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Progress and Policy—I.

"In England everyone was too busy talking about their grand Imperial theories to bother about the dull little domestic facts that are worrying the daughter-land."—A SOUTH AFRICAN.

THE public mind in this country has, during recent years, manifested a great inclination to select from life all that has lent itself to dramatic presentment to the exclusion of those matters which appeal rather to the reflective temperament. And even though the entertainment has at times descended to the level of melodrama, there can be no complaint that life in its recent phase has been other than stirring and varied. But the conditions of society in all times require that a dramatic phase should be followed by a period of reflection in order to make good the waste and neglect inseparable from dramatic episodes. It appears to the writer that we are entering at least in the political sphere on such a period of reflection and recuperation, and it is the purpose of this and of a following article to attempt to shew that after our recent dramatic experiences, the times are calling for attention to matters which, while it lasted, were deemed too dull and prosaic to arouse popular interest.

It is a fact which few will be found to deny that, during recent years, foreign and colonial questions have engaged far more of the public attention than home affairs, and during this period, which may be taken to cover the last ten years, it has been habitual to refer to our external affairs as of vastly more consequence than domestic concerns; until by frequent repetition of the statement, it has come to be regarded as possessing permanent validity. There appear however to the writer to be indications that before long it may not be deemed heresy to doubt the absolute truth of a proposition now so confidently asserted. For consider the direction in which colonial and foreign affairs are trending. Five years ago, it seemed to many that South African affairs outweighed in importance all questions of home policy. For the moment, such an opinion may or may not have been well founded. But since then South Africa has assumed a new aspect, and instead of the exciting events of war, it is occupied with questions of constitutional government, of franchises, taxation, and education, of capital and labour, of the development of agriculture and the means of communication: precisely such dull and prosaic topics as have seemed of little interest in England. The tendency of the dramatic mind would be to abandon South Africa now that its spectacular possibilities are exhausted. It may, however, be for the consideration of a people

which aspires to be Imperial whether it is entirely consistent or safe for it to do so.

The excitement which displayed itself over South Africa during the war was transferred, after a brief interval of quiescence, to the conflict between Russia and Japan. Now, however, that the actual struggle appears to have passed its climax, popular interest in that matter also seems to be on the wane. Yet issues of greater consequence to this country than any involved in the operations of the war are emerging in regard to our relations with both the parties. The direct effects of the war are terribly serious. But even more serious to Russia and to the world is the question of what will be her future development; and this, as is evident from the reports which reach us, will depend not mainly on the restoration of her navy and army but on the settlement of questions concerning central and local government, taxation, agricultural and industrial progress, tramways and railways. As in South Africa, so in Russia, future political interest must necessarily be centred on the class of questions which we have acquired the habit of despising as domestic. If any belief remains that such questions, when they occur in Russia, in South Africa, or in any country, are of little or no significance to Britain, it is likely soon to be shattered by the influence which the energies of Japan in their development are about to exert on our systems of thought, industry, art and politics. The general conclusion borne in upon us in each case seems to be that external politics themselves are leading us to the consideration of topics precisely similar to those with which we are concerned at home.

Indeed, it seems that our whole view of foreign politics is in process of undergoing a radical change. We have been wont to regard home and foreign politics as essentially dissimilar, and to apply diverse methods to their treatment. In home affairs we have in some measure got in touch with realities; foreign politics we have dealt with almost entirely through symbols. We have set up a symbol for each Power, clothed it with a few attributes, and dealt with it accordingly. Our relations with Russia, for example, have been conducted between a fierce and greedy Bear on the one hand, and a corresponding creature erected by the Russian imagination as representative of Britain on the other. Is it marvellous that international understandings have become a by-word? So long as irresponsible rulers and diplomatists alone controlled international affairs, the caricatures have probably not been entirely inappropriate. But there is evidence of the appearance in the international sphere of a new phenomenon; the will of the sovereign people is beginning to receive recognition as an influence in determining national friendships and enmities. This, if anything, is the significance of the *entente cordiale* between England and France. It is based not on the schemes of two sets of diplomatists but on the desire for friendship of the citizens of two nations. It would be idle to suggest that the old *régime* is dead or moribund. It may at least be claimed that its despotic sway is no longer undisputed.

A speedy consequence of the new influence may fairly be expected. The old diplomacy gave rise to a condition akin to what scientists term polarity. International friendships and enmities were evenly balanced, and a gain in friendship with one Power meant a corresponding loss with its neighbour. As the England of George II drew closer to Prussia, she receded from Austria. It is not vain to hope that the acquisition by the people of a voice in foreign policy may at least mitigate this evil. Under the code of personal conduct it is regarded as contemptible in an individual that the acquisition by him of a new friend should involve the loss of an old one. As foreign politics approach nearer in character to personal relationships, may not the same sound doctrine become current among nations? We hear both the old and the new doctrine being preached at the present moment in regard to our friendship with France. Certain persons appear to imagine that an attraction towards France must inevitably produce a repulsion from Germany, and they are at least consistent in fostering the repulsion. It is a happy sign that there are persons who believe on the contrary, that friendship with France does not preclude friendship with Germany; and who, by speech and action contribute to its attainment. Perhaps in regard to foreign peoples, we may shortly learn the lesson enforced upon us by bitter experience a century ago in regard to our colonies, that sympathy is more profitable than antipathy as a starting-point for our mutual relations.

If, then, it be true, as suggested in the foregoing pages, that we are awakening to a recognition of the general similarity of the problems that confront the several nations of the world, and that at the same time there is a tendency for nations to deal with one another directly and not solely through the medium of diplomacy, it would be desirable that we should acquire some acquaintance with the institutions of other peoples. But a preliminary condition is a clear understanding of the corresponding institutions of our own country, and in regard to them it is to be feared that knowledge is but imperfectly diffused. At the same time it would seem that during the years in which our minds have been roaming abroad, we have somewhat neglected our home affairs. It follows, if this be granted, that the course, both of external and of internal politics, is tending to a concentration of attention upon our domestic institutions. Speculation as to the further course of that tendency must, however, be reserved for a subsequent article.

Athletic Sports.

[We print first an article kindly written for us by Mr. Tiffen. The remarks of one so experienced will be read with profit by all who are anxious to improve the quality of our Athletic Sports—Ed.]

IN order to make our sports this year brighter and more truly a school function, it was decided to hold them entirely on our own school cricket ground. Unfortunately, however, we could not innovate also in the matter of the weather, and a heavy shower at

the beginning of the afternoon rendered the grass very slippery for such purposes as high-jumping and hurdle-racing. Owing to this reason the commencement was marked by one or two unfortunate accidents. We are glad, however, before going to press to hear that the injured ones have quite recovered, and if we are to learn a lesson from their mishaps, it would seem to be that for athletics the use of spiked shoes is advisable. Moreover, we know that such accidents are unavoidable at times in all forms of sport, and we are inclined to hope that our ill-luck of this year may secure us immunity for some years to come.

Owing to the number of events to be got through, a fairly full programme of preliminaries was arranged for Monday, 26th June. It consisted mainly of heats, and of one or two of the longer events which would incapacitate competitors for other races on the same day. Of these events the mile and the long jump produced surprises. Dutton's mile was certainly a fine performance. Untrained, and without any previous experience, he took the lead from the first with a long easy stride, and without faltering maintained this lead to the end. What he could have done if he had been properly trained and taught we hesitate to say, but we shall expect to hear more of him in the future. In the long jump, Taylor surprised us by beating last year's winner, and, though the distance is poor, we set that down to want of training and practice. For no athletic event is practice so necessary, since good jumping requires the combination of a good jump into the air, and a take off from the mark itself, while travelling at full sprinting speed.

On the Wednesday, as soon as our troubles were over, we had some excellent sport. The handicaps produced some good fields, and the prizes fell to those who started within a few yards of scratch. Rumjahn took the senior championship by winning all the shorter races, with a second and two thirds elsewhere. Of the rest of the seniors, Taylor and Plastow were the most successful. Among the Juniors, Martin came out easily first, while the other prizes were shared among numerous competitors. In this part of the programme we welcome the addition of events for boys under 13½ and 14½ years. It has always seemed hard that a birthday in May should penalise one so heavily against a rival born in August.

Among the illegitimate events an egg race and two obstacle races were substituted for the lemon and spoon race and the slow bicycle race, and no one will regret the change. Both produced good entries and good competition, and we think that both spectators and runners alike felt that the races were worth winning. In the tugs-of-war the High School avenged their double defeat of last year, and the Cadets proved the value of disciplined co-operation.

With regard to the Sports altogether, may we urge the following two points as especially brought home this year. First, all boys should give themselves a chance. Dozens of boys go through their school career without ever finding out that they can run. Their modesty prevents them entering when they think that they have no chance, and the result is that they never realise what may be quite

a natural capacity for athletic sports. Secondly, it is highly desirable that some training should be undertaken. To the trained man the interval of one day is quite sufficient to shake off the fatigue incurred by the heats; the untrained is surprised to find on the Wednesday that Monday's efforts have made him so stiff that he is unable to do himself justice. Let each, then, have the pluck to give himself a chance by entering for some serious event or other, and when once entered, let him do a little practice for a week or so at a distance slightly less than that for which he has entered. It is well, too, to ask advice from experienced hands as to the arrangement of this training. There are plenty, whether masters or older boys, who will be very willing to give it.

In conclusion, it is our pleasing duty to offer our most sincere thanks to all who took part in making the arrangements for the sports, and to those spectators who were kind enough to honour us with their presence on the occasion.

Our Annual Sports were held at Sandown Lane on Wednesday, 28th June. The cricket ground presented an unusual though welcome sight. The ground was marked out carefully, and here and there strange objects met the vision in suspended barrels and tall wooden frames. Obliquely down the field two rows of wooden sentries outstared each other, and the wondering semi-circle of onlookers outstared them both, for after a while they retired shamefacedly. Beyond the encircling rope chairs were ranged in order, and, but for the threatening weather, prospects of an enjoyable and interesting afternoon were bright.

On the previous Monday afternoon our Headmaster, Mr. Weisse, had granted a half-holiday, and so some events which pressure of time did not allow to be run off on Wednesday were finished during the afternoon. W. S. Plastow threw the cricket ball a distance of 75 yards, certainly a very good throw, but with practice the Institute should manage quite 90 yards. F. J. Roberts, in the same event for those under 15, attained to 73 yards, which is an excellent throw considering his age. The long jump this year brings before our notice a jumper of considerable merit, but of greater promise. S. Taylor cleared 16 feet 4 inches. He would have done much better if he had trained. The jump of R. Martin, for those under 15 was also good, clearing as he did 13 feet, 2 inches.

Rumjahn won the 220 yards open race in 27¼ secs., taking 1¼ secs. longer than last year. Good time was made by J. Irving in the 220 yards race under 13; his time was 33¾ seconds. The gradual rise of the ground of course was trying, especially in the longer races. The next item was the mile open race. This was won by R. H. Dutton who, with a splendid long easy stride, covered the distance in 5 minutes, 20 seconds. No doubt with good training and level ground he could bring his time well under 5 minutes. R. Martin won the 440 yards race under 15, but his time was rather poor, as he took 70 seconds over it.

Speaking of Wednesday, our Sports began with the high jump (open). T. H. Myers and J. C. Lee had reached 4 feet 8 inches, when, unfortunately, the event could not be proceeded with as Myers snapped one of the bones of his forearm. It was evident he could have reached between 4 feet 10 inches and 5 feet. After the high jump came the 100 yards (open). Rumjahn won this in the capital time of $10\frac{2}{5}$ seconds. Here another accident occurred, for which some one deserves considerable blame. P. F. Herbert, one of our best runners, slipped at the finish of one of the heats, and, sliding along the grass, was stopped by a peg which had been carelessly left in the ground, with the result that he very narrowly escaped breaking a rib. In spite of a plucky attempt to run in a later race, he was too severely bruised to do anything, and so lost the chance of giving worthy account of himself. We are happy to say that he is now quite recovered. The hurdle race was won by S. Taylor with Watters a close second. Scaife slipped under a hurdle and was badly winded. We are sorry to hear that he hurt his head also, and hope that he will soon be among us. Rumjahn won the 440 yards open in the very poor time of $62\frac{2}{5}$ seconds. It is my opinion he did not run his best. In the 100 yards race under 15, R. Martin ran very well, covering the distance in 12 seconds.

W. S. Plastow ran very well in the 880 yards open, leaving quite a good margin between himself and S. Taylor, the second man. He could reduce his time of 2 minutes, $26\frac{2}{5}$ seconds with better training.

The tug of war (seniors) was won this year by the High School. The High School juniors also won. Many did not know how to pull, which makes considerable difference.

The obstacle race was very amusing, Lee certainly had a struggle to get through the fixed upright cask, besides meeting with disaster earlier in the race.

The enthusiasm and zest of the day's proceedings were good to see. The entries were fairly numerous, those who regulated affairs equipped themselves well, and it was good to see the interest shewn by the parents of the boys. If instead of rubber shoes real running pumps had been used, many events would have been better, and there would have been no falls. It is short-sighted policy to buy rubber shoes. The afternoon ended in sunshine, and to the strains of the National Anthem rendered by the *Akbar* band, who had favoured us with music throughout.

The Old Boys' race had to be abandoned through lack of competitors. We hope this will not occur again. J. Rumjahn is to be congratulated on his success in gaining, for the third time in succession, the senior championship. R. Martin, who won the championship for those under 15 shews great promise. We expect to hear more of him.

The events in order and detail are as follows:—

Championship—J. Rumjahn (21).

Junior Championship—R. Martin (19).

Throwing Cricket Ball (open)—W. S. Plastow, T. R. Cowell, A. P. Mackenzie. Distance—75 yards.

Throwing Cricket Ball (under 15)—F. J. Roberts, R. Martin, J. D. Thomas. Distance—73 yards.

Long Jump (open)—S. Taylor, J. Rumjahn, A. Watters. Distance—16 ft. 4 in.

Long Jump (under 15)—R. Martin, E. T. Gee, N. Wilson. Distance—13 ft. 2 in.

High Jump (open)—Myers or Lee, J. Rumjahn. Height at accident—4 ft. 8 in.

High Jump (under 15)—T. S. Walley, B. Sibbitt, R. Martin. Height—4 ft. 3 in.

220 yards (open)—J. Rumjahn, P. F. Herbert, W. S. Plastow. Time—27 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

220 yards (under 15)—J. Irving, J. Septon, W. G. Thomas. Time—33 $\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

1 Mile (open)—R. H. Dutton, P. F. Herbert, E. B. Griffiths. Time—5 min. 20 secs.

Quarter Mile (under 15)—R. Martin, E. T. Gee, N. Wilson. Time—1 min. 10 secs.

Tug of War (Cadets v. Rest of School)—Cadets.

100 yards (under 10)—A. C. H. Groom, J. L. Ramm, J. W. Morris.

Quarter Mile Handicap—A. Jones, W. S. Plastow, A. Watters.

Hurville Race (open)—S. Taylor, A. Watters, H. G. A. Scaife.

Hurdle Race (under 14)—R. Martin, I. W. Benson, B. Sibbitt.

Three-legged Race—Plastow and Griffiths, Perreyman and Mackenzie, Hunbriss and Callister.

Quarter Mile (open)—J. Rumjahn, S. Taylor, B. Mendelsohn. Time—1 min. 22 $\frac{5}{8}$ secs.

Half Mile Handicap—E. B. Griffiths, J. C. Lee, J. A. Piint.

Time Handicap (below IIIb and IIIc)—W. Lucas, S. N. Roberts, J. Bramwell.

100 yards (under 15)—R. Martin, C. J. Russell, W. E. Smith. Time—12 secs.

100 yards (open)—J. Rumjahn, S. Taylor, A. Jones. Time—10 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

100 yards (under 12)—J. R. Preacher, J. Selkirk, A. White. Time—14 secs.

Sacks Race—W. Lunt, H. N. Rogers, C. Eytton-Jones.

Half Mile (open)—W. S. Plastow, S. Taylor, J. Rumjahn. Time—2 min. 26 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Egg-gathering Race—E. B. Griffiths, J. Rumjahn, J. C. Lee.

300 yards (under 15)—W. Lunt, W. E. Smith, J. D. Thomas.

Tug of War (Juniors)—High School.

Tug of War (Seniors)—High School.

Obstacle Race (under 13)—D. H. Gray, C. Eytton-Jones, { P. Haywood,
O. Steidelman.

Obstacle Race (open)—J. A. Piint, A. Watters, R. Dovey.

Chat on the Corridor.

OF the Candidates for Scholarships who sat at the University on 15th June last, three from the Institute gained distinctions. Henry Parry was awarded the Tate Technical Science (£35 for 3 years), E. J. Watson, a Ranger (£20 for 2 years), and W. W. Roberts, an Exhibition (£30 for 3 years).

This performance is an exceedingly creditable one, and our school stands first as regards the number of successful candidates.

We are pleased to record the successes of several Old Boys, graduates at the university. In the Faculty of Medicine, Robt. E. Kelly has received his degree of M.D.; in the Faculty of Law, S. Watkins has obtained a first class pass in his Final and the degree of LL.B.; in the Faculty of Engineering, H. Grace has gained a first class pass in his Final, and the degree of B.Sc.; P. L. Pratley is awarded the University Scholarship in Engineering, and he and D. H. Ogley have obtained the degree of B. Engineering with first class honours. In the Faculty of Arts, G. S. Veitch has gained his degree of B.A. with honours in the School of History.

We are informed that H. C. McCann has gained his B.Sc. (Vict.) first class, and Ogley has his David Rew Memorial and Liverpool Workingmen's Scholarship extended. J. H. Grace, who was formerly a pupil of the Liverpool Institute, and A. Forsyth, formerly of the Liverpool College and Senior Wrangler in 1881, were examiners in the Tripos, part II.

We are glad to note that successes of Old Boys are not confined to intellectual spheres. Mr. A. C. Large, who came to the school

in March, 1886, and left in April, 1888, has just been awarded a silver medal by the Royal Humane Society for his conspicuous bravery. The Leyland liner *Nicaraguan*, of which Mr. Large is chief officer, had grounded in a perilous position near Vera Cruz, in the Gulf of Mexico. At the risk of his life, Mr. Large swam for help through half a mile of breakers, among which lurked sharks, delivered his message and returned in the same manner to his ship, which floated twelve hours afterwards.

You will be pleased to hear that W. W. Robinson, who, as is doubtless well-known, came to this school, succeeded in carrying off the King's Cup on Monday, 10th July. In the two tests, Mr. Robinson gained the highest total number of points (23), mainly through his powerful breast-stroke (for which he holds the championship of England). In addition to the Cup, he received a gold medal and diploma.

Camera and Field Club Notes.

DURING the early Spring no attempts were made at out-door excursions—the afternoons being short, and the counter attraction of football calling away several who might otherwise have undertaken a trip into the country. However, in the first week of this term a meeting was held in Mr. Bain's room, a new Secretary, W. E. Gibbs, was elected in place of J. Tyson who has left, and a definite list of fixtures settled—it being suggested that fortnightly excursions would be preferable to the former attempts at weekly ones, and thus not encroach too much on other out-door sports. So far the experiment has met with success, an average attendance of 15 being maintained.

The first outing was to Bidston Hill, the members meeting at the stage, crossing to Seacombe, and on by train to Bidston; after a short walk the village was reached. Some little time was spent in and around the church, and thence through the woods to the hill. From this point of vantage a splendid view was obtained, various photos taken, and the return journey made *via* Birkenhead.

A fortnight afterwards Speke Hall was visited, and, through the kindness of Miss Watt, permission was granted to wander over the grounds, in which an enjoyable afternoon was spent admiring this fine sixteenth century half-timbered mansion with its many gables.

The next excursion was to Raby Mere, reached after a rather hot and tedious walk from New Ferry. However, after a short but sharp thundershower, justice was done with cameras to the stepping stones and the mere, also to a refreshing tea. Some little disappointment was felt at not being able to have the usual row on the lake, but the boats had been removed the previous week. In spite of this the outing was a happy one, and the walk back to New Ferry through Dibbin's Dale and Bromborough brought to an end the third item on the programme.

Chester came next, and although postponed for a week on account of the sports, lost none of its enthusiasm. Sixteen

members met at the Central, and at 3 o'clock began their exploration of the ancient city. Like Raby Mere this seems to be a favourite, and the same path was followed as on previous visits—a perambulation of the walls—a peep inside the museum at the Water Tower—a glimpse at the cathedral—tea—half an hour in the "Rows"—and the real attraction, a row up the river—then, alas, a crawl to the station, everyone loth to leave the picturesque old city.

More interest seems to have been taken in the Club this season, and if boys would endeavour to look upon it as a Rambling Club it is possible that more would join, and benefit by a few afternoons spent in the country, gaining a wider knowledge of their surrounding districts, many of which are extremely pretty though often little known

Dramatic Entertainment.

THE hopes roused by last year's Concert have not been disappointed: the anniversary of that notable event was not allowed to pass by without a Dramatic Entertainment being given by boys of the school. We may therefore reasonably believe that the interest awakened by the former effort has resulted in the establishment of an annual Concert.

The audience on the night of 12th April was quite numerous: not only was the body of the hall well filled by parents and friends, but also the gallery was occupied by many younger individuals. This arrangement, by the way, might advantageously be reversed. It is, of course, a physical impossibility for younger individuals to keep their feet still for a period exceeding two minutes, but, surely, if the consequent sounds were made in the body of the hall, while the gallery was reserved for visitors, the slight inconvenience might be done away with.

The proceedings of the evening included a solo by an accomplished pianist, who is also an editor of the *Magazine*, and during the interval between Part I and Part II several other musical items were contributed by different boys. The programmes were designed somewhat more artistically than the cover of the school organ, but it was rather unfortunate that the price was placed so near the Institute motto: "*Non nobis solum, sed toti mundo nati.*" Price One Penny.

This year we were without the guiding spirit of the first Concert, W. J. Hughes, who left last summer, and who, to the sorrow of us all, was through illness unable to be present on this occasion. His place, however, was taken and ably filled by W. E. Gibbs, whose energetic labours for the success of the entertainment deserve great praise and many thanks. It is not easy to both fulfil the duties of promoter, secretary, and treasurer, and at the same

time take a part in the actual performance: but Gibbs was by no means unsuccessful.

The evening commenced with the before-mentioned pianoforte solo by W. W. Roberts. Most of us had heard that "W. W." knew one or two notes of the piano, but our expectations were surpassed by his magnificent rendering of Schumann's beautiful Novellette. We compliment Roberts on his remarkable ability. The next item was the selection from "The Rivals." We observe that this Concert included scenes from another dramatist than Shakspeare. Why not have a Greek play next year?—it would be short, and consequently would have the advantage of allowing of a complete presentation, while the choruses would give plenty of opportunity for music. Is not the idea worth considering? To return to "The Rivals," however. The acting was, on the whole, very good. If we may make any criticism, it is that occasionally there were signs that a little more training would have effected an improvement: there are so many little touches which help to give brilliance to a comedy, but which are learnt only after a good deal of practice. Of course this does not mean that the present efforts met with dismal failure. Mr. Bob Acres was excellent all through, but at his best in the duel scene, where his representation of liquefying courage was really splendid. In the first scene, a little more might have been made of the letter episode, but the dialogue with David was carried through very well indeed. W. E. Gibbs, as Sir Lucius, was occasionally somewhat more dignified than one would have thought suitable for the character, while at times he was difficult to hear—though this was due, no doubt, to the fact that he was saving his voice for "Hamlet." Here, again, the best performance was in the duel scene, where his conception of the character—less dignified than in the former scene—together with Eversfield's Bob Acres, sustained the fun throughout. T. R. Cowell played the part of David very naturally, though in the passage where it is described how the news of Bob's death would be received at home he was perhaps not quite animated enough. By the way, we wonder if any member of a certain form can offer any explanation of the instantaneous flicker of a joyous smile which was observed on the countenances of certain of the audience at the mention of the name of one of Bob's possessions? P. Probyn, as Absolute (looking like a rather dissipated young spark), and G. B. Ethington, as Faulkland, both contributed excellently to the general success of the play.

During the interval which followed, Lloyd sang very successfully a solo, "Oh, Dry those Tears," which was well applauded. Zeper and Argent, on whose praises it is needless for us to expatiate, then charmed us with two beautiful duets (violin), and were succeeded by Wishart with the solo, "What are the Wild Waves saying." Wishart was deservedly encored, and returned with "Ora pro nobis," which he rendered beautifully. Mr. Groom very kindly accompanied throughout. We accord our thanks to those who contributed to this delightful interlude.

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Part II consisted of a presentation of the platform scenes from "Hamlet," by William Shakspeare (not the presentation). We notice, in passing, the ambiguity of "The Ghost of Hamlet's murdered father," with which the synopsis of the piece began: it reminds one inversely, so to speak, of the well-known "Moses was the daughter of Pharaoh's son."

The scenes from "Hamlet" were undoubtedly the success of the evening. P. Probyn, who last year took the part of Nerissa in "The Merchant of Venice," acted as Hamlet, and acted so that one wished one could have seen him play the rôle right through. His conception of the character was astonishingly satisfying, and he deserves unqualified praise for his performance on that evening. One could confidently predict that he would easily distinguish himself in amateur theatricals. Probyn was well supported by Roberts and Herbert, who acted the parts of Horatio and Marcellus respectively and admirably. Roberts, we think, hit off very truly the character of Hamlet's—may we say poetically inclined—friend, but occasionally seemed to have some difficulty with his (Robert's) voice. Herbert gave a pleasing interpretation of the character of Marcellus, quick and energetic. There were times when his gestures did not seem quite free enough, though this was not entirely his fault, but was due to the awkward shape of the stage. In recalling their performances it is difficult to say where one liked these gentlemen best, certainly one might chose the scenes of the struggle with Hamlet and the taking of the oath to preserve secrecy over the events of the night. Bernardo also fulfilled his part with effect, and Francisco did his little well. As for the Ghost—well, he was sufficiently horrible to cause one little boy to ask a little girl by his side if she felt frightened? and, indeed, the costume was very good, its gruesomeness being increased by the effect of the limelight. But the voice of the Ghost! Words cannot describe the intensity thereof. We consider that Gibbs acted his by no means light part very adequately indeed.

Once again Mr. Coxhead and Mr. Tiffen took the training of the performers in hand, and superintended the preparations for the entertainment. We feel extremely grateful to these gentlemen for the interest they take in these Concerts, and for the pains which they expend in rendering them successful: without their aid we should get on very badly. We are indebted to Mr. Weisse for the improvements effected in the arrangement of the stage.

Our thanks are due also to McGill for his services as prompter, and to E. C. Hughes for his management of the lighting arrangements, which proved very effective both in "The Rivals" and in "Hamlet."

It is devoutly to be wished that we shall have a third Concert next year. The movement, once started and proceeded with, must never be allowed to fail. Woe to those who shall not follow in the footsteps of them who have led the way!—among which leaders shall W. J. Hughes and W. E. Gibbs stand forth conspicuous.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

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| 1. PIANOFORTE SOLO | - - | Novellette (No. 1) | - - - - | Schumann. |
| | | W. W. ROBERTS. | | |
| 2. "THE RIVALS" | - - | (The Duel Scenes) | - - - - | Sheridan. |
| | | <i>Dramatis Personæ.</i> | | |
| BOB ACRES | - - | A. W. EVERSFIELD. | | |
| SIR LUCIUS O'TRIGGER | - - | W. E. GIBBS. | | |
| CAPT. ABSOLUTE | - - | P. PROBYN. | | |
| FAULKLAND | - - | G. E. ETHERINGTON. | | |
| DAVID | - - | T. R. COWELL. | | |
| SERVANT | - - | J. C. LEE. | | |

Musical Interval.

PART II.

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| 1. "HAMLET" | - - | (The Platform Scenes) | - - - - | Shakspeare. |
| | | <i>Dramatis Personæ.</i> | | |
| HAMLET | - - | P. PROBYN. | | |
| HORATIO | - - | W. W. ROBERTS. | | |
| MARCELLUS | - - | P. F. HERBERT. | | |
| BERNARDO | - - | J. C. LEE. | | |
| FRANCISCO | - - | J. G. PATERSON. | | |
| GHOST | - - | W. E. GIBBS. | | |

Side-lights on the Dramatic Entertainment.

BY AN ACTOR.

IF the reader cares to look up the "Chat on the Corridor" for June 1904, he will see how the success of last year's Dramatic Entertainment induced the writer to enquire, "Why not try again?" And he was surely voicing the thoughts and hopes of several others,—many others, I have no doubt. And peradventure we did sometimes think of trying again; and pondered during the winter months on what we should attempt next. Of course, as a rule, we forgot all about it; and that was as it should be. "Everything in its place" must always be our motto. The most stage-struck of our actors will surely agree with this. The Institute is *not* a training-school for budding Sir Henry Irvings or future Beerbohm Trees.

Still, as the Easter term drew on towards its close, weird sounds were sometimes heard re-echoing through the hall. Certain Sixth-Formers, moreover and notwithstanding, suffered from occasional attacks of sore throat. The rehearsals had begun.

Ah! those rehearsals. Necessary of course, and always exciting and enjoyable, they were the cause at first of much trouble and vexation of spirit. Afterwards they went more smoothly, for we knew our parts, and we could *imagine* somewhat. A rehearsal of "Hamlet," in everyday costume, on a bare stage, requires imagination. When a tall Sixth Former, in ordinary twentieth century attire, walked slowly over the stage, we had to imagine him an apparition, a majestic spirit from the grave, and "put on fear, and cast ourselves in wonder." Bob Acres also must have decidedly missed his beloved mirror, and other etceteras on rehearsal nights, but it would never do to exaggerate our difficulties. Take the case

of the ghost, for instance. The want of outward ghostliness might very likely have prompted us to imagine a ghost indeed; we might see, conjured up by our inward eye, and fostered by real attention to our part, a spectre ten thousand times more dreadful and awe inspiring than even the spectre rigged up on that Wednesday night by the hands of men. And we would act the better for it. Acting without imagination is a body without a soul.

How pleasant it is at rehearsal to feel that we are progressing! How encouraging when we really *act together*, when idea in one seems to beget idea in another, when fresh nuances occur to us as we go on! Like amateur sculptors we are glad when, at each fresh attempt, we contrive to knock off a few more rough corners, and and our figure approaches a shade nearer what it ought to be.

Naturally we had to devote special attention to the more striking episodes. The writer has heard of the splendid rehearsals of the dialogue between Hamlet and the Ghost; not merely platform rehearsals, rehearsals apart by themselves. That was conscientious. If a thing is worth acting, it is worth acting well. Then there was the struggle. That was the *pièce de resistance* in more senses than one. The writer was more nearly despairing over that than over anything else in the play. Doubtless the other actors were well-nigh despairing about him. But we managed it, after all. I have heard from different sources that it was one of the most successful points of the performance. What a mercy that the frenzied Prince of Denmark had compassion on the toes of Horatio! More than once at rehearsal he hadn't.

It would not be right to trespass on the domain of that member of the Editorial Staff who has thought fit to write an account of the performance. Lookers-on see most of the play. That may be so, but actors see a good deal too. Let the writer conclude by asserting that the actors, one and all, must have felt real gratification at the result, and hope to do better in the future,—those that remain, that is to say—for what changes one School year brings about! New faces are ever appearing; all is swiftly on the move. There are no such birds of passage as schoolboys.

So the reader is referred to the formal account of our performance,—if he would hear more of it—not to these haphazard remarks. The writer of that account will express what we hope is *his* candid opinion—whatever that may be. Candid opinions differ so; for instance, the writer hears from one quarter that someone's performance was a "lovely treat"; from several others that he looked an absolute "freak." But enough!

W. W. R.

Cadet Notes.

THIS term has been a very busy one for the Corps, and the parades have been particularly interesting. On Easter Monday the Battalion paraded at Seel Street, at 10 o'clock, and marched to Childwall, where patrol and outpost duties were carried

out. The annual church parade was held on Sunday, 14th May, when the Battalion paraded at Seel Street, at 2 p.m., and marched up to All Saints, Princes Park, headed by the band of the 6th V. B. There was an excellent muster of all ranks, and the sermon was preached by the acting chaplain, the Rev. J. M. Hannah.

On 20th May we paraded and marched down to St. James' Station, where D and E companies entrained for Meols, A, B and C companies entraining for Moreton. A scouting party, under Major Leslie, had gone out previously to reconnoitre the 1st V. B., the Cheshire Regiment, who represented a force repelling an enemy (the cadets) supposed to have landed from boats near the submerged forest. A, B and C companies were to engage the Cheshires, and, if possible, to drive them on to D and E in their rear. Upon the arrival of D and E at Meols, we started for the shore, and had hardly reached it when we came into touch with the enemies' outposts, who signalled "enemy in force" to their main body in the distance. Captain Parkes immediately got us into extended order and under cover. We had done this none too soon, for we were attacked by the enemy in greatly superior numbers. After a very warm engagement, in which we had our work cut out to prevent being surrounded, the "cease fire" was sounded. Doubtless the affair had been rather rushed at the beginning, so Colonel Blood and Captain Parkes arranged another engagement, which was very well carried out, the Cadets ultimately retiring on to the shore, where the boats to take them off were supposed to be. We then fell in and marched along the embankment to where Major Leslie and the rest of the Battalion had been fighting and driving back the Cheshires. We marched to Moreton where we took train home.

On 3rd June, a most interesting and instructive exercise was carried out in co-operation with the 4th V. B. We fell in at Seel Street, at 5, and marched to Childwall, where we joined the Head Quarter companies of the 4th. In the scheme drawn up by Colonel Concannon, the Cadets and the Head Quarter companies of the 4th were to defend a storehouse containing rifles and ammunition, near Childwall, against an invading force represented by the Bootle companies of the 4th, who had advanced from the north end of Liverpool. When we reached Childwall we were stationed on the extreme left, and were ordered, by making a wide *detour*, to come upon the enemy, who were in the direction of Roby and Huyton, and to take them on the flank and in the rear, while the main body of the 4th made a frontal attack. We advanced in sections separated by about 100 to 150 yards, every section being connected by a couple of men to keep them in touch with each other's movements at the bends of the road. We had proceeded cautiously along the road for about a mile, when some cyclists rode up and ordered us on at the double. The sections gradually closed in, and ran along under cover of a wall until a copse of trees, running alongside the road, was reached. We scrambled over the wall and into the wood, where we found we had landed beautifully

on the right flank of the enemy. We could see our main body delivering their frontal attack. It was quite evident our presence on their flank was totally unexpected by the enemy, and for a few minutes we experienced no opposition, whilst from our cover of the trees we were enabled to pour an enfilading fire on the enemy. After a few minutes sharp firing the "cease fire" sounded, and we fell in on the road, whilst the 4th fell in on the field where the fight had taken place. When all was ready we marched back with the 4th and their bands, arriving at Seel Street at about 10.15, having been more than five hours under arms. This was the most interesting parade we had had for a long time.

At Whitsuntide a detachment marched to Chester under Major Leslie. Quarters were provided, and meals served in the Castle. The marching was very steady, both going and returning, although the weather was hot.

On 17th June, Mr. and Mrs. Ellison very kindly asked D and E companies to their house at Pexhill, where tea was provided. The 3.20 train was caught at Lime Street for Rainhill, where we got out, and after about a mile's march we halted, and a sham fight was arranged. Major Leslie held Pexhill with a section, while the remainder attacked it on three sides under Captain Parkes. The attack was very well worked, every opportunity for concealment being taken. When the sections came to closer quarters a certain amount of bloodthirstiness was shown. After the "cease fire" had sounded the companies marched to Mr. Ellison's house, where a sumptuous tea had been spread on a long table on the lawn. The sergeants were honoured by a mess of their own under an apple tree. After everything likely to interfere with a good tea had been removed, we set to on the cakes and buns and jam provided. The officers, meanwhile, including the Head Master, Mr. Weisse, who had accompanied us and shown himself very interested in the work, were being entertained in the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. Ellison. After tea we all had a good wash, and then the order to fall in was given. We were then marched to the front of the house, and drawn up in two ranks in a semicircle, while Mrs. Ellison presented the Challenge Cup given by her mother to D and E companies for the most efficient member to hold for one year. When Mrs. Ellison had presented the cup, Mr. Weisse thanked her on behalf of the school and corps for their kindness to us. Mr. Weisse also expressed his keen interest in the Battalion and the work it is doing. The 8 o'clock train home was caught, and we arrived at Seel Street about 9, having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and greatly appreciated Mr. and Mrs. Ellison's kindness.

On the 1st of July some exercises on the attack were carried out at Wallasey.

Camp this year is to be held at Thurstaston, as it was last year, from the 29th of July to the 5th of August. Visitors' day will be on Wednesday, 2nd August, so anyone desirous of seeing the camp should go on that day. Recruiting this term has not been at all good; but last term we got as many as thirty. As far as general

efficiency goes, the company (D) has greatly improved since last year. Our new officer, Mr. Norman, has shown himself to be very keen, and of great value to us. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Weisse, our Head Master, who has taken a great interest in us, and intends visiting the camp if he is able.

As many Cadets will be leaving this term, there will be plenty of room for recruits next term. There seems to be no difficulty in getting the younger boys to join, but we would like to see the older boys coming forward more. The advantages of joining are many, physical and otherwise. In addition, after a period of service in the Cadets, a member may join the volunteers proper, without having to go through recruit drill, which is very arduous.

Games Reports.

CRICKET.

THE first match of the season was played on the second day of the term against Cowley Schools. Both sides were obviously suffering from want of practice, as the totals show. However, Lee (19) and Watters (11) saved the side, and we won by 20 runs. Cowell took 5 wickets for 9, and Lee 4 for 14. Score:—

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.	COWLEY SCHOOLS.
J. Rumjahn, b Gandy 0	Mercer, c and b Cowell 0
F. Roberts, b Rigby 0	Morgenath, not out 12
P. Probyn, b Gandy 0	Gandy, run out 9
R. Cowell, b Gandy 7	E. Rigby, b Cowell 1
J. Lee, b Rigby 19	Houghton, c Herbert, b Cowell 0
A. Watters, st Mercer, b Rigby 11	Gunnett, b Cowell 0
H. Myers, hit wkt, b Rigby 1	Moxon, st Probyn, b Lee 0
P. Herbert, b Rigby 1	Taylor, c Herbert, b Cowell 0
W. Roberts, not out 2	Prescott, c and b Lee 1
E. Gourley, c Davis, b Rigby 0	Prince, c F. Roberts, b Lee 0
H. Scaife, c Taylor, b Gandy 2	Davis, c Herbert, b Lee 0
43	23

INSTITUTE v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (SHIELD MATCH).

Played at Sandown Lane on 6th May. The Institute batted first, and declared at 8 for 82 (F. Roberts 32). Lee bowled remarkably well, and we got them all out for 13. Lee's analysis reads—6 overs, 4 maidens, 2 runs, 6 wickets. Score:—

INSTITUTE.	COLLEGE.
Roberts, c Cunningham, b Baxter 32	McQueen, b Lee 0
Watters, c McQuinney, b Cunningham 11	Cunningham, c Watters, b Lee 0
Probyn, b Cunningham 0	Macmillan, b Cowell 1
Cowell, b McQueen 17	Baxter, st Probyn, b Lee 0
Schweitzer, c Turner, b Baxter 12	Turner, run out 1
Lee, lbw, b Baxter 0	Seddon, run out 1
Herbert, b Macmillan 0	Strang, c and b Cowell 1
Middleton, not out 4	McQuinney, b Lee 0
Paterson, run out 0	Hamilton, b Lee 0
Challener, not out 0	Candeland, c Watters, b Lee 0
Gourley, did not bat 0	Curtis, not out 1
Extras 6	Extras 4
82	13

INSTITUTE 1ST XI v. LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY "A."

Played at Sandown Lane on 10th May. The Institute were without the services of their captain, so the bowling was shared by Cowell and Gourley, who secured five each. Rumjahn and Cowell alone reached double figures, and the innings closed for 85=17 to the bad. Score:—

UNIVERSITY "A."	INSTITUTE.
W. Garner, b Cowell 7	J. Rumjahn, b Jones 32
J. E. Openshaw, c and b Cowell 23	A. Watters, b Thorpe 1
L. R. Adams, b Cowell 2	F. Roberts, c Parkes, b Thorpe 0
G. H. Jones, b Cowell 2	R. Cowell, c Jones, b Thorpe 26
J. E. Thorpe, b Gourley 16	G. Schweitzer, b Parkes 1
M. Caspari, not out 20	E. Middleton, c Caspari, b Thorpe 4
T. Clarke, lbw, b Gourley 11	P. Probyn, b Openshaw 5
W. Clarke, b Gourley 0	W. Roberts, b Openshaw 2
M. N. Lim, lbw, b Gourley 6	P. Herbert, lbw, b Openshaw 0
D. Parkes, c and b Gourley 0	C. Challener, c Parkes, b Thorpe 0
G. Sullivan, c Probyn, b Cowell 3	R. Gourley, not out 0
Extras 12	Extras 14
102	85

INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL (SHIELD MATCH).

The above game was played at Sandown Lane on 17th May. We batted first, and made a poor display against the bowling of Band (5 for 14) and Billington (3 for 16). Lee (9) and Probyn (20) made a very useful stand. Birkenhead made very light of our bowling, and scored 170 for the loss of 8 wickets.

INSTITUTE.	BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.
J. Rumjahn, c F. Ashcroft, b Band ... 13	F. Ashcroft, b Cowell 61
R. Cowell, b Band 3	M. G. White, c Middleton, b Lee 3
F. J. Roberts, c L. C. Irvine, b Band... 11	L. C. Irvine, run out 9
G. E. Schweitzer, lbw b Irvine 2	G. V. Reiner, b Myers 19
P. Probyn, c White, b Billington 20	A. H. Ashcroft, b Cowell 2
J. C. Lee, b Ashcroft 9	E. Band, b Myers 18
H. Myers, c L. C. Irvine, b Billington... 2	R. Hodson, run out 1
E. Middleton, b Band 3	W. L. Irvine, not out 23
R. Gourley, c White, b Billington 0	W. R. Draper, b Lee 21
A. Challener, b Band 0	F. G. F. Browne, not out 4
P. F. Herbert, not out 2	Extras 9
Extras 4	170
69	E. E. Billington did not bat.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD INSTITUTE.

This match was played at Sandown Lane on 20th May. Our team was a weak one, Lee and Probyn being absentees. We batted first and made 72; Rumjahn was the chief scorer with 17. They replied with 51; 5 wickets fell to Gourley for 20 runs.

INSTITUTE.	BIRKENHEAD.
Rumjahn, b Brown 17	Mr. Matthews, c Henshaw, b Gourley 21
Roberts, c Beddoes, b Matthews 4	Beddoes, lbw, b Gourley 0
Cowell, c Robinson, b Matthews 5	Roberts, b Cowell 3
Schweitzer, c Carruthers, b Matthews 6	Robinson, b Gourley 6
Middleton, b Beddoes 12	Goslyn, c Roberts, b Gourley 9
Porter, c Nixon, b Brown 2	Price, b Cowell 0
Henshaw, b Matthews 9	Nixon, run out 0
Herbert, b Beddoes 6	Brown, b Cowell 0
Gourley, c Beddoes, b Matthews 1	Bancroft, b Gourley 0
Scaife, not out 0	Carruthers, c Scaife, b Cowell 2
Howlett, c Carruthers, b Beddoes 3	Lloyd, not out 4
Extras 7	Extras 6
72	51

INSTITUTE v WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The above match was played at Liscard on 24th May. Wallasey went to the wickets first and only managed to scrape 24 together. Our innings was declared at 87 for 6, out of which Probyn made a well hit 53. Wallasey went in again and made 31, leaving us victorious by an innings and 34 runs. Score:—

WALLASEY.	INSTITUTE.
Simpson, c Scaife, b Cowell 0	J. C. Lee, b Wade 9
Bowman, c Middleton, b Lee 2	P. Probyn, run out 53
S. Roche, b Cowell 0	R. Cowell, c Hall, b Cooper 4
Wade, b Lee 0	F. Roberts, lbw, b Hall 2
Evans, st Probyn, b Lee 10	E. Middleton, c Cowie, b Cooper 13
Cowie, c Probyn, b Cowell 2	G. Schweitzer, c and b Cooper 0
Toone, st Probyn, b Lee 0	W. Porter, not out 1
W. K. Hall, not out 2	Extras 5
Cooper, b Cowell 4	Total (6 wickets) *87
Colman, c Cowell, b Lee 1	
T. N. Jones, c Porter, b Cowell 0	
Extras 3	
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In their second innings Wallasey scored 31 runs.

*Innings declared.
R. Gourley, A. J. Henshaw, and W. S. Plastow did not bat.

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Oxton, on Saturday, 27th May, 1905. This, the return match with Birkenhead School in the Shield Competition, was of a very different character from the one played at Sandown Lane ten days before.

Having batted first, the Institute gave Birkenhead the not very formidable task of securing 63 runs for victory. It was thought that Birkenhead would, as usual against us, prove easy winners, but the bowling of Lee and Cowell on this occasion was so good that the first four of our opponents' wickets only placed them four runs on towards the required total; and had it not been for the fifth wicket partnership of A. H. Ashcroft—the Institute players are learning to respect that name—and W. L. Irvine, the Birkenhead total would have been very small indeed, as after this wicket fell only about a dozen runs were added.

A word of praise is certainly due to Cowell and Lee who, it can be said, were seen at their best in this match, and certainly deserved the compliments they received on the ground. A glance at the score will show the reader that Cowell's wickets were all "clean bowled," and if this is not sufficient testimony to his excellent deliveries, go and ask that poor off stump.

It was exceedingly gratifying to note that, although the condition of the ground was scarcely adapted to good fielding, there was an absence of that carelessness and looseness which from time to time has shown itself among the Institute fielders. Score:—

INSTITUTE.	BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.
A. Watters, b Band 0	F. Ashcroft, b Cowell 1
P. Probyn, c Reiner, b Billington 6	M. G. White, b Lee 0
R. Cowell, c L. Irvine, b F. Ashcroft ... 30	L. C. D. Irvine, c Porter, b Lee 0
H. J. Roberts, b Band 9	G. V. Reiner, b Cowell 1
E. Middleton, c F. Ashcroft, b Band ... 0	A. H. Ashcroft, b Cowell 38
J. C. Lee, b Billington 7	W. L. Irvine, c Probyn, b Lee 15
H. Myers, st W. Irvine, b F. Ashcroft ... 2	A. F. Willmer, b Cowell 0
W. Porter, st W. Irvine, b F. Ashcroft 1	E. Band, b Lee 5
A. J. Henshaw, c L. Irvine, b F. Ashcroft 1	R. Hodson, b Cowell 4
R. P. Gourley, st W. Irvine, b F. Ashcroft 1	T. G. F. Browne, b Cowell 0
H. G. R. Scaife, not out 1	E. E. Billington, not out 0
Extras 5	Extras 6
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63	70
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Going in again, the Institute made 36 for 3; Probyn 22 not out.

INSTITUTE.					
	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
E. Band	8	1	21	3	7
E. Billington	9	2	23	2	11.5
F. Ashcroft	7	3	13	5	2.6
BIRKENHEAD.					
Lee	16	6	30	4	7.5
Cowell	14.2	5	24	6	4
Myers	2	0	10	0	0

INSTITUTE v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Wednesday, 31st May, we entertained Manchester at Sandown Lane. The visitors batted first, and were all out for 76. Cowell took 9 for 28, and Probyn 1 for 15.

Rumjahn and Probyn opened our innings, and with no runs scored the former was bowled. Things were looking black, indeed, but Probyn and Cowell carried the score to 40 before being parted. We were now practically safe, and the innings closed for 89. So we earned our first victory at cricket over our Manchester friends. May we do as well at Manchester in July. Score:—

MANCHESTER.	INSTITUTE.
Boyes, c Porter, b Cowell 16	J. Rumjahn, b Thompson 0
Henthcote, c Rumjahn, b Cowell 0	P. Probyn, c Boyes, b Sutherland 22
Middleton, b Cowell 21	R. Cowell, c Middleton, b Farrow 19
Wilson, b Cowell 2	A. Watters, lbw, b Wilson 10
Bell, b Cowell 8	E. Middleton, b Thompson 2
Thompson, b Cowell 5	J. Lee, c and b Thompson 0
Holt, b Cowell 9	F. Roberts, c Middleton, b Thompson 8
Farrow, b Cowell 0	G. Schweitzer, c and b Prestwick 7
Sutherland, b Probyn 0	W. Porter, b Thompson 2
Prestwick, not out 4	R. Gourley, run out 1
Porter, b Cowell 1	H. Scaife, not out 2
Extras 10	Extras 16
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76	89
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INSTITUTE v. COWLEY SCHOOLS.

On 3rd June we journeyed to St. Helens, to play our return match with Cowley Schools. We batted first, and compiled 133. Our chief scorers were Probyn and Porter, 30 and 49 respectively. Against this our opponents made 56. Cowell took 5, Probyn 1, and Lee 3 (for 0). Score:—

INSTITUTE.	
Probyn, run out	30
Cowell, b Heaton	11
Lee, c Heaton, b Gandy	4
Roberts, lbw, b Gandy	2
Middleton, c and b E. Rigby	6
Myers, c A. Rigby, b E. Rigby	2
Porter, run out	49
Scrafe, b Gandy	7
Henshaw, b Gandy	0
Gourley, b E. Rigby	2
Challener, not out	10
Extras	11
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COWLEY.	
Mercer, c Challener, b Probyn	9
A. Rigby, b Cowell	6
Gandy, c Challener, b Cowell	5
Heaton, b Lee	26
Moxon, b Cowell	5
E. Rigby, b Cowell	9
Bald, run out	0
Prince, b Cowell	2
Haughton, b Lee	0
Davies, b Lee	0
Taylor, not out	0
Extras	3
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INSTITUTE v. CALDAY GRANGE.

On 7th June we visited Calday Grange on their pleasant little ground outside West Kirby. We batted first and made a poor start, losing 8 wickets for 38, but in the end we were able to declare at 124 for 9, chiefly through Roberts and Gourley, who made the School record last wicket stand (51 not out and 21 not out), and carried the score from 70 to 124.

INSTITUTE.	
Probyn, c Prince, b Remoli	12
Rumjahn, c Ingham, b Mr. Legge	1
Cowell, b Mr. Legge	5
Porter, run out	3
Middleton, b Mr. Legge	1
Watters, b Mr. Legge	7
Lee, lbw, b Remoli	1
Schweitzer, b Mr. Legge	2
Paterson, b Massey	6
Roberts, not out	51
Gourley, not out	21
Extras	14
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CALDAY.	
Dr. Briarley, b Lee	4
G. Massey, c Rumjahn, b Cowell	1
Mason, b Cowell	0
Remoli, st Probyn, b Lee	3
Mr. Legge, c Roberts, b Lee	14
P. Massey, b Cowell	0
Griffiths, b Cowell	0
Jessop, st Probyn, b Lee	0
Bower, run out	1
Ingham, b Lee	0
Prince, not out	1
Extras	5
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INSTITUTE v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Sandown Lane on 10th June. Lee took 5 wickets for 16, and Cowell 5 for 11. We made our highest score of the season: Rumjahn (23), Probyn (33), and Cowell (41) were the chief scorers.

WALLASEY.	
Toone, c Rumjahn, b Lee	10
Simpson, c Gourley, b Lee	3
Bowman, lbw, b Cowell	5
Fraus, c Rumjahn, b Lee	0
Wade, lbw, b Cowell	1
Cowie, not out	4
Cooper, b Cowell	0
M'Caig, b Cowell	0
Hall, c Rumjahn, b Cowell	0
Dodd, c Gourley, b Lee	4
Christiansen, b Lee	0
Extras	8
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INSTITUTE.	
Probyn, c Hall, b Bowman	31
Rumjahn, c Wade, b Cooper	23
Cowell, c Christensen, b Bowman	41
Lee, c Wade, b Bowman	9
Roberts, b Wade	11
Middleton, b Bowman	7
Schweitzer, not out	9
Paterson, not out	7
Gourley, did not bat	0
Scrafe, " "	0
Extras	14
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Total (6 wickets)	150

INSTITUTE 1ST XI v. MASTERS.

Played at Sandown Lane on 1st July. Mr. Tiffen did the "hat-trick." Score:—

1ST XI.	
J. Rumjahn, c Mr. Norman, b Mr. Kennard	10
F. Roberts, b Mr. Tiffen	9
R. Cowell, c Mr. Hall, b Mr. Kennard	7
W. Porter, b Mr. Tiffen	7
G. Schweitzer, b Mr. Tiffen	0
J. Lee, b Mr. Tiffen	1
A. Watters, not out	19
E. Henshaw, b Mr. Tiffen	0
R. Gourley, b Mr. Tiffen	0
J. Paterson, b Mr. Tiffen	0
A. Challener, c and b Mr. Hall	5
Extras	18
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MASTERS.	
Mr. Jackson, b Cowell	28
Mr. Coxhead, c Paterson, b Cowell	1
Mr. Kennard, b Cowell	0
Mr. Weisse, b Cowell	9
Mr. Tiffen, b Cowell	6
Mr. Hall, retired hurt	27
Mr. Norman, not out	11
Mr. Parkes, b Cowell	3
Mr. Turner, b Lee	0
Mr. S. Howlett, run out	8
Mr. Dutton, c Lee, b Cowell	0
Extras	13
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LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

This match was played at Crosby, on Saturday, 24th June. We batted first, but made rather a poor show—40 all out—Roberts doing the best with 12.

Our opponents soon passed our total, and made 124. Cowell bowled very well, taking 7 wickets for 51. We batted again, but could only make 32. It was altogether a very disappointing match. Score:—

INSTITUTE.	
P. Probyn, c Bottomley, b Hopkinson	1
R. Cowell, c and b Johnson	2
F. J. Roberts, b Johnson	12
W. Porter, c Chambers, b Johnson	5
G. Schweitzer, b Johnson	8
H. Scrafe, b Hopkinson	0
J. C. Lee, b Johnson	4
J. E. Paterson, b Hopkinson	0
E. Middleton, not out	2
R. P. Gourley, c Chambers, b Johnson	1
A. J. Henshaw, b Hopkinson	5
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MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.	
C. Alexander, b Cowell	14
G. Chambers, b Cowell	11
E. Johnson, b Cowell	34
S. Haworth, b Lee	13
R. B. Johns, b Cowell	31
C. Milton, b Cowell	3
S. Farmer, b Cowell	0
R. Annesley, b Cowell	1
W. Shepherd, c Porter, b Lee	7
J. Bottomley, b Lee	0
H. Hopkinson, not out	2
Extras	8
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	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Cowell	21	6	51	7	7.28
Lee	15.1	4	49	3	16.33

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

Played at Sandown Lane, on Saturday, 1st July, in doubtful weather. We won the toss, and decided to bat. Our start was fairly good, Roberts and Probyn each making 11. Later on, however, before the bowling of Chambers, our tail, with the exception of Cowell, who played very well for 17 not out, tumbled all to pieces. The total, 58, was, under the circumstances, good.

Merchant Taylors' soon found out that they would have anything but a "walk over" before them, our fielding, especially, being very good. Johnson, their captain, played very carefully, and when the tea interval arrived their total was 37 for 3. On resuming we did splendidly, and had seven of our opponents out for 40. Johnson, however, played beautifully, and our total was passed, the latter batsman carrying out his bat for 45 out of a total of 73. We played very well indeed, seeing we were handicapped by Cowell, our best bowler, not being able to bowl. Score:—

INSTITUTE.		MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.	
J. Rumjahn, c Alexander, b Johnson ...	6	C. B. Alexander, b Lee	13
F. J. Roberts, c Alexander, b Johnson ..	11	C. Milton, b Lee	1
W. Porter, c Johnson, b Annesley	2	G. Chambers, b Gourley	0
P. Probyn, b Chambers	11	E. H. Johnson, not out	45
G. Schweitzer, b Johnson	1	R. B. Johns, c Schweitzer, b Gourley ...	0
R. Cowell, not out	17	S. Haworth, lbw, b Porter	0
J. C. Lee, b Chambers	4	C. Steains, c Henshaw, b Lee	3
A. Watters, b Chambers	2	W. Shepherd, b Lee	0
A. J. Henshaw, b Chambers	1	R. Annesley, c Rumjahn, b Lee	9
R. Gourley, c and b Chambers	0	H. Hopkinson, c Roberts, b Gourley ...	0
S. Howlett, c Bottomley, b Johnson ...	0	J. Bottomley, b Lee	0
Extras	3	Extras	2
	<u>58</u>		<u>73</u>

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Johnson	18	9	24	4	6
Annesley	8	1	13	1	13
Chambers	7	2	10	5	2
J. C. Lee	13.4	1	36	6	6
R. Gourley	10	3	20	3	6.6
W. Porter	1	0	3	1	3

INSTITUTE v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Saturday, 8th July, ten of us journeyed to Manchester and returned without giving a decent account of ourselves; our only excuse was the very hard state of the wicket, to which we are unaccustomed. Watters played the best, both with bat and ball, but, on the whole, the less said about the match the better. Score:—

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.		INSTITUTE.	
A. S. Boyes, c Gourley, b Cowell	16	F. Roberts, c Prestwich, b Thompson...	0
A. E. Thompson, lbw, b Gourley	34	A. Watters, c Russell, b Thompson.....	15
J. F. Middleton, c and b Lee	33	W. Porter, b Wilson	2
A. Heathcote, run out	0	R. Cowell, c Thompson, b Wilson	0
J. M. Bell, b Gourley	6	P. Probyn, c Wilson, b Thompson	6
T. W. Russell, b Watters	1	J. Lee, b Thompson	0
S. F. Wilson, b Watters	2	G. Schweitzer, b Thompson	2
E. M. Holt, c Schweitzer, b Watters ..	7	Henshaw, not out	3
E. Prestwich, b Lee	0	Gourley, c Thompson, b Wilson	3
A. V. Sutherland, not out	9	Challener, b Thompson	1
B. A. Farrow, b Lee	7	Extras	6
Extras	19		
	<u>134</u>		<u>38</u>

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