounded.”

**LIT. AND DEB.**

“Sweet smoke of rhetoric.”

**THE SECRETARIES.**

“— thought-sick and tired  
Of controversy.”

"Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow  
Thou shalt not escape calumny."

THE MAGAZINE.

"Newspapers always excite curiosity. No one ever lays  
one down with a sense of disappointment."

SCHOOL.

"That beneficent harness of routine which enables silly  
men to live respectably and unhappy men to live calmly."

THE SCHOOL CAP.

"Majestic though in ruin."

THE O.T.C.

"Battle's magnificently stern array."

THE L.N.U.

"Till the War drum throbbed no longer and the battle  
flags were furled,  
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world."

H.S.C.

"It is natural in every man to wish for Distinction."

THE GLORY HOLE.

" . . . gloomy shades, sequestered deep,  
Where no man went."

THE TUCK SHOP.

"As every climate has its peculiar diseases, so every walk  
of life has its peculiar temptations."

THE OTHER FELLOW.

"How poor a thing is man! alas, 'tis true  
I'd half forgotten it—when I chanced on you!"

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### Boxing.

THE attendance at Boxing this last term has improved, though it still leaves much to be desired. It is unfortunate that this important School activity is neglected. Boxing has its advantages, though they do not seem to be generally recognised. There is no sport that we have at School to equal it for giving physical fitness. There is every facility for training, for the Club is well supplied with all kinds of apparatus. Above all, we have a very competent trainer in Mr. McEvoy. It is to be hoped that in the future many more will take advantage of the sport.

The Boxing Competition was held in the Hall on Thursday, March 10th, and was well attended. "Ginger" Foran, an ex-Amateur Feather Weight Champion of Lancashire and Cheshire, and Mr. Denver, two friends of the trainer, acted as seconds.

Some of the Juniors were remarkably good. Kirkham and Maginess, the youngest fighting, both did well. Maginess, the winner, was rather heavier, but this in no way deterred Kirkham, who continually forced the pace. Coop is a very promising little boxer. He knows the value of the good left which he possesses, and he has a fine solid right hand punch to the body. Garcia Iniguez and Martinez displayed both boxing ability and a good sporting spirit. Garcia was heavier, but the extra weight hindered rather than helped, since it slowed him down. Martinez, who won, was the faster and forced the pace, scoring with both hands, though he always found Garcia's left dangerous.

The result among the Houses was:—

1. Tate. 2. Philip Holt. 3. Hughes.

Colours have been awarded as follows:—

Full: H. R. Disley.

Half: Walker; A. B. Disley; Martinez.

H.R.D.

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### Cross-Country Running.

THE past term has witnessed a great increase in the numbers using Fletcher's Farm on Wednesdays, chiefly due to what we are pleased to call "the new system." Towards the end of term the average size of the pack was increased from thirty or so, to nearly seventy, and on several occasions there have been more than eighty out. All this argues well for the future of the School Team, which has suffered severely this season from lack of material. However, the back end of term has set the team on the up-grade. For, after several defeats, the introduction of fresh talent enabled us to finish the season with a win.

The chief event of the term was, of course, the Steeplechase, which was held at Woolton on March 19th. The change was decidedly for the worse, for although the Aintree course is by far the more difficult, the time this year was astonishingly slow. The new course led mainly over roads, footpaths and level fields, with few obstacles, and its uninteresting nature seems to have adversely affected the competitors.

The Junior race was contested by some 110 or 120 runners, over  $3\frac{3}{4}$  miles of easy country. Hastings, who should have had no difficulty in winning, was apparently off form and the race was won by J. W. Gibson in 33 minutes 27 seconds.

There was a considerable degree of openness and interest in the Senior race, in which there were some eighty runners—more than have turned out for several years past. The first mile was

run at a fairly fast pace, but when Baxter had failed to establish a longer lead than twenty or thirty yards, the race slowed down to a jog-trot and he, together with Rice, Rodick and Stevens ambled over the next three miles. Watergate Lane and general unfitness cracked up Baxter, and Stevens, running smoothly but scarcely rapidly, drew out from Rodick and Rice, to finish an easy winner, with Rice eventually second and Rodick a good third. The time, 36 minutes 40 seconds, was extraordinarily slow, being nearly nine minutes slower than the slightly longer and decidedly more difficult course at Aintree. The team race was won in the Senior by Danson, with Hughes only five points behind, and in the Junior, Hughes and Tate were equal first. We must thank all the members of the Staff who helped to make the event run smoothly and in particular Messrs. Jones and Wormald for their constant attendance at Fletcher's Farm.

Half colours for the season have been awarded to G. E. A. Rice, E. Pike and E. L. Rodick.

Full colours have been re-awarded to A. C. C. Baxter.

A.C.C.B.

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## Fives.

**W**HEN Fives was first introduced, some three years ago, it was taken up widely among members of the Upper Forms.

It was found, however, that as these left, the Courts were not used to their full capacity. The new system, introduced last term, whereby the Courts are occupied by teams of four from the different Houses on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, has resulted in a wider interest being taken in the game.

There was no House Competition during the term owing to the stress of examinations, but it will be held during the first few weeks of the coming term, when we hope that the promised Shield will materialise. When this is over the Singles Championship will be held. During the term the School team, composed of Carmichael, Peaston, Penn and Owen, defeated the Staff team of Messrs. Doughty, Pollard, Harman and the Headmaster, by 190 points to 130. Fixtures with Wallasey Grammar School will be arranged for the coming term, and although last year they were too good for us, this year we have better hopes.

In conclusion, we tender our thanks to Mr. Doughty for the trouble he has gone to in making the game popular, and the time he has spent in coaching.

M.T.O.

## Hockey.

**T**HE second half of the season has been an extremely busy one for the School team, as nine matches have been played.

SCHOOL v. THE KING'S REGIMENT.

AT GREENBANK.

The game opened very fast and within twenty minutes the King's had netted five times without reply from the School. They added a further one before the half-time whistle. The second half was much slower and the School scored their first goal through Bowmer. Encouraged by this success, Allday and Johnston added another two for the School, making the score 6-3. With but fifteen minutes to go the King's added another four, whilst the School through Johnston and Thygesen added another two.

Final score : King's Regiment 10 ; School 5.

SCHOOL v. LIOLIANS.

AT GREENBANK.

The game started strongly and, although the Liolians had the best of the play, the half time whistle blew without there being any score. Fifteen minutes after the recommencement of the game the Liolians opened the scoring and soon followed up this success by netting another. The School then scored their first through Rumjahn, but the Liolians consolidated their position by adding a third.

Final score : Liolians 3 ; School 1.

SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE.

AWAY.

The School lost the toss, but were given the advantage of a slight slope. During the first half the Collegiate had the best of the game and scored the only goal. The second half promised to be more even, but unfortunately Bowmer had to retire from the game with an injured eye, thus creating a serious weakness in the half line. The Collegiate lent us a man to replace him, but the School defence were unable to retard the Collegiate forward line who, before the final whistle, netted a further three

Final score : Collegiate 4 ; School 0.

SCHOOL v. THE KING'S.

AT GREENBANK.

In view of their previous victory the King's fielded a weaker team. The first half was rather slow and no score was recorded until about ten minutes from the end, when the King's netted. The School managed to obtain an equaliser through Rumjahn before the half-time whistle. The second half was much faster and five minutes from the end the score was 2-2, Johnston

having obtained the School's goal. During the last five minutes however, the King's made several determined raids on the School goal and on two occasions managed to score.

Final score : King's Regiment 4 ; School 2.

SCHOOL *v.* HIGHTOWN III. AT HIGHTOWN.

Hightown soon scored—registering their first goal within two minutes from the bully-off. They then added another. The School forward line was rather shaky, and on two occasions missed an open goal. At half-time Bowmer fell back to centre-half, whilst W. G. Jones went forward. This move succeeded, Jones scoring two goals for the School. Hightown, however, scored again and the School were unable to equalise before the final whistle.

Final score : Hightown III. 3 ; School 2.

SCHOOL *v.* THE STAFF. AT HOME.

Rumjahn opened the scoring for the School, but the Staff soon equalised. The School then added another two through Rumjahn and Johnston, whilst the Staff replied with one. During the second half the game was very even and it was not until the last ten minutes that the Staff equalised.

Full time : Staff 3 ; School 3.

It was then decided to play an extra ten minutes each way. During the first ten minutes there was no score, but Rumjahn netted twice for the School during the second ten minutes.

Final score : Staff 3 ; School 5.

SCHOOL *v.* UNIVERSITY III. AT GREENBANK.

The School were swamped in this game, the University scoring ten goals without reply.

Final score : University III. 10 ; School 0.

SCHOOL *v.* COLLEGIATE. AT GREENBANK.

The game started fairly evenly, but it was the Collegiate who opened the scoring. The School, however, equalised, and at half-time no further score was made. During the second half no score was made for some time, until the Collegiate scored their second. The School, however, were equal to the occasion and netted through Rumjahn. Just before the final whistle, however, the Collegiate obtained a third and thus won the match.

Final score : Collegiate 3 ; School 2.

SCHOOL *v.* WEST DERBY III. AT GREENBANK.

The game was very fast, but, as against the University, the School were swamped. The final score was 9—1 ; the School's only goal being scored near the end of the game.

The Hockey season has now finished and on the whole it has been a fairly successful one. More support, however, is needed, particularly from the Upper School if the team is to continue to flourish. I therefore urge all those in the Fifts and above who do not play football or run, to turn up to the practices at Greenbank next season and give the game a trial.

Finally, thanks are due to Mr. Williams and Mr. S. V. Brown who have given up their time to referee our matches and to Wass, who has kept the pitch at Greenbank in such excellent condition.

D.C.P.

—★—★—★—

### Chess Notes.

AS regards internal activities, last term was fairly satisfactory. We increased our membership to about fifty ; two further books : " Morphy's Games of Chess " and Mason's " Principles of Chess " were added to the Library ; and by snapping up the unconsidered trifles reposing in the nooks and crannies that abound in the Chess Club domain, twenty-one complete sets were made up ; some fifty pieces being left over. These included fifteen bishops. The significance of this is obvious, and steps have been taken to ensure that there will be no repetition of past misdeeds.

Nobody of importance remarked the absence of the House Chess Competition last term, and the Trophy will therefore be held for a further year by Alfred Holt—last term's winners.\*

The results of our remaining School matches were :

School <i>v.</i> Oldershaw	...	...	...	Won	...	6½—½
„ <i>v.</i> Rock Ferry H.S.	...	...	...	Lost	...	1½—5½
„ <i>v.</i> Merchant Taylor's	...	...	...	Drew	...	3½—3½

We thus obtained only 5½ points out of a possible 8 ; the winners, Collegiate, obtained 7 points, and we tie for second place with Rock Ferry and Wallasey. No further comment is necessary. We ought to have won the Shield, and if the members of the team had been really keen, we should have done so.

The regular team has been composed of : Zalin, H., Wallace, D. A. T., Johnston, R., Peaston, M., Peters, A. J., Penn, H., and Hawkins, E. W. In addition, Wheelan, J. A., Baldwin, A. B., Scarisbrick, R., Mulholland, H., Campbell, J. A., and Williams, A. G., have at various times either played or been

\* [It is news to us that the correct way of running a competition is to wait until somebody remarks its absence.—Ed.]

reserve. From which it will be seen that there is no lack of talent in the School, and we have something on which to base the usual outlook-for-the-future-is-bright statement.

In conclusion, A. J. Peters is to be thanked for the zeal he has shown in conducting the Chess Tournament, to be concluded this term, and for the general help he has given the Secretary, particularly in collecting and sorting out the men.

D.A.T.W.

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### About the Sports.

SOME of you may, perhaps, blink with astonishment at the above title and imagine that you have been hibernating for a whole term. But fear not—the Sports have not taken place and there are no results to append as yet—except my own which remain the same from year to year, *i.e.*, last in the 100 yds., last in the 220 yds., last in the 440 yds., Mile (did not run), Half-mile (did not run), Cricket-Ball (disqualified—which they always say in a disagreeable tone as if I were cheating, though its only a slip, really).

No doubt you are in the dark about the object of this article, but compose yourselves in patience—the dawn is slowly breaking. Why am I not a success in the Sports? What is wrong with me? (As this is only a rhetorical question, there is no opportunity for rudeness.) I hanker for the popularity of the Sports champion, whose name is Brown. And, to be honest with you, my name is Smith. In any case, “What’s in a name”—or if you don’t like that—

“Sound them, it doth become the mouth as well,  
Weigh them, it is as heavy; conjure with them,  
Smith will start a spirit as soon as Brown.”

If he spells his name Browne, I can always spell mine Smythe. If I am provoked I can even spell it Psmith, Schmidt or Smith-Smith. So you see it has nothing to do with the name.

The real reason is that the School is thoroughly behind the times. We go on in the same way from year to year without any attempt at improving or adding to the Sports. We do not even abolish the out-of-date events. In fact, there are still only two types of persons whom the Sports Committee recognise, the Quick and the Slow, with a sub-division into the Very Quick and the Dead Slow. But what about all the other physical peculiarities? What about—

- (a) the Strong and the Weak;
- (b) the Tall and the Short;
- (c) the Fat and the Thin;

or even

(d) the Fair and the Dark?

Are they not also to be recognised?

Yet even such a recognition as this would only be a preliminary step towards true perfection. The next move would be to conduct a thorough examination of the School on psychological lines. As yet the Sports Committee does not recognise psychology, but it should realise what an enormous influence this has on the results of races. For instance, the Bold man or, psychologically speaking, the Plus-hormone would naturally press on to the front of the race, while the Modest man or the Minus-hormone would tend to give up his place to the man behind and retire to the back as quickly as possible.

My third complaint is that there is too great a waste of labour in the Sports. No action should be indulged in unless it can ultimately be turned to the good of the State or the individual. Even those events which are useful are not managed properly. Booklets should be issued in attractive colours on the following lines, “The Mile or How to Escape the Income Tax Collector”; “The Long Jump or Better be Safe than Sorry”; and “The Obstacle Race or Advice to Pedestrians in a Traffic Jam.”

So far all my criticism has been destructive, but here follows my constructive policy. In the first place all psychological information should be used fully. The plus hormones, for instance, would race as before, but the minuses would have a special race in which they would be encouraged by such shouts as “Mind out, he’s getting behind you.” Immediately on this the man addressed would double back and try to take the other fellow in the rear. Consequently this race would be run in the opposite direction to the others or, on the other hand, it might be run backwards. Such considerations can be left to the discretion of future Sports Committees.

As a rule there is not enough pep in the Tug-of-war. There is no real antipathy between the two teams. But this could quite easily be created artificially by a simple application of the principles of psychology. It is well known that certain people can be roused to fierce anger by the sight of certain colours. Two teams would therefore be selected from the School, one of which should be antipathetic to Red (let us say) and the other to Yellow. The team with the Yellow complex would be provided with red gym. vests and shorts and *vice versa*. On the actual day of the Sports, the two teams would be led out under a strong guard and not allowed to see each other until they reached the rope. At sight of each other they would be thrown into violent con-

vulsions and would gnaw at the rope and snap viciously at any spectators who happened to be clothed in red or yellow respectively. The referee would take care to adopt a neutral colour for the occasion. Probably the rope would break at the first strain. Immediately the two teams would be pinioned on the ground to prevent accidents until another rope could be procured.

Information gained in this way as to the colour complexes of boys could be utilised to great advantage in School. For instance, the Homework Detention room together with the Master in charge on a certain day would all be gracefully draped in Blue and a large inscription in blue lettering would be placed in the room, worded as follows: "This is the Homework Detention Room. Come in." A party of blue-complex boys would be introduced for a moment. Immediately they would endeavour to escape and obtain a larger dose of homework.

To return to the question of the Strong men. To provide these with a sport I advocate the introduction of caber-tossing, hammer-throwing, and pole vaulting. For the first few years, of course, hammer-throwing, which may be regarded as a Blood sport, would cause accidents among the spectators. A small competitor might even throw himself away with the hammer, but these mistakes could soon be rectified.

The real reason for introducing these sports is that they are definitely useful. Imagine for a moment that the School Camp requires a new hut. A select part of caber-tossers, hammer-throwers, pole-vaulters and supernumeraries would be formed at School and marched up to Troutall in order to keep them in condition. Once there, the caber-tossers would be provided with twelve foot planks sharpened at the end and ordered to form a wide square. On the word "Go," they would all toss and the four walls of a hut would appear in the middle. Supernumeraries would then advance and hold nails in the required places. The hammer-throwers would line up and throw when ordered. There would also be a code word indicative of great annoyance in case of a possible collision between the hammer and a supernumerary. Finally, the pole-vaulters would deposit the roof and descend gently and gracefully. Occasionally, of course, the roof would also descend gently and gracefully. But practice makes perfect.

There are obviously endless possibilities of improvement for a resourceful committee. By the employment of deep thought and skilful construction of new sports events they might eventually rebuild the School. I hope these words will not be altogether without their influence in the future.



### L.N.U. Notes.

ALTHOUGH attendance at meetings during the Christmas term was good, this term it was even better, and it can be said with truth that the School Branch of the L.N.U. has enjoyed a large measure of success. Nevertheless it still affords us wonder that a movement with such good intentions should have what must be considered as limited support. We should be loath to think that the limited membership of fifty was due to the fact that it is a movement requiring thought, but this would appear to be so, since the constant excuse of lack of time can hardly be considered valid when one remembers that meetings are held almost immediately after school, and last only about an hour. We take this opportunity to appeal for a much larger membership next year, and to urge members of the School to support a movement which of all the School activities least deserves to be neglected, since in its wider aspect its success or failure must closely concern everyone.

The first meeting of the term was held in the School Hall on January 28th, when Dr. Kuangson Young, the Chinese Consul-General for England, spoke to the Schools' Branches. A very interesting speech on the position in Manchuria was heard by the largest meeting of the year, but one felt it was a great pity that all the Secondary schools of Merseyside could not fill the Hall to hear a speech on a question of great moment, given by one eminently suited to deal with his subject. Those who did go, however, were thoroughly satisfied by the way in which they had spent their time.

On February 8th, Mr. Peters addressed the School Branch on the controversial question "Have we been fair to France?" and although the attendance was not very large, great interest and appreciation were evinced by the number of questions asked.

The Annual Speech Competition was held on February 18th, in the Hall of Wallasey Grammar School. The standard of speaking was high throughout, although members of the fair sex were apt at times to lose the place. E. W. Hawkins, our representative, gave a very good speech, and is to be congratulated on being placed equal second.

Finally we give our hearty thanks to Mr. Peters for his help during the year, and hope that his efforts will be rewarded by a larger membership next year. M.T.O.

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### A. J. O. T. C.

THE most important event of the term was the welcome announcement that a Camp is to be held in the summer at Catterick, and I advise all who wish to attend to give in their names at once, before the lists are closed.

The first Field Day was held at Altcar, and we were, as usual, blessed with fine weather. The scheme, which was an attack by an advance-guard upon a platoon covering the embarkation of troops, taught us many lessons. The attack failed to find suitable cover in the approach over open ground, and expected support from the flank was not forthcoming. The result was that the strong positions of the covering troops were maintained, and the embarkation successfully accomplished.

Thurstaston was the scene of our second Field Day, which was marked by two "forced marches," carried out with our usual cheerful spirit. The Certificate "A" candidates were put in command of the various units of an advance guard, and discovered the duties of such a guard by suffering for their faults, which were mainly loss of control and failure to send important messages to headquarters.

On the last parade of the term we gave a small token of our gratitude to Captain Thorpe for the skilful and able manner in which he has led the Corps through so many difficulties in the past. He assured us that he has not entirely severed his connection with the Corps and we can still rely upon his helping hand in the future. As for next term, I would remind you of the Inspection, the Section and Platoon Competitions, and on July 26th, the O.T.C. Camp. D.G., C.S.M.

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### The Duddon, from an Angler's Point of View.

IT must be confessed that the reputation of the Duddon has been gained more from the beauty of the valley, and its association with Wordsworth's sonnets, than for the fish which it contains, or the angling it affords. In its upper reaches

it is a typical trout stream, but there are many reasons why it should not provide good sport. These are chiefly the bare, rocky nature of its bed, a poor food supply and the purity of the stream.

The Duddon rises on Wrynose, not far from the Three Shire Stones, and, after running twelve miles to Broughton, it expands into a considerable estuary which flows into the Irish Sea. From Wrynose to Cockley Beck (Cockley Beck is the name of a farm) the river is a mere mountain stream and contains a few small trout which are poor and badly fed, and probably not worth catching, though they are sure to provide good sport for any younger anglers.

The first real reach of the river is that from Cockley Beck to Seathwaite. Here there are numerous pot holes in which larger fish are to be found, and the size of the trout in the running stream is considerably larger than that of the trout of the mountain streams. Several tributaries have at this point added to the beauty and volume of the stream, whose bed is now of bright green slate slabs, which give the water a beautiful emerald colour. Here the river divides Ulpha and Seathwaite, and proceeds along Dunnerdale Fell, which with the Sella estate provides extremely good fishing.

The final reach of the river is through the Duddon Hall estate to Duddon Hall. Than this stretch nothing could be finer. The river has become wider and deeper and here the best salmon fishing is provided. Whilst lower yet, down the river, there are a number of pebbly stretches on which many good sized trout have been caught.

In recent years a laudable attempt has been made to preserve the Duddon as a salmon river. Prior to this the estuary had been persistently netted by boats. This has now been stopped. Perhaps it will be interesting to tell of the experience of some anglers.

Several University men entered an inn and called for a meal. The meal was duly served and the waiting maid was handed a note in Latin to give to the landlord, asking what was the damage. They got the reply in Greek, which stumped them.

Somewhere in the Valley there is supposed to be an old Quaker burial ground called the Sepulchre, erected by one Gunson. The Sepulchre is on the New Close Farm.

To-day, several families claim to date back to the Quakers, notably the Pearsons, Cassons, and Tysons, the last of whom, at any rate, will be well-known to those who have attended School Camp.

## Music Club.

THE Club has enjoyed a small but keen membership this term, and two very good concerts have been held. The second of these was provided by visitors, who gave us an evening of Chamber Music. The acquisition of a second piano has widened our scope somewhat and we hope to present a rather more ambitious programme early next term.

The Liverpool Schools' Music Circle has held two more concerts at the Picton Hall. The first on January 22nd was given by Leon Goosens, who is perhaps the greatest living Oboist, accompanied by members of the London Wind Players and George Reeves (pianoforte). The programme was an admirable blend of Classical and Modern Music.

Quintet in E flat	...	...	...	...	Mozart.
Largo	:	Allegro Moderato	:	Larghetto	:
		Rondo	:	Allegro.	
Sonata for Oboe and Piano	...	...	...	...	Saint Saens.
Pianoforte Solo—"Papillons" (Op. 2)	...	...	...	...	Schumann.
Trio for Piano, Oboe and Bassoon	...	...	...	...	Poulenc.
Piece for Clarinet	...	...	...	...	R. Kell.
Allegretto from Bassoon Sonata	...	...	...	...	Hurlstone.
Rondo from Quintet Op. 16	...	...	...	...	Beethoven.

The second concert was given on March 1st by the McCullagh String Quartet, Dr. Wallace, and Summer Austin (Baritone).

We hope to have the pleasure of hearing another series of these admirable concerts next year. K.B.G.

The School Music Circle held its second concert of the term on Monday, February 20th, in the Boardroom. Though the support given to the first concert had been sufficiently poor to damp the ardour of the most enthusiastic, Mr. Rose had again acquired the services of friends from outside the School, and his confidence was on this occasion rewarded by the attendance of a large and appreciative audience. A quartet led by Mr. Fred Hughes, played movements from well-known quartets. The programme, which had been designed to serve as a general introduction to quartet music, commenced with three movements from Beethoven's G major quartet. This was followed by number 3 of the "Cinq Novelettes" for a quartet by Glagannov, the modern Russian composer. This work, perhaps because it was written in "modo antico" was far more tuneful than we had expected modern Russian work to be. After this example of the quartet in its most modern form, the programme turned to Haydn, the father of quartet music. The theme and variations from the latter's "Emperor" quartet, were played and the audience was supplied with copies of the score, from which to follow the work.

several members testifying to their enthusiasm by absconding with their copies at the end.

At this concert, the Music Club proved that the way for any School Society to ensure success is to leave the Hall and go where the fire is bright, the atmosphere congenial and the seats comfortable.

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## Animalia.

### ADVICE OF AN OLD CAT TO A KITTEN.

I'm an old, old pussy, and I shan't live long,  
But I want to tell you this before I go:  
Although you may not know it, life isn't all a song,  
And I'm sure that as you grow you'll find it so.

Never be found in the pantry,  
Never be found with the meat,  
Never be found in grandpa's chair,  
At least, not on the seat!  
Never be found on the table,  
Never be seen with the milk,  
Never be caught in the darning box,  
Nor yet mixed up in the silk.

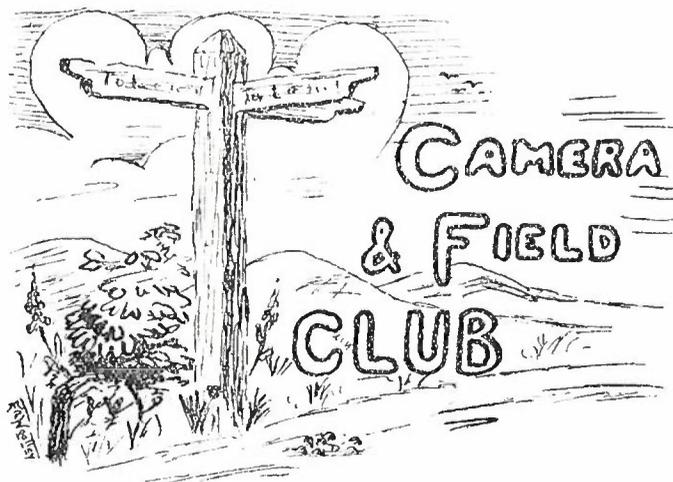
Never go chasing the chickens,  
Teaching them how to run,  
Always be found on the hearth-rug,  
Though I know it's not much fun.

Now my sermon is over;  
I hope you will take my advice:  
Keep clean and contented, purr loudly when stroked,  
And for exercise—try catching mice. G.R.H. (3x).

### ADVICE TO A MOUSE.

One day in our dark cellar,  
I heard an old mouse say:  
"Just list to me, young fellow  
Before you go away."  
"Be careful when a'roaming,  
Of traps and cats, take heed,  
For cats forget their manners  
And take you for a feed!"  
"So take advice as it is meant,  
And never go where you're not sent."

J.B.S. (3x).



**D**ESPITE the coming of compulsory games, the Club continues to flourish and the membership has been higher this term than it has been for about two years. Members have always been keen to come on excursions and as usual it has been necessary to turn some away. To get over this difficulty next term it has been decided to take larger parties and where this is not possible, to hold alternative excursions on the same afternoon. In this way we hope to give all members the opportunity of enjoying the privileges of their membership every week.

This term the Seniors have paid two very enjoyable visits to the Corporation Car Works at Edge Lane and to Meccano Ltd. The Juniors have as usual been very keen and have visited the City Fire Station, Hatton Garden. They have also held a ramble to Thurstaston.

It is hoped next term to have a much larger programme, including : a Cotton Mill, a Chemical Works, Crewe Engine Works and Sheds, and Messrs. Hartley's and Jacob's Factories. But this is only possible if subscriptions are paid early in the term. Please help to make the term a success by paying your fourpences as soon as possible to either your form Master, the Secretary, or the Asst. Secretary (Roddan, Rc.)

One thing more for the benefit of new boys. At the end of next term there will be a whole day excursion to some place (not yet decided) outside Liverpool. Only members who have previously attended two excursions will be allowed off School to go with us. The moral is obvious.

K.B.G.

### Photographic Section.

This branch of the Club has had another very successful term. The dark-room has been booked on nearly every available occasion and members have carried out some very useful work. Mr. Stell gave us three interesting demonstrations during the first half of the term and these were well attended and highly appreciated.

We should like to see more members from the upper parts of the School using the dark-room, as most of the work during the past term has been done by boys from the Fourths, Thirds and Junior School.

The dark-room is equipped with an excellent enlarging camera which is not used as much as it might be, because a number of the younger members think that they have learnt photography when they can develop and print their films with a reasonable amount of success.

The coming term is the best part of the year for out-door work and we hope that it will be possible to hold a competition so that enthusiasts may have the chance of entering photographs which they would have shown if a Hobby Show had been held.

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### The Scouts.

**T**HE School Scout Troop, 319th Liverpool, started last October, has made very satisfactory progress. The small nucleus formed then has provided keen and capable leaders for six patrols, and when the Troop was opened in January there was little time lost before it reached the full strength of 48. Good progress has been made at the regular parades on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, and twelve are now qualified second-class Scouts. We have been fortunate, through the good offices of the Headmaster, in securing permission to use the grounds of Beechwood House and of Childwall Wood. Two field days were held in the Spring Term, at Oglet and at Lathom Park, both of which were greatly enjoyed and blessed with good weather. Two successful outings were arranged in the Christmas Holidays, and three early in the Easter holidays. The excursion to Mold on the Tuesday after Easter not only gave a most enjoyable ramble in open country, but also provided us with the option of a good camping site for future use, well away from the frequented spots. The Patrol Competition provided interesting rivalry, and brought the Seagulls a well-deserved trophy in the shape of a hand-axe.

## Procrastination.

While I considered how my night was spent  
 —But now asleep in buoyant comfiness—  
 I said : " A moment—"—but 'twas growing less.  
 I lay still longer—and that moment went  
 As arrow from a bow its utmost bent.  
 My breakfast's on the table. I confess  
 Its lure is great, but still the sheet's caress  
 My wicked body. . . . Now do I repent.

Procrastination is the thief of time  
 So mine is stolen and I've missed the boat.  
 O where the punishment to fit this crime !

I, in my guilty mind, a plan create—  
 A cure for my weak will . . . . an antidote—  
 Why have a bed? Is not the floor as straight?  
 J.R.D.

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## Literary and Debating Society.

THE first meeting of the second half of the session 1931-32, was held in the Masters' Common Room, on Tuesday, January 19th, at 7 p.m., with Mr. Hicks in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed without alteration (*mirabile dictu*). T. C. Harrop then proposed a vote of thanks to his partner on the secretarial board for writing three consecutive sets of minutes, whereupon the secretaries were subjected to their usual vote of censure. The Society then proceeded to public business. In the absence of A. C. C. Baxter, T. C. Harrop was called upon to propose the motion "That the final crash of civilisation is rapidly approaching." He apologised in advance for the poorness of his speech, and then proceeded to speak on the dangers of war and the incompetence of the League of Nations. He asserted that the next war would cause the crash of civilisation. After stressing the interdependence of all nations economically, he added that a break in the present economic machine would plunge the whole world into chaos. In opposing the motion, K. B. Gibson stated that civilisation came with the Renaissance and that it could only be destroyed by outside force or internal rot. He expressed contempt for the power of the yellow and black races, and placed entire confidence in the League of Nations. As regards internal decay, he asserted that there were no disruptive forces in modern

civilisation, as was shown by the Youth movements. H. R. Disley, seconding the motion, spoke of Chicago, Brazil, and cannibals, and, incidentally, of disarmament, tariffs and reparations. Seeing no solution to the problems involved in the latter subjects, he considered that the world was progressing rapidly towards destruction. M. T. Owen thought that tariffs were mere trifles and lamented the narrow-mindedness of the proposers. He added that as long as there were poets in the world, civilisation was in no danger, while economic depression and reparation problems were of secondary importance. When the motion was opened to debate, W. A. Ankers arose, and, in supporting the motion, repeated the substance of previous remarks. P. Curtis lectured on biology, speaking of horses, jelly, and other things that the Society could not hear. D. Graneek compared civilisation with a very fortunate man, who spent his life slipping downstairs, without apparently hurting himself. He concluded by saying that, although civilisation was slipping a little, it would soon recover, and then gave place to G. Bean. The latter stressed the dangers from Hitlerism and Russia, and considered that man could not live on books alone. B. Carruthers spoke of the people of England feeding on a square mile and made the startling assertion that the present economic system was breaking down. In replying, T. C. Harrop emphasised the danger from the East, and revealed the fallacy in the staircase simile. This however failed to convince the Society and the motion was lost by 7 votes to 24. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, February 2nd, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. After the signing of the minutes, private business was spent in a controversy over the position of A. C. C. Baxter. Finally it was decided that he could not hold his committee-membership. The Society then proceeded to public business, omitting the customary vote of censure on the secretaries. B. Carruthers arose to propose that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." The speaker considered that the motion was a hyperbole, adding that patriotism had reached its height at the present time. Selfishness, he continued, was the guiding principle of all nations, and quoted the *Observer*, the Bible, and the Minister of Education to prove his point. After repeating his previous remarks, he yielded place to A. P. Bates, the opposer. The latter denied that all soldiers were criminals and poured contempt on the proposer. He continued that patriotism was a virtue, and, since a scoundrel could not be virtuous, he therefore considered that he had proved his point. L. A. Jones said that patriotism was not an evil in itself, but was such in its effects. Returning to the inevitable subject, he said that patriotism had ruined ancient Greece, but later, forsaking the classics, he des-

cended to mere French. In his usual dashing manner, E. W. Hawkins reviled everyone from the proposer to Dr. Johnson and spoke contrary to his usual convictions. Later, he showed his admiration for Horatio Bottomley, by applauding his refusal to go to war. After the motion was thrown open to discussion, R. A. Martin, as usual, pulled it to pieces, and then spoke of little white lies, turnips, and fathers. To continue, he said, was futile, since no one knew what Johnson had meant. T. C. Harrop showed his superior knowledge by explaining what Johnson did mean, and condemned the previous speaker's remarks on the undesirability of a union of all nations. R. A. Martin thereupon arose on a point of personal explanation, and added that he had opposed the abolition of all national characteristics and the formation of one monotonous whole. G. E. A. Rice said that some of the greatest rogues were soldiers, but that the real test of the scoundrel was whether or not he flaunted his patriotism. G. G. H. E. Brown read a letter from a clerical friend residing in flaming Hades, saying that new supplies of ardent patriots were urgently needed to make up the numbers. W. W. Davies said that while medals ensured a man a shorter sentence in court, he was not necessarily a scoundrel for not supporting his wife. G. Bean argued that patriotism was the real cause of war and added that it was possible to be patriotic to a cause. T. W. Slade thought that patriotism and a desire for gain were being confused, while W. A. Ankers said that just as evil could develop out of good, so could patriotism become nationalism. A. J. Peters considered that conscription had taken all the glory out of war, and P. Curtis thought that the real object of patriotism was the betterment of the world. C. D. Collins and F. Baldwin made speeches of record brevity in reference to the late Labour Government. W. H. Patridge thought that, although patriotism had ruined Greece, since the separate States had been working for good, the Greeks were not scoundrels. B. Carruthers, in replying, said that the seceder of the opposition stood self-condemned, and showing his classical knowledge, he added that as *patria* meant "a country," patriotism could not refer to a cause. When put to the vote, the motion was lost by 9 votes to 16, many members refraining from voting. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, February 15th, with Mr. Hicks in the chair. After Mr. Dickinson had been successful in removing a large portion of the previous minutes by unconstitutional means, it was decided to leave them unsigned until the next meeting, in view of the main business of the evening. The chairman called upon Mr. Rose to deliver his paper on "The Inspiration of literature and music." The speaker commenced by explaining that he could not treat

his subject exhaustively in the time at his disposal. He stated that spontaneity was the fountain head of all art, and that all arts tended towards music. Therefore, he added, it was almost impossible for a born artist to miss his vocation. The speaker then showed the analogy between music and speech, comparing melody and cadence in the former, with rhyme and rhythm in the latter. To explain this, T. J. Ellison, who gave admirable illustrations on the pianoforte, played Grieg's Sonata in G, while the speaker pointed out the changes in key and time. "Barbara Allen," he continued, was the simplest form of tune with only two cadences, while, as an example of one more complex, Mr. W. H. Jones sang "Walter's Prize Song" from "The Meistersinger." Developing the comparison between literature and music, the speaker drew attention to speed, nuance, and harmony, and as an example of word nuance, he quoted Browning's "Love among the ruins." Poe's "Bells" was then read with great effect, while the difference in tone of each verse was shown. The same happened in music in counterpoint. A German Chorale by Bach was played as an example of "running counterpoint." In music the major key was employed to convey joy, the minor sorrow, or gloom. So Keats' "Eve of St. Agnes" was written in the minor key of literature. The speaker went on to say that music had no reality, but conjured up emotions, which represented in the mind of the listener objects which he recognised. There was much discussion, he added, as to whether music was made strictly by form, but as the form tends to change, he considered that individual impulse was the more important. The composer must bide his time patiently, so that his composition becomes then spontaneous. Life of to-day, he continued, was vaster than ever before, and over all is rhythm—the steely rhythm of machinery. However, music could sound depths, never to be reached by science, while the real object of all art should be to convey the idea of the unity of mankind. He concluded with a quotation from Sydney—"The end of poetry is to lead us to the highest perfection of which our souls are capable," and sat down amidst loud applause. In proposing the vote of thanks, R. A. Martin said that, as he had no witty or elegant turns of phrase prepared, his must be "broken thanks." However, he thanked the speaker on behalf of the Society, both for the great trouble he must have taken in preparing the speech, and for the wealth of instruction which he had given. E. G. Wright, in seconding, said that, in an age of wireless, it was a great pity that so little teaching was given about music, and if only for the step which the speaker had taken in that direction, he thanked him sincerely. The proposal was carried with acclamation, and the meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7 p.m., with Mr. S. V. Brown in the chair. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and signed, those of the latter without alteration, as a compliment (*sic*) to Mr. Rose. Until the end of private business, the chairman and A. C. C. Baxter were involved in a dispute, in which they spoke at cross-purposes, the latter with the avowed object of ensuring the inclusion of his name in the next set of minutes. The chairman then called upon H. R. Disley to propose the motion "That complete political emancipation is necessary for the future well-being of India." The latter stressed the unique position of India, and added that a country governed from abroad is always exploited by its rulers. He astounded the Society by saying that the English had done nothing to educate the Indians and that English trade had only risen by the suppression of Indian enterprise. He concluded by saying that the native Indian knew best what was for his own good, and therefore should be given a free hand in making alliances and treaties. In opposing the motion, E. G. Wright said that the proposer's speech was based on fallacies, and that the English had carried out great schemes for the benefit of the Indian. He stated that the latter was being educated towards democracy, and, becoming involved in statistics, he discovered that 120=100, while stating that some Indians could speak two hundred different dialects. E. W. Hawkins, in his usual aggressive fashion, seconded the motion. The benefit of India, he asserted, was merely an excuse for exploiting it, and it was clearly futile for every Tom, Dick, and Harry on Aigburth Road to have a voice in its government. Ghandi's pacific methods, he considered, showed the superior intelligence of the Indian, and therefore it was up to the English to retire. J. W. Turner then proceeded to revile the motion and said that English authority alone prevented severe religious strife. England, in his opinion, was acting as a true *alma mater*, leading the Indian child along the right path. He concluded by stating that under no circumstances could the Monroe doctrine take root in India. On the motion being opened to debate, A. P. Bates arose and expressed the opinion that the world was at a period of economic crisis, and if in such a situation the people of England were moved by tub-thumpers, the Indian would be much more so. Extremists, therefore, would work havoc in India. R. Johnston then asserted that everybody had missed the point except the seconder of the opposition, and that he had been too humourous (*sic*) to be believed. He thought that England had won India fairly, had acted towards it in a real spirit of *non nobis solum*, and therefore that the Indians (in opposing the English) were mere self-seekers. H. Mulholland considered that the Indian was,

by nature, dull and stupid, and therefore, given self-government, would descend to bribery and corruption. T. C. Harrop agreed that only one speaker had seen the point, but differed in the exception. He quoted Norman Angell on India, and added that complete political emancipation was impossible in the complex state of modern civilisation. The chairman then called upon the proposer to reply. The latter in his turn pointed out the fallacies in the opposers' arguments, and said that India always had law and order, while the Great War had shown England's aims. He concluded by saying that it was natural to be self-seeking, but that it was only fair to give the Indian complete political freedom. On being put to the vote the motion was lost by 5 votes to 16. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on Tuesday, March 15th, at 7-15 p.m., with Mr. Hicks in the chair. The lateness in starting was due to the fact that a quorum had not been formed until that moment. The minutes were then read, and, after the defeat of various motions proposed by E. W. Hawkins, A. C. C. Baxter proposed a vote of censure on the secretaries, which was passed, since time prohibited an adequate defence. The Society then proceeded to public business, and the chairman called upon A. C. C. Baxter to propose "That the death of party government is desirable." The speaker said that he wished it to be clear that he was not attacking democracy. Party government had, however, failed in its avowed object. Firstly, he continued, few men could afford the thousand pounds deposit necessary for candidature, while many men's opinions were unrepresented by any party. Moreover, the party leaders seldom carried out the policies for which they were elected, while the opposition opposed all measures, purely as a matter of principle. Further, he continued, men were given office on account of their party services, regardless of their ability. E. W. Hawkins, opposing the motion in his usual aggressive fashion, considered the arguments of the proposer to be worthless, and added that party government was essential for democracy. He then went on to give an admirable historical lecture on the growth of the Cabinet System, although forgetting to knight Walpole. He finished his speech by saying that without party there could be no policy. A. P. Bates arose to second the proposer, and spoke of machines and party government, considering the latter to be the worst example of the former. After repeating the proposer, he drew a Utopian picture of a world without Lord Beaverbrook, and concluded by repeating what he had already said twice, making reference to the mythical return of free trade. In seconding the opposition R. A. Martin expressed the opinion that time had been wasted on side issues and that the fundamental question was whether

we were to be governed by ourselves or by somebody else. If the former then we must be represented. That being the case, if we are to be governed by policy not whim, then we must have parties. In concluding, he added that experts were far too clever by half, and that the visions of the previous speaker were impracticable. On the motion being thrown open to debate, L. A. Jones expressed regret that he had been forestalled in the use of a Greek quotation, but gave it none the less, although the Society appeared to miss its point. He then spoke of democracy, Thucydides, and Keynes, considering the first impossible. W. W. Davies, opined with admirable conciseness, that cohesion was necessary for government and that party government was the only means of obtaining it. D. Graneek vented his spite on the *Daily Mail*, and logically contended that party government could effect nothing. After a brief effort by G. E. A. Rice, the proposer arose to reply. He rapidly tried to prove the fallacies in the opposers' arguments and then concluded his discourse on Royal Commissions. On the motion being put to the meeting, it was passed by 8 votes to 6. The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room on Monday, March 21st, at 7 p.m., with Mr. S. V. Brown in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, after the portion concerning the cause of the small attendance at the last meeting had been deleted. It was then discovered that there was a vacancy on the committee, whereupon G. G. H. E. Brown was elected to fill the post. Despite the shortness of time, the Society succeeded in passing a vote of censure on the Secretaries for failure in the discharge of their duties. The latter then obtained their only unanimous vote of the session, one of thanks to the chairman for his devoted discharge of his very difficult duties. The chairman then explained the nature of the business before the meeting, whereupon the Society dispersed throughout the building. There a murder was committed, Harrop expiating his crime of the previous year. Detectives Hawkins and Owen rapidly appeared, and made a preliminary investigation. The Society then returned to the Board Room, and the detectives commenced their task. Various members were examined, the meditative amusements of Martin causing much laughter. The search was gradually narrowed down, and suspicion was centred on Messrs. Worgan, Quayle, Carmichael and Disley. The detectives were confused by the discovery of an anonymous note on the body, upon which Quayle alone seemed able to throw any light. Martin tearfully discovered the weapon on his person, but could not explain whence it came, though the evidence seemed to confirm the former suspicions of the detectives. As most of the evidence had now

been obtained, and time was pressing, the detectives were asked to make an accusation. Owen accused Carmichael, and Hawkins accused Worgan, while Gibson, Worgan, Carmichael and Quayle shared the suspicions of the Society. His escape from unanimous accusation was a tribute to the low-cunning of Carmichael, who was the real criminal. The business of the evening was a source of much interest and amusement to the Society as a whole.

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

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## The Very Complete Crime.

VICTOR KEPLER was a prominent financier who made all the money he could in no matter what way from rich and poor alike. This had been going on for some time when it got to the ears of a company of six batchelors—all wealthy, gifted men. These men professed to see fair play wherever possible, no matter what amount of time and trouble it cost them.

The first of the group to receive the news was No. 1, a financier who was always in close contact with Kepler, but not using his evil methods. He told the group at the weekly meeting that unless something was done quickly to stop Kepler, thousands of shareholders would be ruined. Everybody agreed on its seriousness and it was put to the vote. Four out of the six votes said murder, the others said nothing. It may seem drastic that murder should be Kepler's fate, but less drastic measures had been taken before, but to no effect. These men did not let the police over worry them, for the following reasons: (1) their small chance of suspicion; (2) their resources to resist them (scientific and criminological). This particular exploit was carried out by Olaf Lobtvitch, the Russian criminologist.

Lobtvitch put forward the following scheme. No. 2 was to get a job as butler at Kepler's home (new servants were needed because Kepler's home had been gutted by fire in the hope of killing him, but it had been unsuccessful). When he was acquainted with his surroundings he was to disconnect the wires from the geyser in the bathroom and then tell his master of the defect. Kepler would send for an electrician, who in this case was No. 3. The electrician, while in the bathroom took a wire from the geyser (under the plaster, of course) to the underside of the bath, where he bored a hole half-way through and soldered in the wire. The current would run to earth down the waste pipe which was attached by a newly appointed gardener (No. 4) with a wire to an iron peg stuck in the garden. This was carried unanimously. After the necessary engagements, the scheme was put to the test. On Thursday night, before dinner, Kepler

had a bath. As soon as the butler switched on the geyser and a few minutes before the bath became electrified, Kepler put his hands on the side of the bath, but did not feel the shock owing to his wearing crêpe rubber bath gloves, but when he was right in he felt the full effect of the high voltage, and died without a murmur. When he was found dead later, death was attributed to heart failure by Doctor Martin (No. 5) and nobody was any the wiser. When the house was redecorated the decorator (No. 6) disconnected the wires and the gardener removed all traces at the other end of the waste pipe, thus leaving no clue of the crime. The butler and gardener were given their notice for carelessness in the butler's case and for giving apples to small boys from the orchard in the gardener's case.

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### School Football.

LUCK has hardly been favourable to our football this term. Last term's capable 1st XI. had the misfortune to lose the services of four of its members. It was therefore not surprising that we were defeated, both by the Liobians, and by the Collegiate. On both occasions, however, we were but narrowly beaten, and in view of the circumstances, the team did exceptionally well.

Owing to members of the 2nd XI. being called upon by the 1st XI., the former has also suffered, and has consequently not been as successful as last term.

The School, year by year, seems to be adopting an increasingly nonchalant attitude towards Shield matches. The Senior side, with eight complete strangers, decided to follow the example of the Juniors. Rather than utilise their opportunities in their first game, and so qualify for the second round, they chose to appear in a replay, and in that manner bid farewell to the Shield.

Once again, it is our heartiest desire to give thanks to Mr. G. L. R. Brown for his untiring energy and patience, both with the 1st XI. and with the Senior Shield team; to Messrs. Moy, Pollard, Peters and Bartlett, and lastly to Mr. Reece, for his management of the football fixtures throughout the School.

### FOOTBALL CRITIQUE.

THOMAS, H.—Right inside and Captain. A clever footballer but will not shoot enough. Rather prone to over-dribbling. Is improving with his head, but is still rather weak in this respect.

HARROP, T. C.—Has played both at right half and inside-left, and with much success in both positions. Works willingly and untiringly. Possesses a neat dribble, and heads finely, but is still inclined to suffer from the inferiority complex.

BATES, A. P.—Ideally built for a goalkeeper. He gathers well, kicks splendidly, and is particularly good with high balls, but is too easily distracted by occasional on-lookers.

FOSTER, F. E.—Has been of great assistance at right-back. Young and promising, he possesses speed and a strong and fearless tackle, but must learn to kick with his left foot.

McKIM, D. F.—Failed to find his form at the beginning of the season. When he does kick, he does so with vim, and has played some really good games of late. He is too erratic and inconsistent.

DISLEY, H. R.—Works hard throughout. An excellent spoiler, who tackles and heads well, but is at times rather wild with his passes.

TWIST, H.—Has proved himself a splendid centre-half. Dribbles and heads well, and has a strong tackle. Works assiduously, always distributes the ball to full advantage, and kicks powerfully with both feet.

QUAYLE, J. B.—A good shot, and a determined tackler. Tricky, and equally good either as a forward or a half-back.

WOODS, H.—Has played both at outside-right and outside-left. He centres well, and is fairly fast, but must learn to control the ball better.

SEARCH, J.—The most improved player in the side. Leads the forward line with rare skill, distributing the ball accurately. He shoots unerringly with both feet, whilst his heading is his greatest scoring asset.

ECCLES, A. F.—Shoots hard, and is a keen footballer. His centring is good, but he is inclined to over-dribble.

Full Colours have been re-awarded to Thomas, Harrop and Twist, and awarded to Search, and Bates, whilst Half Colours have been re-awarded to Disley, H. R., and McKim, and awarded to Foster, Quayle, and Turner.

#### SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, January 15th, 1932.

Team: Bates; Foster, McKim; Disley, Twist, Quayle; Woods, Thomas, Search, Harrop, Denerley.

Won 12—2. Scorers: Search 7; Harrop 3; Woods 1; Thomas 1.

#### SCHOOL v. MASTERS' XI.

Played at Greenbank, on Wednesday, January 20th, 1932. Won 5-0

Teams.—Staff: Messrs. Reece; Moy, Brown, G. L.; Otho, Harman, Dickinson; Bartlett, Peters, Ledger, Ridgeway, Wormald.

School: Bates; Foster, McKim; Disley, Twist, Quayle; Woods, Thomas, Search, Harrop, Denerley.

As a result of the Masters' appeal for aid, a fair crowd had gathered on the touch lines.

The School won the toss, and immediately attacked, but a resolute defence refused to give us our own way. Owing, however, to the ineffectiveness of the opposing forwards, the ball never remained in our half for long, and, following on consistent pressing, we at last scored through Search. Any hope of combination amongst the Staff's forward line was further weakened by the lack of brotherhood amongst certain of its members. Why Messrs. Wormald and Peters, seemingly without the slightest cause, should think it amusing to bang each other in the face with the ball, is beyond all comprehension.

Thomas (2), and Search added further goals.

The second half continued similarly to the first half. The School always attacked, but as a result of the fine defence work of Messrs. Brown and Moy, only one more goal was scored, and the game ended 5-0 in our favour.

#### SCHOOL v. LIOLIANS.

Played at Greenbank, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1932. Lost 4-6  
Team: Bates; Foster, McKim; Disley, Twist, Quayle; Woods, Thomas, Search, Harrop, Denerley.

We won the toss and elected to play towards the Smithdown Road goal, with the sun behind our backs. The ground was in good condition, a recent shower followed by a strong sun having made it soft, and the going easy.

The School started in a surprising fashion, immediately taking up the attack, and for the first quarter of an hour completely monopolised the play. Search, following a pass from Thomas, soon opened the score, and the same players, a few minutes later, registered our second goal; the result of good individual work. Although we had now secured a two goal lead, by no means did we slacken our pace, ill-luck alone preventing us from scoring again. It was indeed, very much against the run of play, when our opponents broke away and scored. Perhaps our defence had been taken unawares, not expecting trouble at that precise moment, for the scorer certainly seemed to walk the ball into the net with comparative ease. But our forwards soon atoned for this lapse, a good movement on the left, culminating in a goal by Denerley.

At this point, the team seemed to get a trifle tired, and apart from occasional outbursts, continued in a like fashion until the conclusion of the game. The Liolians were allowed to score a second goal, and half-time arrived with our lead reduced to one goal.

In the second half, it must be admitted that our opponents held the upper hand. Their forwards proved too heavy for our defence, and before much time had elapsed, their outside-right scored two goals in quick succession. Thus matters had been completely reversed. It was now our turn to fight with our backs to the wall, and we did so valiantly. Had not Harrop and Thomas both thrown away the easiest of chances, we should again have been leading. But although Search eventually netted our fourth goal, Bates was again beaten and so our hopes of victory were finally shattered.

Against a heavier and more experienced side, the School played exceptionally well. The defence was good throughout, and if our forwards had been a little more deadly in their shooting towards the end of the second half, defeat would not have been ours.

#### SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE.

Played at Greenbank, Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1932. Lost 3-5

For this match, Eccles appeared instead of Denerley. Otherwise the team was unchanged from the previous week.

The School lost the toss, and the Collegiate kicked towards the Pavilion. We were the first to attack, and did so spiritedly, but in spite of good efforts by Harrop and Search, we were soon forced on the defensive. Mid-field play followed, in which we played quite a creditable part, our half-backs especially Twist, showing great determination in their tackling. The Collegiate, however, were not to be so easily repulsed, and it was not long before they had taken the lead. But such an act only served to enliven our team, and Search soon converted a centre from the right. The game became really interesting at this stage, and fought at an alarming pace, it began to be a terrific struggle. It was very unfortunate that Search should have been injured at such a vital moment, for during his ensuing absence from the field, the Collegiate scored two quick goals. Thus we were faced with rather a cheerless prospect, but we continued to play tenaciously, and Search, almost immediately on resuming, beat two men and ran on to score a splendid goal. Despite good saves by Bates, and further efforts on the part of our forwards, there was no more scoring during this half.

So far, the game had been contested at a furious pace, and it was very doubtful whether the case would be likewise in the second half. But it was soon to prove itself so, for both teams continued to play splendid football, and at the same fast pace as in the previous half. The School began to press with renewed vigour, and Harrop dribbled beyond three men to score a really good goal. But although the whole team played well, the Collegiate were always a little superior, and their persistence was duly rewarded when they added two more goals to their total. We strove hard to reduce their lead, but were unsuccessful.

The School had lost a great game to a slightly better team. No one was to blame for the defeat, for all had done well. Foster and McKim, together with Twist were outstanding in defence, whilst Search and Harrop were the best forwards, but the others all contributed their share.

#### SCHOOL v. WARRINGTON G.S.

Played at Warrington, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 1932. Won 7-3

The prospective Senior Shield side was fielded. Sabin; Deadman, Woodruff; McGowan, Wyatt, Harwood; Woods, Manby, Search (Capt.), Stevens, Denerley.

Scorers: Search 4; Denerley 2; Stevens 1.

#### SENIOR SHIELD v. HOIT SECONDARY SCHOOL (Replay).

At Mather Avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 20th, 1932. Kick-off 2-30 p.m. Result—Lost 2-3.

The following team represented the School: Sabin; Woodruff, Foster; McGowan, Wyatt, Harwood; Fairclough, Stevens, Search, Manby, Woods.

The teams had previously drawn 3-3 at home.

At the beginning of the game, it was evident that the School found the ground very different from Greenbank, but this fact in itself was far from providing an adequate explanation of the poor standard of football.

After a strong attack in which the School missed two good opportunities of scoring, the game resolved itself into a kick and rush affair, although for the most part, there was far more wild kicking than there were attempts to follow up. Combination was out of the question because of feeble, inaccurate passing and failure to keep positions. In the matter of displacement, the backs were most at fault, while the inside forwards failed to combine with their wingmen and

to support the defence when subject to attack. Search, after a splendid solo effort scored for the School, but shortly afterwards the defence collapsed under an attack which resulted in a goal for the Holt. Both sides scored again within a short time, the School as a result of some good football by Fairclough, the Holt as a result of a misunderstanding between the School backs.

The second half however witnessed a distinct improvement, the wings being more prominent but still supported insufficiently by the inside forwards. Play was more or less even for a time, but towards the end, the School was decidedly superior. Unfortunately, however, many good opportunities were missed by wild and inaccurate shooting. Neither side being able to score the deciding goal, the game was prolonged for half an hour, during which time, the School displayed some of their normal style of football, but failed to score because of poor shooting in front of goal.

After being subject to a hard attack, our defence gave away and the Holt scored their winning goal.

So, once more, our chances of winning the Shield had been lost. But with only three members of the 1st XI. available, it was no great surprise that we failed to survive the First Round.

**JUNIOR SHIELD. 1st Round.**

SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Mersey Road, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 1932. Drew 3-3.  
Team: McGuire; Walker, Jones, H. H.; Shaw, Brown, Bennett;  
Fairclough, Edwards, Gibson, Hogg, Colebourne (Capt.).  
Scorers: Fairclough 2; Bennet.

**JUNIOR SHIELD REPLAY.**

At Fazackerley, Saturday, Feb. 6th, 1932. Lost 1-3.

Scorer: Edwards.

For this game, the Juniors had to play without Colebourne, who was unwell. The School scored almost immediately after the kick-off, and affairs looked bright, but the team failed to maintain its early promise, and was eventually beaten by three goals to one.

SCHOOL v. KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER.

At Chester, Saturday, Feb. 20th, 1932. Won 5-3.

Team: Bates; Williams, N. C., McKim; Disley, Twist, Carmichael; Eccles, Quayle, Thomas, Harrop, Denerley.

Scorers: Thomas 2; Quayle 2; Harrop.

SCHOOL v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, 27th Feb., 1932. Won 2-1.

Team: Bates; Foster, McKim; Disley, Twist, Quayle; Eccles, Thomas, Turner, Harrop, Woods.

Turner deputised for Search, the latter having been injured in the Shield game.

This match was played in the morning. The School won the toss, and kicked with the wind towards the lake. Attacking from the start, we made determined efforts to find the net, but weak shooting by the forwards failed us time after time. Rather unexpectedly, the opposing centre-half opened the score for the Holt with a long shot, which Bates should have saved. We continued to press, and deservedly we registered two goals through Quayle and Eccles, the former scoring with a splendid shot. The Holt had also their share of the attack, and twice our goal escaped rather luckily.

During the second half we again attacked consistently, but feeble shooting spoilt all chances of further goals, and the game ended without further score.

The defence played excellently, Twist and Quayle being outstanding. The forwards combined well, but finished very poorly. H.T.



**House Football.**

Results of last term's competition for the Horsfall Cup:

1st Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winner.
Alfred ... .. } v. Philip ... .. }	Alfred ... .. } v. Owen ... .. }	Alfred ... .. } v. Danson ... .. }	Danson.
Owen ... .. } v. Cochran ... .. }	Owen ... .. }	Danson ... .. }	
Danson ... .. } v. Hughes ... .. }	Danson ... .. }	Danson ... .. }	
Bye ... .. }	Tate... .. }	Danson ... .. }	

In the final for the two terms, Danson defeated Hughes, and so won the Cup.

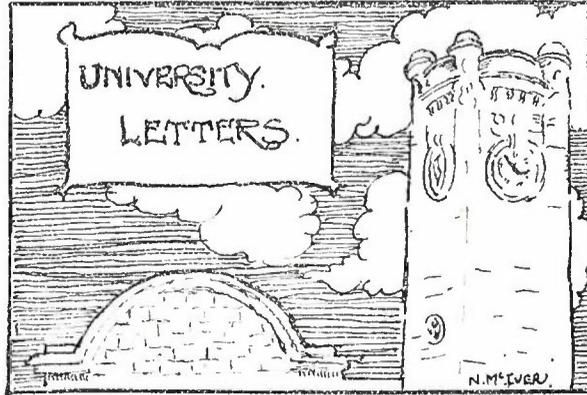
The winner of the Junior Cup was Hughes. H.T.



**Cricket Fixtures, 1932.**

Date.	1st XI.	Gd.	2nd XI.	Gd.
May 4	.....	.....	Waterloo and Seaforth	H
" 7	Manchester G.S. ... ..	H	.....	.....
" 11	Merchant Taylor's ... ..	A	Merchant Taylor's... ..	H
" 14	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 18	Collegiate ... ..	H	Collegiate ... ..	A
" 21	Old Boys' XI. ... ..	H	.....	.....
" 25	Wallasey G.S. ... ..	H	Wallasey G.S. ... ..	A
" 28	University 2nd XI. ... ..	H	.....	.....
June 1	Warrington G.S. ... ..	A	.....	.....
" 4	Cowley School ... ..	A	Cowley School ... ..	H
" 8	Sefton C.C. ... ..	A	.....	.....
" 11	Holt S.S. ... ..	H	Holt S.S.... ..	A
" 15	Collegiate ... ..	A	Collegiate ... ..	H
" 18	.....	.....	Waterloo ..... ..	A
" 22	Cowley School ... ..	H	Cowley School ... ..	A
" 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 29	Quarry Bank ... ..	A	Quarry Bank ... ..	H
July 2	Warrington G.S. ... ..	H	.....	.....
" 6	Wallasey G.S. ... ..	A	Wallasey G.S. ... ..	H
" 9	Birkenhead School ... ..	A	Birkenhead School ... ..	H

H.T., Hon. Sec.



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Bedford Street  
(or thereabouts).

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Discretion, you say, is the better part of valour. You may be right. Who are we to deny it in our present hapless state of extreme mental exhaustion, after a term of much humdrum toil and little stirring incident? Panto Day has come and gone and at the thought of that thrice-accursed time of forced and hollow festivity we are almost tempted to tell a few stories out of school. We refrain only because we realise that "such scandalous goings-on, my dear" would ill suit the pure unsullied pages of the Magazine. We must reserve for your private ear the story of the fresher—but have we not already agreed that it is better to be discreet.

Though we could meander on indefinitely in this strain, your growing impatience bids us call a halt. What you demand is a chronicle of the comings and goings, the doings and "undoings" of our noble company, not the vapourings of an exam-fevered brain. We turn contritely to do your bidding and beginning with pats on the back we will tell you all we know and perhaps a little more.

Mr. Henry has laid the corner stone of his future Harley Street practice by ungallantly carrying off in the face of determined feminine opposition divers scholarships and prizes of fabulous value. Mr. Williams, our very own Pheidippides, has attained the exalted rank of Cross-country Running Captain, and thereby encourages Mr. Booth and Mr. Burr to run even more miles at even more impossible speeds, that they may thus eventually reach the same lofty eminence. We believe that Mr. Cohen occasionally finds time to do a little law when he is not

helping to win Christie Trophies. Mr. H. L. Jones boxes and (by the grace of God and Lord Rothermere) finds his name in the *Daily Mail*.

We have recently picked up the scent of Mr. Adams' particularly obtrusive brand of cigarette, so that we presume he has returned from Germany. Mr. Warren was heard voicing his intention to be present at the Grand National (How much is fifty times sixpence? We really must cultivate our acquaintance with Mr. Warren). Mr. Beeston addresses Physical Societies on "Flame." (Please tell the printer to be careful. The gentleman himself assures us that the subject was not autobiographical and in any case he is definitely not that kind of man). Mr. Grieve is still the gay Lothario, while Mr. Walker proves himself a noble trencherman—at teas provided free of charge. The rest of us are mere "visions that pass in the night," the majority with the fevered light of approaching examinations in their eyes, among them your well-nigh desperate correspondent,

LIOSPHINX.

Palace Green,

DURHAM.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*,

DEAR SIR,

No sooner does one finish one University letter than it is time to start another. The strain thus put on our already over-taxed brains is unbelievable. To be a newspaper reporter is not our ambition, but we will try to answer your urgent summons without delay.

Professor Sampson, the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, a distinguished Old Boy and an equally distinguished member of our Staff, has been entrancing us with facts about stellar structure. We are sure he is right and can only marvel at his genius.

Of the other Liobians we would congratulate Mr. Bebb on securing an Entrance Scholarship in Theology. We hope we shall see him in October. Moreover, we have every reason to believe that Mr. Tyler may soon be joining us. Already we see a great revival in the Rugby world.

As for Mr. O'Neil, there is now no approaching him when resplendent in "Colours" blazer and cap—the reward for his coxing skill. He assures us that between races, he actually does some work. Mr. Luft, whose first term was so hectic, has become respectable and is now leading a more sober life. Messrs. Wilkinson and Jellicoe find theology strangely subduing and are so concerned with the recondite and abstruse that they rarely dabble in the ordinary affairs of us poor mortals. Mr. Bussby has again taken to playing football. Three games a week do

not in the least affect him. *Quantum mutatus ab illo!* He still appears garbed to perfection and has founded a Literary Society of which he is the first President. He is also bringing his baneful influence to bear on the Hebrew Professor for the formation of a learned society to study matters quite beyond our ken.

We hope you will not allow Messrs. Bebb and Tyler to be the only Ljebian "freshers" in October. We can find room for more and promise them a hearty welcome.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHAD.

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Correspondence.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Within the precincts of our School is an organ, which many of our churches and public buildings would be justly proud to own. We seem to think of it as an instrument to lead us in our morning hymn and apparently for no other purpose. Happy is the boy who has ever heard a piece of music played on it from beginning to end! For myself, I once heard about three quarters of one of Bach's Fugues played on it and the memory of it lingers still. It may be that I do not hear the complete piece because I do not go into the Hall early enough in the morning, but surely there are very few among us who want to start the day with a Fugue, even by this admittedly eminent composer.

I seriously think that it would encourage members of the School to come into the Hall earlier in the morning if they heard the strains of some well-known march or piece of light music floating from the inner temple.

Again, why cannot we leave the Hall after prayers to the accompaniment of our organ? Only a few years ago it was a recognised thing for the organist or even a member of the School to give a recital on the organ during the evening of Speech Day. Cannot this custom, too, be revived? An occasional organ recital would certainly be welcomed by those members of the School who enjoy listening to good music.

It must not be thought, however, that we do not realise and appreciate the services of our organist. We merely offer the above suggestions with all due humility as possible improvements for his consideration.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. PATRIDGE.

Liverpool Institute,

March, 1932.

The Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

There has been great controversy throughout the School on the subject of what is now generally alluded to as compulsory games. To me the whole system appears to have resulted in absolute failure.\*

Although I am a keen advocate of, and a no less enthusiastic participator in the various School activities, I am inclined to agree with the pleas which I have heard so many small boys put forward—"If I don't want to play on a half-holiday why should I?" I agree that the plea is obviously one of laziness and slackness, but what right has anyone to interfere? † "A.C.C.B.'s" suggestions, which we read in last term's Magazine, are extremely good, but his scheme might be improved by the addition of the following suggestion. It is my personal conviction that there is definitely too great a gap between the House representative—that is, House Masters and Prefects—and the boys. To get the best out of their "men," the former should have a thorough knowledge of the various boys' personalities. They (the former), by means of their own personality and professed friendship, could have a decided influence over the boys. Even as they say *salvete* to the newcomers, the Prefects should "pounce" on them and give them a thorough education in the importance of taking part in the School games. After a few years of persevering toil the School would be full of games enthusiasts whose school-work, I am sure, would be no worse for their sporting ability. This end can be accomplished by the institution of House periods—say one or two each week. Surely this would have a finer effect on the School life in general than the prevailing method of systematic tyranny.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. C.

DEAR SIR,

I think I am right in saying that it was decided at an extraordinary meeting of the Sports and Arts Committee that two Half-colours should be awarded for Fives. Whether or no this decision was in fact invalidated by the ruling of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee—that Colours should not be awarded

\* (We do not necessarily agree with the views expressed in this letter. —EDS.)

† (It seems to us that this sentence damages our correspondent's argument irretrievably. If the plea "is obviously one of laziness and slackness," then the School would be failing sadly in its duty, if it did not do its utmost to eradicate these vices from the infantile minds.—EDS.)

during the School year (1931-32), I do not at present intend to discuss. It was, however, with a great deal of surprise that I heard, some two or three weeks after the extraordinary meeting, that the two Half-colours had already been awarded.

As far as the School and the Houses are concerned the Fives season occupies the Summer Term, during which all the competitions and School fixtures are played. Now to award Colours before the commencement of a season is foolish in any sport—it is like awarding the English Cup before the first round has been played.

Plainly then the Colours were awarded on last season's play. If this is so, then they have been awarded in defiance of the decision of the Sports and Arts Committee last July that Colours should not be awarded for the 1931 season nor before the next ordinary meeting of the Committee in July 1932.

In the face of these facts it seems to me, as well as to many others, that some injustice has been done to those Fives players who had hopes of playing for the School this year and of gaining a colour, for the premature award to last season's players has closed the door on their aspirations, and it seems to me also that the same respect cannot now possibly be held for a Fives Colour as for a colour of any other sport.

In conclusion, Sir, I would say that I have tried to keep my letter free from all discussion of the rights and wrongs of the awarding of Fives Colours at all; I have dealt solely with matters of fact, not of opinion,

Yours, etc.,

A. C. C. BAXTER.

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### Editorial Notices.

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

*Esmeduna, Wyggestonian, Oultonian, Holt School Magazine, Wallaseyan, Merchant Taylor's Review, The Quarry, Ulula, The Olavian, Princerna, Alsop High School Magazine, Liverpool College Magazine, The Hymerian, The Inkwell, The Cowleian, The Ruym, Hinckley Grammar School Magazine, The Elizabethan, The Caldeian, S.F.X. Magazine, The Hullensian, City of London School Magazine, King's School, Chester, Magazine.*

### The Calendar.

#### SUMMER TERM, 1932.

Wed.,	Apl.	13	TERM BEGINS.
Mon.,	,,	25	Junior City Scholarship Exam. SPORTS HEATS.
Tues.,	,,	26	Do. do. do. do. do.
Sat.,	,,	30	SPORTS FINALS.
Sat.,	May	7	Cricket—1st XI. v. Manchester Grammar School.
Fri.,	,,	13	Form Competition Half-holiday. HALF-TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS.
Wed.,	,,	18	Cricket—1st XI. v. Collegiate School.
Sat.,	,,	21	,, 1st XI. v. O.B. REPRESENTATIVE XI.
Wed.,	,,	25	,, 1st XI. v. Wallasey G.S.
Sat.,	,,	28	,, 1st XI. v. University 2nd XI.
Wed.,	June	1	,, Junior House Matches, 1st Round.
Mon.,	,,	6	O.T.C. Inspection.
Sat.,	,,	11	Cricket—1st XI. v. Holt S.S.
Sat.,	,,	18	,, 1st XI. v. STAFF.
Wed.,	,,	22	,, 1st XI. v. Cowley G.S.
Sat.,	,,	25	,, Senior House Matches, 1st Round.
Sat.,	July	2	,, 1st XI. v. Warrington G.S.
Mon.,	,,	4	SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BEGIN.
Wed.,	,,	6	Entrance Examination.
Sat.,	,,	9	SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN.
Thur.,	,,	14	Junior House Matches, Finals.
Fri.,	,,	15	Senior House Matches, Semi-Finals.
Sat.,	,,	16	Form Competition Half-holiday. NORMAL TIME-TABLE from 6b downwards.
Mon.,	,,	18	O.T.C. Field Day. Camera and Field Club Excursion.
Fri.,	,,	22	END OF TERM.
Sat.,	,,	23	School Camp at TROUTAL opens.

Next Term begins on Wednesday, September 14th.

## Old Boys' Section.

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NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

THE Head Master is engaged in getting together a set of duplicate copies of the School Magazine from its beginning, in 1886, down to the present day. The following issues are not available at the School for this set, and if any Old Boy can supply any one or more of the missing issues, he will be doing a service:—

Volume.	
I. ...	No. 2 ... December, 1886.
III. ...	" 5 ... March, 1889.
III. ...	" 6 ... May, 1889.
IV. ...	" 1 ... November, 1889.
" ...	" 3 ... February, 1890.
" ...	" 6 ... June, 1890.
V. ...	" 4 ... February, 1891.
VI. ...	" 1 ... October, 1891.
" ...	" 2 ... November, 1891.
VII. ...	" 4 ... February, 1893.
X. ...	" 2 ... November, 1895.
XX. ...	" 6 ... December, 1907.
" ...	" 9 ... December, 1908.
" ...	" 10 ... April, 1909.
" ...	" 11 ... July, 1909.
XXI. ...	" 1 ... December, 1909.
" ...	" 3 ... July, 1910.
XXII. ...	" 2 ... April, 1911.
" ...	" 3 ... July, 1911.
XXIII. ...	" 2 ... April, 1912.
" ...	" 3 ... July, 1912.
XXIV. ...	" 2 ... April, 1913.
XXV. ...	" 3 ... July, 1914.
XXX. ...	" 2 ... April, 1919.

There are a certain number of spare copies at the School of some of the earlier issues of the Magazine, and if any Old Boy who wants issues to complete his own set cares to write to the Head Master, it is possible that he may be able to supply what is wanted. Thanks are due to some who have already supplied issues from their own stock, namely, Sir Richard Burn, Mr. John A. Owen, and Mr. E. J. Phillips.

If any have photographs of School events, or of groups—particularly, but not in any way exclusively, from the early

years—the Headmaster will be very glad to have them, if they can be spared, for an album of School Records, in the form of photographs and other illustrations, which is being constructed. Photographs of members of the Staff from the early days will be particularly welcome. Any other interesting records will also be valued, whether pictorial or not.

The death was announced in February, 1932, of William A. Sibbald, who was one of the senior surviving Old Boys of the School. A little while ago, with reference to the proposed dinner at the School to Sir Donald MacAlister, he wrote: "It is 54 years since the Old Boys of the School entertained Sir Donald MacAlister to dinner at the Childwall Abbey Hotel, on his winning the Senior Wranglership at Cambridge, in 1877; of that merry party I fear that Sir Donald, J. A. Owen and myself, are the only survivors. I was looking forward to the reunion and a renewal of pleasant memories. I must ask you to hold me excused from attending, as in my seventy-third year I find it rather an ordeal to confront a winter's night all the way from New Brighton." As a matter of fact Mr. Sibbald was in error in saying that John Owen was the only other survivor of the dinner party, since E. J. Simpson was one of the hosts. He is well, and active in mind and memory, living at 164 Prince's Avenue, Liverpool. Others who were present at the dinner to Sir Donald were: R. W. Genese, who became Professor of Mathematics at University College, Aberystwyth; H. W. McCann, who became Principal of the Presidency College, Calcutta; and T. F. Abraham, who was one of the Directors of the Institute for some years, at a later date.

We had a visit in February from Richard Holt, F.R.I.B.A. (1878), who was one of five brothers who were in the Commercial School, and won numerous distinctions there, in the seventies. Mr. Richard Holt is full of work and youth, and is our close neighbour at his professional address, which is 64 Rodney Street. Old Centurions will hope to see him at their dinner. He took a note of the address of J. A. Owen, to renew old associations with him.

Another Old Boy (1899) with whom we have recently been in touch is Percy L. Davies, of Wayside, Menlove Gardens North, Liverpool. Mr. Davies is a member of the firm of Downes & Davies, of Stanley Street. Having been informed that the Headmaster's study is not where it used to be in his own day, he proposes shortly to venture upon a visit to the School.

The *Echo* lately made us aware of an Old Boy who left in 1862, Frederick Davis. He is the oldest Naval Reserve Officer living; he has twelve decorations; went through the Russo-Japanese war; was reputed one of the strongest men known;

knocked down John L. Sullivan the boxer; and now owns the Woosung Fort Hotel, a big place with 400 rooms and a favourite resort of Shanghaians. During the recent bombardment of Woosung Fort by the Japanese, Frederick Davis—who is widely known in the East, as "Davis of Woosung"—sat tight in one of the 400 rooms with a battered Union Jack on top and a revolver in each pocket; visitors fell away, but not the proprietor in his sturdy 84th year. We wish him luck and long life.

Henry Wertimer, who left the School in 1874, died in January of this year, at the age of 70. He was Manager for Western New York of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America. His brother, Julius Wertheimer, was also an Old Boy of the School, and won an Exhibition to the University of London from Queen's College in 1878; he died some twenty years ago as head of Bristol Commercial School.

We also regret to announce the deaths of Fletcher Thomas Turton ('66), of Hazel Bank, Huyton, who died on January 15th, 1932; and of Colonel C. H. Chinn, V.D. ('67), of 39 Jermyn Street, Liverpool, who died on November 20th, 1931; Colonel Chinn was for many years an enthusiastic officer in the Volunteers.

J. K. Creer ('26) has been since last autumn attached to the University of London, studying Malayan before sailing for Malaya on March 18th. After his success last autumn in the I.C.S. Exam. he elected to take a post in the Malayan Civil Service instead of in India. Meanwhile, he has been studying Malayan on what may perhaps be called the "indirect" method, visiting either pictures or the pictures on a Monday, and describing them orally to his instructor on the Tuesday in best Malayan. No branch of the language is found adequate to a proper comparison between Cézanne and Courbet: *the* pictures, however, seem to present less difficulty to the Malayan languages. Creer has been living in Pimlico, of which he writes, somewhat unkindly, that its romance is all in its name.

The Rev. John Bishop ('26), who is in Wesleyan Orders, writes from Delph, near Oldham. He has charge of two of the four churches of his circuit, which is the Saddleworth circuit. His next-door neighbour, the Rev. T. Storey Bates, Vicar of Priar Mere, by a curious coincidence has also a connection with the Liverpool Institute, having attended the Evening Classes at the old Mechanics Institution about sixty-five years ago. It is doubtless as the result of this that he is still bearing up lightly under the tale of eighty years. Another neighbour is the Rev. George M. Chesters ('90), who is in charge of the Oldham circuit. Delph has an interesting name, reminiscent of Delphi, and the associations of the place-name are reported to be giving to Bishop the eloquence of Apollo, though the first laurels which

he won by the award of that god were won when he was still at School.

F. A. Cashin ('29) writes from the Lycée Victor Hugo at Besancon, and is in good spirits, if not in receipt of a large salary. He is acting as *lecteur* at this French school, and at the same time working in connection with the University of Besancon. He returns to take his degree in modern languages at Liverpool during the summer. Cashin has paid two visits to M. Galland at Vesoul, and has assisted him in a class English lesson, the subject of this having been two English songs: "The Londonderry Air" and "Cockles and Mussels." Cashin also reports that he was going for a walking tour at Easter to the Jugendherbergen in Germany.

C. E. Adams ('29) called in towards the end of term, having just come back from his winter's sojourn at the University of Tübingen. He takes his finals in German at the University of Liverpool this summer.

Alfred Wilson ('26) has been appointed on the staff of Wolsingham Grammar School, Co. Durham, a co-educational school. Like several good Grecians whom we have recently sent out, he has no Greek to teach; we hope he will himself create the opportunities which do not yet exist. Doubtless he will find the Weardale a pleasant contrast to Wavertree.

Congratulations to L. Henry, who has been awarded the Junior Lyon Jones Scholarship in the School of Medicine at the University of Liverpool. This Scholarship is tenable during the third and fourth years of the medical course, and since Henry's predecessor in the tenure was A. S. Kerr, we may hope that a good tradition of monopoly has by now been set up.

Congratulations to D. O. Hughes ('25) on his appointment as House Surgeon to the Hospital, London Road, Newcastle. Staffs.

Life subscriptions to the Association have recently been received from A. H. Sloan ('27), 61 Bedford Avenue, High Barnet, Herts; and from W. E. Davies ('23), 406 West 149th Street, New York City, who is in the accounting department of the Cunard Co. there; he writes that he will be glad to hear from any Old Boys who are in the Cunard Service.

R. O. Williams ('25) writes from Consett, Co. Durham. He now has a teaching post there "among coal and snow," having extracted all the honey available in his former and more rustic school at Llangejni, in Anglesey. His address is 44 Belle Vue Terrace, Consett, Co. Durham. He refreshes the higher mathematics by doing some evening work with engineering students, on the strength of which he has recently sent in a life subscription to the I.I.O.B.A.; others please copy.