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## Of Reading.—Continued.

But here a difficulty arises. Suppose someone were to say, "It is all very well to talk like that about good and bad books. But how am I to decide what is a good book and what is a bad one? Of course I am willing to admit, if you will, for the sake of argument, that books which have stood the test of time are good, and those that have not are bad. Though it is only for the sake of argument that I admit this, for people's taste may have been wrong and preserved the bad books and let the good ones perish. But if this is not so, and the popular judgment has, on the whole, been correct, how am I to act with reference to new books? If anyone were to speak like this, how should we answer him?"

I think that we should answer him thus. In the first place, there is no need for you to make a favour of admitting that the test of time is correct; for though the popular judgment may often be wrong for the time, which we are perfectly ready to acknowledge, in the end, it is right. Or more accurately, the people's judgment is fallible, but its instinct is finally infallible, and what, although worthless, pleases for the moment, at last finds its proper place, by whatever process; sometimes a reviewer kills it, as Macaulay killed R. Montgomery's poems on Satan and the Omnipresence of the Deity; sometimes the popular taste gradually realises that it has been mistaken, as in the case of Thomas Haynes Bailey (not Philip James Bailey), a bard who flourished in the early years of the Queen's reign, and has been delightfully resuscitated by Mr. Andrew Lang; or, again, as in the case of Martin Tupper, of whom, perhaps, few in this room have heard, though his *Proverbial Philosophy* was thought mighty fine thirty years ago. Conversely, *aeset* *sub ponder virtus*: if a writer have merit, though the reviewers review never so savagely, he will pull through, after his death, perhaps, but still he will pull through. It may be that the *Quarterly Review* killed Keats, but he didn't kill his works. The *Quarterly Review* also tried to kill Tennyson, but he rests in Westminster Abbey, while the grave of his would-be murderer is as obscure as that of Moses. Milton is said to have sold the copyright of *Paradise Lost* for five pounds, but how many publishers would not now give a thousand times that sum for the exclusive right to publish the poem? I could multiply instances, but let these suffice. Of course it doesn't by any means follow that a great author invariably has ill-success at first. C. Dickens rose into fame

at a bound with the *Pickwick Papers*, and George Eliot with *Scenes from Clerical Life*. But enough of geniuses have had a bad time of it at first, to justify at least in his own eyes many an aspirant for literary honours, whose productions are predestined to envelope the wares of the buttermilk and the fishmonger, in persisting in his futile endeavours. Perhaps the abolition of the duty on paper was not an unmixed blessing after all.

And by thus answering the first part of our imaginary opponent's objection, we have implicitly answered the second part also. For the public, whose instinct we have declared to be, in the end, correct, is made up of units, of whom each of us is one. And though one man's instinct is finer than another's, yet almost any one, if he have not altogether crushed out that instinct, can feel whether what he is reading is worth reading or not. Of course we forget this and allow our instinct to be beaten down, but still the voice of conscience is whispering: "This is no good; it is wasting your time; put it down, and never take it up again." This when translated into the speech or thought of the reader, is, "What rot this book is," if he be a boy or a young man, and,—but let us not presume to say what the feminine equivalent is. Oh yes! we often say, or at least think, "What rubbish this is," but we go on reading all the same. And now for a counsel of perfection. The very next book you read, pull yourself up, and ask, "Is this worth reading?" and if the voice of instinct answers "no," throw the book into the fire, unless it is borrowed, in which case a less drastic course may be recommended. And if you are not morally strong enough to do this, at least, when you have finished, don't read another like it.

The two points on which I have been dwelling are so important that I will summarise here briefly.

(1.) The popular judgment in the end generally weeds out good literature from bad. Therefore you are pretty safe with old books.

(2.) Your own instinct, if you will listen to it, will enable you to separate the good from the bad, when there has not yet been time for the first rule to come into force.

Good literature may be divided into two classes. The first will contain that which is both good and great; and the second that which, while not the result of mighty genius, is yet wholesome and honest. Of course everyone ought to have some acquaintance with a great deal of the former, but that is a matter which is fortunately settled for most of us. From our earliest years we are made familiar with the Bible, without any effort of our own; and those of us who are fortunate enough to be sent to good schools, and for aught I know, those who are sent to any recognised school at all, get to know something, at any rate, of Shakespeare, and a few other great masters. For the rest, I think people may be left to themselves. If they have it in them, after their taste has been formed as we have described, they will find their way to the proper authors in time. If they don't they are probably not fit for them. This is not inconsistent, I think, with what has been said about the necessity for avoiding bad books, for the difference is not between

good and bad in this case, but only between two degrees of good. To illustrate. There is no harm in preferring Besant to George Eliot, if you have given the latter a chance; but there is harm in preferring a penny dreadful, or an immoral French novel, to either George Eliot or Besant. Still, it would no doubt be best, if we could, to read all the great books first if that were possible; but I suppose there is none, or at least very few, who are heroic enough to do this. And it is perhaps true that it is not always that we are wound up to the pitch necessary for the enjoyment of such works. And, probably, the occasional perusal of ordinary books serves as a useful mental tonic, refreshed with which we can turn again to Shakespeare and the rest, when the proper mood has returned.

Many persons in their leisure moments often follow out some definite course of reading, which deals with some subject in which they take a peculiar interest. For instance, one man will take up Heraldry, another Botany, and so forth. A friend of mine, by a continuous study of military history, has made himself somewhat of an authority on tactics and the general theory of modern and ancient warfare. I would not recommend anyone to put violence on his inclinations and compel himself to take an interest in this subject, or any other: but if you find that some particular branch of knowledge, outside your regular work, appeals to you, it would be a very good thing to follow it up, always provided that you do not entirely neglect other reading. This is merely thrown out as a suggestion, and doubtless many will prefer to sip honey from more flowers than one. But such a practice will certainly do much to prevent you from drifting to the kinds of literature which we have been condemning. Each one must settle such a question for himself, and decide whether he will know a great deal about one question or a little about a great many.

(To be concluded.)

### Literary and Debating Society.

MARCH 8th. A meeting was held on this date, when the Head Master kindly presided. The subject for debate was "Ought the present Home Rule Bill to be condemned?" Mr. C. M. Jones opened in the affirmative, directing his attacks mainly upon the ninth clause, and adding that England was averse to the bill, and that so strong were feelings in Ulster against it that, if the bill had been carried, the Ulster men would have been up in arms to resist it. Mr. P. J. A. Francis led for the negative. After first remarking that the title of the debate was a trifle incorrect, he attempted to show by history how badly Ireland had been governed all along, and what great wrongs England had done to her. The only amend we can make (said he) is to grant her Home Rule. The majority of Irishmen supported the bill, and the majority should have the chief voice. In the discussion that followed, Mr. N. C. Miller supported the affirmative, and Messrs. J. D. Crichton,

J. N. J. Wood, and P. J. Rose the negative. The Chairman then addressed a few words to the meeting, taking the Unionist side. After the two leaders had replied, the vote was taken, the result being—Negative 9, Affirmative 7. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, after which the meeting adjourned.

The following is a criticism of the speaking in the above debate, kindly written by the Head Master, our President:—

“The Editors have asked me to write a criticism of the debate of the L. I. L. D. S. (March 8th), at which I took the chair. The subject was Home Rule, but the size and humour of the meeting made it clear that the near neighbourhood of really important events like shield-matches had caused Home Rule to fall very much into obscurity. The phrase in the resolution, ‘the present Home Rule Bill,’ was no doubt a correct one at the time the Society’s programme was compiled, far back in the annals of 1893, but history now-a-days marches fast, and the bill that was ever present with us then is very much absent from our minds now. C. M. Jones and Francis were the leading champions on each side. At the outset I was struck by the fact that both read their speeches from MSS. This is surely a mistake, as a reading orator must always lack power, and fail in driving his hits home. In this case the result was that Jones, having written rather more than he intended, had to drive helter-skelter through his speech, getting through the words at the maximum pace, and Francis’s speech was, by the nature of things, not so much an answer to his opponent’s case, as a separate little essay from a different point of view. Succeeding speakers, too, must in such a case feel a certain disadvantage in speaking extempore in answer to written statements. The other speeches were, however, not at all disappointing. Crichton and Miller brought up some heavy artillery, each on his own side, and battered bravely into one another; and J. N. J. Wood (whom we were glad to see revisiting his old haunts) and Rose also made their points. There is, I am sure, plenty of excellent material in the Society, if only they will always take themselves seriously, and keep in mind the true aim of a Debating Society. On the whole, I was inclined to think that Miller made the best speech of the evening, though possibly I was misled by sympathy with some of the views he expressed. Result of the division—for Home Rule 9, against 7.

ALFRED HUGHES, President L. I. L. D. S.

### Chat on the Corridor.

OUR readers will notice that this month the *Magazine* has returned to its old proportions, viz., sixteen pages, without advertisements. As, however, we are unwilling to sustain any loss by this measure, we must warn them that if we perceive any falling off in the circulation we shall drop the four extra pages again.

We received a letter from two Old Boys asking for an extra race

in the Sports, limited to Old Boys under eighteen years of age; the Committee have decided, however, that there shall be only one Old Boys’ Race, which shall be of 3,000 yards, and shall be open only to those Old Boys who have left school since 1889.

All will be sorry to hear that we are about to lose two of our masters on the High School side this term. Mr. Storrs is leaving us to take a School at Blackheath, near London, and Mr. Pridmore has accepted a mastership at Plymouth College (where we hope we shall hear more of him through the medium of the *Plymothian*, which magazine we receive regularly). In place of Mr. Storrs it is announced that Mr. J. Knowles, B.A., Caius College, Cambridge, is coming, and that Mr. J. De G. Gaudin, B.A., Clare College, Cambridge, will take the place of Mr. Pridmore.

F. M. Baddeley (Old Boy), Exhibitioner of Magdalene College, Cambridge, stroked his College eight at the Lent races. Another Old Boy, who seems to consider this the great ambition of his life, tells us he hopes to be rowing for his College at Oxford very soon. May his wish be gratified.

We are pleased to record a fresh success of one of our Old Boys whose name is immortalised in our School song, “*Three times Three*.” Dr. Donald Macalister, Fellow and Tutor of St. John’s College, Cambridge, has been elected to the Linacre Lectureship of Physic, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Bradbury, Downing Professor of Medicine.

### In Memoriam.

OUR HOPES OF WINNING THE SHIELD

DIED MARCH 21ST, 1894.

No Cards by Request.

We are glad to report that W. L. Collins, who had his collar-bone broken in the Shield Match against the College, is progressing favourably

### Liverpool and District Schools’ Challenge Shield Competition.

#### FIRST ROUND.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Waterloo, on March 7th. Squires having lost the toss kicked off against the wind. Waterloo played up well at the start, and kept the game about midfield, but nothing important was

done. For about a quarter of an hour our men did very poorly against a much lighter team, but at length they began to wake up, and carried the play to the Waterloo "25." There was a loud cheer when Collins started the scoring with a good drop goal. On restarting we played up much better, and confined the play to our opponents' "25." Then, in quick succession, Beatty and Collins scored tries, and Brettargh dropped another goal. Half-time score, Liverpool Institute, 4 goals; Waterloo High School, *nil*.

In the second half the game was of a very one-sided nature, and the play continued in the Waterloo "25." Our forwards did not let the ball out quick enough from the scrums, but played much better on the loose, and, for a wonder, were seen to do some passing among themselves. A lot of time was wasted with needless punting over the goal line, instead of kicking into touch. In this half tries were scored by Beatty and Squires (four times), while Brettargh converted two tries. At call of time we were left winners by 6 goals 3 tries (37 points) to *nil*.

We were represented in this match by the best team we have put into the field this season. It was as follows:—

*Full-back:*

\* H. G. Humphreys.

*Three-quarters:*

\* H. C. Squires, W. L. Collins, \* S. A. Wood, \* W. W. Beatty.

*Halves:*

\* A. Brettargh, S. Raleigh.

*Forwards:*

\* F. Cheeseright, \* J. D. Crichton, H. A. W. Langdon,

\* R. Dale, J. L. Hawkes, H. T. Long,

\* C. M. Jones, Watkins.

On the same date Liverpool College (U.S.) beat Merchant Taylors by 3 tries to *nil*; Birkenhead School beat Birkenhead Grammar School by 4 goals 2 tries to *nil*.

#### SECOND ROUND.

On Wednesday, March 14th, Liverpool College (U.S.) beat Birkenhead School by 2 goals 3 tries to *nil*. Liverpool Institute a bye; Liverpool College Middle School withdrawn.

#### FINAL TIE.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE *v.* LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.).

Played at Woodcroft Park, Wavertree, on Wednesday, March 21st, before a large crowd of spectators.

The College were without Kidman, and we were short of our best forward, R. Dale. Squires lost the toss, and kicked off, a poor return being made. The ball lodged in the College half, where some heavy scrums were formed. College were penalised for offside play, and Squires made a good shot at goal. Brettargh passed out well from the scrum, and Collins gained some ground. College now got dangerous, and pressed hard, but Squires saved and kicked into

\* Played in a previous Shield Match.

touch. From the ensuing scrums College got the ball out, but Brettargh spoiled the pass, and Wood carried the ball to the half-way flag. Institute now started a nice passing movement, but were penalised. In rushing for the ball Hutchinson hurt his knee, and retired for a few minutes. Wood broke away, but was tackled by Squires, and Institute were penalised for offside. The kick was charged down, and from the scrum Hawkes got possession and kicked into touch. The College halves carried the ball from the scrum, but Humphreys tackled in time. Brettargh, Cheeseright, and Squires dribbled down the field, but, kicking too hard, lost the ball, and a minor resulted. Institute were pressing hard when half-time sounded, with nothing scored.

A poor return was made to the kick-off, and play settled in the Institute half. College attacked strongly, but the tackling of the Institute backs was brilliant, and Raleigh and Brettargh saved well. College kicked, but Humphreys returned. From the scrum Crichton broke away with a dribble, and tackled before a return was made. College rushed the packs, and gained some ground. The greater weight of the College forwards was now wearing down the Institute pack. Beatty picked up and ran well, but was tackled before he passed. From a smart heel-out Goodacre got the ball and kicked over the line, the ball going dead. From the return kick College rushed the ball, but Beatty saved well, and Squires kicked, Dodd returning. College were awarded a free kick, but little use was made of it. At this point the heeling-out of the Institute forwards was markedly at fault. Squires kicked, and, following up, the ball was carried into touch in the College 25. Raleigh made a poor pass and lost ground, but Brettargh intercepted a College pass and kicked into touch. College were now pressing hard, and heeling-out well. From a pass by Wood, Dodd scored, a goal resulting. Squires kicked out, and, following up, gained the length of his kick. From the scrum College got off, but Wood and Beatty were quite safe. Collins was tackled rather roughly, and had to retire with a broken collar bone. Institute were now severely handicapped, playing a man short forward, Langdon falling back. College dropped at goal, a minor resulting. Hutchinson now dashed over, but the try was not converted, and time was called with the score—College, 1 goal 1 try; Institute, *nil*.

The superior weight of the College forwards won them the game, and we deeply regret the absence of R. W. Dale, who certainly would have made a difference in the scrums. F. S. Howorth, the substitute, was very light, but played well in the loose. If we are to praise any particular point in the Institute play it is the tackling. On this occasion the tackling of all our backs, with one exception, was really brilliant and first-class, and the forwards ably seconded their efforts by backing them up. We also commend the whole team, and especially the forwards, for the plucky way in which they played up after the College scored.

The College have now won the shield for the eighth time.

**Football Notes.**

WITH our match against the College we closed perhaps the most successful season the Institute Rugby Football Club has ever had. The only season which at all approaches it is 1890-91, and it is curious to note that in each season twelve matches were won, and on each occasion we got into the Final Tie of the Shield Competition.

The following is a list of the Results of Matches played during the season:—

| Date.   | Against.                    | Where Played. | Result. | Score.      |       |            |       |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|
|         |                             |               |         | L. I. F. C. |       | Opponents. |       |
|         |                             |               |         | Goals       | Tries | Goals      | Tries |
| Oct. 14 | Liverpool 3rd XV ..         | Home          | Won     | 1           | 0     | 0          | 0     |
| " 18    | Merchant Taylors ..         | Away          | Won     | 1           | 0     | 0          | 0     |
| " 25    | Liverpool College (U.S.) .. | Away          | Lost    | 0           | 0     | 1          | 4     |
| " 28    | Old Boys' 3rd ..            | Home          | Won     | 1           | 6     | 0          | 0     |
| Nov. 4  | New Brighton 2nd ..         | Away          | Lost    | 0           | 0     | 1          | 1     |
| " 8     | Wallasey Grammar Sch...     | Away          | Won     | 0           | 1     | 0          | 0     |
| " 11    | Parkfield Old Boys ..       | Home          | Lost    | 1           | 0     | 1          | 1     |
| " 15    | Liverpool College (U.S.) .. | Home          | Draw    | 0           | 0     | 1          | 3     |
| " 22    | Birkenhead School ..        | Away          | Won     | 1           | 0     | 0          | 1     |
| Dec. 6  | Merchant Taylors ..         | Home          | Lost    | 1           | 0     | 1          | 2     |
| " 13    | Birkenhead School ..        | Home          | Won     | 1           | 2     | 0          | 0     |
| 1894.   |                             |               |         |             |       |            |       |
| Jan. 31 | Birkenhead School ..        | Home          | Won     | 2           | 0     | 0          | 1     |
| Feb. 14 | Waterloo High School ..     | Home          | Won     | 1           | 2     | 1          | 0     |
| " 28    | Merchant Taylors' ..        | Home          | Won     | 0           | 1     | 0          | 0     |
| Mar. 3  | Mr. Gardner's Team ..       | Home          | Won     | 3           | 1     | 0          | 0     |
| " 7     | WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL        | Away          | Won     | 6           | 3     | 0          | 0     |
| " 10    | Ellesmere College ..        | Home          | Lost    | 1           | 0     | 2          | 0     |
| " 17    | Mr. Gardner's Team ..       | Home          | Won     | 1           | 1     | 0          | 0     |
| " 21    | LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (U.S.)    | W'croft pk.   | Lost    | 0           | 0     | 1          | 1     |

The Matches in darker type are those played for the Schools Challenge Shield Competition.

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Number of Matches Won.....   | 12 |
| Number of Matches Lost.....  | 6  |
| Number of Matches Drawn..... | 1  |

Total number of Matches played .... 19

|                                |    |                                     |    |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|
| Number of Goals scored by us.. | 21 | Number of Goals scored against us.. | 9  |
| Number of Tries scored by us.. | 17 | Number of Tries scored against us.. | 14 |

Total number of points .. 152      Total number of points .... 83

Tries have been scored by Squires (17), Langdon (4), Collins (3), Wood (3), Beatty (2), Cheeseright (2), and Dale, Hawkes, and Humphreys 1 each.

Drop goals have been scored by Collins (2), Wood and Brettargh 1 each.

Brettargh has converted 14 tries, and Squires 3.

It is satisfactory to note that, although once or twice we have started short through men turning up late, yet we have only played one match when we have been actually short all through the game. Our heartiest thanks are due to Rev. A. H. Caldicott and E. B.

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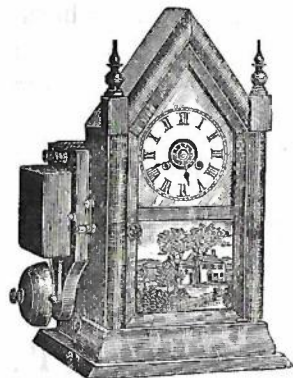
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**FOOTBALL NOTES.**

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Ewart, Esq., for acting as referee on several occasions, and to other masters and friends for help on different occasions.

**NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.**

H. C. SQUIRES (captain), Three-quarter.—Our fastest three-quarter. Kicks well and tackles well, taking his man low. Passes well, but does not take his passes neatly; picks up well. Has scored in nearly every match. Weight 10st. 6lbs.

W. L. COLLINS, Three-quarter.—Light, but safe. Kicks well at times, and passes well, but is inclined to keep the ball too long. Played very well at half before Christmas. Weight 9st. 4lbs.

S. A. WOOD, Three-quarter.—Has improved wonderfully in the last two months. Dodges and tackles well, but should take his man lower. Passes and takes his passes well. Kicking rather weak. Weight 10st.

W. W. BEATTY, Three-quarter.—Runs well and picks up well. Rather inclined to be selfish. Tackles well, and plays best on the defence generally. Good at kicking, but does not do enough of it. Weight 10st. 6lbs.

A. BRETTAGH, Half.—By far the best man in the team for passing and taking his passes. Safe kick and good tackler. Our best place kick. Useful at every point of the game, and brilliant on the defence. Weight 8st. 1lb.

S. RALEIGH, Half.—Small, but plucky. Saves well. Slow in getting rid of the ball, and poor on the attack generally. Very good punt. Weight 8st.

F. CHEESERIGHT, Forward.—Heavy forward, but inclined to shirk the scrums. Poor on the loose, but gets the ball well from touch. Might make use of his weight, and get in the front rank more. Tackles well. Weight 10st. 6lbs.

R. W. DALE (sub-captain), Forward.—Our best forward. Works very well in the scrums, good on the loose, and tackles very well. Unfortunately, unable to play in the Shield Final through illness. Weight 9st. 7lbs.

C. M. JONES (secretary), Forward.—One of the four or five working forwards. Follows up well, and tackles fairly at times. Almost always in the front rank, and heels out well. Might improve his dribbling. Weight 10st. 1lb.

J. D. CRICHTON, Forward.—Excellent scrummager. Good on the loose, and tackles fairly well. Is too fond of individual dribbling, otherwise a most useful man. Weight 9st. 7lbs.

H. S. W. LANGDON, Forward.—Works hard in the scrum, and is our fastest forward. Tackling weak; should take his man low. Played three-quarter for the greatest part of the season. Weight 10st. 2lbs.

H. T. LONG, Forward.—Works hard, but poor on the loose. Very slow runner, but tackles well. Weight 8st. 12lbs.

J. L. HAWKES, Forward.—Heavy, but afraid of the scrums. Takes it very easy. Poor on the loose, but a good drop kick. Weight 10st. 1lb.

WATKINS, Forward.—Shirks the scrums, but very good tackler. Should get in the front rank and use his weight to advantage. Weight 10st. 5lbs.

H. G. HUMPHREYS, Full-back.—Tackling, as a rule, very poor, but occasionally fair; should go low for his man. A good kick, but does not always find touch. Very fond of taking "flying kicks," which are most fatal. Picks up poorly, and should try and catch the ball before it bounces. Inclined to "funk." Weight 9st. 4lbs.

**RESERVES.**

F. S. HOWARTH, Forward.—Very light, but plays hard and tackles well. knows the game thoroughly, and saves brilliantly at times. Weight 7st. 3lbs.

WILLIAMS, Forward.—Fast, but poor on the loose. Works well in the scrums. Tackling weak. Does not know the game sufficiently to get his place in the team.

**SECOND FIFTEEN.**

Our second fifteen have played 8 matches, of which 2 have been won, 1 drawn, and 5 lost. It is a pity the members of the team are so small, and have to meet much heavier fellows, for they all know the game extremely well, and are most enthusiastic. F. P.

and F. B. Cox, Samuels, Howarth, Long, Brown, and W. M. Shaw deserve special mention. Cox, Samuels, and Shaw have scored tries.

### Club Reports.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

Played on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, at Sefton Park. Rev. A. H. Caldicott refereed. After the kick off play settled down in the Merchants' half, and a lot of scrummaging resulted. We were playing four three-quarters against the Merchants three, but our eight forwards held their own with the opposing nine. By some combined play we brought the game into our opponents "25," where our forwards heeled out splendidly, and our three-quarters certainly would have scored but for bad passing. The Merchants made one sally and reached the half way flag, but were soon taken back again. The same style of play went on until half time, when neither side had scored. After half time the Merchants played four three-quarters, and our forwards then played brilliantly, doing what they liked with the ball in the scrums. Play was still in the Merchants' "25," and at length, after several attempts at scoring, Wood, by a good piece of play got in. Brettargh took the place kick, but failed to get the ball over.

After the drop out, the Merchants played up much better, and managed to get to our "25," but they were soon back again in their own half. Our three-quarters again made attempts to score, but did not succeed, owing to the excellent tackling of the opposing team. Nothing further was scored, and we eventually won a splendid game by a try (3 points) to *nil*.

On the whole game the Merchants were beaten at every point, and particularly forward. Our forwards deserve great praise for their play, and we are certain that not before nor since have they played better.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MR. GARDNER'S TEAM.

On Saturday, March 3rd, we played a team composed principally of Old Boys, and which included Mr. Snow, A. J. Ewart, W. L. Ker, A. E. Ewart, R. Gardner, &c. After the kick off play settled down at half way, and there were numerous scrummages in which our forwards came off best. At length Squires got possession and ran in, the try being converted by Brettargh. After restarting play continued even, and Gardner and W. L. Ker were seen to advantage. Nothing further was scored before half time.

On resuming we pressed strongly, and after some fairly good heeling out by our forwards, Wood got hold and scored our second try, which was also converted. Shortly after this Wood dropped a goal. After the drop out Gardner's team improved, and played up better, but they did not threaten seriously. Beatty got in, but the try was not allowed owing possibly to a forward pass. Before call

of time we scored again by means of Squires, but the place kick was a failure. Final result:--Liverpool Institute, 3 goals 1 try (17 points); Gardner's team *nil*. This match showed how a team that has played together can beat a team which is individually much superior.

In this match W. W. Beatty resumed his place in the team, and acquitted himself with credit. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on him for his patriotism in coming back to School to play for us.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. ELLESMERE COLLEGE.

Played on Saturday, March 10th, on the Field House ground, kindly lent to us for the occasion by the University College R. F. C. We had to commence at the unusually early hour of 2.30, and started three men short. Play settled down at half way, and our forwards worked well at first, notwithstanding the fact that the Ellesmere forwards were half as heavy again. After a lot of scrummaging, Squires picked up and got in behind the posts. Brettargh converted the easy place kick. On restarting the Ellesmere pressed, and got into our "25," and looked like scoring. Eventually a free kick for off-side brought relief. At half-time we were leading by 1 goal to *nil*.

After half-time Ellesmere played up much better, and gained a good deal of ground by passing. In one scrum we heeled out, but Raleigh was not in his place owing to a slight injury. Their half ran forward, picked up, and scored easily, no one getting near him. A good goal resulted. Shortly after, another of their men ran in near touch, and the try was converted by a magnificent kick. Squires got in a second time, but some one was slightly injured. The referee did not blow the whistle until after Squires had scored, so the try ought to have been allowed. This, however, does not excuse the team for losing a match which they certainly ought to have won.

##### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MR. GARDNER'S TEAM.

On Saturday, March 17th, we played the return match with Mr. Gardner's team. R. Dale was absent ill, and Williams, the substitute, failed to turn up, consequently we played one man short. After the kick off play was even for some time. Our forwards did not heel out at all well, and when our halves did get the ball they were brought down by the off side play of S. Fall. Consequently our three-quarters never got the ball, and we had no chance of scoring. Clegg got off well for our opponents, and brought the play to our "25," where the opposing three-quarters did a lot of running and passing. They did not score, however, owing to good tackling. Nothing was scored before half-time.

On resuming we played up much better, with the result that Squires scored twice for us. Brettargh converted one of the tries by a really splendid kick from a difficult position. Eventually we won the match by 1 goal 1 try (8 points) to *nil*.

We did not play nearly so well in this match as in the previous ones. Our forwards did not play anything like up to their usual

form; our halves were beaten (principally by the off-side play of S. Fall), and our three-quarters had nothing but tackling to do.

We had a large crowd of spectators to witness this match, probably the largest we have ever seen on our ground.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

#### CLASS MATCH.—MIDDLE THIRD v. LOWER THIRD.

This match was played at Stanley Park. A strong wind prevailed. The Middle Third won the toss, and electing to play with the wind, soon assumed the aggressive, scoring three times. This was all the scoring up to half-time. On turning round, a very even game ensued; however, the Middle Third again scored, the result thus being 4-0. Carmichael (2), Hall, and Tait scored the goals.

### LACROSSE.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WINDERMERE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match, the semi-final tie of the Junior North of England Schools' Competition, was played at Lancaster, on Wednesday, February 28, and, after rather a poor game, resulted in a win for the Institute by 4 goals to *nil*. The ground was in a condition which made good lacrosse impossible. Windermere, in the first half, had the advantage of wind, sun, and hill, but could not score, while Hipwell scored smartly for the Institute from a fast shot by Thomas. In the second half the Institute had the best of the game, Hipwell scoring once, and H. G. Thomas twice. Windermere worked hard, but without any combination, their best men being their centre and point. For the Institute, Gem (at point) was the best man on the field, never making a mistake, while Hurter and Patterson also played a good defence game. H. G. Thomas, Hipwell, and E. G. Turner played well on the attack.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WOODLANDS SCHOOL, MANCHESTER.

Played at Wavertree, Wednesday, March 14. The Institute defence, weakened by the absence of Gem, proved unable at first to cope with the excellent passing of the small but smart Woodlands' attacks, their very diminutive 2nd home scoring three times in the first quarter of an hour, with shots which gave Hooper very little chance. After this, however, the Institute defence played a very much better game, C. E. Turner clearing time after time, and H. M. Tayler also playing finely. Partly owing to a marked want of dash among the attacks, and partly to the powerful clearing of Boyd, the Woodlands point, the Institute did not score up to half-time, when Woodlands led by 3 goals to *nil*. In the second half, Woodlands had the best of matters, and scored again, in spite of good play by C. E. Turner and Hooper; and when rain stopped play twenty minutes before time, the Institute had lost by 4 goals to *nil*.

The Institute attacks compared very badly with their opponents in dash and determination, and should have scored more than once.

Cattley and H. G. Thomas at times played well, but there was but little combination. After the first quarter of an hour, the defence played very well, C. E. Turner, H. M. Tayler and Hurter being the best, while Hooper, in goal, cleared very safely.

#### LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match, the final of the Junior Schools' Competition, was played on Wednesday, March 21, on the ground of the South Manchester Lacrosse Club, at Withington. The Institute proved in every respect—skill, speed, and weight—to be no match for their powerful opponents, who had scored very heavily against almost every team they had met in the competition. In spite of hard work by the Institute defence, the Hulme attacks scored goal after goal, winning at last by 26 goals to *nil*. They played a really fine attack game, their captain (Bennett) scoring several goals with tremendously hot shots.

The Institute attacks hardly ever had the ball, but H. G. Thomas, who fell back to help the defence, played hard and well. Gem had a tremendous amount of work to do at point, and stuck to it most pluckily throughout, while his example was well followed by the rest of the defence, of whom Patterson was the best.

Though altogether outplayed and so severely defeated, the Institute have the consoling reflection that they have only met the same fate as most of the Manchester schools in their matches against the really excellent Hulme Grammar School team, who have now won the Flags for the second year in succession.

### COMMERCIAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the above club was held on the 22nd inst., to elect officers for the coming season. Mr. Bickerstaff presided. Mr. Hughes was unanimously elected president, and Messrs. Ewart and Bickerstaff vice-presidents. The captains (elected by ballot) are—Waterhouse, Shankland, Slater, and Dowson. The committee now consists of eight members—Bayliss, H. Cheeseright, Dowson, Douglas, Humphreys, Shankland, Slater, and Waterhouse. The first practice was held on Tuesday, April 3rd, when there was a numerous attendance. It is proposed to form a Polo team in connection with the club; members desirous of joining should give in their names to Mr. Bickerstaff or to the Secretary. Mr. Bickerstaff is also taking the names of those who desire season tickets, which will reduce the cost of a bath to a minimum. The usual competitions for swimming, diving, &c., and for the Liverpool Humane Society's medal, will be held in June or July.

For the benefit of those boys who have not yet joined the club, it may be stated that the entrance fee is 1s., and that members are admitted to Cornwallis Street Baths, on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 4.35 p.m., on payment of 3d.

Boys who cannot swim will be taught, and every attention is

paid them by Mr. Bickerstaff, who delights in making his boys efficient swimmers.

#### WINTER SWIMMING CLUB (C. S.).

This club has just ended a most successful season. The prizes for attendance have been divided between Dowson, Waterhouse, and Shankland, none of whom has been absent from the practices. It is hoped that all of the members will join the Summer Club.

#### TUGS OF WAR.

On Wednesday, the 14th instant, the Lower Sixth Class was divided, one side led by D. Ison, the other by G. Wilby, eighteen on each side. When the signal was given by Mr. Harvey, every man pulled with might and main; the strain was very stiff, but G. Wilby's team proved the better in both pulls. Another Tug of War took place on the 16th between the boys of the Lower Seventh. Jarvis led one side, and Briggs the other. After a hard and determined tug Jarvis's side managed to pull their opponents over the line. Another tug was tried with the same result.

#### COMMERCIAL SCHOOL JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB.

The very fine weather has brought cricket into the field a little earlier than usual. The boys in the Junior Commercial School have bidden farewell to Football for a season, and at a meeting in Mr. Bain's room on Wednesday, 28th, formed their Cricket Club. The entrance fee is only fourpence, and it is hoped that every boy will become a member. At this meeting A. Booth was appointed captain, D. Colquhoun sub-captain, and D. Ison secretary. Mr. Harvey kindly consented to become treasurer. The club meets at Sefton Park for practice on Wednesday afternoons.

### Correspondence.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—If there is still a little room for a letter of mine, I should like you to insert this. There is one question I want to ask you, "Why should the Football Club have such a large portion of the *Magazine* all to themselves?" The *Magazine*, it seems to me, is getting like a football journal; for some months there has been quite a fourth of it devoted to Rugby Football news. There are other clubs in the school quite as flourishing, and I know for a fact that many of the reports of other clubs are mercilessly cut down, presumably to make room for more football. I for one don't buy the *Magazine* for the sake of reading eulogies on football players, and I strongly object to being dosed every month with such nauseous stuff.—Yours, &c.,

NON-FOOTBALLER.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

DEAR SIRS,—I wish to correct some very erroneous and inexplicable mistakes reported in the account of my paper, "The Catacombs of Rome," given last 22nd February.

The account runs as follows:—"These curious sepulchres were probably

quarries at first, which were afterwards abandoned, then used by the Christians—first openly, then covertly—for burial places."

As a matter of fact, I gave the following (condensed) "conjectures" as to the origin of the Catacombs:—

1. Bishop Burnett's theory that they were the same as the Puticoli mentioned by Festus Pompeius.

2. That they were the common cemeteries of both Pagan and Christian.

3. That they were anterior to the Christian era, and were sandpits or quarries (*arenaria*), "used as a source for the supply of building material, abandoned, extended, and enlarged by the Roman Christians for burial places."

To disprove this third theory I gave a short account of the different soils at Rome, the quarries being excavated from different soil to that of the Catacombs, and also a few words about the entrances of the quarries and Catacombs.

I may say that the real origin of the Catacombs is undoubtedly Jewish; that instances of underground graves are of very common occurrence in the hills of Judæa; that this custom was probably introduced into Rome at the time of the removal of Jews from Palestine to that city in B.C. 62 by Pompey; and that Jewish Catacombs have been found in the neighbourhood of Rome, one for instance on the Appian Way.

In conclusion, these remarks have been made simply to prevent any reader remaining under an erroneous impression.—I am, yours, &c.,

H. L. H. MILLARD.

To the Editors of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

GENTLEMEN,—On receiving this month's issue of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine* I perceived with great regret that the Old Boys' Dinner, which I had thought was becoming a firmly-established institution, had been abandoned, and a Smoking Concert held instead. I wish to point out to you how impolitic and unwise it is to introduce a form of reunion which must exclude many Old Boys, for surely there must be many who would rather miss an annual reunion of Institutionians than be poisoned by tobacco smoke. I for one—and I fervently hope that I am not unique in this respect—consider smoking by man or boy as a practice which cannot be too strongly condemned, and I think that incalculable harm is done by thus introducing it at an Old Boys' reunion. Even if this opinion is not held, surely those who are smokers could adopt some method of social gathering which would not be obnoxious to a section (a large one, I hope), of our Old Boys, who do not smoke or like tobacco smoke in their vicinity.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

PYTHIAS.

### Punctuality: a Protest.

To the Editor of the *Liverpool Institute Schools Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

I'm perplexed and my spirit is vexed  
With all sorts of troublous emotions,  
(Being an old-fashioned man, who live on a plan,  
And a hater of new-fangled notions);  
I would ask, by your leave, you to picture my grief,  
When, on rising and dressing this morning,  
I found on my table, the *Mag.* (it's no fable)  
Without preparation or warning.

So much was I shaken, I turned from my bacon,  
With loathing that words cannot utter,  
Crying "Virtue is hollow, I'd much better wallow  
In sin and lie drunk in the gutter!

If the *Mag's*, up to date, not (as usual), too late  
 Pray what's the next news we've to look for?  
 There'll be surely a dearth of vice in the earth  
 And Mars is the land we must book for!"

If you knew the alarum and wild harum-scarum,  
 You've caused by your precipitation  
 You would pity our terror, repent of your error,  
 And return to your procrastination.  
 Then the dear *Magazine* would in glory be seen,  
 As a truly respectable journal,  
 While a halo of lateness, would really add greatness,  
 And probably make it eternal.

Then, my very dear sir, please do not demur  
 Nor add to our doleful condition,  
 Do not harrow our hearts, with your Radical darts,  
 But revert to your ancient tradition;  
 So balm you will shed on the wounds that have bled,  
 And raise us from deep tribulation,  
 And without any trouble, you shortly will double,  
 A deservedly high circulation.

### In Memoriam.

ROBERT PATTERSON JONES, DIED MARCH 13TH, 1894,  
 AGED 15 YEARS.

*Left the Upper Fourth (C. S.) August, 1893.*

### Editorial Notices.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of annual subscriptions from Messrs. L. D. Barnett and H. L. H. Millard. There are a large number of subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions, many of which have been due for a very long time; we should be much obliged if they would pay as soon as possible.

We have received the following *Magazines* since our last issue: *Plymothian*, *Bromsgrovian*, *Berkhamstedian*, *Portcullis*, *Dorsetian*, *Coventry School Magazine*, *Mill Hill School Magazine*, *City of London School Magazine*, *Ellesmerian*, *King Edward's School Chronicle*, *Uhula*, *Denstonian*, *Merchant Taylors' Review*, *Sphinx*, *Leodiensian*, *Crucible*, *Blair Lodge School Magazine*.

There are two boys in the High School who have not yet paid for the March number of the *Magazine*. If they do not speedily pay up, we shall be under the necessity of publishing their names in our next issue.