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## Editorial.

ON Wednesday, October 4th, the School had the honour of a short visit from the President of the Board of Education, who had been speaking in Liverpool on the day before. Mr. Fisher, after a hurried tour of the building, came in to Prayers, and on their conclusion made a short speech.

His theme was, in effect, the special application, in the life of the School, of the gospel which he had been preaching, in general terms, on the previous day. The courage to have faith in our own ideals; the avoidance of the cowardice of "safety first" both in the course of our careers, and in the ordinary school life of everyday; these he preached, openly and convincingly; and he did not shrink from attacking, before an audience of boys, the "Idol of Athletics." It was not that he disparaged the athlete; merely he insisted on the right of the keen student also to his due respect, and, above all, that every one of us should be honest enough to make sure of his own true bent, and then be brave enough to follow it up.

It has always seemed to us that two sorts of corruption breed the "bookworm"; the vanity that wishes to secure the reputation of "superiority," like Gilbert's "very singularly deep young man," by a show of "intellectuality"; and the cowardice that springs from vanity, from that vanity which cannot endure to be found inexpert in anything before the world. It is always vanity that is at the back of the aberrations of the bookworm; and it is also vanity that drives on the athletics fanatic. The extremists on both sides are to be tarred with the same brush; for either, the excellences of the other are "sour grapes" merely. There are very few who are capable of real excellence on both sides at once; and, at any rate, vanity is not the badge of such great worth.

From this point of view, Mr. Fisher's words must meet with universal approval. Philosophers long ago discovered that courage is not an extremist quality, but one of moderation, and the Golden Mean. As the Danson House Honours Board reminds us, Juvenal said that we should pray for "a healthy mind in a healthy body." What we should pray for is courage; courage to face all the facts of life squarely, and courage to act always on our conclusions. Then Juvenal's prayer cannot fail to be fulfilled. The exclusive cultivation of either of the qualities he names can never, alone, result in a corresponding and healthy development of the other.

It is to be feared that we, most of us, find the first sort of courage hard enough; the second is often nearly impossible. We are not, however, pessimists, so as to admit the absolute impossibility of this or any other desirable object. It is worth while trying, both for our own sakes, and for the sake of the

School of which we are members, whose motto is "non nobis solum . . ." To add to this, Mr. Fisher has left us another fine saying:

"Be proud of your School; and make your School proud of you."

That School is one of many activities; he is a poor sort of being who cannot be of use to it in more than one of these.

## Capel Curig.

THE sorrowing hearts of members of the O.T.C., who had to forego their annual military camp this year, were last term healed by the announcement that, in conjunction with the Collegiate School, the Institute was to take part in a National Service Camp at Capel Curig, North Wales. Thanks to the kindness of two old friends of both Schools, Mr. Lawrence Holt and Mr. C. Sidney Jones, the monetary difficulties were overcome at the outset, and boys were enabled to spend four weeks sawing wood for twenty-five shillings. About sixty of our boys availed themselves of this opportunity, and we regret deeply, after all the trouble and care put in to the preparation of it, that the camp had to dissolve so soon. It rarely happens that an account of a camp has to be confined to the work done by the advanced and rear parties, but that is practically what this account must be. There *are* a few heroes who lived through both, but they still think they had a very good time, despite weather, worry, and work.

The advanced party arrived at Bettws-y-Coed on Wednesday, 15th August, at about two o'clock; we were twelve, with Mr. Doughty, and an equal number of Collegiate stalwarts; by degrees—some of us on a steam-lorry, and the less fortunate on foot—we found the camp-site, with a cheery-looking marquee and an equally cheery-looking cook—both wet. We were soon at work with tree-trunks, mallets and planks, constructing tables, benches and bridges that were positive engineering marvels! By nine o'clock we had a few bell tents up to sleep in, and we sat down to a very welcome meal, feeling very virtuous and exceedingly tired.

The next day found us up and working hard by nine o'clock; on Thursday evening a little rain fell, and Friday morning found us staring hard at a large sheet of water which poured over Moel Siabod and through the marquee. Our little river had risen about six feet in the night, and the bridge was of very little use, owing to the fact that it was feet under water. All day Friday it rained—and *rained*—and *RAINED*; then for a change it just *RAINED*! It was impossible to put tents up—the ground for the camp had been judiciously selected so that all the water in the district drained into it; and the marquee

was floating about on mud! About mid-day some of us went with Mr. Doughty to try and dry palliasses in an empty farm, and render the farm habitable for the newcomers. But very little could be done, despite heroic efforts, and on Saturday morning a telegram requested the main body not to come. The Collegiate main body came; and it is doubtful whether they were very pleased. By Saturday night, the only place in the camp that was not soaking wet was the inside of a good bell tent—and even that was distinctly moist, as all clothes and boots were long ago soaked through and through.

On Sunday morning we had a few hours' sunshine, which sufficed to fix up clothes lines, and dry a few "togs," but just as we were beginning to feel once more that life was worth living, down came the rain over Moel Siabod, and the ground was soon in a terrible state. Despite the device of putting planks on the ground, the marquee was in an utterly impossible condition, and the commandant decided that we must feed by tents, which we thenceforth did. By Wednesday the tents were at last all up, and the main party came. The horrible tedium of evenings with nothing to do but read and listen to the rain we managed to break, thanks chiefly to Mr. Elliott and Mr. Coope, who livened up the tents considerably.

The advanced party had been working in the wood-yard since the Monday, and on Thursday the whole of us were at work—in the morning. At twelve o'clock a blizzard accentuated the washed-out, fed-up feeling, and medical opinion in the evening decided that the camp, although at present not dangerous, might become unhealthy if we stayed. So the main body, some pleased, some grumbling, some—the advanced guard—quite apathetic and past feeling, disappeared again on Friday, the 24th, and the camp was left looking desolate and—muddy, with a few enthusiasts still squelching around, almost knee-deep in mud.

That evening we transferred our home to the farm; it was a relief to get between four good walls and under a roof again, with a blazing fire in the kitchen grate and a merry crowd round that fire at night which beat Chaucer for a "goodlye compayne." Most of our work from then onwards consisted of waiting for the sun to come out for an hour and dry one or two tents, and then making a violent rush to get down as many tents as possible before the rain came on again. Then there was plenty of work to do in the way of counting and packing blankets, ground-sheets, buckets, and all the other paraphernalia attendant on a camp; one got quite tired of "Messrs. Langdon's, Duke Street, Liverpool; Ten Blankets," or "Six buckets," before one had finished. We had now returned to feeding in the marquee with those dignified manners which, although missing in the main body, were an outstanding feature of the advance and rear

guards. In fact, there were only three drawbacks to meals in the marquee; one was the struggle through the mud to get there, another was the tendency of the rain (of course, it was *still* raining) to come through the canvas into one's tea or bacon, and the third was the degrading influence of the coarse witticisms of the master's table.

[We will not be responsible for libel actions.—Eds.]

Evenings at the farm were joyous times; the kitchen, which was the bedroom and reception-room of the genii-in-charge, Messrs. Hicks, Elliott, and Coope, was nightly the scene of uproarious enjoyment, broken occasionally by extremely serious discussions and biscuits. (Biscuits, by the way, are apparently the only comestible it is possible to buy in Bettws.; we exhausted the chocolate supply in about one day.) But finally the last piece of everything was packed—including the gramophone, which was kept out till the end by a certain Gilbert- and-Sullivan fiend, who shall be nameless. On the morning of Monday, the 27th, we breakfasted on a cup and a knife, devouring hard-boiled eggs with primitive methods and by means of various wagons and things (including Shank's pony), we caught the 1 o'clock train to Liverpool. (That sentence sounds a bit complicated; it isn't really).

The last we saw of Bettws-y-Coed, it was raining.

Of the general conduct of the camp we have nothing but praise to give. A better commandant than Mr. Doughty no one could have wished for, and we want here very heartily to congratulate him on the excellent way in which he organised everything under very difficult conditions; particularly we refer to the way in which the incoming Institute main body was fed and bedded down; a better organisation for such conditions we have never seen and cannot imagine. He had a very efficient henchman in Sgt. Carter.

We also thank Mr. Baxter of the Collegiate School, who was quarter-master; Messrs. Coope and Turton, whose supply of quinine prevented many ills; and Messrs. Price and Manley, who added greatly to the enjoyment of the camp by various songs and dances—Mr. Manley is to be congratulated on his falsetto.

We might also thank Professor Stephen Leacock, who was the cause of great enjoyment to our part of the lines, as well as the gentleman who invented Auction Bridge. On the whole, although we deeply regret that we could not stay to complete the job which we went to do, we had a very good time, and some of us had an introduction to that which, although unusual, will have done us no harm—HARD WORK!

We offer our envious congratulations to the masters and boys who attended the Junior Camp at Wallasey. We understand it was very successful, and they had a jolly good time.

R.E.W.

## Swimming Notes.

**T**HIS year the usual Swimming Gala was conspicuous by its absence. This was partly due to the weather, and perhaps the multiplication of other engagements after School has cut down the time that one can give to it, but after making all allowances it is evident that there is a large number of really capable swimmers who for some reason refrain from coming forward to contribute to the success of the Club's annual effort in the cause of swimming. Swimming is still the most important form of exercise that a boy can take, as well as the most useful. It really does not matter whether one can do the upstart or get a full arm balance in the Gym., or whether one's time for the hundred is ten seconds, but it is often the difference between life and death if one can swim. Swimming works "all the muscles of the body" in a way in which no other exercise can do, and it seems a pity when such good opportunities are given, as in our Swimming Club, where even the poorest swimmer may do something, that the Gala should get loose at both ends and sag in the middle. There is not much excuse for the slackers, but when in the near future the Gala is held in the Summer term, then there will be no excuse whatsoever.

Reluctantly, the idea of holding a public exhibition was abandoned, and it was decided to hold the competitions in private. For this purpose, the Headmaster kindly consented to let us hold them on the afternoon of Friday, the 26th October.

In the competitions, Philip Holt House were the favourites and amply justified expectations, having six firsts to their credit. Alfred Holt House swam them a good second. The Squadron was won by Alfred Holt, mainly owing to over confidence of the Philip Holt team. Fry was easily the best swimmer in the show, but some diversion was caused by Kennedy's trying to beat him for the individual championship. Fry was the winner of the 500 yards' race with the fine time of 9 mins. 10 secs., but Kennedy surprised everyone by winning the six lengths' championship. Slater's neat diving was really pleasant for to see. The results were as follows:—

Neat Dive (under 15): 1st, Slater; 2nd, Cox.

Neat Dive (open): 1st, Slater; 2nd, Hughes, G. L. O.; 3rd, Jones, W. R.

Squadron Race: Alfred Holt House.

50 yards' Breast Stroke: 1st, Kennedy; 2nd, Fry (time, 41 secs.)

50 yards' Back Stroke: 1st, Scott, J. A.; 2nd, Jones, W. R.

100 yards (under 15): 1st, Slater; 2nd, Cohen (time, 96 1/5 secs.)

100 yards (open): 1st, Fry; 2nd, Scott, J. A.; 3rd, Kennedy (time, 94 3/5 secs.)

Clothes Race: 1st, Kennedy; 2nd, Fry.

150 yards Championship: 1st, Kennedy, 2nd, Fry.

500 yards (open): 1st, Fry; 2nd, Scott, J. A.; 3rd, Macdonald; 4th Kennedy (time, 9 mins. 10 secs.)

Individual Championship: Fry, 75 points; Kennedy, 67 points; Scott, J. A., 47 points; Slater, 44 points.

House Championship: Philip Holt, 167 points; Alfred Holt, 130 points; Tate, 75 points; Hughes, 69 points; Danson, 31 points; Cochran, 21 points.

So far as concerned the members who took part in the competitions, there was plenty of enthusiasm of the right kind, and if the quality of the swimming was not of so high a class as that of last year it was gratifying to see the spirit in which the entrants of the 20 lengths race, from which little glory is to be derived, came forward to a man, and with one exception, a case of unavoidable retirement, gallantly finished the course.

Much of the enthusiasm and most of the credit for the success of the arrangements for the meeting are due to Kennedy, whose untiring work in obtaining entries and in the drudgery of the secretarial work was of the utmost value, and to him, and to the prefects who assisted at the final events, the grateful thanks of the Club must be given.

## Dining Room.

**T**HE School owes a debt of gratitude to Councillor Burton Eills, who gave, to the Dining Room, in time for the beginning of this term, a complete new service, and stock of kitchen utensils. We congratulate the Dining Committee on the successful working of the new system, particularly Miss Baker and Mr. Groom, to whose untiring work that success is mainly due.

The boys have shown an excellent spirit in aiding the working of the system.

## Roll of Honour.

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

J. H. Poole.  
 M. Hodgson.  
 Lieut. J. Gledsdale.  
 J. H. Nicholson.  
 P. B. Moss.  
 Capt. F. Mottram.  
 W. H. Hallows.  
 C. J. Lorimer.  
 F. V. Scarrff.  
 G. Barrett.  
 2nd Lieut. E. R. Lawton.  
 2nd Lieut. A. Gledsdale.  
 Reg. Carter.  
 L. T. West.  
 2nd Lieut. F. J. Wright.  
 W. Poulsen.  
 Lieut. G. H. Daymond.  
 V. H. Dowling.  
 F. W. Haworth.  
 W. A. Ball.  
 Lieut. H. A. Sewell.  
 Capt. J. S. Williams.  
 Sergt. W. J. Bennet.

## Military Distinctions.

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

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS:

J. H. Blythe.

### MILITARY CROSS:

R. P. E. Roberts.  
 C. Wright.  
 J. A. Ferguson.  
 T. F. Tweed.  
 W. A. Williams.  
 E. H. Davies.

### DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL:

W. J. Rae.

### MILITARY MEDAL:

R. Holt (bar).  
 R. E. Walker.  
 Serg. J. Tunstall.

### MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES:

T. Scott.  
 T. J. Pritchard (second time).  
 Lieut. B. W. G. Bailey.

## Chat on the Corridor.

**W**E wish to extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the Staff, Miss Hudson, Miss Galloway, and Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams has been on the Staff before, and is an old friend of the School.

Christian has been appointed Football Captain; A. Thomas has been re-appointed Sports Captain. He has also been appointed Gymnasium Captain. Holmes is Secretary for Football, and Howard for Cricket.

The Swimming Competitions were not held in public this autumn. It is intended in future to hold the Gala at the end of the Summer term.



R. E. Williams has been appointed an assistant Editor of the Magazine, and H. F. Hutchison Advertisement Editor.



We were very sorry to hear of the death in action of J. S. Williams, Head of the School, Sept., 1912-April, 1913. It will always be remembered that his initiative and influence has been mainly responsible for the establishment of the House System, and for the consolidation of the Prefects' authority.



The School may be proud of its success in the Scholarship Examinations of the Liverpool University this year. Four out of eight Senior City Scholarships fell to the following:—W. C. V. Rosney, R. B. Onians, A. G. Russell, J. Wilde. D. Lloyd was awarded a Bartlett Scholarship.



The following successes were obtained in the Matric:—

First Division: D. Lloyd, J. McWilliams.

Second Division: C. T. M. Brown, G. L. Clubb, H. Graham, C. R. Jones, T. B. Kenyon, A. T. Woolley, L. R. Wright.

In the Oxford Local Senior:

First Class Honours: E. Scott, T. B. Woolfenden, C. C. Civil.

Second Class Honours: H. J. Stern, W. Henderson.

Third Class Honours: J. R. Biglands, F. C. M. Brown.

Pass: W. C. Butler, G. S. Clouston, H. O. Davies, A. Eustance, F. C. Francis, W. Galley, J. Gross, H. E. Holmes, F. J. Hutchinson, T. B. Low, G. Macdonald, W. Macleay, S. Milburn, B. J. Owens, J. Roberts, R. E. Smith, H. Spencer, W. G. Wardle, F. R. Wilson.



Laird and Dudley have been called up to O.C.B.'s, to Fermoy and Oxford, respectively. We wish them every good luck.

The thanks of the School are due to Mr. Wallace for the recitals which he has given us on Tuesdays, during School time. They have been very much appreciated.



The School Prizes were awarded, at the end of last term, as follows:—

MATHEMATICS: W. C. V. Rosney.

\*CHEMISTRY: W. C. V. Rosney (Resigned, to A. H. Kennedy).

PHYSICS: R. E. Williams.

\*ENGLISH: J. I. McKie (Resigned, to J. Laver).

\*LATIN: J. I. McKie (Resigned, to A. G. Russell).

FRENCH: J. Wilde.

GERMAN: Not awarded.

\* Resigned, having been already held by the person named.



The Hobby Show will take place as usual next term, and the Christmas Holidays should be utilised to good effect for the preparation of exhibits.



The Chess Club has a prospect this season of a great renewal of vitality. There is also a chance of its securing a handsome trophy, which may be obtained by the time that this appears in print.



The Editors would be much obliged if anyone who has a copy of the Magazine for April, 1905, or April, 1906, would give it for inclusion in the bound numbers in the Library.



It has sometimes been wondered whether Magazine articles have ever any effect; we notice with great self-congratulation that some enthusiasts are going to attempt a production of an Operetta by Sullivan, as a Hobby Show entertainment.



The question of stimulating bashful genius in the body of the School is again to the fore. We hope to be able to announce next term particulars of some sort of competition scheme for Magazine articles from the lower forms. It is not proposed to

offer a money prize, but publication might be guaranteed to the winning article.



It will be noted that exigencies of the time have compelled the raising of the price of the Magazine yet again.



We would call attention to the notes by the School Sports Captain, printed in this issue, on the various School Cups.



The Lectures have been revived this term, Mr. Burt giving one on Russia (Oct. 11th), and he will lecture again in December. Reports of the whole series this winter will be printed next term.

## Gymnasium Notes.

At the end of last term the abode of the Plevin-Grieve Memorial Cup was settled for the ensuing year. Each House put out strong teams of four, and for weeks before, Mr. Stell gave much of his valuable time in training the teams. Keen interest was shown by the Houses and the result was in doubt until the end.

In the Swedish Table all teams drilled like clockwork, although some teams seemed to have dust in their works. The marks obtained were Philip Holt House, 115 points; Hughes', 114 points; Danson, 113 points; Alfred Holt, 108 points; Cochran and Tate, 107 points. In the jumping exercises, Lloyd obtained most points, and Alfred Holt were the best team, the marks being: Alfred Holt, 61; Philip Holt, 59; Danson, 57½; Hughes', 57½; Tate, 56; Cochran, 54½. At rope-climbing, the Philip Holt team easily obtained first place, three out of the four members getting to the top without feet. The boys who did this were: Lunt, H. C., Wilson, Turner, Thomas, Tumarkin, Kennedy, and Lloyd. The most interesting events were the side shows.

On the horizontal bar, D. Lloyd gave a good exhibition which might have looked better had he tried less difficult feats. Ellison also did well, but his performance was simpler than Lloyd's, and consequently seemed better. Lloyd obtained 12 and Ellison 11 points. On the parallel bars, Graham and Roulston tied for first place, both giving good displays and obtaining 13 points each.

The rings were the next item on the programme. Thomas did all sorts of funny things in travelling from one end to another, and tried the same things coming back, but failed on the last bit owing to "that tired feeling." Baxter then gave us another ring exhibition, but his great strength did not fail him, and neither did the mighty clasp of his enormous hands. Baxter obtained 12 and Thomas 10 points. Then came the 'fighting with gloves on.' Kennedy and Scott both went for each other in their pleasant way, but it was hard to detect much science in it. Kennedy obtained 12 points, and Scott 9 points. In minor contests Laird was beaten by Laver on points (14-8).

When the marks for the Houses were totalled up, it was found that the Philip Holt Team (Kennedy, Macdonald, Tumarkin, and Thomas, Capt.) was first, having 233 points to their credit. This team was leading right from the start. Hughes' House obtained 231½ points, Cochran 227½, Alfred Holt 220, Danson 215½, and Tate 211 points. The boy who obtained individually the most marks was Lloyd with Kennedy as runner up.

The thanks of the Houses are due to the various Gymnasium Committees, and especially to Lloyd, whose hard secretarial work caused the first Gymnasium Competition to be a success. Our former Gymnasium Captain, Lloyd, has left, and Thomas has been appointed in his place. A.H.K.



## When She Plays.

These are the moments when dream-gardens grow,  
Turned round the inmost chapels of the brain;  
That when my spirit is oppressed with pain,  
There, at the fall of twilight, I might go,  
And wander, with a pensive foot and slow,  
Through nodding blooms, and find my peace again.  
These are moments when the heart might feign  
That all it wisheth for is even so.

Play on, my Sweet, till care of life be fled;  
Till hid 'neath petals of soft sound thou art;  
Let not my pleasure fade away, like those  
Dear flowers of yesteryear, now fall'n and dead;  
But grant me showers of music, that my heart  
May blossom into beauty like a rose.

## House Notes.

**A**LFRED HOLT HOUSE.—As usual, when writing these notes, we look round for something to write about, and as a rule we have not to look far, but since the last edition there has been nothing of great importance. At the end of last term we were beaten in the final of the Cricket Cup, owing to a series of flukes, by Hughes. We did not do so badly in the Gym. Competition, much better in fact than we expected, and next year we should carry off the cup. We should do well in the football; so far we have won every match but one, and that we drew. The House must remember that there are colours to be won, and must make an effort to retain all the trophies in our rooms. The Head of the House is taking an exam. at Oxford towards the end of the term, and we wish him every success there. At the Swimming Gala we did well, being second in the total, and Fry, of ours, getting the individual championship, but there are still some slackers who are good swimmers but did not enter for anything; thus, through their slackness we lost the House Shield. We congratulate A. F. C. Christian upon being appointed Captain of Football.

**PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.**—The House has done moderately well this last term. Under the able guidance of Thomas, the Gymnasium Team (Kennedy, Macdonald, Tumarkin and Thomas) was judged first, as was expected, in all the events, and consequently carried off the Gymnasium Cup. At Football, the House has been lucky in so far losing only one match. Kennedy again captained the House in the Swimming Competitions, and it is entirely due to him that we retain the House Championship for yet another spasm. Kennedy is also to be congratulated on being a close runner-up for the individual championship. At the end of last term, McWilliams obtained first division in the Matric., and half the second divisioners consisted of Philip Holt's. One-third, also, of the Oxford Senior successes were gained by Philip Holt people.

In spite of all these things, the House is not yet doing it's best, but if the slackers would only wake up we would have no difficulty in maintaining our present premier position.

**COCHRAN HOUSE.**—As usual, there is, this term, a lack of news round which to weave even a meagre fabric of House Notes. We must, however, congratulate Howard on being

elected Cricket Secretary, Kenyon on passing the Matriculation, and Lloyd on passing the Matriculation in the first division and winning a Scholarship to the University.

At the House Meeting, at the beginning of the term, R. G. Baxter was elected House Football, Swimming, and Gymnasium Captain, and W. G. Jones Junior Football Captain. At cricket last term we were beaten in the first round of the Headmaster's Cup by Alfred Holt House. The Swimming Competitions this term bore no great fruits for us, the House only gaining 20 points, while the winners, Philip Holt House, gained 167. This result was mainly due, not to the lack of swimmers, but to the remarkably unanimous slackness with which some quite good swimmers failed to enter.

During the term, the House Captain, W. J. Laird, has left us to join an O.C.B. We wish him, and all former members of the House, every success in their various future fortunes.

R.G.B.

**DANSON HOUSE.**—The Danson House of to-day is not, unfortunately, what it was a few years ago! Then Danson was recognised as the leading House of the School, and, somehow, that prestige is on the decline. It is to be feared that the responsibility for this rests largely on the senior part of the House. Consequently, I appeal to the seniors to remember our achievements of four years ago, to stir up general enthusiasm, to take a keen interest in sports of all kinds, to increase the "Scholastic achievements" portion of our House honours board, and finally to help and back up the prefects as much as possible instead of treating them as people with swelled heads, who like "bossing people about!"

This term Danson has done well in the football line. We have won every match played! Our activities extend to many other school affairs, but we must wait for the end of term to see the prizes for our efforts officially handed over.

Among the names on this term's Roll of Honour is that of J. S. Williams, who was the first Head of Danson House. There are many who remember the first introduction of the House System, and how sceptically his scheme was regarded, who are now able to appreciate his success.

H.F.H.

**TATE HOUSE.**—There is one bright spot amid a tangled darkness this term—our part in the Swimming Gala, in which

we were third. We cannot, however, disguise the fact that this was due to three people, and especially to our swimming and football captain, J. A. Scott, who secured 47 out of our 73 marks. House football has only just begun, but so far we have only lost one match.

There are several new boys this term who are extremely keen, but the whole spirit of the House must be improved. We have a past, and it is up to us to put our shoulders to the wheel and make a strong united effort to obtain at least a creditable position in the Horsfall Cup Competition next term. The captains do their best, but they must have support from every member of the House.

The prefect in charge of the House Honours Board reports that it will be hung in Mr. Williams' room by the end of the term. It has been long in coming, but we can assure the House that it will be worth the two years labour bestowed upon it.

T.M.K.

**HUGHES HOUSE.**—The House has cause to congratulate its team on winning the Headmaster's Cricket Cup. In the Gymnasium Contest Hughes was second, losing first place on the climbing. Football has somewhat languished this term, but we have been moderately successful, largely owing to the energy of Civil. We might have won the Swimming Competitions, but our best swimmer, Fry, was filched at the last moment. Laver has followed C. E. O. Lee as House Captain. The thanks of the House are due to Taylor for bringing the Honours Board up to date. Economy of space is the watchword of the day.

J.L.

## House Football.

**T**HERE is but little to be said concerning House Football this term, as very few matches have so far been played. The attendance at them has, however, been very good, and if it only keeps up to its present standard will constitute a record year. We have two good pitches, particularly Riversdale Road, and can only hope that they will be well used. We thank Mr. L. D. Holt for the use of the Riversdale Road Ground.

## Football.

**T**HE School has so far this season been fairly successful. The teams on the whole seem keener about matches, and this goes a long way towards winning. We are lucky to have six "First Colours" men still at school, and the remaining vacancies in the First Eleven are well filled. The First Eleven have dropped but one point, the Second have lost one match, whilst the Third have won all their matches. The First Eleven owes its success chiefly to the defence, which is very steady. The forwards, however, seem to lack dash, although they combine well together. The majority of the team are over-age for the Shield Competition, so that the younger members and those in the Second will need to train hard if we are to retain the trophy another year.

### CRITIQUE—FIRST ELEVEN.

- A. F. C. CHRISTIAN, 1915-16-17 (Captain)
- G. S. PATE, 1915-16-17.—Has played well on the wing, but is rather greedy. Puts in some good shots.
- C. C. CIVIL, 1916-17.—Has kept up his form of last season. Has good control over the ball and shoots well. Combines well with anybody.
- L. R. WRIGHT, 1916-17.—Seems to have a good knowledge of the game, but is handicapped by his weak kick. Is a useful half; is not so timid as formerly.
- W. A. MACLEAY, 1916-17.—An excellent centre-half; tackles and kicks well; can always be relied upon.
- H. E. HOLMES, 1916-17 (Secretary).—An excellent back. A good kick and a fearless tackler; always plays a steady game. Works well with Roberts.
- E. JONES.—Very good between the "sticks." Has proved a real acquisition, and has so far kept his charge intact. Was not a success as a forward, being inclined to dribble too much. Has a strong kick, nearly always reaching the half-way line.
- J. ROBERTS.—Is a good right back, possessing a good kick with either foot. Is inclined to be lazy if beaten. Should follow the man up if passed. Tackles well.



To the tune of "Rag-time Cow-boy Joe"

Down in Capel Curig where Llewelyn used to roam,  
Right up in the mountains is my little canvas home,  
Far from habitation lodging-house or picture-drome.

In Old Carnarvonshire.

Early in the morning when the sun begins to shine,  
I have my simple breakfast on a piece of

bacon rind,

Then I'm up onto the summit to start work at  
half-past nine

In Old Carnarvonshire.

Chorus

You should see - you should see - you should see  
my home in Capel.

It's a place - it's a place - it's a place where  
every chap'll

Want to stay - want to stay - want to stay and  
live for ever.

With the buzzing of the buzz-saws and the music  
of the river

Come along - come along - come along and beat the  
Germans

With the boys of Lancashire

We are free and easy - do-as-you-pleasy - bright and  
breezy Lumber Lads

From Old Carnarvonshire.



2  
I'll chop up the timber with my old fret-saw  
and slicing it to regulation bore  
With a bundle on each shoulder I  
descend once more  
To old Carnarvonshire  
Underneath the precipice a-looking out to sea  
The neatest little saw-mill that would  
do you good to see  
You can hear the buzz-saws buzzing from  
the Dovey to the Dee  
In Old Carnarvonshire.  
Chorus, etc.



3  
Pit-props and swagger-canes we turn out  
by the score  
And all the other articles we need to  
win the war.  
We are loaded, up with contracts but  
they're sending us lots more  
In Old Carnarvonshire.  
But our supply of timber is beginning  
to get scarce;  
So the obvious conclusion at this  
juncture is to curse,  
But I've got a cunning artifice ere  
matters become worse  
In Old Carnarvonshire.  
Chorus, etc.

4  
This provides some good occasions for  
the wiping out of scores,  
But the right of private property's  
protected by the laws,  
For I've got my greedy optics on some  
nice WELSH CHAPEL DOORS  
In Old Carnarvonshire.  
How were very short of workers and  
were working over-time  
So trot along to Capel and help us to  
fell the pine  
The work is patriotic and the climates  
just sublime  
In Old Carnarvonshire.  
Chorus, etc.



Composed & drawn by  
Max Fry. 1917.

A. THOMAS.—Rather an erratic but hardworking half-back, possessing a good turn of speed. Is uncertain at times, but is useful for his tackling. Should learn to kick better.

T. B. LOW.—A good inside man, with no kick; resembles his brother in his turn of speed.

W. H. DUNCAN.—A promising player, possessing a good idea of the game.

WILKINSON.—Rather light for a centre forward, but dribbles and passes well. Can always find the goal.

#### FIRST ELEVEN v WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Team: Owen; Roberts, Holmes; Wright, Thomas, Hutchinson; Low, Pate, E. Jones, Wilkinson, Morland.

Pate won the toss and set our opponents to face a stiff breeze. Wallasey kicked off, and after some midfield play they scored through a misunderstanding in our defence after ten minutes. This reverse set our forwards going, and though the combination was rather scrappy, Wilkinson soon scored from a *mêlée* in the goal mouth. We continued to press, and by half-time had increased our lead to 3—1, the goals being scored by Wilkinson and Jones respectively.

Resuming, we continued our pressure, and some pretty work on the right resulted in Wilkinson scoring a fourth goal. The team now began to be inclined to rest on its laurels, with the result that three goals were added to our opponents total in rapid succession. We then livened up, striving manfully to regain our lead. Jones added another, which was disallowed. Pate had hard lines with a header, but in spite of all these efforts we failed to make any tangible addition to our score. The whistle went with score 4—4.

#### FIRST ELEVEN v CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.

Played at Wavertree on Saturday, October 13th.

Christian lost the toss, and Wilkinson kicked off against the slope. We soon forced the play into our opponents' half, and several fine movements were executed in turn by both wings, but they always lacked finish. After about twenty minutes continual pressure by us the Catholic Institute asserted itself and made tracks for our goal, their wing several times appearing dangerous. Roberts and Holmes, however, managed to hold their own,

and Macleay succeeded in suppressing the Catholic Institute centre-forward. Civil and Christian combined well and forced several corners, which, however, proved fruitless. The first half terminated with pressure by our opponents, and several times they nearly scored; once indeed they only missed through one of their men attempting to fist it through.

On resuming, we had the slope with us, but a slight breeze which had arisen was blowing in our faces. The right wing soon got going, and backed up by a hard working right half, they made matters look a little brighter for us when Pate scored with a rising shot, after some pretty combination. Resuming, the Catholic Institute forwards were compelled to desist in their efforts to pierce our defence by the steady play of our backs and the breaking-up work of the halves. Christian, who had changed to inside left, by his rushing tactics, succeeded in scoring a second goal, and for a long time we had matters very much our own way, but no further goals were added. Pate played well and nearly scored again, whilst Civil had hard lines with a fast rising shot. The final whistle blew with the score 2—0 in our favour.

#### FIRST ELEVEN v ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE.

Played at Clubmoor on Wednesday, October 17th.

Team: E. Jones; Roberts, Holmes; Thomas, Macleay, Wright; Pate, Low, Wilkinson, Duncan, Civil.

Winning the toss, we elected to play with the wind and rain at our backs for the first half. Our opponents immediately got going, but they found our defence impenetrable. Getting into their stride, our forwards swept up the field, their strenuous efforts culminating in Wilkinson's notching a point. Following this success each goal was visited in quick succession, but without result. Both teams had now settled down, and some mid-field play ensued. At length our left wing broke away and Wilkinson had no difficulty in converting the centre which Civil sent in. The interval arrived with the score 2—0 in our favour. The weather had now cleared up, and the St. Francis Xavier's team did their utmost to reduce our lead. Our defence frustrated all their efforts, Jones in goal being particularly brilliant. Our indefatigable left-wing again returned to the attack, and Civil scored a good goal. The pluck of our opponents was admirable, and a remarkable save by Jones alone prevented centre-forward from scoring. Just before full time Civil added another goal, and the final whistle went with the result 4—0.

## FIRST ELEVEN v MR. D. C. WARD'S ELEVEN.

Played at Greenbank in miserable weather on Saturday, November 3rd.

Pate won the toss, and we straightway made our way into our opponents half. Our forwards were time after time beaten by the fine play of the backs. Civil scored with a fine shot from almost the corner flag, but good play by the forwards was impossible owing to the length of the grass. Our opponents were playing ten men, but Low turned up and succeeded in doing, as usual, less work than anybody else. Our opponents' left wing had bad luck several times, and their centre-forward was distinctly unlucky in not scoring. Wilkinson scored our second goal, after having missed several openings. Our opponents scored through their centre-forward. After resuming, they forced the pace, but Jones gave a good display in goal, whilst Macleay played his usual hardworking game. Pate scored from a *mêlée* in the goal mouth, and Bob Low's face piloted the ball past Jones, thus scoring our opponents' second goal. The ground was very sloppy, and this gave our heavier opponents the advantage. The final went with the score 3—2 in our favour. The team on the whole played well, and are to be congratulated on their victory. Wilkinson in particular played very well. (Why the Football Captain says *mêlée* when he means "mix up" we don't know.—Eds.)

## SECOND ELEVEN.

The Second Eleven have so far enjoyed a run of success. The forwards have a good idea of goal-getting.

## CRITIQUE—SECOND ELEVEN.

COOMER.—A rather small, but extremely clever goal-keeper.

BEST.—For a small player he does remarkably well at full back. Is a cool player, and a "refined tackler."

HUTCHINSON.—Is a cool and very promising back. Tackles well and "places" the ball.

HUTCHISON. — Has captained the team successfully. Plays a steady game and does not allow his wing man much rope.

MORLAND.—Plays a whole-hearted game at half. Rather a hustler.

CARRERA.—Is a worrying half back, sticks to his man, but only kicks with one foot. Should make a good player in time.

LUNT, H. C.—A forceful wing man, with plenty of go in him; is inclined to shoot when he should centre.

JONES, J. T.—A good dribbler, who knows where the goal is, but is far too greedy. Should remember there are others in the team besides himself.

STEPHENSON.—A neat, unselfish player. Has improved vastly upon last year's form.

WOOLLEY.—Too much inclined to over-dribble and forget his wing man.

WILSON, G. S.—A fast, heavy winger. Rather unpolished, but should improve. Has a strong kick.

## SECOND ELEVEN v BOTELER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home.

Against a much heavier side, the team did well to draw 1—1. Hutchison played a good game, as did Coomer.

## SECOND ELEVEN v WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away

Forwards seem to have had a day out; 8—0; Duncan played well.

## SECOND ELEVEN v CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.—Home.

Jones, J. T., and Lunt were very effective. Defence was sound; 9—0.

## SECOND ELEVEN v ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S, 6—1.—Home.

More goals scored; Jones again to the fore.

## SECOND ELEVEN v OULTON SECONDARY SCHOOL.—

Away.—2—7.

We had rather a weak eleven owing to a Corps Parade. Campbell failed to turn up, and Duncan was a passenger most of the game. We did well to stave off a team which has done well against most first eleven's. Would have probably been a different result if our proper second eleven had been playing.

## THIRD ELEVEN.

The Third team have done rather well this season. There is some good talent among the junior members; particularly I have noticed Baxter, P. J., Motisi and Senior. All the matches have been won.

A.F.C.C.

## O.T.C. Notes.

IT is usual to begin these notes stating that this term is the most uninteresting term of Corps work, but as we wish to reserve this opening for next term, it is obvious that we cannot use it this term. The parades have been well attended, and the smartness and general turn-out is improving, especially in Platoon I.

There are a good number of recruits this term, but there is plenty of room for more, particularly from the Removes and Lower Sixths. Those that have joined are keen enough, and are progressing favourably under able tuition.

Last term the Inter-Section Shooting Competition was held, and resulted in the Shield's being awarded to Section Four under Corporal Fry. The same section carried off the Murray Hutchison Memorial Cup for the smartest section, after a keen competition. We also had a shooting match with Merchant Taylor's Corps, which resulted in a victory for our opponents. Near the end of the term the Corps held a very successful Field Day in the Wirral, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody who attended it.

This term we have indulged in several half-holiday parades.

On Thursday, October 3rd, the Corps was inspected by Lieut.-Col. Burnell-Nugent, from Chester. After a searching inspection he saw some close order drill, which unfortunately ended abruptly in a downpour of rain. He then said a few words to the parade, emphasising the necessity of drill. Sections 1 and 2 gave an exhibition of Physical Training in the Gymnasium, and the parade came to an end.

On Thursday, October 18th, an attack practice was held at Ainsdale in conjunction with Merchant Taylor's Cadet Corps. The School first took up a defensive position under Sergeants Scott and Hutchison, and Merchant Taylor's delivered a simple and straightforward attack over deadly open ground. They then defended the same position, whilst we, under Corporals Roberts and Williams, and Lance-corporal Laird, showed them how to attack. After the O.C. had criticised the attack, we were treated to an excellent band display by Merchant Taylor's. The Institute band then performed in turn, and after an amusing "talk" on their drums by drummers from both schools, we heard a few selections by the massed band under Merchant Taylor's Sergeant-Drummer. This terminated an instructive and interesting day.

On Saturday, October 20th, the corps marched to the school field for an instructional outpost scheme. The duties and theory of outposts were clearly explained by Mr. Doughty, and a simple practice was carried out with reduced distances. We dismissed about 4-30 p.m., after a cold, but interesting afternoon.

On Tuesday, October 30th, instead of the usual afternoon parade, we were treated to a lecture on "Bombing," by E. F. Waide, Esq., 2nd Lieutenant Cheshires. The lecture was a little technical, but "Fred," in his droll manner, made it very interesting to all ranks. (Some of us already think we are Bombing Specialists, we learnt such a lot that afternoon). Our thanks are due to Lieutenant Waide for the lecture, which we concluded by giving him three well-deserved cheers. We have hopes of more lectures from Old Boys in the Army.

The shooting spoons for the best performance on the open range were won by Lance-Corporal Laird (Table B) and Cadet Civil (Table A).

The Army Class is growing, and three of its members have this term gone to O.C.U.'s.

At the beginning of this term Cadets Laird and Kennedy were promoted to be Lance-Corporals (dated September 12th). During the term a number of promotion candidates have been practising, and after an examination, theoretical and practical, the following promotions have been made:—Cadet Howard to be Lance-Corporal (dated November 1st); Cadet A. D. Scott to be Lance-Corporal (dated November 14th). There is also a waiting list to fill vacancies created during the year.

A.F.C.C.

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## Chess Notes.

THE Chess Club has received an additional encouragement this term. The late Lieutenant P. O. Limrick, to whom the introduction of chess to the magazine was due, gave a sum of money before he joined the forces, which is to be devoted to chess. A small chess trophy is to be purchased and will be played for annually by the Houses, all of which have promised to organise a playing team in the course of the session.

It is hoped that some time in November, through the kindness of the Liverpool Chess Club through their Secretary, Mr. T.

Laya, some of the senior members of our club will have had the privilege of watching the play of and perhaps playing with Mr. J. H. Blackburne, for many years the leading Chess Master and Champion of England. Mr. Blackburne is 76 years of age and so recently as 1914 he tied with another for the Championship of the British Chess Federation.

It is pleasing to know that the problems have been a source of interest and pleasure to some of the Old Boys on service. Many chess players and problem composers and solvers have found their favourite pastime a solace in times of stress and pain, and some most artistic work in problem competition has been produced by men in trench and hospital.

Fraser's solution of the last problem was the first correct solution received. The Solution is as follows:—

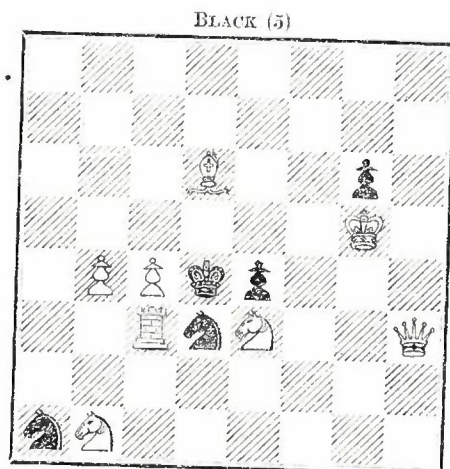
WHITE.

1. R — R 7
2. Mates accordingly.

BLACK.

1. Any move.

This issue's problem is as follows:—



WHITE (8)

White mates in two moves.

We extend our best wishes to R. B. Onians, our former Secretary and Captain, who has left us to join the forces. Kennedy has become Secretary in his place.

## Camera and Field Club.

**B**EFORE giving an account of the activities of the Club during this term, mention must be made of a meeting which took place on July 23rd, when the Headmaster was good enough to make a presentation, on behalf of the Club, to C. T. M. Brown, the retiring Secretary, to whose efforts the success of the Club has largely been due. The proceedings terminated by three hearty cheers for C. T. M. Brown, whose resignation is much regretted.

At the Annual General Meeting, held early this term, H. J. Stern was elected Secretary, and at a Committee Meeting, which took place shortly afterwards, G. King was elected Treasurer, and A. B. Routly, Photographic Secretary. Under his guidance a Photographic Society in connection with the Club has been successfully formed. The dark room has been taken over, and lectures will be given to members of the Society. The Headmaster has kindly consented to lecture on Colour Photography.

The first excursion this term took place on October 3rd, when Mr. Elliott and Mr. Stell accompanied some sixty boys to the Victory Printing Works. We divided into three parties, and then watched the various printing machines at work. Here we were photographed, and then proceeded to the bookbinding department. We then saw the printing of the *Liverpool Express*, and left the works after a most interesting afternoon.

The thanks of the Club are due to all who made the excursion so successful, and especially to Mr. Robertson, the Editor of the *Express*.

By the kind permission of Superintendent Weir, a party of thirty boys visited the Central Fire Station, on Wednesday, October 10th. The working of the fire engines was fully explained, and the slippery pole proved a source of much amusement. Owing to the large numbers who wished to go, a similar party, led by Miss Wilson, visited the Station on the following Saturday.

An interesting excursion took place on October 24th, when some forty members, accompanied by two masters, visited the Matchless Metal Polish Works. We were conducted through the works by Mr. Garner, to whom our thanks are due for the excursion. We were first shown through the munitions department, where the manufacture of shell fuse cases proved very interesting. The making of the polish and polishing mops was then seen, and after a short stay in the engineering shop, we

proceeded to the cardboard box department, and left the works after a very interesting excursion.

On November 7th about thirty boys, in charge of Messrs. Elliott, Malkin and Stell, visited the Ocean Flour mills at Birkenhead. A grain elevator was seen at work, and the process of milling was shown to us. For this the Club is indebted to Mr. Procter, who arranged our visit, and to Mr. Winter, who showed us through the mill.

In conclusion, we offer our hearty thanks to those of the staff who have attended the excursions and to the Old Boys and other friends of the school who have helped us in gaining admission to the many works which we have visited, and which we hope to visit this season. Our appreciation of this is shown by the large numbers which the Club now possess, and by the fact that many boys have been prevented from attending excursions, as the number is necessarily limited for the sake of proper explanation and supervision. It is in this last connection that the presence of more senior boys is particularly desired.

H.J.S.

### Literary and Debating Society.

SO far, the record of the Society has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. The attendance at the meetings has never fallen below forty members, whilst on one memorable evening, members were present to the unprecedented number of over eighty. The speeches have been, almost without exception, to the point, although hardly, as the other adjective usually appended would imply, quite so short as they might have been.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 18th, at 4.30 p.m., with Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair. The following officers were elected:—President, the Headmaster; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Bain, Brown (S. V.), Doughty, Hickinbotham, Cunningham-Pike, and Williams, with McKie and Laver; Secretaries, T. M. Knox and R. G. Baxter. A Committee of ten members was also elected by the meeting. A motion was then passed, at the instrumentality of Mr. Brown, which limited the size of paper on which notes should be made. After the programme for the coming session had been announced, a motion allowing the half-hour rule to be changed to a forty minutes rule, at the discretion of the meeting, was passed. The meeting then adjourned.

The Society met on September 25th, in the Hall, at 7 p.m., with Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair. After private business

had been passed over, with the usual spasms from certain members, the Chairman called upon Laver to propose the motion "The present Government is less honest, and no more efficient than the last." Laver, speaking without notes, addressed the House in a masterly manner, and a clear voice. The present Government, he said, was little better than anarchy; he then proceeded to show that the term "business Government" was, to say the least, somewhat of a fiction, by a survey of its actions in regard to National Service, Ireland, and food. Under the head of honesty: all our liberties were disappearing, and there was too much secrecy. He concluded his oration by references to Stockholm, Russia and Parliament.

Williams, who opposed the motion, attempted to abuse his opponent, and then proceeded to endeavour to refute his argument. He defended the Prime Minister for his optimism, and lack of principles, in a simile. After referring to Sir Edward Carson, and many other things, he ended.

Hutchison, seconding Laver, recapitulated the successes won while Mr. Asquith was in office, and remarked upon the present Prime Minister's shortcomings. Jackson, who seconded Williams, mentioned Mr. Asquith's "decent face," and after distinguishing between a Government's duties in war and peace, referred to the "disgusting state of English law." After the subject had been thrown open for discussion, and Civil and J. W. Brown had made various sensible remarks, Baxter rose and proceeded to a comparison of the activities of the two Governments in question, summing up against the present Government. Knox then said a few words on reprisals, and A. R. Ellis did the same. After Laver had suitably replied, the motion was carried by twenty-two votes to sixteen.

The Society assembled on October 9th, to hear Mr. Cunningham Pike on "the Mountain Haunts of the British Muses: a study in the effects of hills upon our literature." After the private business had been passed over, Mr. Pike was called upon to deliver his paper. He remarked that the history of civilisation was the story of the conflict of man and Nature. Man had usually gained the mastery, but everywhere Nature had influenced man. He contrasted the temperaments of the Scottish, Irish and Welsh peoples; his lengthy dissertation on the effects of the Scottish mountains was the most interesting part of his brilliant paper. He contrasted Wordsworth and Tennyson, showing that the former was a son of the hills, whilst Tennyson had always been an inhabitant of the plains; and that the difference between their temperaments was typified in their poetry. Wordsworth's was full of stern grandeur and solitude; Tennyson was a lover of home and England.

Mr. Hickinbotham spoke of the difficulty of defining the environment of poets, and Laver interested the House by his remarks about Wordsworth. Mr. Jude, a past Secretary of the Society, then spoke of the pleasure which he had received through hearing the paper. Baxter then added his literary talent, and Williams his profound knowledge of architecture to the discussion, and Hutchison and Jackson amused the Society. Knox rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Pike for his most excellent paper. This vote of thanks was carried, and Mr. Pike suitably replied; the meeting then adjourned.

On October 23rd, the Society met in solemn and awful session to discuss the desirability of existence. Mr. Williams, *ex cathedra*, called upon Mr. Hickinbotham to propose the motion that "Life is not worth living." His remarks, addressed to an audience of eighty-three, were interspersed with flashes of his ready wit, and were mostly devoted to abuse of his opponent, and of the Chairman. Long ago, when potatoes were not, life was worth living; in the future, when all Liberals are dead, life may be worth living; to-day, it is assuredly not worth living. Mr. Doughty then rose and opposed the motion in a speech which was remarkable as containing the only argument of the evening. He contended that there was one moment of a person's life when life must certainly be worth living; when the mind is swayed by contemplation of a beautiful picture, or charmed by the melodies of a noble piece of music. Knox, seconding Mr. Hickinbotham, drew a dismal picture of the life of a Scotland Road artisan, and Baxter, in an abstruse speech, pointed out the joys of such an existence. Laver, considering the matter seriously, told a tale of a New York bourgeois during a conflagration. Dudley described how he was a cause of merriment throughout the city, and his delightful delightfulness, and gave an analysis of his day's labours. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*. Hutchison "scraped his equipment on," and Ball, Mayne, E. S. Roberts and Fry charmed the Society by their remarks; Mr. Hickinbotham then replied to his critics, and the motion was put to the vote and lost by seventy-six votes to five. [The arithmetic may seem to be wrong, but it isn't. Two people didn't vote.]

On November 6th the Society met with Mr. Hickinbotham in the chair. The usual convulsions of private business were concluded, and J. A. Scott was called upon to propose the motion that "State control of the liquor traffic is desirable." He enumerated the evils caused by intoxication, and produced a vast mass of statistics to confirm his reasonings. State control, he argued, would check the evils caused by drunkenness, increase the revenue, and lead to the final abolition of the trade. D. G. M. Jackson, opposing, mentioned the ravages caused by

State control in Sweden, and advocated a system of supervision combined with education, instead of absolute control; the former, he maintained, would eliminate the evils of the latter.

Baxter seconded Scott, and began by announcing that he would probably surprise the Society. He did. State control of everything he said, would be a great advantage. Knox, who seconded Jackson, shewed the temptation to sell more intoxicants in order to increase the revenue, and mentioned the present system under which licenses lapse.

The usual pause was broken by Laver, who expressed his firm approval of State control, and said that home drinking was not such an evil as it had been painted. Stern talked of Bacchanalian ditties, and J. W. Brown amused the Society. After Scott's reply, the motion was carried by 35 votes to eight.

Such is the brief epitome of what has passed during a tolerably successful session. The exigencies of space do not permit us to mention more than a few coming events. We are to hear a paper by Mr. Ryan on Keats, which, we are told, is to be the finest ever delivered to the Society. The Soirée, under Mr. Brown's control, is to take place on November 24th; and there are many other events, including the Impromptu Debate on December 4th. It would also be pleasant to see members adopt the Secretaries' motto in their speeches: "To be facetious it is not necessary to be prolix."

[Or the Secretaries adopting their own motto in their notes.  
—Eds.]

## School Trophies.

Following the many recent donations of Cups to the School, it may be as well to publish a complete list of the various Cups and Trophies which we now possess.

### INDIVIDUAL CUPS.

SPORTS.—Open Championship Cup, presented in 1890 by the Old Boys of the Institute, to be held by the boy gaining most marks in the open events of the Sports; now held by A. Thomas.

Middle Championship Cup, presented in 1907 by the Headmaster, to be held by the boy gaining most marks in

the Under 15 Events of the Sports; now held by J. H. Scott.

Junior Championship Cup, presented by the Headmaster in 1907, to be held by the boy gaining most marks in all events Under 13½; now held by K. W. Downey.

Open Mile Cup, presented in 1917 by Alderman Fred Smith, in memory of Kenneth Laing-Scott, to be held by winner of the Open Mile; now held by D. Lloyd.

SWIMMING.—Caven-Carefull Cup, presented in 1910, donor unrecorded, in memory of Thomas V. Carefull and George H. Caven, boys of the school who died during the Christmas term, 1908; to be held by boy gaining the highest total of marks in the Gala; now held by E. M. Fry.

#### HOUSE CUPS.

FOOTBALL.—Horsfall Cup, presented in 1895, by D. Horsfall, Esq., to be held by the winning House in the Senior Football Competition; now held by Alfred Holt House.

Junior Football Cup, presented in 1905 by the Headmaster; to be held by the winning House in the Junior Football Competition; now held by Alfred Holt House.

CRICKET.—Senior Cricket Cup, presented in 1914 by the Headmaster; to be held by the winning House in the Senior Cricket Competition; now held by the Hughes House.

Junior Cricket Cup, presented in 1908 by the Headmaster; to be held by the winning House in the Junior Cricket Competition; now held by the Alfred Holt House.

GYMNASIUM.—Plevin-Grieve Memorial Cup, presented in 1916 by Lieut. Stone in memory of Norman Plevin and Jack Grieve. To be held by the House whose team gains most marks in the Gymnasium Competition; now held by the Philip Holt House.

SINGING.—Singing Cup, presented in 1913 by the Headmaster; to be held by the House whose choir gains first place in the Hobby Show Singing Competition; now held by Cochran House.

#### O. T. C.

The Sir Alfred Jones Shooting Shield, presented by F. C. Danson, Esq. in 1907, to be held by the best section in the Shooting Competition; now held by Section 4 under Cpl. Fry. Given to commemorate Sir Alfred Jones' gift of a miniature range to the Corps.

The Wm. Murray Hutchison Memorial Cup, presented in 1917, by Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison in memory of their son Murray Hutchison; to be held by the smartest section in the Corps; now held by Section 4 under Cpl. Fry.

The Major Parkes' Shooting Cup, presented in 1914 by Major Parkes; to be held by the Cadet scoring the highest total of marks during the year at the open Range; now held by W. J. Laird.

All the above are awarded annually. The Open Mile Cup may be won outright if the same boy wins it three times in succession.

#### Valete.

RUSSELL, A. G.—Entered 1911; Prefect 1915 (Tate); House Captain (Tate) 1916; Library Committee, 1916; Committee (L.I.L.D.S.) 1915; O.T.C. 1916; Oxford Local Senior (3rd Class Honours) 1914; Matriculation (1st Division) 1915; Latin Prize (after J. I. McKie resigned) 1917; Bibby Scholarship (resigned) 1917; Senior City Scholarship 1917.

LAIRD, W. J.—Entered 1911; Prefect (Tate) 1915; House Captain (Cochran) 1916; Advert. Ed. May 1915; Committee (L.I.B.D.S.) 1915; Sec. F. House Games, 1916, 1916-17, 1917; O.T.C. 1912; Lance-Corporal 1917; Oxford Local (Senior) 1914; Matriculation 1915; Major Parkes' Shooting Cup 1916.

COX, E. S.—Entered 1912; Prefect (Tate) 1916; O.T.C. 1913 Matriculation, 1916.

LLOYD, D.—Entered 1910; Prefect (Cochran) 1916; Committee (L.I.L.D.S.) 1915; Committee (C. & F. Club) 1915; Football (2nd XI.) Colours 1916-17; Cricket (2nd XI.) Colours 1917; School Gymnasium Captain 1917; House Football Captain 1916-17; House Cricket Captain 1917; House Sports Captain 1917; House Swimming Captain 1917; O.T.C. 1914; Oxford (Senior) Local 1915; Matriculation (1st Division) 1917; Open Mile Cup 1917; Bartlett Engineering Scholarship 1917.

## Correspondence.

To the Editors *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

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Gentlemen,

Through the kindness of Mr. Eaves, I have lately received a booklet showing the names of the old boys of the school who are now serving their country with the forces. I also received several copies of the School Magazine. It was a great treat to get these, and I have already passed them around to three other old boys who thoroughly enjoyed seeing them.

It has often occurred to me that were a book issued, which showed the names of all the old boys who attended the school, giving their present locations, that there would be many more meetings of the boys than at present, and I am sure a greater spirit of fraternity and good feeling would spring up, which could not help but reflect advantageously upon the school. A great many of the schools out here have such a book, and the result toward greater fraternity among the old members, is quite pronounced.

The type of book I have in mind is one that would show the name of every boy who attended the school since its foundation, the year and class in which he entered, the year and class when he departed, and also particulars showing where the member was last located, i.e., his business and private address. The only difficult matter in regard to editing such a book would be that of getting the present location of the various members, but I believe if it were only started, that with the great number of sources of information available, that it would not be long before quite a complete record could be got together.

I would suggest that the first edition be edited in a very cheap form and a number of copies sent to each of those men whose addresses are already known, requesting them to forward copies to all the men whose present whereabouts they know, and ask them in turn to fill out the particulars regarding any of the men about whom they have information, after which the books should be returned to the school for same to be re-compiled.

I do not presume to think for one moment that this is a new idea, but I do feel that something along this line should be put into effect, and I believe the present time to be the most opportune, on account of the much closer relations that now exist between all British subjects, both at home and abroad.

Would this not be a very good subject for the Institute Magazine to take up and open its columns for a discussion upon it? I would also suggest that a few pages of the Magazine be devoted to information regarding the Old Boys of the School, giving snappy paragraphs of their doings, etc. I am sure if this were done the circulation of the Magazine would be increased considerably.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES WATT.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—We think the above idea is at least worth discussion, and shall be pleased to publish any correspondence on the subject; we foresee, however, financial difficulties. With regard to the "snappy paragraphs" about Old Boys, we are willing to publish all the snappy paragraphs we can get. Perhaps, however, the writer has not noticed the vast extent of the enterprise, if we were to attempt at this time any really exhaustive list. The School was founded in 1825.]

## Editorial Notice.

In answer to Rifleman R. V. Stephenson, may we say that the notices on the Roll of Honour and the Distinctions Roll are limited by the often slight amount of information which we possess. Where known, ranks need never be omitted.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries:—Borrovia, Kelly College Chronicle, Ruym, Esmeduna, Holt School Magazine, Savilian, Scotch Collegian; and apologise for any omissions.