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The crews foregather at Chester for the North of England Head of the River Race.

There goes the Thames Rowing Club boat, and there go the Liverpool Victoria Crew. Winning is a matter of timing and

the first in may be last, and the last may be first. Where have I heard that before? The Thames

Rowing Club won last year, with Liverpool Victoria Rowing Club as a glorious

but defeated second. Two Oxford Colleges have sent crews. Oriel, and St. Edmund Hall. Cambridge has sent only one crew from Clare College. In fact the Cambridge

eight are doing rather well. So are the Oxford St. Edmund

Hall crew. Of the Northern crews, Royal Chester and Lansbury shape best, but at the final timing it's doubtful if the honours will stay with the North. No, I have just got the result, and Clare has the best

time of seventeen minutes, ¹⁸~~forty-eight~~ seconds

for the $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles race.