An Old Signboard.

The other day the writer saw a copy of an old signboard that had been found in an old curiosity shop in Falmouth. Where it had been hung I know not, but evidently, from the variety of the stock, over the door of some village shop. This shop was kept by one Roger Giles, who calls himself a “Surgeon, Parish Clerk, Skulemaster, Groser, and Hundertaker.” He then “respectably” informs people that he “dors teef without wating a minit.” Now-a-days it is the patient that wants to wait and not the dentist. He also applies “laches every hour, blisters on the lowest turns, and vizicks for penny a peace.” Then he diverges and says he sells “Godfather’s kordales.” I suppose that was some local remedy. He then says he is a vet. and “clips donkies wance a mouth,” and contracts to look after everybody’s “nayls by the ear.” Then he states his stock in the musical (?) line. He sells “joesbarps, penny wissels, brass kanelsticks, frying pans, and other moozikal hinstrumints.” What a rival the German bands would have if another band was fitted out with these highly-toned, delicate instruments. To induce buyers, he says he is selling them “hat grately reydooced figers.” Then he puts up his prospectus as “almlemaster.” He teaches “grammur and languedge,” and takes “grate care off morrells.” He also teaches “zarm-zinging, the bass vial, and all other kinds of fancy work.” Then he is the dancing-master. He says, “squadrils, pokers, weazels, and all country dances tort at home and abroad at perfekshun.” Now he evidently suffered from a strike, bad harvest, or something of that nature, for he proceeds: “As times is cruel bad.” He then in flowing language puts forth that he has “beginned” to sell all sorts of “stashionary ware, cox, hens, vouls, pigs and all other kinds of poultry.” Whoever heard of pigs coming under the category of poultry. He also adds to his list “blackin brishes, traxkel, godley bukes, brick-dist and morrel-polketankerebers, and all sorts of swatemaitis,” including “taters, sasses, and other garden stuff.” Now comes, in my opinion, the most remarkable piece. He states that he has in stock “bakky, zizars, lamp-oyle, tay-kittles, and other introzizikatin likkers.” Ye gods! What would the temperance people say? Fancy a man drunk on scissors, “tay-kittles,” or even
literary and debating society.

a meeting of this society was held on february 13th, p. j. rose presiding over an attendance of seventeen. after the reading of the minutes, the election of j. j. bell to the office of secretary, in october last, was declared null and void, and p. j. rose was appointed pro tem to fill the vacant post. the meeting then went on to discuss the impromptu debate, "was the expedition of dr. jackson into the transvaal worthy of admiration?" in short speeches, w. h. gem, c. m. long, t. lodge, and h. r. hurter, supported the affirmative, whilst h. b. jenkins, c. o. jones, j. e. wright, t. j. williams, g. read, and e. g. turner briefly spoke for the negative. the chairman also took the negative side, and the voting resulted: affirmative, 4; negative, 8.

on february 20th, p. j. rose presided over an attendance of twenty-five. at the conclusion of private business, e. g. turner opened in the affirmative the debate, "that it is more advantageous for britain to ally herself with germany than with france." the physical superiority of the germans, the strength of their armies, and our long connections with them formed the main arguments of his speech. c. o. jones, who opened for the negative, denied the physical inferiority of the french, pointed out that our last alliance with france was successful, and made a bitter attack on the german emperor and his attitude towards england. in the discussion which followed, c. m. long supported the affirmative, and h. b. jenkins, j. e. wright, and j. j. bell the negative. the voting resulted: affirmative, 12; negative, 11. the meeting then dissolved.

on february 27th, p. j. rose was in the chair. after the reading of the minutes, h. b. jenkins was elected secretary. the election of a number of new members concluded the private business. h. b. jenkins then opened in the affirmative the debate, "is the character of oliver cromwell worthy of admiration?" he admired cromwell for his perseverance, his military genius, his successful policy and his religious toleration. w. h. gem, for the negative, denied that a successful policy entitled a man to admiration, and regarded cromwell as an immoral hypocrite, always striving for his own glory. mr. tindall, c. m. long, j. e. wright, e. teebut, and the chairman spoke for the affirmative, and c. o. jones, e. g. turner, and w. j. williams for the negative. the result of the voting was: affirmative, 14; negative, 8. the attendance on this occasion reached the record figure 30.

chat on the corridor.

we are this month constrained by lack of space to reduce our chat to a very limited compass. knowing how eagerly our monthly out-pourings are awaited, we would not take so bold a step did we not hope that the increased space devoted to club reports may mitigate our readers' ire, and save us from the full vent of their disappointment. we hope that the full reports contained in this issue of the concluding matches in the association shield competition will have a favourable effect on the sale in the commercial school, where last month the results were rather disappointing.

in last month's chat we stated that mr. hughes had been appointed registrar of owens college, manchester. this we discover is not the case. mr. hughes' appointment is to the registrarship of victoria university. we apologize to him and our readers for the error, and take this opportunity of correcting it.

we heartily congratulate the association team on their triumph in the shield competition. the victory could hardly have been more decisive, for not a single point has been lost in the whole series of matches, and the goal average—38 goals against 5—reflects equal credit on both attack and defence. where all are so good, we need not cause jealousy by particularizing any of the players. we only linger a moment to especially congratulate mr. bain on the success of the team for which he has worked so untiringly, and extend our warmest welcome to this, our second shield.
The “Rugger” fifteen have been playing very regularly and working hard in preparation for the Shield matches. Anything we might write now concerning those matches would be entirely out of date when this is read. Suffice, therefore, to say that the team will have done its best.

The Chess Club has finished a most successful season, as its report shews; whilst the L.I.L.D.S. has revived, we hope not without reason, to a career of increased vigour and success.

Club Reports.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Birkenhead on Wednesday, January 22nd. The Institute turned out a weak team, Hawkes and two of the regular forwards being absent. Humphreys kicked off for the Institute, Birkenhead returned, and play settled for a few minutes in midfield. The Institute forwards gradually worked their way down towards their opponents’ goal; no advantage, however, was derived, as the Institute lost the ball, and Heyne relieved well. Our forwards continued to play a good game, but the ball seemed to stick at the halves. At length, some good work was put in by our opponents’ three-quarters, and from a smart pass, Heyne scored a try. It was unconverted. Half-time soon followed, and the Institute forwards played up much better than before. This match was played at Sefton Park on Saturday, February 1st. Parkfield lost the toss and Hawkes kicked off. The game was of a rather scrambling nature, as Parkfield were rather weak in the scrums; this gave the Institute backs plenty of chances, and some pretty bits of passing ensued, in which Tebbutt secured the ball and by a corkscrew run scored just over the line. On the ball being taken out for the place, Hawkes succeeded in converting. One of the Parkfield backs was hurt and was forced to retire; this was followed by half-time, the Institute leading by 1 goal to nil.

After half-time the Institute forwards still continued to get possession and let the ball out. Tebbutt again scored for the Institute in a very similar manner as before. Hawkes failed at the place. The Institute continued to play in Parkfield’s “25,” Cheeseright got the ball on the loose and made a fine run, but in passing, the ball was intercepted by the full-back, who relieved. Nothing further of interest occurred until the call of time. Institute 1 goal, 1 try; Parkfield Old Boys nil.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. PARKFIELD OLD BOYS “A.”

Played at Sefton Park on Saturday, February 1st. Parkfield lost the toss and Hawkes kicked off. The game was of a rather scrambling nature, as Parkfield were rather weak in the scrums; this gave the Institute backs plenty of chances, and some pretty bits of passing ensued, in which Tebbutt secured the ball and by a corkscrew run scored just over the line. On the ball being taken out for the place, Hawkes succeeded in converting. One of the Parkfield backs was hurt and was forced to retire; this was followed by half-time, the Institute leading by 1 goal to nil.

After half-time the Institute forwards played up much better and held the Birkenhead in their own “25.” Humphreys made a good run and got over, but was recalled for running into touch on starting. Towards time, Heyne put in a good run for the School down the touch-line, but was pulled up by the full-back. When the whistle blew the Institute had lost a close game by 1 goal to nil.
Played at Woodcroft Park on Saturday, February 8th. The Boys' kicked off, the ball being returned. The Institute started rushing the scrums but did not gain much ground. The Boys' didn't become dangerous as their halves were inclined to be selfish. Towards half-time the Institute forwards began a rush on the loose, and W. R. Long touched down. Hawkes securing, tried a drop which passed under the bar. The forwards followed up and Hill touched down. Hawkes had no difficulty in kicking a goal. After the kick-off the Boys worked their way into our "25," and one of their forwards scored, the place-kick falling short. Towards half-time, Beatty again scored for the home team, but the place-kick again failed. The Institute thus lost their way into our "25," and one of their forwards scored, the place-kick falling short. Towards time, Beatty again scored for the home team, but the place-kick again failed. The Institute thus lost a close game by 3 points. Final score:—Liverpool Old Boys' 3rd 1 goal, 2 tries; Institute 1 goal 1 try.

Liverpool Institute v. Waterloo High School.

Played at Sefton Park on Wednesday, February 26th. Waterloo lost the toss and Hawkes kicked off for the Institute. After several exchanges of kicks, the Institute settled in the Waterloo "25," and from an excellent piece of passing Crichton scored the first try. The Institute were in good form, and Crichton soon scored twice more. C. O. Jones also scored twice before half-time. After half-time the Institute still held the upper hand, and tries were scored by Pugh, H. T. Long and Hawkes. Finally the Institute won an easy victory by 4 goals, 4 tries to nil. Hawkes kicked all the goals.

Liverpool Institute v. Ellesmere College.

The above match was played at Sefton Park on Saturday, February 22nd. Ellesmere won the toss and Hawkes kicked off in very bad weather. The ball was returned and play settled in midfield. However, the Ellesmere began to get the ball out, as the Institute were short in the forwards. The Ellesmere then showed some good passing, and Penn soon got over and scored a neat try. The Institute three-quarters then started a bit of passing, and Tebbutt missed an excellent chance. Towards half-time, Penn kicked and followed up, Pemberton unfortunately knocked forward in picking up, and Penn received and ran in. This try was converted. After half-time the Institute forwards played a much better game, and kept their opponents for a long while in their own "25." The forwards made untiring efforts to score, and C. M. Long getting the ball on the loose, pretended to pass, and dodged, making a good run in. Hawkes neatly converted the try. The whistle blew for time with the score:—Ellesmere College 1 goal, 1 try; Liverpool Institute 1 goal.
In the first match played in November last, on the Institute ground, the College were decisively beaten by four goals to one, but it was expected that on their own ground they would improve on this, and make a great effort to retain the Shield. The fine weather, and the prospect of an exciting game, attracted large crowds of spectators from both schools, and there must have been nearly a thousand excited enthusiasts present when the game began. The Institute had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and with this assistance succeeded in keeping their opponents on the defence during the greater part of the time. For some time, however, ill-luck seemed to attend their efforts, and several good shots had the same fate. One splendid chance of scoring was spoiled by Carmichael missing a fast centre from the right wing. Soon afterwards, however, the same player atoned for this mistake by scoring with a fast low shot. From the kick-off, the College threatened danger, several free-kicks against Chadwick and Grant for foul throws, enabling them to keep up the attack, but the backs were safe, and Burston had only one shot to save. Coulton, at length cleared the danger, and the Institute forwards resumed the pressure; but until just before half time they could not add to the score, and our chances with only one goal in hand and a strong wind to face did not seem too bright. At length Gore forced a corner and placed the ball beautifully in the goal-mouth, and after a prolonged scrimmage he and Hazel together rushed the leather through, thus putting the Institute two goals ahead. Half time arrived shortly afterwards with the visiting team still pressing. Half time score: Institute 2 goals; College nil.

On re-starting the Institute played five halves, but during the first five or ten minutes this arrangement did not seem to work well. The Halves seemed to get excited, and after several narrow escapes, Burston was defeated by a long shot from Crawford. This reverse had the pleasing effect of rousing the visitors, and the game was evenly contested for a time. A change was then made in the Institute forwards, Chadwick and Hazel going forward in place of Griffiths and Gore. After further mid-field play Chadwick secured the left, and cleverly beating the opposing half, he made a fine run down, finishing with a centre, which Carmichael received and banged through, thus scoring our third goal. The College then had a spell of pressing, and the ball was shot into goal. Burston caught it, and the referee deciding that he had carried it through, promptly awarded a goal for the College—a most questionable decision. The Institute players, although complaining, took the decision in a proper spirit, and set to work to increase their lead. Their superior staying powers stood them in good stead, and twenty minutes from the finish the home team were tired out, whilst Carmichael, Chadwick, and Hazel seemed as fresh as if the game had only just begun. Another good run and centre by Chadwick resulted in a fourth goal being scored by Carmichael, the Middle School backs not even having a chance to touch the ball. Continuing the pressure, Carmichael again eluded his opponents and had the goal at his mercy, his final shot, however, struck the goal-keeper and rebounded into play. The Institute were still attacking when the whistle sounded for full-time, the final result being:—Institute, 4 goals; College, 2 goals.

Team:—Goal, Burston; full-backs, Howard, H. Coulton; half-backs, Grant, G. Coulton, Chadwick; forwards, Gore, Hazel, Carmichael, Griffiths, Bellman.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WATERLOO COLLEGE.

The Institute team travelled to Waterloo on Wednesday, 24th February, to try conclusions with Waterloo College. The weather was remarkably fine and afforded a grand opportunity for good football.

Punctually at three o'clock the home team, in their green shirts and yellow sashes, appeared, and were welcomed with a hearty cheer from the spectators, who had turned out in very fair numbers. The Institute team, headed by Carmichael, were close behind, and their appearance was the signal for more cheering.

The Institute lost the toss, and kicked off facing the sun. During the first twenty minutes play neither side could claim any advantage. The pace was very fast and sure to test the staying powers of the players. Both teams showed fine dash and spirit. The ball travelled from end to end in quick succession, and both goalkeepers were several times severely taxed to defend their charge. At length Hazel found an opening, and placing the ball between the uprights, scored the first goal for the Institute. Not long after the College equalised. Just before half-time Hazel again scored.

On changing ends it was soon seen that the pace had told upon the Waterloo players. Only once did they manage to carry the ball over the half-way line. The Institute had now a decided advantage. The pace was very fast and sure, and both goalkeepers were several times severely taxed to defend their charge. At length Hazel found an opening, and placing the ball between the uprights, scored the first goal for the Institute. Not long after the College equalised. Just before half-time Hazel again scored.

This was among the most pleasantly contested matches of the season. The whole atmosphere of the game was wholesome. This victory assured our winning the shield.
This match was played at the Café, Chapel Street, on Monday, January 20th. A pleasant game ended in a victory for the Institute. By 7 games to 2. Tebbutt, Wright, Affleck, Blevin, Coulton, Scott and Cheeseright won their games.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. SEACOMBE INSTITUTE.

This match was played on February 3rd, at the Liverpool Institute, and a good game ended in a win for the homesters. Score:—Liverpool 4½; Seacombe 3½. Blevin, Rose, Jenkins and Coulton won their games, and Tebbutt drew.

Masters v. Boys.

This match was played on Monday, February 10th. A fine game ended in a decisive victory for the boys. Score:—

Masters.
Mr. Tindall .. 0
Mr. Douglas .. 0
Mr. Allen .. 0
Mr. Raundrup .. 0
Mr. Snow .. 0
Mr. Hayes .. 0
Mr. Bain .. 0
Mr. Wilson .. 0

Boys.
E. Tebbutt .. 1
J. E. Wright .. 1
J. B. Affleck .. 1
H. Rose .. 1
J. B. Jenkins .. 0
H. Coulton .. 0
G. R. Thompson .. 0
H. Cheeseright .. 1

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. Y.M.C.A.

This match was played on Friday, February 14th, at the Y.M.C.A., and a very enjoyable game ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

Institute.
Mr. Tindall .. 1
Mr. Douglas .. 1
Blevin .. 1
Tebbut .. 1
Cheeseright .. 1
Wright .. 1
Affleck .. 1
Hvistendahl .. 0

Y.M.C.A.
C. H. Stewart .. 0
J. Wright .. 0
S. J. Levy .. 0
W. Stamsfield .. 0
H. S. Lean .. 0
A. Collinson .. 0
Harrod .. 0
Thorpe .. 0

We have had a most successful season as is shown by the following record:

First Team .. 10 10 0 1
Second Team .. 5 5 0 0
The First have defeated University College (2), Liverpool Y.M.C.A. (2), Birkenhead Y.M.C.A. (1), Balfour Institute (1), Seacombe Institute (2), Port Sunlight (1). The solitary draw was with Port Sunlight.

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**In Memoriam.**

**ERNEST RUDOLPH HOOPER,**

**AGED 29.**

Died of Fever at Teneriffe, Cape Verde Islands.

**Also HUGH SPERRIN JONES,**

**Died, JANUARY 11th, 1896.**

Left School, Christmas, 1892.

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