THE CONWAY.

As has already been mentioned, Captain A. H. Ferris, of the barque Martha Fisher, which arrived here on Sunday last from Liverpool, is one of the Conway's old boys.

In conversation with a representative of The "Courier" yesterday, Captain Ferris gave some very interesting information with reference to the ship and the training

the young cadets undergo. After recounting some of his many training day experiences, the captain described the ship thus :

--" The Conway, as you are no doubt aware, was in the old days- better known as the Nile, a frigate which took part in several well-known naval engagements. 'She is stationed on the Mersey near Rock Ferry, and is one of the best known training ships in Great Britain. As a rule there are about 200 cadets undergoing training on her. The work is carried out on somewhat the same

lines as public schools. The instructors, which number some nineteen all told, include French, Spanish, and German masters, and navigation tutors. Of this class

of training vessel there are but two in Great Britain, the Conway and the Worcester, the latter being at-present stationed on the Thames. The cadets under training generally include boys from all parts of the

world. When I was on her besides lads from the British Isles, Canada, and the other colonies, we had among our number two Siamese.

Navigation and nautical astronomy are taught, and, 'in addition to these subjects, those who are preparing for the R.N.R. are instructed in small and heavy gun drill. Every year the Queen presents a gold medal to the most popular cadet on board the ship. The medal does not of

necessity go to the smartest boy, but is given to the one who is voted by his comrades the 'best fellow." Thorough discipline is kept, and on the whole the cadets turn out competent and skilful sailors."

In conclusion, Captain Ferris pointed out that two years on the ‘Conway counts as one at sea, so that a cadet leaving the ship and becoming an apprentice on a merchantman only has to serve three years before being

qualified to pass as second mate.