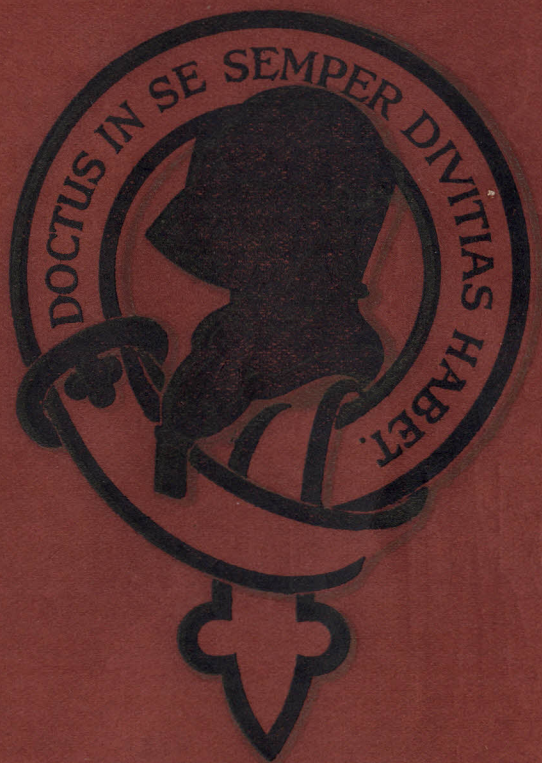


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1949—Autumn Term Began .....September 5th.  
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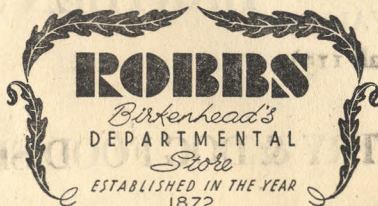
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## Editorial

THIS term the editorial staff descend from the peak whence they surveyed the prospect stretching back to 1889, and occupy themselves with the customary review of the contemporary scene. Our July issue, the Diamond Jubilee number, presenting a history of the Institute's first sixty years, was enthusiastically received, favourably reviewed, and sold well. But, in its very purpose, this special number involved an interruption of the *Visor's* primary objective, to give a summary and picture of the events of a current term. Considerable arrears of present history faced the editor in setting about this Christmas Term magazine, and it will therefore be found to include accounts not only of recent months, but also of the previous Spring and Summer Terms whose doings were excluded from the Diamond Jubilee "*Visor*." In reverting to the humbler chronicle we shall, we trust, gain the approval of all who measure the effectiveness of a school magazine by the number of times their own names appear in it. Much has happened since last January which deserves recording; the successes of our members in athletic competitions and notably in the Higher Certificate Examinations, for example. Our readers will appreciate that in this instance the quantity of purely school events stretching over a twelve month and awaiting record has tended to soften the age-old controversy over what a school magazine ought to be. A history of Tom, Dick, and Harry say some, not without force, since they make up a school and are the editor's best customers. A literary symposium say others, with an eye on the masterpieces of our embryonic poets and essayists. We believe that the best and most successful magazines produced by a school should be something of both, as our title "*Birkenhead Institute School Magazine*" suggests. It is the business of editor and sub-editors to overlook no event, and to include every name, which stands for solid achievement in work or play. But it is no less the business of all to foster their own magazine by contributing to it. By this means it would not only be enriched, but would give many who have ideas and tenaciously held opinions the opportunity of developing their talents as writers. While the "*Visor*" exists, no "mute, inglorious Milton" should be harboured by the School.

## Staff Notes

THE close of the Summer Term and the beginning of a new School Year have brought several Staff changes once more. At breaking-up in July we said good-bye to Messrs. Gill, Bailey, R. Williams, and Joubert. Mr. Gill's departure was not the orthodox exchange of schools but the renunciation of one profession for another. This term Mr. Gill joined the Liverpool University Dental School as a student, where we trust that the experience he gained here of extracting information from stubborn specimens may prove of real value in his new career. Mr. Bailey



was appointed a Lecturer in Chemistry at Salford Technical College (where the Principal is an Old Boy of Birkenhead Institute), and we were loth to part with his outstanding ability as a pianist. Into the twelve months he spent with us as Gymnastics Master, Mr. R. Williams packed much solid work and achievement, and we wish him well on his Diploma Course at Loughborough College. Monsieur Joubert had been attached to the Staff for two years, and in that time had become an accepted part of the School and a master of those branches of English idiom in which School Common Rooms specialise. All but one of these vacancies (Mr. Bailey's Chemistry post) have now been filled, and we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Thomas, who has succeeded Mr. Gill, and to Mr. Davies, who has taken over the gymnasium. Monsieur Dusastre has joined us in the place of Monsieur Joubert, and we are doing our best to persuade him that Birkenhead is as good a town as, if not better than, Toulouse. Finally, we cannot close these notes without recording the absence of Miss Cojeen, owing to a serious operation, for several weeks during the term. We are glad that she has made a satisfactory recovery and been enabled to resume her duties. Staff and boys alike owe a real debt of gratitude to Mrs. Webb who kept the flag flying in the office during this period, a vital if unobtrusive service to the School.

## *Salvete*

Anderson, N.; Andrews, A. E.; Atkins, L. C.; Beattie, J.; Beaumont, A. L.; Bell, B. J.; Blythe, D. T.; Brown, W. D.; Burnell, G.; Varruthers, P. W.; Corlett, A. T.; Corry, W. E.; Cox, P. H.; Davies, K.; Dean, R. R.; Dick, L.; Galt, I. A.; Goldie, A. J.; Golding, A.; Hamilton, D.; Heggarty, F. G.; Hewitt, E. F.; Holly, L. D.; Jones, D. F.; Jones, H. S.; Jones, J. B.; Jones, S. J. R.; Jones, T. R.; Lloyd, B. A.; McCall, I.; McKnight, J. S.; Macdonald, A. G.; Malcolm, A. T.; Montador, J. D.; Moran, A.; Naybour, R. D.; Patrick, G. D.; Peers, H. W.; Peterson, M. N.; Pope, J. H.; Porter, M. H.; Potter, D.; Pritchard, B.; Pritchard, J. H.; Reed, G. A.; Reynolds, T.; Riley, B. A.; Rimmer, P.; Robb, I.A.A.; Roberts, W. J.; Smith, J. G.; Stevenson, D. G.; Taylor, B.; Taylor, F.W.; Taylor, J. O.; Thompson, R. G.; Thwaite, M.; Walsh, B. A.; Whittington, B.; Wilkinson, H.



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- SIXTH. Caddick, M. T. 6A. Hessler, L. F. 53. Hodgson, J. B.  
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### SUMMER TERM 1949.

- SIXTH. Gore, K. D.; Howard, R. H.; Kearney, J. W.; Maddock, C.; Maxwell, D. J.; Meggs, A. G. K.; Moorhouse, J.; Percy, K. R.; Perry, M. B. 6A. Sedman, J. K. 6s. Crowe, J. R.  
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5B. Aspey, K.; Branscombe, H. E.; Byron, J. R.; Cross, D. A.; Evans, F. G. M.; Foster, P. F.; Gregory, J. A.; Lloyd, W. H.; McKay, J.; Merritt, B. C.; Molyneux, B. H. P.; Tilston, A.; Valentine, R. W.; Williams, M. F.; Wilson, G. A.  
5C. Bearsley, P. H.; Burton, W. R.; Dawson, T. A.; Jones, T.; Kejsall, G. B.; Murthwaite, A. T.; Stokes, G.; Thompson, W.  
4A. Classon, C. K.; Penny, J. A.  
4B. Cashen, R. G.; Cross, G.; Evans, W. B.; Gough, H. B.; Smith, K.  
4C. Anderson, R. J.; Heath, M. F.; Hosker, R. A.  
3B. Brown, C. E. 2A. Duff, R. D. 1B. Holmes, R. E. D.

### AUTUMN TERM 1949.

- SIXTH. Adams, C. G.; Baker, J. W.; Goodwin, J. B.; Holden, J. C.; Ledsome, J. R.; Turner, H. M.  
5A. Fenlon, B. W. 5C. Roberts, W. J.; Starr, R. W.  
3C. Cackett, J. B. 1B. Atkins, L. C.

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### *Addition to Roll of Honour*

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## *Higher School Certificate Results 1949*

### FULL CERTIFICATES.

Upp. 6. 2. (Lit.) Baker, J. W.; MacDonald, R. F.  
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Howard, R. H.; Jones, D. O.; Kearney, J. W.; Ledsome, J. R.;  
Maxwell, D. J.; Moorhouse, J.; Percy, K. R.; Perry, M. B.; Turner,  
H. M.; Wilde, R. F.

The excellent results achieved by the Science Sixth this year brought the School two State Scholarships, three Borough Scholarships, one County Major Scholarship, and a Borough Bursary: in all, a splendid success to the credit of all concerned. The awards were as follows:—

State Scholarships: D. O. Jones, K. R. Percy.

Borough Scholarships: J. C. Holden; D. O. Jones; K. R. Percy.

Borough Bursary: D. J. Maxwell.

Cheshire County Major Scholarship: J. R. Ledsome.

The distinctions awarded included 3 Excellents and 2 Very Goods in scholarship papers and 2 Distinctions and 17 Very Goods in principal papers.

## *School Certificate Results 1949*

FORM 5A. Bibby, G. E.; Brown, D. P.; Carby, M. R.; Dodd, G. M.;  
Edwards, R.; Fenlon, B. W.; Hayes, F.; Moore, D. H.; Morris,  
J. R.; Murdoch, I. M.; Nash, A. R.; Ratcliffe, C. J.; Saalmans, P.;  
Sheridan, F.; Sherlock, G. H. L.; Smith, W. A.; Tector, G. A.;  
Thomas, H. P.

FORM 5B. Aspey, K.; Byron, J. R.; Chambers, D.; Cooper, C.; Cross,  
D. A.; Evans, F. G. M.; Gleave, J.; McKay, J.; Merritt, B. C.;  
Mitchell, E. E. L.; Molyneux, B. H. P.; Rushton, B. J.; Tilston,  
A.; Williams, M. F.; Wilson, G. A.

FORM 5C. Jones, T.; Kirchner, R.; Roberts W. J.

## *Speech Day 1949*

ON the 7th April, 1949, the School, for the first time since 1946, held its usual Speech Day at the Town Hall. The proceedings opened with the School singing "Jerusalem," followed by an address by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Furness. Mr. Furness expressed his delight at seeing the School once again gathered together, and he congratulated the School on its achievements since the last Speech Day.

This was followed by the School choir singing "Here's a Health unto His Majesty" and "The Mill," and then the Headmaster gave his report on the School, expressing himself well satisfied with the progress of the School, but deploring the present-day tendency to leave



school before or as soon as the School certificate was gained. The choir then sang "Early one Morning" and "Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind."

The principal address of the evening was given by Mr. Scholefield Allen, M.P., the Recorder of Blackburn and an old Boy of the School. After recalling his own days at the School and congratulating Mr. Harris on his long service, Mr. Scholefield Allen supported the Headmaster in his view of the tendency to leave school as early as possible, and went on to stress the fact that to be able to succeed in life one must take the unpleasant with the pleasant, and that it is imperative that one must develop an independent spirit and not rely on other people.

The presentation of prizes then took place, and, following Mr. Scholefield Allen's request, the usual day's holiday was announced and greeted with tumultuous cheers, after which the passing of a vote of thanks to Mr. Scholefield Allen closed the proceedings.

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Ledsome, J. R.; Maxwell, D. J.

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SCHOOL LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP—Palmer, R. G.

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FORM IIIs.—1st, Haughton, B. A.; 2nd, Williamson, J. G.; 3rd, Turner, R.

FORM IVA.—1st, Brown, C. E.; 2nd, Williams, J. S.; 3rd, Wright, J. S.; 4th, Harris, P. G.

FORM IVs.—1st, Taylor, E.; 2nd, Davies, B.; 3rd, Bradshaw, A. E.

FORM VB.—1st, Hatton, C. B.; 2nd, Starr, R. W.; 3rd, Barry, P. J.

FORM VA.—1st, Parsley, L. C.; 2nd, Padmore, E. L.; 3rd, Smith, A. E.

FORM Vs.—1st, Lewis, D. J.; 2nd, Worrall, J. C.; 3rd, James, P. S., and Penny, J. A. (3rd equals).

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FORM REM. A.—1st, McKay, J.; 2nd, Rushton, B. J.; 3rd, Molyneux B. H. P. and Tilston, A. (3rd equals).

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FORM VIA.—1st, Elliott, J. H.; 2nd, Roberts, H. T.; 3rd, Hessler, L. F.; 4th, Fitzsimmons, T. E.



FORM VIs.—1st, Plimley, R. E.; 2nd, Hudson, A. W. T.; 3rd, Henharen, D. B.; 4th, Greenfield, B. S.

FORM 1ST YEAR ADV.—English, Macdonald, R. F.; History, Baker, J. W.; Geography, Adams, C. G.; French, Meggs, A. G. W.; Mathematics, Maxwell, D. J.; Physics, Howard, R. H.; Chemistry, Ledsome, J. R.; Bio'ogy, Hellon, C. P.; Special, Smith, A. A.

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THE GEORGE HOLT PRIZE—Languages, Mea'or, V. A.; Mathematics, Percy, K. R.; Science, Palmer, R. G.

THE FORSHAW MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR—Art, Silcock, D. D. J.; Geography, Smith, V. L.; Physics, Holden, J. C.; Biology, Jones, D. O.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE—Wright, R. E. P.

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*Cricket* 1948—Higgins, H. R.; Smith, A. A.; Smith, M.; Smith, V. L.; Weir, B. A.

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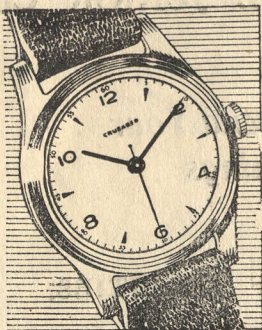
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of B.A.—Part I.—Smith, K. I.

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Law Society—Examination for Admission on Roll of Solicitors—Recom-  
mended for Honorary Distinction—Howell, R. H.

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Faculty of Arts—1st Examination—Posnett, J.; 2nd Examination—  
Jones, G.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES—

Faculty of Arts—2nd Examination—Williams, G.

Faculty of Science—Degree of M.Sc.—Bryden, J. W., M.A.; Degree of  
B.Sc. with Honours—Class II.—Liversage, W. E.; Degree of B.Sc.  
(Mining) with Honours—Class II.—Harris, P. J.



## Sports Day 1949

WITH a Summer like that of 1949 it was almost inevitable that the Sports Day of this year should be held in perfect weather.

The Sports took place on the evening of 9th June. Mrs. Garstang, wife of the new Chairman of the Governors, presented the prizes after congratulating the boys on their keenness, particularly H. M. Turner, who was Senior Victor Ludorum for the third year in succession, and R. A. Dawson, Junior Victor Ludorum.

Stitt were again Champions for the Third year with 994 points; Atkin, second with 936 points; Westminster, third with 854 points; and Tate, fourth with 751 points. Senior Victor Ludorum was H. M. Turner with 19 points, runner-up G. Hipkin with 17 points; R. A. Dawson was Junior Victor Ludorum with 24 points.

Our thanks are due to the parents and friends who contributed so generously to the prizes and helped to make the Sports Day such a success.

### SPORTS' RESULTS.

1. CROSS COUNTRY (SENIOR)—J. K. Sedman; R. A. Dawson; B. J. Rushton.
2. CROSS COUNTRY (JUNIOR)—J. G. Williamson; R. J. Gaffikin; D. H. Harris.
3. 440 YARDS (JUNIOR)—R. C. Roberts; T. A. Dodd; D. M. Mathieson and J. G. Williamson.
4. 440 YARDS (INTERMEDIATE)—R. A. Dawson; A. Boden; P. W. Colville.
5. 880 YARDS (SENIOR)—G. A. Hipkin; A. A. Smith; J. K. Sedman.
6. HIGH JUMP (JUNIOR)—B. A. Haughton; R. C. Roberts; T. A. Dodd.
7. LONG JUMP (JUNIOR)—R. C. Roberts; N. H. Stephens; T. A. Dodd.
8. CRICKET BALL (INTERMEDIATE)—R. A. Dawson; C. R. Rankin; N. N. Jones.
9. PUTTING THE SHOT (SENIOR)—H. M. Turner; A. A. Smith; A. G. W. Meggs.
10. 100 YARDS (JUNIOR)—R. C. Roberts; N. H. Stephens; D. M. Mathieson.
11. CRICKET BALL (SENIOR)—G. A. Hipkin; G. M. Dickson; A. A. Smith.
12. 100 YARDS (INTERMEDIATE)—R. A. Dawson; P. W. Colville; D. N. Beardwell.
- 13.—100 YARDS (SENIOR)—W. H. Lloyd; H. M. Turner; G. A. Hipkin.
- 14.—HIGH JUMP (SENIOR)—W. H. Lloyd; J. R. Crowe; W. Thompson.
15. 220 YARDS (JUNIOR)—N. H. Stephens; J. G. Williamson; R. C. Roberts.
16. 220 YARDS (INTERMEDIATE)—R. A. Dawson; P. W. Colville; D. N. Beardwell.



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17. HURDLES (SENIOR)—H. M. Turner; W. H. Lloyd; G. A. Hipkin.
  18. HIGH JUMP (INTERMEDIATE)—R. A. Dawson; J. Crook; C.R.Rankin.
  19. JAVELIN (SENIOR)—G. A. Hipkin; H. M. Turner; R. W. Valentine.
  20. OBSTACLE RACE (JUNIOR)—R. Smith and W. J. Longton; J. Britton.
  21. 880 YARDS (INTERMEDIATE): R. A. Dawson; D.N. Beardwell; P.W. Colville.
  22. OBSTACLE (INTERMEDIATE)—F. C. Elliott; W. C. Weir; A.G.Garner.
  23. LONG JUMP (INTERMEDIATE)—R. A. Dawson; K. H. Gornall; J. R. Crook.
  24. DISCUS (SENIOR)—J. W. Kearney; H. M. Turner; A. A. Smith.
  25. OBSTACLE RACE (SENIOR)—D. Harris; P. B. Noonan; W. Thompson.
  26. 440 YARDS (SENIOR)—G. A. Hipkin; H. M. Turner; G.M.Dickson.
  27. CRICKET BALL (JUNIOR)—D. M. Mathieson; N. H. Stephens; B. A. Burton.
  28. LONG JUMP (SENIOR)—H. M. Turner; P. H. Bearsley; J.W.Kearne.
  29. MILE (OPEN)—J. K. Sedman; B. J. Rushton; R. A. Dawson.
  30. HOUSE RELAY (JUNIOR)—Stitt; Tate; Atkin.
  31. HOUSE RELAY (INTERMEDIATE)—Stitt; Atkin; Tate.
  32. HOUSE RELAY (SENIOR)—Stitt; Westminster; Tate.
  33. HOUSE TUG—Tate; Westminster.
- JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM—R. A. Dawson, 24 points.  
 VICTOR LUDORUM—H. M. Turner, 19 points; Runner-up, G. A. Hipkin, 17 points.  
 HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP—1, Stitt, 994 points; 2, Atkin, 936 points;  
 3, Westminster, 854 points; 4, Tate, 751 points.

## *Athletics*

THIS year has seen the introduction into the School of a standard scheme for Athletics. Any boy who reaches a required standard in any event gains points for his house in the following way:—

High Standard .....	3 points.
Low Standard .....	1 point.

For this purpose the School has been divided into three groups:—

Seniors—15 years 3 months and over.

Intermediates—13 years 6 months and over.

Juniors—Under 13 years 6 months.

All ages are calculated from May 31st.

The standard performances are decided during the term, and the standard points allotted.

The House Championship is won by the House scoring the highest total number of points, standard and individual, exclusive of the Obstacle races.



Individual points are awarded in each Event as follows:—

1st 3 points; 2nd ... 2 points; 3rd ... 1 point.

Exceptions are the Relay Races:—1st House ... 6 points; 2nd House ... 4 points; 3rd House ... 2 points; and the Tug of War:—1st House ... 4 points; 2nd House ... 2 points.

The Victor Ludorum Prize is awarded to the Competitor who scores the highest total number of individual points in the Senior Division exclusive of the Obstacle Race.

The Junior Victor Ludorum Prize is awarded to the Competitor who scores the highest total number of individual points in either the Junior or Intermediate Divisions exclusive of the Obstacle Races.

## ***Athletic Results***

JUNE 6TH, 1949, WHIT MONDAY.

BIRKENHEAD AND WIRRAL SPORTS FESTIVAL.

1st—Boys' Relay Championship (under 16).

(Bearsley, P. H.; Beardwell, D. N.; Turner, D.; Dawson, R. A.)

1st—Boys 100 Yards Championship—R. A. Dawson.

2nd—Junior 100 Yards Handicap—W. H. Lloyd.

3rd—Open Long Jump—H. M. Turner, 19 ft. 9½-ins.

JUNE 11TH, 1949.

BIRKENHEAD INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS at Port Sunlight.

### SENIORS.

100 Yards—1st, R. A. Dawson.

220 Yards—1st, W. H. Lloyd. 4th, Rollins.

880 Yards—4th, Fenlon.

Long Jump—4th, Fenlon.

Shot—3rd, Johnston.

Discus—3rd, Noonan; 4th, Harris.

Javelin—3rd, Cooper.

Relay Race (4 x 110 yards)—1st (Dawson, Rollins, Bearsley, Lloyd).

2nd—Senior Division ... 33 points.

### JUNIORS.

100 yds.—2nd, Colville.

220 Yards—4th, Beardwell, D. N.

High Jump—3rd, Crook; 4th, Mitchell.

Long Jump—2nd, Gornall.

Discus—3rd, Owen (3b).

4 x 110 Yards Relay—1st (Colville, Gornall, Crook, Beardwell).

3rd—Junior Division ... 21 pts.



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# The Coronation Cup

THE Coronation Cup is awarded at the end of each School year to the best all-round House during the year. Points are awarded as follows:

	1ST		2ND		3RD
Athletics .....	6	—	4	—	2
Chess .....	3	—	2	—	1
Cricket .....	3	—	2	—	1
Cross-Country .....	3	—	2	—	1
Mark Sheets .....	9	—	6	—	3
Rugby .....	3	—	2	—	1
Swimming .....	3	—	2	—	1
Table Tennis .....	3	—	2	—	1

The Mark Sheet points are calculated as follows:—

MARKS.	FORMS 1—5	FORMS 6 AND UP. 6.
5 —	Boys gaining 80 per cent.	Boys gaining 75 per cent.
3 —	Boys gaining 70 per cent.	Boys gaining 65 per cent.
1 —	Boys gaining 60 per cent.	Boys gaining 55 per cent.

The Winning House gains 3 points, the second House 2 points, and the third House 1 point, each term, towards the Coronation Cup.

## YEAR 1948-9.

	1ST		2ND		3RD
Athletics .....	S.	—	A.	—	W.
Chess .....	W.	—	A.	—	T.
Cricket .....	T.	—	A. & S.	—	—
Cross-Country ...	A.	—	S. & W.	—	—
Mark Sheets (1) .....	W.	—	A.	—	S.
(2) .....	W.	—	A.	—	S.
(3) .....	W.	—	S.	—	A.
Rugby .....	S.	—	A.	—	T.
Table Tennis .....	W.	—	A.	—	S.
Swimming .....	S.	—	A.	—	W.

## POINTS.

1. Atkin ..... 21.5.
2. Stitt ..... 20.
3. Westminster . 19.5.
4. Tate ..... 5.





OWING to the generosity of Mr. A. E. Meggs, A. A. Smith and D. Beardwell were able to visit Old Trafford to see the Test Match. They were provided not only with tickets for reserved seats, but also with return railway fares and money for refreshments.

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As we go to press we learn that arrangements have been made for the unveiling of the War Memorial to those Old Boys who were killed in the years 1939-1945. The ceremony will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, December 18th. The Mayor, Alderman L. Griffith Davies, has kindly consented to perform the unveiling, and the dedication will be by the Rev. A. C. Turnbull, Vicar of St. Catherine's Church, Higher Tranmere, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth H. Crosby, B.A., B.D., Ph.D., of Wesley Church, Higher Tranmere.

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The School heartily thanks the Birkenhead Park R.F.C. for their present of a number of season tickets to enable members of the School XV's to see some first-class Rugby football. We are sure that the visits will provide enjoyment as well as instruction.

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Owing to the fact that the windows have recently been cleaned, we have been expecting a Mayoral visit at least. This impression was heightened when the exterior of the School was painted earlier in the year (a fact which the compilers of the Jubilee *Visor* evidently omitted from their chronicle of important milestones in our history), but unfortunately nothing has yet materialised. We still live in hope—we could do with a holiday.

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One visitor who did arrive, however, was Len Hutton, the Yorkshire and England opening batsman. Some of our boys were present at his lecture at the Town Hall, and it is rumoured that there will be keen competition for the place of No. 1 in next year's 1st XI.

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Several Rugby matches had to be cancelled at the beginning of the season. Our variable British climate lives up to its reputation, providing rain in the cricket season and baked grounds in the autumn.



The old dining room, scene of so many prandial triumphs, is now the home of two forms. We have to report that there is no truth in the rumour that work is occasionally interrupted by the emaciated spirits of those who passed away there owing to malnutrition.

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The Higher School Certificate Results were exceptional this year, especially on the Science side. Jones and Percy are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievements.

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The play recently performed by the Old Boys has been the cause of the distraught features and bitten fingernails of at least two members of the Staff and one of the Prefects; the function of programme-selling was, as always, admirably carried out.

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The Scouts recently celebrated their anniversary, and collected over £50 at their Bring-and-Buy sale. This method of raising money could be used by the Rugby club and other hard-up organisations. We know of a couple of forwards going cheap.

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We are extremely pleased to hear from Keith Gore, last year's Head Prefect, that he is making good progress towards recovery. On Speech Day, Gore disobeyed doctor's orders by coming to the Town Hall in order to carry out his duties with the devotion we associate with his name. He was, however, as it proved, more seriously ill than we had known, and was shortly afterwards removed to Market Drayton Sanatorium. He writes to the Headmaster and to other members of the School regularly, and shows how real is his interest in B.I.. We trust that his improvement will continue until he is completely better and able to return to Birkenhead.

## *House Notes*

ATKIN.

LOOKING back on the events of the past year, the members of *Atkin House* can take a real pride in their achievements which culminated in the House winning the Coronation Cup for the second year running. This was made possible by the keenness shown by the vast majority of boys.

There are, however, numerous ways in which improvements can be made; although *Atkin* came out on top, the House succeeded in winning only one event—the Cross Country Runs—although second in nearly all the others.

This year representatives of *Atkin* include four prefects—Harris, *Hellon*, *Rollins*, and *Watters*. In addition *Ennion*, *Bordley*, *Williams*, and



Carroll are in the 2nd XV., and Kelly in the 3rd XV. It is interesting to note the hookers of all the School teams—Harris, Williams, Carroll, and Kelly—hail from Atkin.

In closing, mention must be made of last year's House Captain, D. O. Jones, who did so much for Atkin during his year of office. He was one of the two boys from the School who were awarded State Scholarships, and he is now at Sheffield University studying medicine. J.D.H.

### STITT.

**T**HIS year Stitt provides nearly half the School Prefects, nine out of twenty-two. These are Hipkin (the House Captain), Citrine, Coen, Dickson, Fitzsimmons, Higgins, Morris, Plimley, and Rushton.

In 1948-49 the House had one of the best years it has ever enjoyed. The Rugby team swept all before them, beating each house by margins of not less than ten points. They beat Tate 14—3, Westminster 29—5, and Atkin 38—3. In the seven-a-side house tournament Stitt beat Tate 16—0 in the first game. They then played Atkin, who had beaten Westminster, in the final, and beat them 23—3. Thus, in the Rugby season, Stitt were undefeated champions.

Unfortunately, Stitt could not reproduce its Rugby skill in the Table Tennis tournament. They were victorious in one match only, beating Tate 3—2. The other two houses beat them comfortably, Atkin 1—4 and Westminster 0—5. Sedman won his game against Atkin, and Fitzsimmons, Howard, and Williams won against Tate.

In the Senior Cricket Matches, Stitt beat the other three houses. The scores were as follows:—

Atkin 69 (Morris 5 for 15). Stitt 77 for 8 (Higgins 28).

Stitt 63 (Higgins 23). Tate 10 (Morris 7 for 2).

Stitt 46 (Morris 22). Westminster 40 (Higgins 2 for 1, Morris 5 for 15).

However, weak batting by the Juniors deprived Stitt of 1st place in the Cricket. They were 2nd, equal with Atkin. The Juniors failed to win a match. Atkin beat them by one wicket, Tate by 45 runs, and Westminster by 8 wickets.

Stitt won the Athletic Sports last June by a margin of 58 points over Atkin, who were second. In the Senior Cross Country Race, Sedman, Dawson, and Rushton, the first three home, were all members of the House. Gaffikin came second in the Junior race. Stitt's superiority asserted itself on the actual Sports Day, when they gained 70 points more than Atkin. Turner (Senior Victor Ludorum for the 3rd year in succession), Hipkin, Dickson, Beardwell, and Dawson (Junior Victor Ludorum), all ran very well. A pleasing feature was the running of the three relay teams, all of whom were successful.



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We are very sorry to record that Gore, our House Captain and Captain of the School, developed a serious illness at the end of the Spring Term, and though he valiantly carried on to the end of the term, he was unable to come back to School for the Summer Term. He was taken to Market Drayton Sanatorium, where his condition is now improving. The School in general and Stitt in particular wish him a speedy recovery.

W.B.C.

#### TATE.

**L**AST year was a bad one for Tate. Gaining only five points in the Coronation Cup Competition, the House appeared far too often in last place. This state of affairs was mainly due to a marked lack of enthusiasm for House activities where it is most needed—in the Upper School. Tate finished third in Chess and Rugby, while the only bright spot was the winning of the Cricket Competition, in which the Juniors, especially Kendrick, played an important part. Before a too dismal impression is created, let it be said that considerable efforts have been made already this year to raise the fortunes of the House, and, if the overwhelming success in the first House Rugger match can be transmitted to other House activities, these efforts will not have been in vain.

A.A.S.

#### WESTMINSTER.

**I**N the course of the last School year, Westminster achieved some notable successes, and the all-round ability of the House was definitely proved. In the Coronation Cup Westminster came first in five events, winning more than any other House. Our successes were in Table-Tennis, Chess and each of the three marksheets. In Rugby and Cricket, however Westminster was less successful, and it is to be hoped that in the coming year this deficiency will be remedied. After such a fine performance, the placing of the House in 3rd position was rather disappointing.

Mr. Webb is the House Master, with Mr. Allison, Mr. Thynne, and Mr. Mitchell, as assistant House Masters, while there are five Prefects in Westminster—Wilde, Macdonald, Gee, Millar, and Tector. Westminster supplies four members of the 1st XV.—Turner, Kitching, Rankin, and Tector—and six members of the 2nd XV.—Carby, Worral, Kirchner, Millar, Hayes, and Colville.

In the examinations held by the N.U.J.M.B. in July 1949, boys from Westminster House gained special honours. Percy won a State Scholarship; Holden won a Borough Scholarship; Ledsome won a County Major Scholarship; and Maxwell obtained a Borough Bursary. This last year might well be called the "Golden Year" of scholastic achievement for Westminster.



The prospects for the coming year are very encouraging, and, if every boy in the House gives of his best, there is every reason to believe that Westminster's position in the Coronation Cup Table will be higher than last year's.

R.F.M.

## Chess Club

THE Chess Club has started the season with considerable success. Meetings, which are held twice weekly, on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as during most dinner-hours, are attended by a membership which, owing to a large number of enthusiastic beginners, has risen to over fifty.

A league tournament in six divisions is in progress, and the Chess Champion for the year will be decided from the players in Division One.

So far this term, the School Team, which consists of R. F. Macdonald (Capt.), E. Taylor, J. G. Finch, I. Auld, C. W. Weir, W. Bryant and D. J. Lewis, has played three matches in the Wright Challenge Shield Competition, the results being:—

v. Holt High School .....	Won	4	—3
v. Liverpool Collegiate School .....	Won	6	—1
v. Wallasey Grammar School .....	Lost	2	—1½2½

This leaves six matches still to be played.

Next term the School will be competing in the Cheshire Schools' Challenge Shield Competition, of which as may be remembered, we reached the semi-final last season.

Inter-House matches, which were successfully conducted for the first time last year, are planned for next term, when also an Inter-Form Championship will be held.

E.T.

## Cricket

LAST summer the 1st XI's. first three matches gave very little indication of whether they would have a successful season. They beat the strong Liverpool Collegiate team by 18 runs, lost to Park High by ten wickets, and beat a Victoria Park XI. by 5 wickets. However after a short run of defeats, the tide turned. After losing narrowly (by 4 runs) to the Old Boys at Ingleborough Road, the School held the powerful Rock Ferry team to a draw, and out of the remaining half dozen matches of the season they were beaten only once.

The season's strongest batsmen were Higgins, Morris, Dickson, Jones, and Kearney. Dickson, Jones, and Morris bore the brunt of the bowling, and each performed with credit. A. A. Smith was reliable behind the stumps.

The full record of the 1st XI. for the season was as follows:—

Played 15, Won 7, Lost 6, Drawn 2.



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This includes the result of an interesting match played against the Staff, a two-innings game in which the Staff made 44 and 46, and the School 55 for 1 declared and 46, the second innings ending in a tie.

School cricket colours were awarded to Morris for a most successful season. We congratulate Morris also on being chosen captain of Wirral Council of Boys' Clubs team.

Prospects for the coming season are very good indeed, and a very full programme is already arranged. W.B.C.

#### RESULT—FIRST XI.—1949.

May	14—Liverpool Collegiate	.....A.	W.	56	38
	18—Park High	.....A.	L.	43	54/0
	21—Victoria Park	.....H.	W.	40/5	30
	28—St. Edward's	.....A.	L.	71	72/8
June	8—Wirral	.....A.	L.	20	73
	11—B'head Park III.	.....H.	W.	117/9	115
	15—Bootle	.....H.	L.	51	52/4
	18—Old Boys	.....H.	L.	74	78
	22—Rock Ferry	.....A.	D.	106/8 dec.	79/8
	29—St. Anselm's	.....H.	W.	107/8	102
July	6—Quarry Bank	.....A.	D.	79/8	105/6 dec.
	9—Alsop	.....H.	W.	111	41
	13—Oldershaw	.....H.	W.	76/3	67
	16—Rock Ferry	.....H.	L.	71	72/2
	21—Staff	.....H.2	W.	55/1 dec.	44
				46	46

### *Literary and Debating Society*

THE Society has once more settled down to debating after the inactivity of the summer months. An increase in attendance upon the corresponding period of last year has coincided with the advent of a new Chairman, Mr. W. E. Williams, owing to the departure of Mr. Gill, who had so ably served us for the last three years. During the past year, the meeting which was the best attended and provided the most entertaining evening was the mock election, at which there were eighty members present. This however, was due to the fact that the meeting was open to the whole School, and that each candidate had previously carried out an extensive campaign.

This term has so far produced four meetings: the annual business meeting, two debates, and a "Stump the Storyteller" Competition, a new venture for the Society. With two more meetings arranged for this term, and an extensive programme for after the Christmas holidays, the Society is anticipating an extremely entertaining and well attended season. J.D.G.



## Rugby

THE outstanding achievement of the 1st XV. last season was their victory for the third successive year in the Seven-a-Side Competition held at Birkenhead Park. They have thus won this tournament each year since its inauguration in 1947. In the final, although six points down to Rock Ferry H.S. at half-time, the team fought back strongly; Hipkin dropped a goal and scored a try, and Smith scored a try which Jones converted to make the score 11pts—6 in our favour. In the Calday Seven-a-Side competition, the team was unfortunate in that in the semi-final, after two hard games, they were drawn against Rock Ferry once more, who had not played a game up to then, and were beaten 8 pts.—0. There was no disgrace in this defeat, however, since the difference between the freshness of the teams was so great.

This season, the team, although not so brilliant all-round as it has been for the past two seasons, has done well. So far, five games have been won and four lost. The team has been unfortunate with regard to injuries; Smith (captain), Henharen, and Hipkin, all having been out of the team at one time or another. The forwards, who were rather slow in the first few games, were strengthened by the presence of Smith, who has moved up to loose-forward for two games. Harris has been hooking well, and special mention must be made of Rankin, who came into the pack, a few weeks ago, and has been a consistently good forward. Kitching has played well at scrum-half, and Dickson keeps up the high standard he sets for himself at centre. Johnston, as usual, has been outstanding in the line-out. Now that the team is settling down, not only will they be winning, but they will carry on the high tradition of Rugby for which the School is noted.

There has been a marked improvement in the 2nd XV. this season. At the time of writing, six games have been played, of which three have been won and one drawn. The forwards, led by Hudson, the captain, are a lively and ferocious pack, and the backs have on the whole run straight and tackled hard, Sheridan being outstanding. Bordley has played well at scrum-half. The 3rd XV. have played only two matches, losing both, one very narrowly. With more practice, they should form a good team.

The Bantam XV. have not been as successful as last season, having won only two games out of six. This is largely due to the fact that it is almost entirely a new and small team, as most of last year's XV. are now too big. Whitehead and C. Roberts have both played well.



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## Scout Notes

**1949** has marked an important stage in the history of the School Scout Troop, which in September completed the 25th year of its existence.

Needless to say the occasion called for celebration, and though this was not held on the actual birthday, coming as it did so close upon the summer holidays, it lost none of its enjoyment for the keeping. November 9th was the appointed day, when our most energetic ladies' committee gave us an excellent party, which was followed in the evening by a showing of the film version of Ralph Reader's famous "Gang Show" in the gymnasium. About one hundred parents, friends, and old scouts of the troop joined us for this part of the event. Then, in an effort to try to put ourselves on a sound financial basis in this historic year, a "Bring and Buy" Sale was held in the School on November 17th, and, despite one of the worst days imaginable, we shall be able to hand some £45 to the Treasurer as a result.

Apart from these events, the year has been a busy one, and in June a party from the troop travelled to London for a performance of the pageant "Boy Scout" in the Albert Hall.

For our Summer Camp we returned to Scotland after a break of ten years, and this time had a remote yet ideal site, near Newton Stewart, in Wigtonshire. Other camps have been held at Brynbach, and, nearer at hand, at Overchurch where the end of season Red Indian Jamborette was attended by a large contingent from the troop.

Membership has been maintained at its maximum, and at our birthday party, Assistant District Commissioner Roland Jeacock presented Assistant Scoutmaster warrants to Joe Clark and John Goodwin, who have been serving in this capacity for twelve months.

SCOUTER.



## Table Tennis Club

THIS season meetings are held regularly three times a week, with eight boys playing each night. Whether the Sixth have come into money or not I don't know, but the subscription has been raised by general assent, and the resulting money will be used for new equipment. All this term is allowed for practice, the Annual Championship and House Competition next term.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION.

THE Association has suffered a setback since the last issue of the *Visor* by the resignation earlier this year of C. K. Coughtrie from the position of Hon. Secretary. Mr. Coughtrie's resignation was brought about by the fact that he was offered a post in South Africa and, not unnaturally, accepted. The good wishes of the Association went with him out of the sterling area. However, despite the appointment of a new secretary, the Association has continued to prosper, financially and otherwise, even though the subscription for incoming Old Boys has been reduced to the ridiculously low sum of 2/6 per annum. Turning this figure into terms of the Mighty Dollar, one gathers the astounding information that for a paltry 35 cents (a sum the average American would use to tip a waiter) you can become a member of the Association yourself. So you see that the price of preserving your link with the School is nothing if not reasonable.

The three sections which comprise the Association—Rugger, Soccer, and Dramatic—all show the usual signs of upholding their reputations in their respective spheres this season. The Rugger teams already have a list of satisfying victories behind them—particularly over their local rivals—and the Soccer club, aided by a recent influx of new blood, are again confidently looking forward to a successful season. At the moment of writing the Dramatic Section have just put their scenery up for their production of "The Winslow Boy" at the Y.M.C.A. Theatre, and are (we hope) all set for their fifth full length play since their post-war reconstruction.

The Association can carry on with the good work only if their membership is sustained by a good number of new recruits from the School year by year. Enquiries on these lines will be attended to by the Hon. Secretary:—P. P. Simpson, 4 St. Aidan's Terrace, Birkenhead—or indirectly, through any member of the Association.



## Old Boys' War Memorial

A Meeting of parents and Old Boys who had contributed to the Fund was recently held in the School. The Headmaster announced that the design of the tablet, which would in due course be placed in the entrance hall, had been agreed by the Committee, and that the order had been placed with a London firm.

It was not possible to say when the tablet would be ready, and consequently the details of the unveiling ceremony could not at present be arranged. However notice of the date would be given eventually, and it was hoped that as many parents, Old Boys, Staff and pupils as possible would be present. With this in view it was decided that a Sunday afternoon would be the most convenient time.

The Treasurer reported that after the cost of the tablet and its erection had been met, it was anticipated that there would be a surplus of approximately £70, and the meeting discussed how this balance should be used.

Various suggestions were made, and it was eventually unanimously agreed that, when the exact amount of the balance was known, it should be invested to endow a War Memorial Prize Fund. The terms of the necessary Trust Deed were left to be decided later.

J.E.A.

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## *Old Boys' News*

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to J. Bartlett, who has been capped in all Cheshire's matches this season. We were sorry to note that K. W. Carr, who was also selected for the match against Lancashire, had to withdraw on account of sickness.

H. W. Garry, recently returned from Malaya, is playing with distinction for Birkenhead Park 1st XV.

An Old Boy who came to the School in 1899, Mr. F. K. Owen, a retired Canadian Civil Service official, now on a world cruise, paid us a surprise visit this term.

Congratulations to Messrs. R. Ambler and G. Glaister; the former on his appointment to the Board of Directors of Brown, Bibby, and Gregory, Ltd., and the latter on his appointment as senior administrative assistant in the office of the Town Clerk of Manchester.

J. W. Piggott has been appointed Welfare and Education Officer to Smith's (Electrical Engineers), Cheltenham.

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R. E. P. Wright is a P.T. instructor in the R.A.F., and a regular member of the 1st XV. of Bomber Command. He has been accepted for admission to Loughborough Training College, where he will renew his acquaintanceship with Mr. R. Williams.

J. B. Goodwin and J. Moorhouse have been accepted as trainees by Shell Mex and I. C. I. respectively. R. H. Howard, J. W. Kearney, and A. G. Meggs are in H.M. Forces.

Among honours recently earned by Old Boys we note with great pleasure I. S. Melville's Rome Scholarship in Architecture at the University of Liverpool; G. E. Foxcroft's Senior Science Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge; J. F. Pearson's Research Scholarship in Chemical Engineering at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge; and K. J. Horne's National Coal Board Scholarship for Mining Engineering. We congratulate them all.

In September we were pleased to receive a visit from G. Clark, who was then Assistant Academic Registrar of the University of London (not of University College, London, as we reported earlier). We now congratulate him on his appointment as Secretary to the Collegiate Council, University of London.

Old Boys who were taught by Mr. W. H. Watts will be sorry to learn that through ill-health he has given up his residence in Southport and retired to a nursing home in Walton-on-Thames. Mention of this fact in a local paper prompted one Old Boy who left in 1903 to write to the School for Mr. Watts's address.

## *Old Boys at Universities*

### CAMBRIDGE.

G. E. Foxcroft, B.A.—Trinity—Senior Science Scholarship.  
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### EDINBURGH.

T. H. Garrett—Veterinary Science. J. R. Ledsome—School of Medicine.

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K. A. Osborne—Geography. J. F. Sudworth—History.

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Architecture—R. Binyon; P. Dobbing; M. H. Roberts; J. H. Stewart;  
I. S. Melville, B.Arch. (Rome Scholarship).

Arts—V. A. Meador.

Dental School—H. M. Turner.

Education—K. I. Smith, B.A.; A. R. Vick, B.Comm.

Engineering—D. R. Burls; F. A. Burls.

Science—H. G. Baxter; R. J. Hughes; W. E. Jones; A. R. Larsen;  
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G. B. Smith.

Veterinary Science—J. E. Morris.

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Science—M. B. Perry; S. D. J. Thacker; H. Nava, A.R.I.C.  
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C. D. Henry—King's College Hospital—Dental School.

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Dear Sir,

It cannot be said that the life of a first year student at Liverpool is particularly arduous. Life seems to be spent between toiling up Brownlow Hill, attending Freshers' teas, and searching the Union letter-rack.

Much has been said and written about the Hill. May I add yet a little more? If you are early for your lecture, you can cover the stretch from the Adelphi to the University at a good pace in a minimum of five minutes. If, however, you should have only those same five minutes to spare, it would be futile to attempt the feat. Walk or run, the Hill will defeat you and you will be late. I have noticed that the students of longer standing usually are either too lazy or have had their spirits broken; whichever it is, they are to be seen huddled at the bottom awaiting the tram.

Each society, and indeed there are very many, has a free tea for Freshers. The idea is to snare as many unsuspecting Freshers into paying their subscriptions while they are still blinded by all the food before them. At the mention of money, the Fresher resorts either to glib tales of poverty or to brazen cheek. In any event, the room is cleared in a very short time.

The interest of the Fresher in the letter rack is stimulated by the fact that he receives several communications from societies. After the first fortnight these stop. Not so the Fresher, for he continues the daily trek to the rack to search through the mounds of correspondence belonging to people who long since gave up hope.

As I have not yet found it really necessary to fight for the bare necessities of life to sustain me between lectures, I can give you little information about the Cafeteria: sufficient to say that it is one of those places which you either become hardened to or for ever shun.

I cannot close without mentioning the Old Boys I have met. They are numerous, and all offered me a warm welcome. Finally, to those who are thinking of going to a University, I say, "Come to Liverpool. You will be made very welcome."

H. M. TURNER.



## Old Boys' Dramatic Society

"THE WINSLOW BOY," by TERENCE RATTIGAN.

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THERE are two kinds of amateur dramatic societies: those who merely play at acting, and those who really act. The Old Boys have established their right to be included in the latter class by their last two productions of full-length plays, and by their highly-commended entry in a One-Act Play Festival last season. Their recent production of "The Winslow Boy," provided really good entertainment worthy of comparison with the best that is offered to the public by amateurs on Merseyside.

Mr. L. T. Malcolm had obviously given much thought and serious study to the production, and used a cleverly-arranged stage setting to make the maximum use of the important centre-stage area without awkward grouping or crowding. The comedy in this play was never allowed to get out of hand and hide the serious theme which the author intended to be emphasised.

The Stage Manager, G. G. Bennett, and his helpers are to be congratulated on the very convincing scenery which they made themselves with the able assistance of Mr. A. Mitchell. The dressing of the stage and the properties under the supervision of Mr. J. G. Allan showed a praiseworthy attention to detail, and J. Heaney controlled the well-balanced lighting which materially assisted the production.

The chief acting honours must go to Reg. Lockyer as Arthur Winslow and Joan Simpson as Catherine. They both gave us really polished performances. Joe Clark's Sir Robert Morton was a smooth and convincing study of the eminent K.C. Inaudibility spoilt an otherwise good and sincere piece of acting by Norman Little as Desmond Curry. Marjorie Gladney, as usual, obviously enjoyed her delightful role of Violet, which she played with just the right amount of restraint. Elsie Harrison as the Mother, Ken Smith as the elder brother, and P. P. Simpson as John Watherstone, all gave good performances, and Anthony Hudson as the (presumably) innocent cause of the whole proceedings really managed to lop two years off his already tender years and gave a very convincing impression of a fifteen year old schoolboy for whom even tragedy can pass lightly, while it yet lingers with his elders.

Janette Dobbing as Miss Barnes and P. A. Ryan as her assistant made the most of their brief appearance to complete a well-chosen cast.

The audience on each of the four nights must, I feel sure, have appreciated the courteous and efficient service they received from J. S. Davies and his front-of-house staff, which contributed in no small measure to their enjoyment of this excellent production.

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