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School Notes.

The Spring Term! The period of hope. The curtain will soon fall on the long, dreary, sunless Winter, and, with the coming of Spring, latent enthusiasm and ambitions will revive.

At the present time, more than ever in the history of the Empire, there is need for ambition and grim determination on the part of every one of its members. More concentration, more intelligence, more effort, more self-reliance and more self-examination are necessary if our country is to maintain its proud position.

Matriculation and Higher School Examinations are rapidly approaching, and success can only come to those who rely on themselves. Masters and books can only direct and assist; concentration, intelligent study, and the spontaneous individual effort will bring about success. There is far too much pretence in the various branches of study; an hour or more is spent looking at a book, or muddling with a problem in mathematics or science. No one will derive any benefit from his studies unless these have called forth powerful mental effort and desire to acquire knowledge.

Every scholar in the School, if he desire to succeed, must also learn how to test himself step by step—that is, to invent for himself an examination at every stage of his work. He will then find out what he does not know, and can concentrate on weak subjects. The successful man of affairs has learnt what to discard and where concentration hastens the desired end. When each boy conducts daily his own examination, with himself as examiner, public examinations will have no terror for him.

Since our Prize-giving, two important results have been obtained: W. Godfrey has gained an Open Exhibition at Jesus College, Cambridge, in Modern Languages; and R. G. Elkington has obtained an Exhibition in History at Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge. These successes are well deserved, and result from brilliant and also painstaking effort. Both Godfrey and Elkington were able to weigh and measure their progress, and knew exactly how they stood at any time. In October next, a strong movement of the sixth form towards Cambridge will be noticed.

Mr. H. M. Walbrook has kindly offered to repeat next year his Shakespearian prize; the subject of the essay is "Coriolanus," and competitors should be reading and re-reading this play in order to obtain the required atmosphere.

At the Easter and Summer Examinations a question will be set on the life and work of certain artists and musicians. The details will be announced later. No one's education is complete unless he possesses a more or less extensive acquaintance with music, art, architecture and literature. Mr. Robertson will give, after half-term, a lecture on the pre-Raphaelite painters.

The Chamber Concerts arranged by the People's Concert Party for the School have been greatly appreciated, and the high quality of the music has stimulated the School Orchestra in their search for perfection. We are grateful to Mr. Llewellyn for so efficiently carrying out the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Geare's Children's Party and Concert at the end of last term was a great success, and the thanks of everyone are given to those parents who assisted so splendidly and who contributed so largely to the enjoyment of the evening.

We congratulate E. D. Whitehead on the way he managed the sale of his Christmas cards, and for the amount thus raised for the Battersea Hospital and for the Waifs and Strays Society.

Our new Advanced Chemistry Laboratory has already justified its existence: as announced last term, R. D. Satchell gained a Royal Scholarship in Chemistry at London University. Dr. Weeks, among other things, has discovered and prepared a series of metallic hydrides. Dr. Druce has added valuable information to our knowledge of tin compounds, and has now had the great good fortune to discover a new element, and has put his discoveries before the Chemical Society.

The Whist Drive on February 5th for Cadet Corps Funds was an enjoyable function, and also a financial success. Major Spooner, the indefatigable Adjutant, wishes to express his thanks for, and appreciation of, the work of A. F. de Ville, who has proved to be a very capable and successful business man.

House Notes.

BOLINGBROKE.

During the time which has elapsed since the last House Notes appeared, Bolingbroke has not distinguished itself greatly. This is due mainly to lack of enthusiasm on the part of the majority of the House, which nullifies the efforts of the few who do take an interest in their House.

The Swimming Sports, which took place at the end of the Summer Term, did not confer much honour on Bolingbroke, despite the work of some of the juniors, among whom may be mentioned Dunk and Sparks. Practise your swimming, therefore, juniors, always remembering that speed and not distance counts.

At cricket, Bolingbroke won two and lost three matches. Great commendation is due to Hockaday, who shone both as a batsman and a bowler. To the need of other good bowlers may be attributed our lack of success.

Bolingbroke started the football season lamely by only managing to draw with Erskine. This was because many of the regular members of the team were unable to play, thus seriously weakening the side. In other games we have been triumphant, scoring 14 goals against Trinity and 16 against St. John's. Barnes scored the majority of these, but mainly through the unselfish co-operation of the rest of the team. Hockaday must be congratulated on his quiet but successful captaincy, and the excellent spirit which pervaded the whole team. The junior team is not worthy of Bolingbroke, some of the members even not being keen enough to turn up to play.

However, Bolingbroke was second on the list of points in the cross-country run. This was due mainly to the efforts and success of Elkington and Hockaday, who came fifth and sixth. Still further praise is due to these two and the others who finished the course, when we consider the severe weather conditions prevailing at the time. The system of awarding points was such as to give an advantage to the House with a large number of finishers in a fairly high position. May this act as an incentive to those who are afraid to enter!

On the scholastic side this year Bolingbroke are supreme. W. Godfrey has secured a £40 Exhibition at Jesus College, Cambridge, and R. G. Elkington a similar award at Fitzwilliam Hall.

We have to regret the loss of H. C. Greetham, who is now at King's College, London. He is without doubt the most energetic captain which any House has ever had.

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DAWNAY.

We were very sorry to lose our previous Captain, R. F. Cole, in July last. Our best wishes go with him.

The keenness of the House has, however, persisted, and it continues to prosper. But before we speak of the events of the past term, the cricket and Swimming Sports, which took place before the summer holidays, must be mentioned. We had every reason to feel satisfied with the results of both. We congratulate Whitehead upon winning the School Swimming Championship. Thanks to him, to the relay teams, senior and junior, to Weir and all the other Dawnay swimmers, we triumphed at the Swimming Sports. The House Championship for the year depended upon the final polo match. We lost both, by a narrow margin, to Spencer.

Merrett, King, Hart, Jelley, and Marsden were awarded House Caps.

As for the new school year, all goes well so far. During the last term our senior football team, ably captained by Merrett, did what we expected of them. They beat Trinity and Erskine. They lost to Spencer, but we shall be surprised if they lose another match.

As the more discerning foresaw, we did extremely well in the School cross-country run, beating the other Houses by a comfortable margin of points. Milne, who finished third, ran remarkably well, and was one of the leaders from the start.

The juniors played but one match, which they lost after a well-fought game with Spencer. They should be more successful against the other Houses. But, although the House is undeniably weak in juniors this year, Lusby has far more trouble than he should in finding eleven juniors willing to play football for the House. Two or three are really keen, but, while there are eleven juniors in Dawnay House, it should be able to oppose eleven juniors to the junior football team of any other House.

Juniors, the House has fairer prospects than ever before; do not let us down. The fortunes of the House depend at least as much upon you as upon our senior members. You can win—or lose—as many points for the House as they.

“You know how little while we have to stay,
And, once departed, may return no more,”

and it is you who will have to step into our places. Please do not ruin the best chance we have ever had of winning the House Championship.

For over a year now the House has been on the up-grade. Excelsior! Think on the Athletic Sports—and train!

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ERSKINE.

The House results have been very satisfactory indeed. On the scholastic side, Catling, Perraudin, and Loughurst have passed the Matriculation Examination, and to them we tender our heartiest congratulations.

The football results this term have shown signs of much improvement, and some pleasing results have been obtained. Perraudin, who has unfortunately left us, was an exceedingly good back, and has been very much missed. Catling, Ferry, Munn and Levcrett have proved indispensable, and possess the qualities of very good players. Jenkins, although smaller and lighter than the average player, possesses the quickness of foot which has gained him a permanent position in the team. It is satisfactory to note that the remainder of the team have proved themselves to be quite efficient, and are likely to improve in time. The seniors have won two games, lost and drawn one, and have yet to play Spencer, who will, no doubt, prove to be our most formidable antagonists. The junior football is progressing exceedingly well under the able leadership of Tozer. It is extremely probable that our juniors will come out top in the Junior Championship. Amongst others, Parker, Clout and R. Williams have proved their worth on the field of play in a very satisfactory manner. There is no reason why our juniors (if they maintain their present standard) should not rank amongst the foremost footballers in the School when they become seniors.

In the cross-country run, fairly satisfactory results were obtained for the House, Eyles taking fourth place, thereby gaining 11 points towards the House Championship. We cordially welcome Mr. Peacock in his new position of House Master. Let us celebrate his advent by winning the Championship. By the time these notes are in print we hope that every boy in the House will have entered for the Sports, thereby doing his bit to help win for us the coveted position.

Heartly thanks to W. Duprée and Catling for the interest they are taking in the life of the House. We would urge our loyal enthusiasts to see that no Erskinite is absent from House meetings and other social functions.

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SPENCER.

For the last three years we have been the "Cock House," but this year's result is by no means certain. We are not nearly as strong this year as we have been before, whereas the other Houses, and Dawnay in particular, are much stronger. Our seniors still predominate in all activities. To mention a few, we have Brown, de Ville, Jones, H. Godfrey, Curwen, Doel, Wiffen, Whale, Tiffin, Kiloh. We provide the most, and best, players for the School elevens, and yet we are in doubt about this year's Championship! It is our juniors—for they are very weak and let us down badly.

We congratulate Molyneaux on his splendid performance in the Swimming Sports, when he was runner-up for the School Championship. L. E. Young also dived and swam well. The water polo team beat Dawnay in the final, and we have again won the Shield.

During the year, House Caps have been awarded to Kiloh, Godfrey, and Tiffin.

The cricket season was a great success for us. "Cabby" took us through the season with an unbroken record, despite a draw against Erskine. The rest of our games were easy. We should doubtless have beaten the "Rest Team," for we had the first eleven attack, and "Cabby" was always sure with the "willow." The juniors won only two games.

This year's Sports are very near, and by the time that these Notes are printed all entries will have been given in. We shall win the Sports, and we shall provide the School Champion. The latter will be one of the following: Brown, Jones or Wiffen. The "odds" favour—no, I shan't tell you. Buck up and train, and don't forget that Mr. Carroll gives up his Easter holidays for our benefit. He will be at the 23rds Drill Hall every morning at 11 o'clock. Don't let him down.

So far this football season we have done quite well. We have won all our games. Seniors' results: beat St. John's, 10—0; beat Dawnay, 8—1; Juniors beat Dawnay, 7—1.

We congratulate our late Captain, N. F. Dorey, on gaining a commission in the School Corps. Well done, "Chic."

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Sr. JOHN'S.

The close of the Summer Term saw the completion of the School careers of many of our senior members, whom we wish every success in the future, whilst regretting the loss to the House. Already we miss the presence of Macmullan and Field in our Soccer teams. So now is the chance for younger members of the House to fill the gaps and show their mettle.

Every member should try to raise his interest in St. John's "Politics," and not leave all the work and all the achievements to a few keen spirits who toil wholeheartedly.

The cross-country run was won by a member of this House, Cohen, whom we congratulate on his success, especially as he was at the head of the field the previous year. Worthy of praise are our members, Wells and Histed, who, although obtaining no points, yet ran well.

Unfortunately the House football has not improved this term. We need weight. The juniors have had little opportunity to exhibit their prowess, as the weather has been inclement, preventing their matches with Erskine and Bolingbroke. However, under the capable captaincy of Kennedy, who is proving himself an excellent footballer, they should do well. If you put your whole hearts and bodies into the work, juniors, you will win every time. The senior results have been far less satisfactory. We lost heavily to Bolingbroke and Spencer, and only drew with Trinity after a hard-fought game. But this does not represent our true worth. Atkins and Lisle make a fine pair of hacks, who play consistently and well. Wells proves a bustling half-back, and Kelly at centre-forward has scored most of our goals.

Spring is coming, and with it we greet the advent of Sports Day. If we wish to regain our lost laurels, we must train hard during the Easter holidays.

The following have been awarded their Colours for performances during the year: Cohen, for athletics; Lisle and Harvey, for football and cricket. We regret the sudden leaving of the latter.

Among the juniors, Colours go to Kennedy, A. K. Brown, and Histed.

We have the material, St. John's; try hard and, success will be ours. Nil desperandum!

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TRINITY.

Since the last House Notes appeared, we have lost our Captain, F. J. Elliott. We extend our best wishes for his future welfare.

In cricket, both seniors and juniors did extremely well—the seniors finishing second to Spencer, and the juniors second to Erskine. L. W. King gave several brilliant displays for the seniors, while S. T. Wincote made a good score against both Bolingbroke and Dawnay.

Trinity, as usual, provided the largest number of entries for the Swimming Sports. All our swimmers put up a good fight, and our thanks go to the following, who helped us to finish at third place:—F. I. Green, A. R. Harris, D. V. Henschley, and A. W. Stephenson. Congratulations to the junior relay team! No mean feat, second to such a team as Dawnay was able to provide.

In the final list of points obtained by the Houses during the last School year we were third. Thanks, Trinitarians, but see to it that we head the list next time!

Now we must turn our attention to our activities during the current School year.

In football we have not been too successful. The juniors have defeated St. John's, but lost to Erskine, while the seniors have yet to record a win. The spirit existing throughout the seniors has not been what it should have been. On several occasions the senior team has had to turn out short. The juniors are, however, very keen, and we look to them to retrieve our lost laurels.

In the cross-country run, Trinity showed the other Houses what enthusiasm can achieve. We provided over one-third of the entrants, and although W. K. Chalmers was our first man home, at sixth place, Trinity were adjudged third. We have also to thank H. G. Hawke, S. T. Wincote and D. V. Henschley for their splendid performances.

The following have been awarded Colours for meritorious service to the House:—J. A. B. Cairns, K. D. Carter, W. K. Chalmers, H. G. Hawke, D. V. Henschley, R. H. Willis, W. F. Willis, and S. T. Wincote.

By the time these notes are in print the entries for the Athletic Sports will be complete. Don't forget, you hopefuls, start training now, and when May 14th arrives Trinity will be well to the front!

Nature and Poetry.

"And this our life, exempt from public haunt,
Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

Duke Senior, banished from his court by a grasping brother, uttered the above remarks as he and his lords wandered aimlessly through the leafy glades of the beautiful Forest of Arden. How true are his words! Only a lover of Nature could say them. "Dull would he be of soul" who could not admire the beauties of the countryside.

The trees are bursting forth into leaf, and the grass below our feet is now clothed in its freshest hue. High above those lofty elms the birds are chirping gaily in the clear blue sky. The hedgerows are interspersed with flowers; masses of primroses are showing their golden heads on the mossy banks. The woods seem carpeted with blue; the stream goes "babbling over stony ways in little sharps and trebles." The wind sighs in the treetops and bluebells yield to its gentle pressure. In the fields the ploughman trudges along the furrow, whistling as he follows his horses. The air is swarming with birds seeking worms. Their cries of triumph are almost deafening. In an adjoining meadow the new-born lambs are skipping gaily. Everything is full of life; everything is joyous; Spring is here!

High in the cloudless sky the golden sun is shining brightly, whilst the air is full of buzzes and chirps. The bees glide on their way through the hazy air, and the butterflies flit by lazily. Honeysuckle and dog-roses have appeared in the hedgerows. The corn has not yet "attained a beard," but the banks are "quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine, with sweet musk roses and with eglantine." The pine tops seem blue when viewed through the hot air. Roses blush in the cottage gardens, while cows low in a distant meadow. A gentle zephyr disturbs the air; Summer now holds us in its magic spell.

The falling leaves have changed their tints from verdant green to glorious reds; the wind, no longer a gentle zephyr, causes showers of gaudy leaves. The flowers are dying and the mossy banks have already lost their attractiveness. The corn stands in sheaves, and flocks of birds are seeking stray grains. The timid squirrel is collecting his hoard of nuts, for he knows that grim old Winter is once again returning.

The countryside is buried in snow, the fields are virgin white. Here and there a forlorn robin is searching for crumbs, and earning but a poor pittance. The stream no longer chatters as it flows between its once grassy banks in the bare, deserted woods. Nature is dead? No, it cannot be; she is only asleep and is resting; within a few months she will awake as vigorous as ever.

Poets and Nature are inseparable, but she appeals to some poets more than to others, and much of our poetry has been written in praise of her. The poet observes with his mind as well as his eye—but what is more, he expresses his emotions in language which for beauty and simplicity cannot be surpassed. Can anything be better than Gray's inimitable masterpiece, which begins, "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day"? How beautiful and simple is the language, but yet how exact is the picture which it calls up in the mind!

We cannot have a finer picture of eventide than: "Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight." The elegy has been attacked as being full of inconsistencies. What matters that? It is beautiful and full of the poet's soul, and so it will remain, in spite of critics' attacks. To name all the Nature poets would indeed be laborious, but Nature and poetry have this in common—they are beautiful and simple.

Wordsworth is undoubtedly the greatest of Nature poets, but he, by his love of Nature, was almost carried into a state of pantheism. If we are not careful, our love of Nature will develop into a similar state. Pantheism is unnatural and is almost devil worship. If we appreciate Nature in the proper manner we shall not drift into pantheism, but, with Mrs. Browning, we shall say that "every common bush is afire with God."

H. G. MORRIS.

Prize Distribution.

The annual distribution of prizes took place on the evening of Monday, December 21st, 1925. The Battersea Town Hall was filled by the boys, their parents, and friends. Canon Foster Pegg, Chairman of the Governors and Rural Dean, was in the chair, and supporting him on the platform were the Bishop of Southwark, who distributed the prizes, the Mayor of Battersea (Councillor Young, J.P.), Alderman Cresswell, G. A. Christian, Esq., Rev. G. H. Bell, Rev. W. E. Rose, together with the Headmaster and staff.

The audience, led by the School Choir, sang the hymn, "Hark, hark, my soul," and during the evening the Choir sang a part song, "The Cloud." The Orchestra played a suite from "Othello," and a selection from "The Mikado." Two solos on the cello were given by L. J. Bates.

In the course of his report, the Headmaster referred to the increased number of boys in the School, and to the higher level of attainment in academic work, shown not only by the examination results, but also by the fact that in the previous week five boys had gone up to Cambridge to compete for open scholarships.

The Old Grammarians continued to take great interest in the School. One of them, Mr. H. M. Walbrook, the dramatic critic, had kindly offered a prize for an essay on a play of Shakespeare; and this offer had been renewed for the next year. In the social life of London University, as well as in the academic life, Old Boys were taking a prominent part.

Considerable attention had been devoted during the year to subjects of general and refining influence. The Medici Society's collection of reproductions of the world's most famous pictures had been presented to the School by the Governors. These pictures had been hung in prominent places in the buildings and in the classrooms themselves, and boys were rapidly becoming acquainted with the works of the great artists of the various schools. The general study of architecture had also been introduced.

During the coming term a series of chamber concerts had been arranged, and an opportunity of hearing the best classical music would thus be given. Parents were to be invited to help the cost of these concerts by taking tickets.

The School grounds had been fully used during the year, and each boy could now take part in at least one game a week. The ground had been levelled and drained, and in spite of its constant use was in good condition.

The report concluded with a reference to the collections made by the School Captain for the Bolingbroke Hospital and the Waifs and Strays Society.

In introducing the Bishop of Southwark to the audience, the Chairman gave expression to the pleasure the Governors felt at the progress of the School. He hoped that the boys now in the School would, when their time came, maintain the high standard of work to which the Honours' List bore witness. He believed that the time was approaching when the School would be of even increased importance. Plans for a new building on the present site had been prepared, and he hoped that in the near future they would be carried out. The aim of the Governors, he continued, had always been to build up character; to subdue the

many-headed monster within the man, and to ennoble the man. To turn out true men was the purpose in their mind. The numbers of the School were now approaching the limit. Six hundred boys would be enough. If there were more, the Headmaster would be unable to come into that personal contact with the boys which meant so much in the building up of character.

The Bishop of Southwark congratulated the School on its progress and success. The necessity of the wise development of education was recognised by all. The old phrase, "a ladder of education," was no longer our desire. What we sought was "a broad highway," open to all who knew how to use it rightly. The importance of this could be realised when we remembered that youth had now come into its own. No longer had the aged the monopoly of wisdom. But it was essential that the young man should have every benefit that education could give, in order that he might make the fullest and wisest use of each opportunity that presented itself. One of the great nations of the world was being governed by its youth, and the experiment in Italy was being closely watched by other nations. Whatever its event, the experiment was an interesting one.

No matter what we thought about democracy, we were all agreed, continued the Bishop, that government by an uneducated democracy was the worst form of government. The more power the people hold, the more necessary was it that their education should aid them in its proper use.

A certain circular issued by the Government had created much alarm. But explanations had since been given which had removed the first impression that economy was more important than education.

His Lordship then referred to the importance of cultivating an appreciative sense of beauty. His remarks were illustrated by a reference to the action of the L.C.C. in allowing Charing Cross Bridge, one of the ugliest things in creation, to exist, when they had decided that Waterloo Bridge was to be replaced. If the people of London possessed that true sense of beauty, they would not allow their Council to deprive them of one of their beautiful possessions until every means of saving it had been tried.

A well-proportioned education was the right of everyone. This would mean the broadening of our mental outlook, and an increased confidence. Above all, it would teach us to form our own opinions, rather than rely on the lead of others. Far better was it to read those newspapers whose opinions were contrary to our own, and thus to see the opposite point of view, than slavishly to follow the lead of any particular paper. To-day it was possible in too many cases to tell what papers a man read by listening to the speeches he made. The object of modern education was to give everyone the opportunity of breaking away from this habit and of forming his own opinions.

After the prizes had been distributed, Alderman Cresswell proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, in the course of which he recalled the great social and industrial reforms made possible by the spreading of education amongst all classes of people.

Seconding this vote, Mr. Christian pointed out that the presence of the Bishop of Southwark reminded us all of the part played by the Church generally, and especially in our own diocese, in the development of education.

In supporting the vote, which was heartily carried, the Chairman tendered the best thanks of the meeting to the Orchestra and Choir

for the excellent way they had carried out the musical part of the programme.

The Mayor then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and entertained us all with his recollections of a certain time when the Parents met the School at cricket, and of the feelings of one particular parent on that occasion. This, said his Worship, was his first opportunity of "getting a little of his own back."

This vote was seconded by the Rev. W. E. Rose, father of W. E. Rose, who distinguished himself by winning an open scholarship at Cambridge during the year. Mr. Rose referred to the opportunities that awaited boys to-day, and urged parents to take the school authorities into consultation about their sons' careers.

When this vote was carried, the School Orchestra played a selection from "The Mikado," and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Classical Music and the Schoolboy.

The average schoolboy has not a great liking for classical music. The reason in many cases why he prefers "jazz" is that classical music needs thought and understanding, whereas the so-called jazz is extremely simple. Jazz is closely allied to very primitive music. In both cases there is a great deal of "percussion"—the technical term for sound produced by striking. Instruments in the above category are the banjo, the drum, and the piano. These instruments are very evident and necessary in jazz music to produce the rhythmical monotony characteristic of it.

Two of the instruments mentioned above are also present in the primitive natives' band in slightly modified forms. Thus, one who takes a delight in jazz, to my mind, has not developed in his musical perception since the primitive man.

To be able to appreciate classical music one must understand it. Since very many boys have no training in music they do not understand it, and therefore it does not interest them. If they want to enjoy classical music they must have some slight training. Perhaps some would say it is not worth the trouble. These people are making a grievous mistake. They do not know what they are missing. Classical music, when understood, is one of the most fascinating studies. In order to appreciate it a boy should either learn the essentials of harmony, counterpoint and composition, or learn an instrument. This training is equivalent to learning the rules of football or cricket. If one does not know these, then one cannot hope to understand the game. Learning the structure of musical pieces is merely learning the rules.

Of course, all people who understand music do not like the same style. This is only natural, because no two temperaments are alike. But since there are very many different styles, it is not hard for one to find a composer whose music one likes. There is a tremendous amount of variety in good music. If one cannot enjoy the heavy harmony of Brahms, one should make a point of listening to Chopin's pianoforte studies. Or, again, if very intricate music tires you, you should not listen to Haydn, but to Schubert, or a similar composer. In time, however, you will learn to appreciate all types of well-written music.

When we listen to pieces we should not forget the life of the

composer. Perhaps the most striking example is Mozart, who was a musical progeny at six. After writing many great works he died at about thirty years of age without a farthing, and had to be buried in a pauper's grave. He wrote for the love of it, so we ought to show respect by patiently listening to his works. In conclusion, I can quite conscientiously state that, to the schoolboy, music is worth while, and can be a great pleasure to him if he will only take the trouble to understand it.

L. J. BATES.

Cadet Corps.

We certainly do not lack numbers, and the high positions obtained in the various competitions for Drill and Physical Training give us reason to think we are not inefficient, but, unfortunately, these results are gained by a small majority of the Corps, who are in possession of uniforms. The large minority out of uniform is a great handicap in the actual training, for the longer the Cadet remains out of uniform, the longer is the Recruit training, with its consequent loss of promotion. Unless a Cadet is in possession of a uniform, he cannot take his place in the Company and obtain the physical advantages, and mental and moral qualities which are to be gained from the training. The general idea is to fit a boy to take as high a position in life as his mental capabilities and physical fitness will allow. Those who are qualified to judge are of the opinion that the mental faculties are greatly improved by the training, and there is not the slightest doubt that it is a valuable help to physical development during the years that it is most needed. Therefore, it should be every Cadet's great aim on joining the Corps to get his parents interested in the work, so that they will purchase his uniform as early as possible. In this way he will be able to take his proper place in one of the uniformed Companies of the Corps, and thus lighten the work of a much-harassed Adjutant. Perhaps these few words will make a big improvement in the uniform problem in the near future.

The Officers and the other Companies of the Battalion heartily congratulate "A" Company on obtaining 2nd place in the County of London, and 1st place amongst School Corps in the County, in the Lucas-Tooth Physical Training Competition. Those actually taking part in the Competition will be presented with medals in due course. "A," "B" and "C" Companies have gained these medals in past years. "B" Company in 1922, "C" Company in 1923 and 1924, and "A" Company in 1925. It now remains for the "H.Q." and "D" Companies to do likewise, and so gain a record for the Battalion.

Musketry is still the weakest of our subjects, but we hope, with the able coaching of Captain H. Harris and extra shooting, to make a big improvement this term. Teams are competing in the Studd Cup and the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs' Spring Junior Competition. Mr. Blake has kindly presented five medals to the Corps for shooting. These will be competed for this term. The undermentioned won the medals and certificates given annually by the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs:—Lord Roberts Medal, Sergeant C. S. Hall, "B" Coy.; Bell Medal, Sergeant K. C. Rees, "C" Coy.; Times Certificate, Cadet E. T. Squires, "B" Coy.; Sunday Times Certificate, Cadet R. E. Eyles, "B" Coy.; Daily Telegraph Certificate, Cadet T. F. Hughes, "A" Coy.; Daily Mail Certificate, Cadet J. S. Hawker, "A" Coy. There

are several " budding Wallingfords " in " C " Company, so the musketry prospects are much brighter for the future.

The Corps has received several kind invitations to join the Brigade and Public Secondary Schools Camps, but have had to decline them as we are holding our own camp, as we have done for the past four years. The site chosen is the same as last year—Whitecliff Bay, Bembridge, Isle of Wight. It is an ideal spot for a camp, and in addition, has one of the safest bathing places on the Island. Those who went last year, and who, I am quite sure, are going this, will give all the information required about camp life and its activities to those interested. To those who have not been to camp I say, " Come and enjoy a delightful fortnight." Now is the time to make payments for camp. Major W. Spooner will be pleased to receive large or small sums from those who wish to go, after parade on Fridays.

Field Days seem to be things of the past, but we hope to revive them this term (weather permitting). It is quite a long time since the Battalion crawled through the bracken in Richmond Park, and if we have the pleasure of doing so this term, Section Commanders will have a good opportunity of showing the knowledge they have gained from that delightful little book, " Section in Attack." This little gem can be obtained from any bookseller, price 2d. The Corps has worked over most parts of the Park, but if there are any sections we have missed we hope to find them on our next Field Day.

The syllabus of training for Companies as arranged by the Adjutant is a very sound one, and if Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers wish to get the best out of their units they should read up the parts carefully and put them into practice. The information cannot be gained during parade. Those who have depended on the knowledge gained on parades to answer questions for promotion examinations have found their names a long way down the list. The reading in conjunction with parades is the best course, and those who follow this method will find the extra time spent on the reading will greatly repay them both on the parade ground and in the examination room. J.M.C.

The School is to be Rebuilt!

Sentiment is not usually associated with ugliness. Very few people, for instance, walking near Hungerford Bridge—to quote the classic example—on a dull morning, can feel much sentiment as they contemplate that ugliest of buildings. Those who desire to put themselves in a contented or tender frame of mind, would rather stand and gaze on Westminster Abbey or Waterloo Bridge than regard Charing Cross Bridge or Liverpool Street Railway Station.

One would imagine, therefore, that everybody who attends or who passes by the ugly edifice, which contains the masters and pupils of Battersea Grammar School, would, like Hazlitt, " laugh, run, leap, sing for joy " at the knowledge that the School is to be rebuilt. It is not, of course, such an architectural monstrosity as the examples given above; it is, however, a building that nobody who possesses any artistic feeling could admire. The new wing, containing the Headmaster's Study and Rooms 4, 8, 9, and 11, is by no means ugly, but, standing close to that most inartistic, unshapely wing containing the Hall, it loses its beauty and only adds to the incongruity of the whole.

Charing Cross Bridge has some apologists—the officials of the Southern Railway. They urge that it is useful—especially to the railway—as it gives passengers from the south a station on the northern side of the River Thames. If it is not ornamental, they plead, it has grounds for defence on the score of its utility. It is able, more or less satisfactorily, to transport passengers across the Thames, and can do it quite as well as any of the more beautiful bridges. The Grammar School building can have no apologists to put forward the claim that it is fulfilling its function of housing the pupils of the School as well as any other building could do, since it is eminently unsuitable for its task. In many respects, it is all that a school-building should not be. No attempt is made to exclude the multiple, disturbing noises of the traffic in St. John's Hill; many of the passages are far too narrow and result in traffic problems, as acute as many in London; in some of the rooms pillars obstruct the light (and the master's vision); many another defect we could find, all tending to show that the present construction is neither useful nor ornamental.

Yet one thinks that there will be some regrets when work begins on the demolition of the present building and the construction of its successor. Members of the School who attend before and after the alteration will in all probability miss something, will feel that it is not altogether for the best that the change has been effected. One reason is, probably, that the present building is gloriously irregular. In its place we shall expect to see erected a regular, neat-looking, typical school-building, like most of the buildings erected under the supervision of the London County Council. The rooms will be of uniform size, with rectangular windows of a definite height and width, the corridors will all be just the correct size—all, in fact, will be monotonously regular.

In our present school, we do possess certain distinctive features. We have our cloisters, the " Arches "; we have the two playgrounds, large and small; we have the parapet; we have the remains of an old stable building (where Room 19 now is); and, maybe, people with romantic minds could add to this list.

Consider, moreover, how many of our time-honoured institutions will disappear. No longer will the inhabitants of Room 11 chafe against the destiny which placed them in the immediate vicinity of the headmagisterial study; no longer will irate masters in Rooms 15, 16, 17, and 18 turn grey in one lesson, because of the monotonous thump accompanying the drill lesson above; no longer will sinners in history have to repent and atone for their misdeeds beneath the earth; no longer will Pluvius be able to vent his wrath upon us as we wend our way to the temporary classrooms (Rooms 24 to 27); no longer will the traffic problem in the Hall be so acute; no longer will the innocent Monitors in their room be forced to undergo the punishment of listening to the vocal efforts of would-be singers in Room 13; no longer will the boys in Room 4 have their present lofty and angelic position, whence they can scornfully gaze down on the howling mob below—all this will pass away. Perhaps the new building will be able to supply the School with substitutes for these institutions; but such an occurrence is not likely, seeing that the new building is to be built definitely as a school.

" The old order changeth, yielding place to new." The time has come when utility and congruity will replace unsuitability and incongruity, when our old building must give place to a new one.

" Yet shall some tribute of regret be paid,
When her long life hath reached its final day."

R. G. ELKINGTON,

University Letter.

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
February 1st, 1926.

Dear Sir,

In writing this "Cambridge Letter" at your request, I naturally think of those written by my predecessors, and wonder which model to imitate. What is most surprising is that in spite of them all, and in spite of numerous conversations with Cambridge men, past and present, I had very little idea of what Varsity life was like before I came up here. I shall therefore conceal my lack of humorous anecdotes by sketching a day in the life of a poor, overworked undergraduate, like myself.

I have the good fortune to be in College, and occupy two small but very cosy rooms in the Tower. My sitting-room boasts a novel fireplace underneath the window, so that the window-sill forms a mantel-piece about one yard broad and a yard and a half long. I also possess one "bedder" and one "bedder's 'elp." A "bedder" is a queer animal, which never quits its hat and apron, comes out of its hole at 6 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., washes up, makes beds, beats carpets and licks jam-spoons. About 7 a.m. the estimable couple tidy up my sitting-room and lay breakfast. This lasts a quarter of an hour, but it scarcely wakes me now. If the "bedder" does not succeed in waking me, the chapel bell often does (7.40). Including Dean and Reader, the average attendance at morning chapel is three. Once the Reader was the only one present. Some time between this and 8.25 I rise and dress. About 8.15 my breakfast is brought up, and the more sensible of the buttery-boys place it in the fender if the fire is alight.

From 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. I work hard, unbelievable though that may be. My lectures amount to sixteen hours per week, but reading and written work take quite a lot of time. One o'clock sees me take the shortest cut to my lunch, which finished, I stroll down to the Cam for a little light exercise. This term I have not been found good enough for the second boat, and have been converting myself into a reserve for stroke side by means of tubbing. It is useful to be able to row both sides, but a trifle confusing at first.

A few weeks ago a novice accepted a bet that he would not row twelve consecutive strokes in a "funny" without falling in. The course was from Sidney grind to Goldie boathouse. He completed the course but lost his bet, from which you may learn that a "funny" is easily capsized.

Tea is the most social meal, the meal to which one invites all one's friends, hoping for a return visit later. Hall (to the vulgar known as dinner) is at 6.30. It is the only meal normally taken in Hall. Other meals you prepare yourself or have sent up from the kitchen.

Societies and clubs uncountable hold their meetings at about 8.30. This absorbs two or three evenings a week, the gaps being filled up with work by the studious and "flicks" by those who are studying for "specials." At 10 p.m. the door is locked. All who come in after that hour are fined twopence. After 11 p.m. the fine is fourpence, and if you fail to keep a "twelve," the Dean will be interested.

I have already been far too long, so will close with a reminder that Oxford have already lost the rugger, cross-country and relays, and only managed to draw at soccer. They will have to be better than they usually are to win the boat-race, the athletics or the cricket match.

And, lastly, I hear that at the Annual Dinner of the O.G.'s (Cambridge Branch) the President announced, amid tumultuous applause, that our numbers would be at least trebled next year. I hope he has under-estimated.

I remain, yours sincerely,
W. E. ROSE.

Football.

The troubles experienced by last year's elevens have not this year been re-encountered, owing to the excellent work of our groundsman. Two large pitches have been in constant use, and no matches have had to be cancelled owing to the condition of the ground.

Further, the season has seen the re-formation of a 5th XI., and our Secretary, J. A. B. Cairns, is to be congratulated on obtaining for them a series of fixtures which, we believe, he hopes further to increase and improve upon next season.

At a first glance the results may not appear to indicate that the 1st XI. is up to the usual standard, but although it is not for the writer to praise the eleven, he feels sure that it is playing good and sporting football. Early games showed clearly that the team was again to suffer from lack of weight. The formation of the forward line also raised difficulties, but these were overcome by the unexpected, but welcome, appearance of H. R. Barnes, a new-comer to the School, who successfully filled the centre-forward position.

Of the games before Christmas, the most interesting was that against the Old Grammarians, who defeated the School by eight goals. The School played pluckily, but were beaten by the pace of the Old Grammarians' forwards, notably Weston. I should here like to take the opportunity of thanking the Old Grammarians' Association on behalf of the 1st XI. for the splendid time we had at the Association's Annual Dinner.

We commenced the season by losing rather unexpectedly to Wandsworth Secondary School in a high-scoring match. The eleven, individually good, was as a team not very convincing, this fault being mainly due to the impossibility of arranging practice games. This lack of cohesion, coupled with the weight of the opposing team, resulted in a second defeat at the hands of St. Olave's. A much weakened team lost to Roan's away very heavily. Against Isleworth County School two matches have been played, the first being lost by the odd goal in five, and the return game being won by six goals to four. This was the County's first defeat of the season. Archbishop Tenison's have twice been defeated, and the Lower School of John Lyon went down before us at Harrow after leading to within twenty minutes of the final whistle. Regent Street Polytechnic defeated us at home after an exciting tussle.

Jones, at left back, has proved a tower of strength, only lacking a really powerful left kick. Behind him, Holloway has given some brilliant exhibitions, his best being against the Old Grammarians, but has at times somewhat marred an excellent performance by spasms of shakiness, due no doubt to lack of experience. He certainly does not lack courage or agility. Although not speedy, Welch has done good work, using both his head and feet to full advantage, while Duprée has the makings of a good half-back. C. A. Brown, last year's back, has adapted himself well to forward play, enabling Barnes to score on many occasions. Willis, at outside right, although having a style of his own, has proved



a valuable asset to the team, and often pierces the opposing defence without apparent effort.

The 2nd XI., under the captaincy of G. W. Hockaday, has enjoyed a fairly successful half-season. As a team they have worked well together, sharing their goals in an unselfish manner. The formation of the left wing, however, has caused no little trouble and not a few experiments. It is a noticeable fact that although there are quite a few natural left-foot kickers in the School, apart from Kelly there is no effective left-winger of suitable age for the 2nd XI.

The 3rd XI. has won five and lost four games. The combination has been good, but the team always suffered when it was necessary to bring in a reserve in place of a regular member. Mr. Geare and the Captain, P. M. King, must be congratulated on the success of the team.

The 4th and 5th XI.'s, under Wincote and Simms respectively, in spite of the fact that they have been matched against the higher elevens of other schools, are doing very creditably, winning as many as they lose.

In the 4th XI., Kennedy, Tozer and the captain have all done excellent work, whilst in the 5th XI., Hawke, though small, is an effective goalkeeper, and Clout, A. K. Brown, Treble and Histed have shown us that it is science, not weight, that really counts.

The Third Forms seem to be full of talent, containing such players as Dunn, Tilbrook, Histed, Oliver, Kennedy, Tozer, Clout and Willis, R. H., and we hope that these will, in their turn, produce a team equal to, or better than, that of Yates and Belchamber.

The Egyptian Stela.

The Egyptian stela recently presented to the School by Mr. Ashdown has now, through the courtesy and kindness of Miss Margaret Murray, M.A., the senior lecturer in Egyptology at University College, been translated. It is an ordinary funerary inscription of about the XXVIth dynasty, but the chief point of interest, the owner's name, is unfortunately indecipherable.

The deceased, on the extreme right, is depicted in the act of worshipping the four sons of the god Horus, each of whom bear the emblem of the West. These are, from right to left: (i.) Mesthy, human headed; (ii.) Hapi, ape headed; (iii.) Dua-mut-ef, jackal headed; (iv.) Qeb-sen-uf, falcon headed.

The inscription reads as follows:—

Line 1.—[May the king give] an offering to Osiris, chief of the Westerners.

Line 2.—The great god, Lord of Busiris, may he give funeral offerings of bread and beer, oxen and birds.

Line 3.—and all things good and pure, all things sweet and growing . . .

Lines 4 and 5 are unfortunately too much damaged to be deciphered.

G.S.G.

Service for the Commemoration of the Late Queen-Mother.

On Friday, November 27th, Alexandra, the Queen-Mother, was laid to rest, and a short Commemoration Service was held in the School Hall at the same time as the public funeral at Westminster Abbey.

The School was fortunate on this occasion in welcoming the Rev. D. McGregor, C.T.A., Curate at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, and we thank Mr. Physick for obtaining his consent to be present.

The service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," after which a short lesson was read from the Epistle to the Thessalonians, beginning, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." Then several collects were read from the Burial Service, followed by the reciting of the Lord's Prayer by the whole School.

When the School Choir had rendered the 23rd Psalm to a dignified Gregorian setting, the Rev. D. McGregor delivered a short address to the School.

Beginning with a tribute of deep respect to Queen Alexandra as the Queen-Mother, he went on to describe how this gracious lady had won the love of the whole nation by her whole-hearted devotion to the cause of that true charity "which is kind and seeketh not her own." The keynote of her whole life was loving service for all those who needed help, the suffering and afflicted. The "Queen Alexandra Rose Day," in aid of those wounded in the war, reminded us that she had taken as the emblem of her unobtrusive service the modest wild rose which grows in our lanes and hedgerows. By her untiring efforts to help suffering humanity, she had set an example of unselfish kindness which would adorn our national history as the sweet and fragrant rose adorns our countryside.

After another short collect, the School sang the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and the service concluded with the Benediction.

While this simple, yet happily-rendered, service was being held in our School Hall, we were reminded by the booming of the guns from St. James's Park that the whole British Family were united as one on that day in sympathy with King George in the loss of his Mother. I was led to picture this simple English gentleman, in the best sense of that kindly word, walking two miles through snow on the previous day, with his two sons, to show his sorrow at his Mother's death; and I realised vividly how deeply-rooted in the British character is the trait of loyal devotion to the Royal Family, and how strong is the silken cord of mutual affection and sympathy which bind together King and People. Our King and Queen are, in a very real sense, the Father and Mother of the great British Family, and spend themselves with untiring patience in their service. On the other hand, British men and women show a strong personal love for the Royal Family, who embody so beautifully and yet so simply all that kindness and grace which is to be found in British homes throughout the length and breadth of our land.

G.W.B.

Inter-House Cross Country Run, 1925.

No bleaker or chillier outlook could have confronted anyone than that upon which our stalwarts stared on the morning of Saturday, November 14th, 1925. Viewed from the comforting warmth of a pull-over and overcoat, they looked frightfully cold in their shorts and white sweaters as they stood listening to their instructions. A little colour was lent to the proceedings by various noses; and to the strange music of chattering teeth several of the colder mortals demonstrated a new dance in which hand-clapping and foot-stamping seemed to predominate.

"They're off" murmured a diminutive Grammarian, the proud motor-bicycle owner who had just had a few words with the police force, and away in a bustling crowd over the white-frosted ground went the men, almost immediately to disappear into the fog.

And now came the wait for the return. News soon arrived that Cohen, of St. John's, had taken the lead, and that Milne (Dawnay) and Kensit (Dawnay) were well up—and then silence. The minutes crept by with silent precision; judges fidgeted with papers; watches were compared. "They ought to have been in by now," was the general remark. Anxious eyes peered into the impenetrable curtain before them that so coldly held its secret—visions of lost competitors wandering aimlessly into Penn Ponds rose before them. Beads of perspiration stood on every brow or trickled slowly down craned necks. Oh, but hark, a sound! We turned our heads—oh, joy, not ten yards away, with pointing hand and piping voice stood a cherub, who proclaimed in accents glad, "They come, they come," and from out the fog, yes, my dear reader, in real truth and verily, came two figures. With great joy did they hail Cohen as one from the dead, as with easy stride he passed the line to become, for the second time, the winner, followed by Kensit.

Another pause and then thick, and in various stages of exhaustion, came the remainder. Some extra excitement was caused by Chalmers (Tr.) and Hockaday (B.), both going all out, dead-heating for sixth place. Meanwhile Catling (E.), Jacobs (Sp.), and Soulal (B.) had walked in, having rambled hopelessly over, not only Richmond Park, but, so they say, over most of Surrey as well.

Later we discovered that Cohen had misunderstood the directions of one of the pointsmen who had, owing to the poor visibility, been posted round the course, and had shot off on an extra mile or two before again striking the correct course. Fortunately, the runners took it for granted that he knew where he was going, and promptly followed him. And so the long wait was explained.

All the younger fellows must be congratulated on their style; splendid Grammarians all of them, showing the right sporting spirit and true patriotism to their Houses. Especially would we mention a trio of Trinity juniors, Hawke and Wincote, who finished well up, and Willis, R. H., for his game determination to finish in spite of all.

Finally, we must again thank the Ashcombe A.C. for the use of their headquarters at Sheen Lodge, for the invaluable help they gave us throughout, and for the kind hospitality that made the whole event, in spite of the weather, really enjoyable.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS AND TIMES.

| Competitor and House. | Time. | | Points. |
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| | Mins. | Secs. | |
| 1.—L. J. Cohen, St. John's | 26 | 44 | 14 |
| 2.—D. B. J. Kensit, Dawnay | 27 | 2 | 13 |
| 3.—W. Milne, Dawnay | 28 | 23 | 12 |
| 4.—R. E. Eyles, Erskine | 28 | 38 | 11 |
| 5.—R. G. Elkington, Bolingbroke | 28 | 51 | 10 |
| 6.—W. K. Chalmers, Trinity | 29 | 28 | 9 |
| G. W. Hockaday, Bolingbroke } | 29 | 28 | 9 |
| 8.—J. Simms, Dawnay | 29 | 35 | 7 |
| 9.—A. W. Tozer, Erskine | 29 | 37 | 6 |
| 10.—H. G. Hawke, Trinity | 29 | 42 | 5 |
| 11.—S. T. Wincote, Trinity | 29 | 50 | 4 |
| 12.—S. D. Battey, Dawnay | 29 | 52 | 3 |
| 13.—L. Mills, Dawnay | 30 | 37 | 2 |
| 14.—E. A. White, Bolingbroke | 31 | 8 | 1 |

HOUSE PLACINGS.

1st, Dawnay; 2nd, Bolingbroke; 3rd, Trinity; 4th, Erskine; 5th, St. John's; 6th, Spencer. H. C. GREETHAM, 1917-25.

P.S.—Since writing the above it is with pleasure that I have to record that Cohen gained 3rd place in the Surrey County Junior Race and was a member of the winning team.

Old Grammarians' Association.

The Annual Dinner was held at the "Mitre," Chancery Lane, on December 12th, when sixty-eight were present and a small profit was made. A welcome feature was the attendance of the School 1st XI. We were admirably entertained by Mr. J. Hummel and Mr. F. R. Broomhead. Our thanks are also specially due to Mr. Wilson, an old boy of our ancient rivals, Emmanuel, for his truly mystifying display of conjuring. It has been suggested that this function be held locally next year, and Mr. Fuller, 48, Erpingham Road, Putney, would be pleased to hear from anybody who has an opinion to express on this point. No doubt, such opinions as he receives will come before the next general meeting.

The Dance will be held at the Balham Constitutional Club on Saturday, February 27th. Arrangements are in the hands of Messrs. W. J. Balls, G. French, and A. T. Wilson. The Concert has been arranged for Wednesday, March 17th, 1926, at the Hughes Memorial Hall.

In order that members may have sufficient notice of the three regular Old Boys' functions, it has been decided that in future they shall be held at fixed dates. The Dinner will be held on the first Saturday in December, and the Concert in the last week in October. The date of the Dance will be fixed when this season's function is over.

All members are reminded that club colours (blazers, scarves and ties) can be obtained from Messrs. George Lewin, Ltd., 8, Crooked Lane, E.C.4.

It is very encouraging to be able to report the infusion of some new blood into the Dramatic Society, but the football results, we fear, will prove a little disappointing, and we must hope for a better season and the solution of the ground difficulty next year.

Dramatic Society.

It is with great pleasure that we can report that the Society has since Christmas recruited four new members, namely, Miss Yeatman and Messrs. F. J. Elliott, J. Griffiths and G. L. Davies. Thus, it has been possible to accept the invitation to produce "Eliza comes to stay" at St. Mary's Hall, Bromley, Kent, where the Society hopes for as great a success as that which attended the production of "Grumpy" last season. It is also hoped to produce two one-act plays at the Old Grammarians' Association Concert and Re-union on March 17th next.

During the present season performances of "A Little Fowl Play" have been given as follows:—

November 18th.—Large Public Hall, Croydon, in aid of St. Mary's Church Bazaar.

December 15th.—St. Andrew's Church, Bromley, social evening.

In each case the play was favourably received, and the productions were accomplished smoothly and without a hitch of any kind.

In place of Mr. F. N. Hoare, who has withdrawn from the Society for the season, Mr. W. H. Mallett is acting as Honorary Producer, and is also elected as the Society's representative on the O.G.A. Committee, also in succession to Mr. Hoare.

The grateful thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Malcolm F. Stamp, of our friends the Old Mercers' Association, who most generously devoted his valuable time upon the evenings of February 6th and 8th to assisting us in the final rehearsals of "Eliza comes to stay." As Mr. Stamp is an expert producer of wide experience, his action in gratuitously assisting the Society in this critical juncture is greatly appreciated.
W.H.M.

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Cricket Club.

On Monday, January 11th, a meeting was held at the School of Old Grammarians interested in cricket and desirous of forming an O.G.C.C. The Headmaster took the chair, and the meeting was well attended and enthusiastic. On the motion of Mr. Harding, an O.G.C.C. was formed, and all present signified their willingness to become members. Mr. N. F. Dorey was elected as Hon. Secretary and was asked to do his best to obtain some fixtures for the coming season. The Headmaster kindly offered the Club the use of the School ground for four or five home matches to be played in August and September. A provisional Committee of six was elected, and asked to draw up a constitution and rules, to explore the probabilities of membership and expenses, with a view to fixing subscription, and to report progress to a general meeting of the Club, to be held at the School on March 24th. It was decided that the election of Captain and other officers should be left to the general meeting. As it is rather late in the day to start making up a fixture list, the Hon. Secretary is experiencing some difficulty in arranging enough matches, and would be glad of any help available in this matter.

The coming season is to be rather in the nature of a preliminary canter, but we hope to have a full fixture list for 1927 and to run at least two teams. It has long been felt by some of us that the Old Grammarians ought to have a Cricket Club, and though difficulties are numerous, and some of them formidable, they can be overcome if the enthusiasm shown at this inaugural meeting is a true indication of the feeling among Old Boys on the subject.
G.A.H.

Football Club.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the Club's efforts so far this season has been the inconsistency of form shown by the players. Surveying the results of our three teams, I find that only 35 per cent. of the matches played have been won, whilst it is no exaggeration to say that the percentage ought to be 60. Time after time we appear to have had a game well won, only to lose in the closing minutes through sudden lapses. It has been a problem to the committee to decide whether it is due to bad play, bad luck, or lack of staying power, and opinion is about equally divided.

The 1st XI. showed early promise in the A.F.A. Senior Cup by defeating London Welsh 4—2 in the qualifying round, only to fail miserably in the first round proper against the Old Bancroftians by 6—0. This was inexplicable, for the previous week, in a friendly game, we defeated the same side by 3—2. In the Surrey A.F.A. Senior Cup we lost to Old Westminster Citizens 7—2, after scoring first. We beat Old Guildfordians in the Old Boys' Cup 5—3, and in the next round lost to Old Owens 5—3, after leading 3—0 in the second half. A very enjoyable friendly game was played on Boxing Day against Alleyn Old Boys, and we were rather unlucky to lose 7—6 after an exciting tussle. On January 9th we travelled to Cambridge and played Cambridge Town, and in spite of a weakened side, gave them a good game, the score of 5—1 against us not quite representing the run of the play.

The 2nd XI. seem to be the chief offenders in the matter referred to in the first paragraph, for against Old Finchleians, Lloyds Bank and University College they certainly should have won, whereas they allowed their opponents to force late victories.

The 3rd XI. started off in fine style, and up to the end of November had an excellent record. Since Christmas, however, they have struck a bad patch, but are fighting hard to get out of the rut. They have good victories to their credit against Coutts Bank 14—3, Alleyn Old Boys 5—2, and Old Mercers 6—3.

Several new members have joined us recently, notably R. C. Kiloh, who is already doing good work for the 1st XI. It is of interest to note that R. J. Payne travelled specially to town from his business at Bournemouth in order to assist us in our Old Boys' Cup Tie against Old Owens—he played a great game. Another very old friend in Murray Watson assisted us several times whilst home on leave from Hong Kong. Many old memories were recalled of his "destructive" tactics. All our good wishes go with him to the East, where he will have arrived by the time these notes are published.

The Christmas Draw, run by our energetic Treasurer, A. T. Wilson, was a great success, particularly for our funds, and we extend our hearty thanks to all friends who supported it. To those who were not lucky enough even to win a cigarette, I will unfold a secret—they will have another chance next year.

The ground question is still perturbing, for we are obliged to leave Beckenham at the end of this season, and shall then be in possession of only one pitch (Malden) on alternate weeks for the running of three teams. If any reader of these notes knows of a ground that might be suitable, I should be very obliged if he would send the information to me at 74, Merton Road, S.W.18, and I will make investigation.
S.A.H.

Ivor Griffiths, as the elderly clergyman, Alexander Stoop Verrall (Sandy's uncle), contributed his quota to the success of the play. Ethel Skinner merits special praise for her excellent portrayal of the haughty Lady Pennybroke (particularly as, owing to illness, she had been unable to attend the rehearsals for three weeks prior to the play, yet came on and did her part perfectly). Phyllis French gave a charming impersonation of the actress, Miss Vera Laurence, to whom (for a short time only) "Sandy" is engaged. Owing to the illness of Flora Wilson, who was to have appeared as Mrs. Allaway, the nurse, her place was taken, at only five days' notice, by Ivy Yeatman, who carried the part through quite satisfactorily. Fred. J. Elliott ably fulfilled his functions as the imperturbable "Herbert," while W. Haward Mallett (whose real work was in another capacity) took the small part of the porter, appearing in the first act only. The last-named gentleman, it must be explained, had upon his shoulders the burden of responsibility, the play being produced under his direction. He also undertook the duties of "prompter," but his services in this direction were not called upon, since all the performers were, without exception, line-perfect. They certainly appeared determined to get the best out of the highly-amusing comedy they were presenting, and the antics of "Eliza" in particular set the audience rocking with laughter. Not a scrap of the fun which it was possible to get out of the happenings was lost.

The Old Grammarians established themselves as favourites with Bromley folk on the occasion of their previous visit, and their return confirmed first impressions and enhanced the reputation they had gained. The performance here noticed was, like that of last year, in aid of St. Andrew's Church Building Fund."

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The Annual Bohemian Concert took place on March 18th, and the Society was deputed by the General Committee to organise the whole of the concert. A new one-act play, "Evening Dress Indispensable," and a revival, "A Little Fowl Play," were given by the Society, and both were well received. The concert side of the programme caused a great deal of anxiety, owing to a notification about a week before the date that several "turns" could not appear. However, the members rose to the occasion with great keenness, and a good concert was given at very short notice. The thanks of all O.G.'s are due to Mr. G. L. Davies, who obtained the services of five artistes, and to Mr. Eric S. Wilson, who again gave a most admirable performance of conjuring and ventriloquism, which was greatly appreciated.

There was a most disappointing attendance numerically, which was a poor response to the efforts made by the organisers of the concert. It is strange how much O.G.'s in general appear to dislike supporting their own functions.

Next season is full of promise, and the Committee is already considering a varied programme. A revival of "Captain X," the first three-act play ever performed by the Society, is contemplated at St. Mary's Church Hall, Battersea, on November 22nd next.

A further invitation has been received from St. Andrew's Church, Bromley, for another production during next season, and it is hoped that the Society will do a play for its own funds, which are very meagre, during the latter half of the season. This will, of course, take place locally, and the venue will be announced in the next report. Even at this early stage it is really to be hoped that O.G.'s will support the project to the utmost of their power.

There are still vacancies for new members of both sexes. Applications were received last season from several intending members, but three ladies who applied never actually appeared. Of three gentlemen, two turned up to a rehearsal, but only one—Mr. S. V. Medhurst—has had the courage to follow up his good intentions, and there is no doubt that he will prove a keen and valuable member. Another lady, Miss Drey, has also joined for next season, so perhaps this news may convert the hitherto wavering members to reconsider their intentions, and persuade them to follow up their applications. W.H.M.

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Old Grammarians' Football Club, Season 1925-6.

I am afraid my report will not appear very cheerful from the point of view of general results, but that pessimistic note may be somewhat counterbalanced by the fact that the 2nd XI. and 3rd XI., who certainly represent the future of the Club, showed a distinct improvement on the past few seasons, up to a point. I say up to a point, because after Christmas they suffered from an abnormal number of injuries and unfortunate circumstances which robbed them of the services of some of the most promising members, but we have been able to feel that the strength was there.

The 1st XI. certainly had a very lean season; at times they played brilliantly, but as a general rule fell far below the form expected of them, and on such occasions were not good enough to meet sides that they have usually beaten in the past. They were handicapped by the necessity for continual changes, but further than that I do not propose to endeavour to explain away the unfortunate situation.

In the Cup competitions we suffered early exits. In the first qualifying round of the A.F.A. Senior we drew a bye, and met London Welsh in the second qualifying round. This was one of the rare occasions when the team showed their best form and won 4-2. The next stage was the first round proper, and we lost to the Old Bancroftians 6-0. When I say that the previous week we had defeated this side in a friendly game by 3-2, you will realise the "in and out" form that was shown. In the Surroy Senior A.F.A. Cup we reached the third round, through the medium of byes, and then lost to the Old Westminster Citizens 7-2. In the Old Boys' Cup we drew a bye in the first round, and in the second round played a very enjoyable game with the Old Guildfordians, winning by 5-3. In the third round we met Old Owens, and after appearing to have the game well won, suddenly went to pieces and lost 5-3. I would mention that in this game R. I. Payne journeyed from Bournemouth and made one of his rare appearances for us, playing an excellent game in goal. It is a great pity that this loyal O.G. lives so far away, as he would be a great asset to us.

A very enjoyable trip was made to Cambridge to play Cambridge Town in a friendly game, and that match was much closer than the score of 5-1 against us indicates. We were extremely well received, and I feel that this type of game does the Club a lot of good.

On the rare occasions on which we showed good form we defeated University College 4-2, The Nomads 5-0, and Guy's Hospital 5-1. Two enjoyable games were played v. the School, ending in victories for us by 8-0 and 5-3, but on each occasion excellent form was shown by our future members.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The Summer Term this year opened with unusual difficulties, and the whole nation was introduced to a new game. For nearly ten days we played our parts keenly and carried on in spite of general strikes and the removal of normal travelling facilities. Every master and very nearly every boy overcame great odds, but all school work and games proceeded as usual. We congratulate the School on its keenness and enthusiasm; among other things, the strike has taught us that our boys can rise to the occasion and face trouble and hardships cheerfully and successfully.

We are all delighted to hear that W. E. Thomas has gained a Drapers' Exhibition at the East London College for Mathematics. Thomas possesses ability, grit, determination, endless patience and perseverance; to these qualities, with expert assistance and guidance from the Mathematical Staff, his success is due.

In the Autumn the School will be strongly represented at Cambridge. W. E. Rose will be joined at Sidney Sussex College by O. M. Bulman as a Research Student, while W. Godfrey proceeds to Jesus College, and R. G. Elkington and D. B. J. Kensit to Fitzwilliam House. Kensit has also become a member of the University Training College for Teachers, where, owing to the large number of applications, no student can now hope to be accepted unless he has passed the Higher School Examination.

We are informed on excellent authority that the total amount required by an undergraduate at Cambridge need not exceed £155 per annum for an Arts Course or £180 for Science. A scholar or exhibitioner is usually awarded an L.C.C. Scholarship, which brings the funds available to approximately £200. We earnestly hope that a steady and increasing flow of our senior boys to the Universities will take place in the next few years.

The lower part of the School also distinguished itself this year in the recent L.C.C. Supplementary Scholarship Examination. No fewer than eleven boys were successful in gaining a Scholarship or Free Place.

It was with the greatest regret that we said farewell last term to Mr. Physick, who has been our Music Master for the last 30 years. For domestic reasons he has had to remove from London and is now living at Ramsgate. The excellence of his work has always been apparent at our annual prize-giving, and the energy and devotion he has applied to his orchestra has made it highly efficient.

Mr. R. Hellyar, A.R.C.O., Organist of S. Andrew's Church, Surbiton, and Music Master of Kingston Grammar School, has taken his place, and this appointment has given general pleasure. He is fortunate in having the School orchestra and choir left by Mr. Physick.

in excellent order, and we are confident that under Mr. Hellyar's able guidance our music will continue to develop.

Among our contributions we are pleased to have a letter from N. C. Potter, of King's College, London. Besides holding the record for the longest school life of any boy who ever attended the Grammar School, he served in the Cadet Corps longer than anyone else.

The Governors have this year awarded Dawnay Scholarships to E. J. Catling and H. R. Thomas, to the value of £25 each for two years.

The Annual Service for Senior Scholars in London Secondary Schools is to be held on Friday, July 9th, in Southwark Cathedral. The object of the gatherings is to set before those about to go out into the world the ideal of service in their respective vocations, and the Bishop of Lichfield has consented to give the address on this subject. It is hoped that, as in previous years, many of our senior boys will attend.

Saturday, July 10th, this year will be known as "The Old Boys' Day." There will be a cricket match, followed by a concert, on the School ground. All boys, parents and friends are cordially invited to be present and to assist in making our first Re-union a great success. Thanks to the generosity of Alderman S. Cresswell we have received a new Union Jack, which will be flying for the first time at the Re-union, and after that on all possible occasions at the School.

It was with the greatest pleasure that we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Walbrook to our Annual Athletic Sports. Mr. Walbrook attended the School during the period when Mr. Bindley became Head Master. He has always shown a deep interest in the doings of the School, and after distributing the prizes, gave us an interesting account of the School in his time. A poem which appeared under his name in "The Observer" has been included in this number of our Magazine.

Every boy is urged to read and to study the summary of Mr. Robertson's admirable lecture on the Pre-Raphaelite Painters. The lecture was most carefully prepared, profusely illustrated, and delivered in cultured and well-chosen language. It is highly desirable that before leaving the School all boys should be acquainted with art, music and architecture, and from time to time special lectures will be arranged. We are looking forward to a lecture on "Musical Appreciation" in the near future from Mr. Hellyar.

Dr. Druce endeavours in his holidays to get as far away from the School as possible, and visits most unlikely regions which are right off the beaten track. During the Easter holidays he tried to reach the small Republic of Andorra, which, on account of climatic conditions, is not usually visited before May. This year the snow was so heavy that Dr. and Mrs. Druce were not successful in reaching their goal. His adventures were given us in a most interesting lecture (summarised on another page), entitled "With a Camera in the Basque Country." The attendance was so large that Dr. Druce has had to repeat his lecture to an additional audience.

R. W. Revans recently broke the record for the Long Jump at University College Sports; both he and E. N. Finch also did very well in other events. At the Athletic Championships Meeting of Surrey, held at Guildford on June 5th, Revans, by again winning the Long Jump (20 ft. 10 ins.), retained his title. He was also second in the High Jump (5 ft. 4 ins.).

HOUSE NOTES.

BOLINGBROKE.

Once again we have to report the loss of our Captain, G. W. Hockaday, who left us half way through last term. His departure occasions a great gap in Bolingbroke's ranks, and we shall miss him badly during the cricket season. We wish him every success in his future life.

We congratulate the following on gaining their House Caps:—R. G. Elkington, V. Soulal, W. A. Randall and G. A. Aslett. All have rendered good service to the House, and well deserve them. It has also been decided that in future, House Ties shall be awarded to Juniors; these will be a combination of House and School colours, i.e., yellow and black. These have been awarded to J. Revans, S. A. Smith and P. J. Tilbrook.

Football results are moderately good, but not yet satisfactory, for Bolingbroke must never be content until it holds the championship. Five matches were played by the Seniors; of these we won two, against Trinity and St. John's; drew two, against Dawnay and Erskine; and lost one, to Spencer. But, Juniors, you let us down; a little more keenness, please! The Junior results were distinctly unsatisfactory. Only one match was played and this was lost. In every other game we did not succeed in fielding a full team, and although other Houses had the same difficulty, yet Bolingbroke should excel all others in every respect. You must support your captain much better; and, incidentally, a little more attention to the House notice board would help those in charge. There are, however, certain Juniors who have shown commendable enthusiasm for the House, and it is a pity that their interest should be wasted because of the slackness of others. Buck up, Juniors!

The boxing results were satisfactory, and we congratulate C. G. Palmer and A. W. Tillman on their victories, while V. Soulal was extremely unlucky to lose owing to damaging his hand. We hope that in future we shall do even better. This is a department in which more interest should be taken; Trinity have now headed the list of Houses in this event three times, and it is time for Bolingbroke to hold it. Those who are interested can obtain tuition from the Cadet Corps Boxing Class.

In the athletic sports we had reason to be satisfied, for we gained fourth place, and although we were well behind Spencer, who were third, yet we did better than was anticipated. We tender our congratulations to Dawnay, the first of the newer Houses to win the Sports, on their victory, and on their fine performance in the Senior Relay. Our own relay teams did very well, the Seniors, consisting of R. H. Welch, R. G. Elkington, W. A. Randall, H. R. Hill, S. A. Smith and N. P. Waldock, gaining third place, while our Juniors, consisting of S. A. Smith, J. Revans, H. J. Dunk, G. F. D. Toomey, H. Rayner and G. R. B. Hanson, gained second place. These results were largely due to R. G. Elkington, W. A. Randall, S. A. Smith, in the Seniors, and J. Revans and S. A. Smith in the Juniors, the latter running in both Senior and Junior relay teams. In the individual events, R. H. Welch gained us the Putting the Weight, as he always does, and he also gained us a point in the Long Jump. Our Juniors did very well in the Sports,

and we hope that in the future they will do as well as Seniors as they do now as Juniors. Among them, G. E. D. Toomey was prominent as a jumper, and we hope that in future years he will gain the Jumps for Bolingbroke. We have one serious disappointment to record, i.e., the unfortunate loss of the Tug-of-War, which we had held for three years. After beating St. John's and Dawnay, we were unluckily defeated in the final by Trinity. We can only congratulate our victors and wish that the luck of the toss had been the other way.

The cricket season is just beginning and we hope that the team, under the captaincy of V. Soulal, will meet with a great measure of success. In this connection it is to be emphasised that a few spectators at House matches would help our team to triumph. The same is true of our Juniors, who will, we hope, have a very successful season under the captaincy of A. W. Tillman.

Now a word as to swimming. The Sports take place at the end of this term, and we must therefore devote all our energies to swimming during this term. This is a thing in which everybody can do something; comparatively few can swim, and those who can, have therefore a better chance of success. All must practise, and those who cannot swim should attend the practices, held once a week at the Latchmere Baths, where they will receive instruction if they will report themselves to the House Captain beforehand. Mr. Piper has also kindly undertaken to give instruction and advice to all members who attend the Latchmere Baths on Tuesdays. So, Bolingbroke, swimmers and non-swimmers report to Mr. Piper or to your House Captain. Dawnay confidently expect to win the Swimming Sports—let us dash their hopes.

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DAWNAY.

The end of last term saw the finish of the football season. It has been a highly satisfactory one for our Senior team. The match with Spencer was the only one lost. They beat all the other Houses except Bolingbroke, with whom they drew. The team worked together splendidly, and every game was well fought. Great credit is due to Merrett, the Captain (who was solely responsible for the efficient way in which the Senior football of the House has been run), and to the other members of the team, who gave him their loyal support, and whose keenness made his task comparatively easy.

We wish to thank those members of Dawnay who saw to it that we were worthily represented in the boxing competition by taking an active part in that event.

Our House Notes for this time last year contain numerous references to the keenness of the Juniors of that time. Many of last year's Juniors are now Seniors, and their keenness has had a large share in raising the House to its present exalted position. May the last sentence be as true a year hence!—vain hope, unless the Juniors display a good deal more enthusiasm for cricket than they did for football. The one or two who were keen went up to the ground when they were required to play in a match, only to find that they had been left in the lurch by the rest. Most seem to have been so discouraged by their defeat by Spencer in the first match—the only one played—that they did not think it worth while to play again, and simply gave the points to our opponents. This practically nullified the efforts of the Senior team. However, we will not dwell upon so depressing a subject. Since quite a number of

keen Juniors ran for the House, we may hope for eleven keen enough to play cricket for the House. A little enthusiasm should do wonders.

The whole House has ample reason to congratulate itself upon the results of the Athletic Sports. The general keenness of the House carried the day—our hopes were realised—Dawnay was champion House. We owe our thanks and congratulations particularly to Simms, who was again Junior champion, and set up new records for the Juniors long jump, and 220 yards and 440 yards races; to our Senior relay team (Egleton, Forbes, Kensit, King, Marsden, Merrett), which set up a new record; and to such successful performers as Merrett, Marsden and Ayling.

Our chances of winning the House championship for the year were very good before the Sports. We may now confidently look forward to seeing the name of Dawnay upon the Shield. We shall make sure of it if the Juniors will play their part upon the cricket field. Our Senior cricket team, substantially the same as last year, under their old captain, Merrett, have already opened the season brilliantly by beating Spencer. The team has every prospect of going through the season unbeaten. Mance has been awarded his House Cap for cricket.

The only other inter-House event this year will be the Swimming Sports at the end of the term. We won this event last year, and should do so again. We still have Whitehead, the School swimming champion, and, although we have lost Weir, we have a number of keen swimmers, who, with some practice, should put the matter beyond a doubt. But the practice is a necessary precaution! Everyone who can swim must enter—we cannot afford to give away points.

Now, do not let us down, anyone. Keep it up, Dawnay, and the trick is done!

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ERSKINE.

We have now reached the Summer Term. Football and the Sports are by-gones: before us lies cricket.

We must first tender our thanks to those new members of the House, notably Arnold, who have so soon shown their worth.

Previous to the Sports we were leading House. This was largely due to our fine Juniors, who, under an able Captain in A. W. Tozer, supported by Junkison as Vice-Captain, and composed of Clout, Dunn, Nash, Bridgewater, Key, Parker, Arnold, Laycock, Simpson and Williams (B.), carried all before them in the Junior football championship. No doubt the House shirts presented by Mr. Geare had something to do with it. The Seniors, although not quite as brilliant a team as the Juniors, have, under the leadership of W. S. Duprée, had a good season, losing to Spencer (1-13) and Dawnay (0-2), drawing with Bolingbroke (3-3), and winning against St. John's (4-0) and Trinity (7-0); all were good games.

With regard to the Sports, we must of course congratulate various people. First we should like to congratulate Mr. Peacock upon winning the Masters' Race—also as being a member, together with Mr. Geare, of the Staff tug-of-war team. Then we must congratulate J. E. Jones as School champion, and D. B. J. Kensit as runner-up and Captain of Dawnay, the leading House. In the House we must tender our congratulations to those stalwarts, L. E. Perry and A. W. Tozer, also to Eyles, Turnbull, Dryland, Munn and Jewry, and those many other

supporters of the House. It was unfortunate that our Captain was unable to be present owing to indisposition; he would surely have got us some more points. Unlucky in the toss, we lost the tug-of-war in the semi-final to Trinity, who ultimately proved the winners in perhaps the finest pulls for years—our congratulations to them. On the whole, we did not do spectacularly well, but we must make up our minds to do better next year.

One more thing with regard to the past, then for the future. Our House tea, at the Hughes Memorial Hall on February 25th, was an unprecedented success; about sixty sat down to tea. Afterwards, led by Mr. Peacock and Mr. Spooner, we had some community singing; a little burlesque play, "Bombastes Furioso," presented by G. Everitt, and ably assisted by E. W. Stratford, F. Stratford, B. Edwards, D. Edwards, J. Harding and D. Camidge; and finally, an excellent conjuring entertainment was given by L. Harrison. Our thanks to these artistes, to all members who turned up, and to Messrs. Geare, Peacock and Blunt, to all of whom the success is due.

Now for the future. We have the cricket season before us. We did not do so badly last year (having the record of drawing with Spencer, who, it will be admitted, had a very strong team), and since we have largely the same team, who ought, all of them, to have improved, our prospects are extremely rosy. The Juniors should do as well in cricket as they have in football—so that we should not be far from the coveted position of Cock-House. Then come the Swimming Sports at the end of this term. Thus, there is time to practise and also to learn, if you cannot already swim.

So much for the athletic and social sides of the House. A number of our Senior members are taking the Matriculation Examination in June—I am sure our best wishes go with them.

For services rendered to the House the following have been awarded their House Caps:—(Seniors) Eyles, Turnbull, Dryland and Munn; (Juniors), Williams, R., Key, S. The House takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation and gratitude to E. J. Catling for all that he has done in the unavoidable absence of Duprée through illness. It is owing to his effort that the right spirit pervades the House from the highest to the lowest. His victory in the High Jump was most pleasing to all of us.

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ST. JOHN'S.

Since the last time of writing these Notes many competitive events have been held. The football season has closed, and although the Seniors' results have not been very gratifying, we can look back and say we have played the game and done our best against, in some cases, despairing odds. May next season prove to be a great success, but that can only be when the whole House takes a practical interest, by turning up to House meetings and other such functions, also by putting every effort into their matches. The Juniors were rather unlucky in their games, the unfit condition of the ground preventing matches which might have proved victories. They defeated Bolingbroke, but unfortunately lost to Trinity.

We can now look forward to another great game—cricket. Although up to the time of writing no matches have been played, we anticipate a successful season. What with a "demon" bowler such as Atkins and

many promising "bats," why should we not defeat the invincible Spencer? Seniors and Juniors, get as much practice as possible, and utilise it on the cricket field.

At the close of the Easter Term the Annual Cadet Corps Boxing Competition was held. Here we had the satisfaction of coming second. Many thanks are due to our boxers—Cox, Patten, Heathcote, and others—for their strenuous efforts, which nearly gave us the premier position. Well done! But, remember, St. John's, next year we must make it the premier position.

We lack real athletic "stars" in the Senior part of the School. This misfortune accounts for our low position in the final points for the Shield, but among the Juniors we have many promising runners. We can therefore hopefully look forward to our lost laurels again being in our possession. Cohen was unlucky in only coming second in the open mile and half mile, being beaten in the last few yards by Kensit. Wells and Bell were successful in the under-sixteen races. From these two we shall expect quite a lot next year, when the Sports come round again. Histed and Oliver did excellently in the Junior races. To all these we tender our hearty congratulations. The results were not disappointing considering our lack of material. But next year, St. John's, we must be Cock-House, and it is up to every member to make it so.

By the end of the term the Swimming Sports will have arrived. Here is your chance, St. John's, to show your real worth. Train, enter and win! That's the principle by which we must raise the House to a position of respect before our somewhat powerful opposition.

In closing, the writer would like to thank all those Juniors who have shown real enthusiasm in House affairs. Try hard and success will be ours!

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SPENCER.

Before writing of the activities of the House in School, I will bid, on behalf of all Spencerites, good-bye and good luck to "Cabby," who is the second House Captain to leave us within a few months. One of the most popular fellows in the School, he greatly distinguished himself in football (1st XI. Colours), in cricket (1st XI. Captain), and in athletics. In these spheres of sport he will be greatly missed by both House and School.

And now to the business of writing of the doings of the House. In football the Seniors were supreme, and they succeeded in winning every match. The Juniors, however, were not so good, and as a result we did not finish so high as we had hoped. H. N. Curwen, G. A. Kiloh and D. G. Wiffen played very well, and for the Juniors, C. T. Head and the Edwards brothers distinguished themselves. The Juniors, however, on the whole did not seem to be very keen, and on more than one occasion failed to turn up, which fact in itself is a disgrace. They must liven up and remember that the winning of the Cup and Shield does not depend on the Seniors alone.

Senior Football Results.—v. Bolingbroke, Won 6—3; v. Dawnay, Won 8—1; v. Erskine, Won 13—0; v. St. John's, Won 10—0; v. Trinity, Won 14—1.

In the boxing competition, Spencer finished at the wrong end of the table, but H. Godfrey showed that we have at least one very good boxer in the House, while Ricketts was decidedly unfortunate in being forced to retire in the final bout of his weight. It is clear that in boxing

we are very weak, so come along, you Spencerites with the mighty muscles, and show us of what stuff you are made.

At the School Sports, Spencerites were not so successful as they have been in previous years. I am sorry to say that here again the Juniors, with a few exceptions, did not give of their best, the Seniors gaining over 70 points out of 102. We finished third on the list to Dawnay and Trinity. Dawnay must be congratulated on their success and in having such an excellent runner as Kensit. Spencer, however, once more provided the School champion. Wiffen also did splendidly for Spencer. He won the 100 yards in 11 seconds, was second in the 220 yards and long jump, and was third in the quarter mile. Ricketts did quite well in the long-distance handicaps. Among the Juniors, Hériot, who has not yet attained the tender age of 12 years, did exceedingly well, and showed that Spencer in the near future is going to produce a record-breaking champion. All those mentioned above spent the greater part of the Easter holiday in training and have reaped their reward. Bennett and Fisher, although gaining nothing at the Sports, set an example to others which the latter could well follow. They showed untiring keenness in training, together with those already mentioned, under the guidance of Mr. N. F. Dorey, well known by all Spencerites, who very unselfishly gave up the greater part of his holiday to training competitors from Spencer. It is a matter for regret that so few responded to his efforts.

Now that the cricket season has arrived, Spencer must be prepared to carry off the Cricket Championship with the maximum points, both Senior and Junior. Although we have lost such valuable players as C. A. Brown and P. C. Smith, and shall be without the services of A. F. de Ville (who broke his leg playing football last term, and is still in hospital suffering a great deal), we are still quite capable of beating the other Houses. The Seniors and Juniors must not forget that we have held the House Shield since it was first competed for, and any name other than Spencer's on it will rather spoil its appearance, but if we lose the Cricket Championship we are sure to lose the Shield. The swimmers, too, must soon start training for the Swimming Sports and be ready to repeat, or rather increase, their successes of last year. For the present, "Floreat Spencer."

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TRINITY.

The close of the football season saw Trinity at fifth place in the House Championship. Our splendid Juniors were victorious in four out of five of their games, losing merely to Erskine, but our Seniors only managed to draw with St. John's. The weakness of the Seniors was almost entirely due to our lack of members in the upper parts of the School. Next year, however, things should "hum."

Boxing—this seems to be where Trinitarians come into their own. We are still the possessors of the boxing title, and what is more, are the one and only House that has ever held it. Our success this year was mainly due to the following: E. Evans, K. Marchant, J. Martin, T. T. Morris, K. G. Sanghurst, to all of whom we offer our hearty thanks for maintaining our time-honoured traditions. We have especially to congratulate K. Marchant on winning the heavy-weight championship at the Stadium Club Boxing Meeting held recently.

Now we must turn our attention to what is possibly the most

important event in the School year, namely, the School Athletic Sports. On the morning of the Sports we were fourth in the House Championship, but in the evening we were second, Dawnay being deservedly champions, with Spencer a short head behind us. This result speaks for itself; all had put themselves heart and soul into what they had undertaken to do. Among the Seniors, W. F. Willis must be congratulated on his efforts for the House, gaining a number of very useful points by sheer determination and practice. A little more of this spirit among the Seniors next year and Trinity will be soaring to "heights unknown." The Senior relay team, consisting of, in order of running, W. F. Willis, A. R. Harris, W. K. Chalmers, J. A. B. Cairns, F. I. Green and K. Marchant, finished at fifth place. Our low position was due mainly to bad change-overs, rather than to running weakness. The result of the tug-of-war was as big a surprise to us as to our opponents—Bolingbroke. Mr. McKenzie—our keen House Master—was heard anxiously enquiring of a member of our team what were our chances of success. He was assured that we were "game" for a good pull, but that Bolingbroke's team contained four of the School tug team, and one whose weight was, to say the least of it, considerable, while our total weight was only 72 stone. We had already pulled over, first, Spencer, and then Erskine, in the preliminary rounds, and now Bolingbroke were to be our victims. Helped by the luck of the toss and by the splendid coaching of E. J. Catling, the esteemed Vice-Captain of Erskine, we won two out of the three pulls. The House offers its grateful thanks to the team—W. K. Chalmers, W. F. Willis, A. R. Harris, D. V. Henchley, F. I. Green, J. E. Read, K. Marchant and J. A. B. Cairns.

The Juniors, however, were our tower of strength. Foremost, we must place the runner-up for the Junior Championship, K. Marchant. He gained first place in the high jump, second places in the 100 yards, 220 yards and long jump, and tied for fourth place in putting the weight. D. V. Henchley also did well, beating last year's winner in the throwing the cricket ball, and being successful in the 880 yards. R. H. Willis, H. G. Hawke and S. T. Wincote all proved their worth, and should develop into really fine runners. Young Jack Martin deserves special mention. He was easily first in the 100 yards (under 10), and stuck to his guns so well in the mile handicap that he secured third place—no mean feat for such a "nipper." The Junior relay team (R. H. Willis, K. Marchant, D. V. Henchley, T. Eagle, H. G. Hawke and S. T. Wincote) absolutely ran away with this event, decreasing by over nine seconds the record made by our team last year. Trinity is proud of all of you!

K. Marchant has been awarded Colours for boxing and athletics.

House cricket has already commenced, but up to the present we have not been over successful. The Seniors lost their first match with St. John's (36 to 48). The next game was with Erskine, against whom they collected 67 (E. L. Messenger 20). Our opponents, however, replied with a score of 96. Against Dawnay they were out for 12, but Dawnay, after being 8 wickets down for 12, collected 45. The Juniors started their season by losing to Spencer (16—75), but narrowly beat Bolingbroke (36—34) in their second match.

Just one word regarding the Swimming Sports at the end of this term—see that Trinity has a "bumper" entry, and what is more important, start practising now.

GRIT.

Grit is usually an annoying substance, and to the average person it is known in the form of ground stone which, when the wind blows with any force, is gathered from the road and concentrates on the eyes. To the grain merchant it is an impurity which has to be removed from the grain before the latter can be milled. The motorist considers it the cause of skids and punctures, and, when moving fast, he sends it up in a cloud. It is also the feature which shows itself in the schoolboy playing his games.

Ground stone, however, is not a very interesting topic, but the removal of grit from corn provides an hour's interest in the modern flour mills. The corn, when it arrives from foreign countries, is not packed, but is poured into the hold of the cargo-boat, in which perhaps coal was the last cargo. Thus, on arrival at the flour mill it is hardly pleasant to consider the corn as future bread. When removed from the barge in which it has been brought up the Thames, the grain is put into drying rooms, and after a while it is brought out for a journey round the mill. The first process is to pass it on to canvas sheets, which are shaken to and fro by machinery; during this operation a current of air is directed across the surface in order to remove coal-dust and any light material, such as chaff. The corn is then placed on elevators and sent to the top of the building. Here it is passed on endless belts running at a uniform speed, and as the grain reaches the wheel, the heaviest grain is sent, by virtue of its momentum, into a large receptacle. The remainder falls short of this and drops to the next floor, where a similar process is carried out. The final leavings consist chiefly of the grits which are removed or destroyed. This is therefore a process in which grit plays an important part.

The most interesting kind of grit, however, is the pluck for which Englishmen have been renowned and respected throughout the ages. In the days when none knew whether the world was flat or round it was sheer grit which sent our sailors out in their comparatively frail craft to explore and find out things for themselves and for the benefit of others. Whatever name we give the quality—pluck, doggedness, daring or courage—the fact remains that it is a real God-sent gift which makes our flag fly over so many parts of the world. The Great War was won by means of the grit, not only of our men, but also of our women.

Now we have passed safely through the Great Strike period we can review the situation in a similar light to that in which other nations have already regarded it. Whilst we have been worrying about our immediate troubles, such as travelling to and from business and school, obtaining food supplies and coal, other countries have been watching us critically. They have marvelled at the way in which we overcame our difficulties, and tributes have been paid to us by our Colonies and America. Our unarmed yet calm police have been especially admired. In most Continental countries a general strike such as we have experienced might have led to riots if not revolution, but in England our national grit kept us steady and carried us through.

Thus we see that grit is always a hard resisting substance which plays a very large part in our everyday life.

L. W. MINETT.

LECTURE BY Mr. ROBERTSON.

On Tuesday, May 18th, Mr. Robertson, our Art Master, gave a lecture in the Art Room on the Pre-Raphaelite Painters, to the Sixth and Fifth Forms.

In commencing, Mr. Robertson said that it would not be amiss to consider the position of English art before the Pre-Raphaelite movement. During the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries England produced no painter of great eminence. This was due to a variety of reasons, artists were held in little esteem by the notables in England; moreover, the insular position of England, cut off, as it was, from close connection with the Continent, prevented the rapid spread of Continental culture. During the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries a change of religion was taking place, and this carried with it complete separation from Continental ideas including painting and sculpture, which in later times began to be regarded as superstitious, and even idolatrous. Arts and crafts had flourished in the Catholic countries of Europe; painting had been considered necessary to enlighten the ignorant. This encouraged the imagination of artists and produced such great masters as Cimabue, Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Michael Angelo and Raphael. All connection with this culture was severed by the break-away of the English Reformation.

Native Englishmen, then, had little chance of developing their talent, and when persons of high rank wished their portraits to be painted it was necessary to import foreign artists to do the work. The best example is Holbein, from whose works we learn much of what we know of the England of his time. Other examples of this are Sir Anthony van Dyck in the reign of Charles I., Sir Peter Lely during the Commonwealth, and Sir Godfrey Kneller in the reign of Charles II. Under these conditions Englishmen had few opportunities, and those who produced any works were of little importance.

Not until the beginning of the eighteenth century does an Englishman of artistic importance arise in the person of Hogarth, the first great English painter, famous for his genre painting, as "The Rake's Progress" and "Mariage à la Mode." A satirist and a moralist, his works were object lessons for the time. Hogarth painted English life from within as he saw it, and his observation is unexcelled.

Following Hogarth come Richard Wilson and Thomas Gainsborough, both of whom were landscape painters. Gainsborough is also famous as a portrait painter, and in this branch ranks with Sir Joshua Reynolds and George Romney, the former being elected the first President of the Royal Academy in 1768. Among other painters of the period were Sir Benjamin West and Barry, both painters of classical and historical subjects.

As these men grew old, art in England began gradually to decline. But in 1775 J. M. W. Turner, the greatest landscape and seascape painter in the world, was born. His pictures are wonders of dexterity and execution, and the imagination which conceived and developed them is sublime. To the casual observer his works seem merely smudges of colour, but really to understand him one must carefully study all his pictures, and in time they will seem less incomprehensible and more

sublime. Together with Thomas Girtin he introduced water-colours into England, and with him founded the English school of water-colour artists.

Constable, another great landscape painter, who was born in 1774, was an epoch-maker in the school of landscape painters. He painted Nature as he saw it, not as was the usual custom from a preconceived idea, sketched in the open and elaborated in the studio. He was no slave to artistic tradition and turned to new methods to obtain his effects, as, for example, in his treatment of sunlight.

By 1821 English art had got into a rut. There was a tendency towards copying the classical style and ignoring Truth and Nature, which led Constable to predict that in thirty years English art would be dead. Nevertheless, men like Ward, David Cox, Eddy, G. F. Watts, Lewis and Frith, showed that English art was still in the ascendant. Ford Madox-Brown was beginning to seek Truth in Nature, while Lewis and others were working with methods upon which the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood was eventually founded. All over England a great upheaval was taking place; traditions were everywhere being upset. This happened also in painting, where the old false ideas were replaced by a new seeking after truth and earnestness. The result of this was the foundation of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, consisting of young artists, who decided to follow the style of the early Italian painters, such as Giotto and Fra Angelico.

Ford Madox-Brown had broken away from all artistic traditions, and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, then a young man, seeing his pictures, desired to study under him, and adopted much of his style. Holman Hunt, painter of the "Light of the World," had already broken away from the old tradition of the painters, whom he calls "orthodox creatures of line and system."

Holman Hunt and John Everett Millais, who were then fellow-students, were the founders of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, which came into being in August or September, 1848. Among the first to join the Brotherhood were Dante Gabriel Rossetti, poet and painter, George Stephens, Thomas Woolner and W. M. Rossetti. In 1849 members of the Brotherhood sent pictures to the Academy. These were exhibited and favourably received, and it was not until the existence of the Brotherhood was known that any criticism was made. With this discovery, furious attacks were made on the painters, and, although in 1850 they again exhibited, the attacks still continued. However, Ruskin, the great authority on taste in England, came to their aid, for he saw in their work the principles which he had been advocating in his "Stones of Venice." He wrote two letters to the "Times" in their favour, and these absolutely changed the current of public opinion.

Nevertheless, by 1853 the Brotherhood had become defunct and soon broke up, the artists going different ways. Holman Hunt continued to paint much in the same style all his life, while Millais developed a new broad style, and indeed so changed that he later regretted his connection with the Brotherhood. Rossetti had only painted one picture and had then ceased to paint, but was persuaded to resume by William Morris.

Among those influenced by Pre-Raphaelitism are Sir Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris, Swinburne and Hughes. The result of the Pre-Raphaelite movement was to introduce a new feeling for truth, earnestness and thoroughness. It also did much good work in

encouraging young artists to develop a new style, and not follow the academic traditions.

At the conclusion of the lecture, the Head Master asked the boys to show their appreciation of the trouble taken by Mr. Robertson in preparing the lecture. He complained that so few boys have any knowledge of art, but he assured them that those who had none were missing a great deal. By this lecture some had been interested in art, and he hoped that all would follow up the lecture by reading. He especially recommended a little book, "Ten Florentine Painters," which he had found extremely interesting. He wished to thank Mr. Robertson for the collection of engravings and reproductions which he had brought to illustrate his lecture.

W. GODFREY.

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

King's College, London.

May 1st, 1926.

It has fallen to me to write the "Varsity" Letter this term, and I assure you nothing gives me greater pleasure.

King's College, London, is quite different from any other college, I am firmly convinced, for the simple reason that it is the college, whilst the Theological Faculty is naturally the finest in the College.

You fellows who are still at the good old School must not think, like many people much older than yourselves will persist in doing, that because a fellow is a student of theology he must necessarily be a "weak-kneed mug." I assure you that is quite a false impression. Some of the most active members in the College sports and social life are "Theologs." The President of the Union Society, which is responsible for all College life outside lecture rooms, the captain of the 2nd XV., the leading light of the Dramatic Society, and also of the Operatic Society, are all "Theologs."

By the way, I wish you could all have seen the performance of "Love's Labour Lost" in modern dress, and turned into an up-to-date modern comedy. You would then have realised the truth of the statement that "Shakespeare lives for all time." What is more, it was performed without altering one phrase.

Then, apart from all this fun and sport, we have our lectures to attend, and until you have experienced the delights and puzzles of them, you cannot possibly realise the intense interest that can be aroused by a study of the Scriptures. You see, our civilisation is founded on a basis of Christian teaching which is obtained from the Gospel stories, and therefore it is of vital importance that we should know all that can be known as to the authorship and history of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

Other subjects, such as philosophy and ethics, have an interest which is quite their own.

Well, I won't detain you any more with subjects in which you probably have little or no interest, but I do hope that some more of you are coming up to King's soon. There are three of us at present—Greetham, Elliott and myself—but we want to see lots more of you. If you come you will have a jolly good time and be very happy. You will also have left a school and joined a college you can be proud of all your lives.

NOEL POTTER,

A PRAYER.

Give me my shelves of books, the books I love,
A seasoned vintage of the fruitful past;
Fill my tobacco-jar—a pipe will prove
In every mood a faithful friend and fast;
And help my fiddle to a better tone:
It scrapes a bit unless the mute be on.

Hang me a print or two upon my walls—
The woodcuts of the 'sixties I adore;
And when in May the dawning summer calls,
Bring back my boyhood's joy in hill and moor,
To hear the wild bird singing in the blue
And feel that all the earth is heaven too.

Let me not idle be. Grant me the fame
Of doing something, ere the shadows fall,
That shall live after me and bear my name
With credit down the stream of time, when all
Whom I have loved shall silent lie with me
With folded hands beneath the churchyard tree.

And when at last I hear the evening bell,
May there be one beside me tried and true,
Holding my hand and whispering "All is well."
We two shall meet again, dear love, we two."
So shall I lay my head on Death's kind breast,
And not unhopeful enter on my rest.

H. M. WALBROOK.

(Inserted by kind permission of the Editor of "The Observer.")

FOOTBALL, 1925-6.

Having received the customary request from the Editor, it is with some regret that we write the obituary of the Football Season, 1925-26, since in doing so we are also saying farewell to several of our players. To these we bid Good-bye and wish them the best of success in the Old Grammarians' Football Club.

As a whole, the School has strengthened the traditions so firmly planted by previous generations of School footballers, with the one exception of keenness in form and junior house football. Here, where it should least occur, was a decided falling off of enthusiasm. We appeal to the form and house captains to revive interest, for it is obvious that, should this slackness continue, the effects will be disastrous to school football.

Barnes I. having unfortunately left during the Christmas vacation, the forward line problem again became acute. The most satisfactory solution seemed to be in bringing Jones to inside-left to Kelly, Merrett

playing at centre, with Curwen and Willis I. forming the right wing, Brown returning to his position at left back. Jones, possessing as he does such a powerful kick, was able to finish off attacks carried forward by Willis I. and Kelly, while Merrett, no doubt taught by his short association with Barnes I., developed into a real nuisance to opposing goalkeepers, his punt through defence and fast dash often realising a goal. Although not displaying exceptionally good combination, the forward line certainly attacked well, Willis I. in particular resorting to direct and straightforward methods. Curwen imitated Merrett to some degree, but at times gave a clever display of ball control and passing. Unfortunately, Jones' knees gave trouble, and this necessitated the introduction of Wiffen at outside right, where he gave a vastly improved display on previous form.

In the defence, as in the forwards, lack of weight was partially surmounted by speed. Welch, at centre half, and Kiloh, at back, proved their invaluable worth, while Holloway, though still slightly erratic, gave some brilliant displays.

Of our after Christmas matches, we enjoyed as usual our meeting with the Old Boys, although the state of the ground made real football impossible. Holloway, however, carried on the tradition of first eleven goalkeepers in O.G. matches by an excellent performance. We lost our away match with the Polytechnic in the last minute by a surprise goal, Jones' goal in the second half being the best and fastest of the season. Against St. Olave's, Kelly played a brilliant game, first in attack and afterwards, on Jones' injury, in defence. After being two down in the first five minutes, we concluded the season by a victory over R. C. Kiloh's eleven.

Before the end of the season the 2nd XI. were unfortunate in losing their captain, G. W. Hockaday. For various reasons many matches were scratched after Christmas, only five being played. The fact that only one of these was won, namely, that against Wilson's Grammar, we may quite fairly attribute to the constant changing of the composition of the eleven.

The 3rd XI. failed to repeat the record season of last year, but in spite of this, several players for future first elevens can be seen in it. A welcome innovation in the 3rd XI. fixtures was the inclusion of one with the Old Grammarians. As was expected, the Old Boys won, but only after a very good game.

After Christmas, following upon the Games' Committee's decision to increase the weight of the 4th and 5th XI.'s, the Dunn-Kennedy combination, which had lost some of its effectiveness under the new offside ruling, was broken up and both Dunn and Tozer were transferred to the 5th XI., heavier fellows gaining places.

In spite of this increase in weight of both elevens, they were still out-weighted in practically every match, especially so against Regent Street, Wandsworth, Worple School 1st XI., and St. Joseph's College 2nd XI., who by a mistake played the 4th XI. instead of the 2nd XI.

The weakness of both elevens lay in the forwards. There seemed to be the mistaken idea that should the School goal be under pressure, the forwards should drop back and help the defence. It was only this fault that led the 4th XI. to defeat at the hands of St. Joseph's 2nd XI., and the 5th's against Wandsworth. The first half lead of 2-0 against a team due to play our 2nd XI. gives some idea of the splendid show

which the 4th's were putting up; but to expend all energies on defence in the second half was a great mistake and could lead to nothing else but shooting practice for the St. Joseph's forwards. Lusby, however, made a few good solo efforts. Histed's goal must be mentioned as the best of the season. The 5th XI. allowed the same thing to happen against Wandsworth, where, after leading at half-time, they allowed their heavy opponents to pile up six goals. A plucky rally in the last few minutes nearly pulled the game off for the School.

On the whole, for both 4th and 5th XI.'s it has been a successful season, their victory over such heavy teams being very praiseworthy, and their defeats determined, sporting and dogged fights to the very end.

FIRST ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

- ¶* W. K. CHALMERS (Captain).—A useful half back, who did good work especially in aiding the attack. Somewhat slow—a fact which hindered his defensive efforts.—J.N.M.
- * J. E. JONES.—A very capable defender—his work was always conspicuous and characterised by coolness and precision. Kicked well and tackled fearlessly.—J.N.M.
- ¶* C. A. BROWN.—Played well at inside left, but did not get much support from the rest of the forwards. Could have been more effective in front of goal.—J.N.M.
- ¶* R. H. WELCH.—An earnest, enthusiastic centre half—tireless in his efforts. A good tackler, but somewhat slow and cumbrous in parting with the ball.—J.N.M.
- * W. F. WILLIS.—His apparently listless manner often deceived the opposing defence. Effectively combined his speed with direct methods.
- * W. S. DUPREE.—Played a very consistent game during the greater part of the season, but for some obscure reason lost his form in the closing stages.
- * R. C. HOLLOWAY.—Gave some brilliant displays. Not too safe when dealing with cross-shots, but dealt with every other type of shot in good style, clearing well down the field. Has not yet learnt how to punch clear effectively.
- †† G. A. KILOH.—Came into the team after Christmas. A very safe back, having a powerful kick, but is a trifle slow. Inclined to kick into touch too frequently.
- †† C. J. KELLY.—Takes the ball too near the corner flag, thereby allowing the opposing defence to get into position again. Apt to lose heart on occasion. When in form was very good.
- † L. G. MERRITT.—Combined well with his inside men, but neglected his wings. Should learn to use his left foot more. Has a good turn of speed and a fairly good shot.
- † H. N. CURWEN.—Handicapped by lack of weight. Displayed some knowledge of ball control, passing well. Finishing weak.
- †† D. G. WIFFEN.—Returned to the team after Christmas at outside right, where he proved a greater success than in his previous position at right back.

H. R. BARNES.—Unfortunately, left at Christmas. Was an energetic and inspiring centre forward, shooting on every possible occasion.

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SECOND ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

(We are indebted to Mr. Harding for the following.)

- †† G. W. HOCKADAY.—A very competent Captain, under whose care the team worked keenly and without friction. Always a hard worker; improved greatly in effectiveness as he gained in experience.
- †† W. J. MARSDEN.—His speed makes him a very useful winger. He is inclined to be too ready to get rid of the ball, passing to a harassed inside forward instead of taking the ball right down to the goal line before centring. Must lose some of his modesty, and he will be a very fine wing forward.
- † V. SOULAL.—Worked very hard at right back, and was a great source of strength to the defence. Has rather the qualities of a half back, and should develop his kick.
- †† G. A. ATKINS (Left Back).—His main asset, apart from dogged perseverance, is the good use he makes of his head.
- † F. I. GREEN (Inside Right).—Accurate short passing is his game—he has the rare quality of making sure that his man is there. Needs to develop a little more speed.
- || H. GODFREY.—Thoroughly earned his place at right half by sheer hard work—a quality in which this team was unusually rich.
- || E. B. JELLEY.—Kept goal quite creditably during the latter part of the season. Shows keenness, and with experience will be a very useful goalie.
- || J. E. READ (Outside Left).—Often does effective work, but his main defect is that he cannot, or does not, centre with his left.
- || K. D. CARTER.—As centre forward he was rather out of his element, being too inclined to wander and too slow in receiving a pass. Occasionally played on the wing. His weight and strength, however, were often very useful to the side. Worked hard.
- †† G. M. CONLON.—Usually played inside left. Is still too much inclined to forget that progress towards opponents' goal is usually of prime importance. Very clever with his feet and full of energy, but often keeps the ball too long. Has improved in this respect, however.
- † F. J. DOEL.—A steady and competent left half, not at all showy, but very sound.

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THIRD ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

(We are indebted to Mr. Geare for the following.)

- §|| P. M. KING (Centre Forward).—Has a very good idea of the combined game. He indulges rather too much in close short passing. Keeps wings together well. Can use his head. Has again captained the team with great success.
- || G. A. ASLETT (Goal).—At his best he was very good. But occasionally had off days, when he was liable to let easy ones through. His height is in his favour, and with experience and more self-confidence should do well.
- || E. W. BARNES (Right Half).—One of the safest men in the defence. A hard worker who tackles and "hangs on" extremely well, and makes many openings for his forwards. Very good with his head.

- || S. F. DRYLAND (Centre Half).—Should develop into a model half. Can use his head. Feeds his forwards judiciously. A trifle casual in tackling.
- || R. G. ELKINGTON (Outside Right).—Centres well and is fast. Has good control of ball. His runs down the wing have led to many of our goals.
- || F. HARTNOLL (Left Half).—Has much improved. Feeds his forwards well, but hangs rather too far back. Has plenty of pluck.
- §|| C. F. HART (Inside Right).—Has proved a success. He dribbles and shoots well. Has plenty of dash, but might make more use of his outside man.
- || C. J. LISLE (Right Back).—Has been one of the mainstays of the defence. A most effective tackler. Not always quite sure of his kick.
- || L. E. PERRY (Inside Left).—A sturdy, fearless player. A clever dribbler, but inclined at times to keep the ball too long.
- b S. A. SMITH (Outside Left).—A fast and pretty, light dribbler. Puts in some nice cross-shots. Has been a great "find" for the team.
- || R. J. TURNBULL (Left Back).—A safe back. Tackles well and has a useful head. Plays a sturdy game.
- b R. G. WELLS.—Came late into the team. A very promising player at right half, with plenty of dash.

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FOURTH ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

- ab S. T. WINCOTE.—Captained the eleven for the second year in succession with fair success. As a footballer, always gave a plucky and inspiring display, tackling and shooting well.
- ab J. A. B. KENNEDY.—In a quiet way has played well. Will develop into a good back.
- b N. G. C. CLOUT.—An invaluable member of the team; puts his whole body and mind into the game, encouraging the side when needed to almost Herculean efforts, both by word and by fearless and good work at centre half.
- b L. LUSBY.—Had he a little more ball control, would have been the best forward in the line. Any little mistake he made seemed to give him the ridiculous idea that he was not worth his place. Worked well with the other forwards, and sometimes made effective raids of his own.
- b N. O. TODD.—Paved the way on the right wing for many raids. Had the unfortunate habit of dropping back to help the defence.
- b H. HISTED.—Certainly very keen and useful, but has not the dribbling capacities required of a good centre forward.
- c D. THORNTON.—Played a steady game at left half. Feeding weak.
- c H. G. HAWKE.—Must concentrate more on goalkeeping and not so much on style. Brought off some good saves, but often did something silly. That he has the making of a good goalkeeper he showed last year.
- c C. T. HEAD.—Never reached last year's form, probably owing to missing a term's football. Must really go right into his man for the ball.
- P. DONNELLY.—Played a good game throughout the season, but was inclined to adopt useless tactics at times.

FIFTH ELEVEN COLOURMEN CRITIQUES.

- c J. SIMMS (Captain).—Always played a sound and energetic game. Speedy at times.
- c A. K. BROWN (Vice-Captain).—Played before Christmas; eagerness often placed him offside.
- ac H. DUNN.—A remarkably plucky little player. The standard of his play was only excelled by that of his great sporting spirit. A ready and keen learner.
- ac A. W. TOZER.—Can play equally well in defence or attack.
- c R. WILLIAMS.—A player giving great promise.
- c A. JUNKISON.—Played well at outside left. Should centre more frequently.
- c E. V. WHALE.—Small, dashing and good. Lacks power.
- c R. H. WILLIS.—Unselfish in the extreme. First-time kicking very weak. Showed good form in the short-passing game, often giving the other forwards a chance to score.
- c J. E. TREBLE.—Had the right idea of a half back's game, feeding, and intercepting passes well, but his tackling was not too resolute.
- ¶ Denotes 1st Eleven Colours, 1924-25.
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FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result | For | Agst. |
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| Sept. 19. | Wandsworth Secondary | Lost | 5 | 7 |
| 26. | St. Olave's (l.) | Lost | 0 | 4 |
| Oct. 3. | Roan's | Lost | 1 | 14 |
| 10. | Isleworth County (w.) | Lost | 2 | 3 |
| 17. | Archbishop Tenison's (w.) | Won | 7 | 2 |
| 31. | Regent Street Polytechnic (l.) | Lost | 3 | 4 |
| Nov. 7. | Lower School of John Lyon | Won | 8 | 6 |
| 19. | Old Grammarians | Lost | 0 | 8 |
| 21. | Isleworth County (d.) | Won | 6 | 4 |
| 28. | Archbishop Tenison's (d.) | Won | 6 | 4 |
| Dec. 5. | St. John's Training College | Lost | 1 | 7 |
| 12. | Wilson's Grammar | Lost | 1 | 5 |
| 19. | Roan's | Lost | 2 | 7 |
| Jan. 30. | Wandsworth Secondary | Lost | 2 | 5 |
| Feb. 6. | Old Grammarians | Lost | 3 | 5 |
| 20. | Regent Street Polytechnic (l.) | Lost | 1 | 2 |
| 27. | Wilson's Grammar | Lost | 1 | 4 |
| Mar. 6. | St. Olave's (l.) | Drn. | 2 | 2 |
| 13. | Old Manorians | Won | 11 | 1 |
| 20. | Eastern Telegraph (d.) | Lost | 0 | 1 |
| April 3. | Mr. R. C. Kiloh's XI. | Won | 6 | 3 |

(Letters in brackets signify last year's results.)

Played, 21; Won, 6; Drawn, 1; Lost, 14; Goals for, 68; Against, 98.

SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result | For | Agst. |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Sept. 19. | Wandsworth Secondary | Won | 6 | 4 |
| 26. | St. Olave's | Won | 5 | 3 |
| Oct. 3. | Roan's | Won | 8 | 0 |
| 10. | Isleworth County | Lost | 1 | 2 |
| 17. | Archbishop Tenison's | Won | 9 | 3 |
| 24. | 3rd Eleven | Won | 4 | 2 |
| 31. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 0 | 5 |
| Nov. 7. | Alleyn's School | Drn. | 3 | 3 |
| 21. | Isleworth County | Drn. | 1 | 1 |
| 28. | Archbishop Tenison's | Won | 7 | 2 |
| Dec. 5. | Holborn Estate 1st XI. | Lost | 1 | 6 |
| 12. | Wilson's Grammar | Drn. | 3 | 3 |
| 19. | Roan's | Lost | 3 | 9 |
| Jan. 30. | Wandsworth Secondary | Lost | 4 | 6 |
| Feb. 20. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 1 | 4 |
| 27. | Wilson's Grammar | Won | 9 | 3 |
| Mar. 6. | St. Olave's | Lost | 1 | 5 |
| 27. | Holborn Estate 1st XI. | Lost | 0 | 3 |

Played, 18; Won, 7; Drawn, 3; Lost, 8; Goals for, 66; Against, 64.

THIRD ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result | For | Agst. |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Oct. 3. | Streatham Grammar 1st XI. | Lost | 0 | 6 |
| 10. | Streatham Modern 1st XI. | Won | 2 | 1 |
| 17. | Archbishop Tenison's | Won | 11 | 1 |
| 24. | 2nd Eleven | Lost | 2 | 4 |
| 31. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 1 | 3 |
| Nov. 7. | Alleyn's | Lost | 1 | 2 |
| 21. | Streatham Modern 1st XI. | Lost | 0 | 4 |
| 28. | Archbishop Tenison's | Won | 12 | 2 |
| Dec. 5. | Holborn Estate Gr. School 2nd XI. | Won | 3 | 2 |
| Jan. 30. | Wandsworth Secondary | Won | 8 | 4 |
| Feb. 20. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 2 | 4 |
| Mar. 6. | Wandsworth Secondary | Won | 9 | 1 |
| 20. | Old Grammarians | Lost | 2 | 6 |
| 27. | Holborn Estate Gr. School 2nd XI. | Lost | 3 | 4 |

Played, 14; Won, 6; Drawn, 0; Lost, 8; Goals for, 56; Against, 44.

FOURTH ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result | For | Agst. |
|----------|------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Oct. 10. | Streatham Modern 2nd XI. | Won | 6 | 4 |
| 17. | 5th Eleven | Won | 8 | 3 |
| 24. | Worple 1st XI. | Lost | 1 | 2 |
| 31. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 0 | 6 |
| Nov. 7. | Alleyn's | Lost | 0 | 2 |
| 21. | Streatham Modern 2nd XI. | Won | 5 | 3 |
| Dec. 19. | Streatham Grammar 2nd XI. | Lost | 0 | 19 |
| Feb. 6. | 5th Eleven | Lost | 2 | 3 |
| 20. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 0 | 4 |
| Mar. 13. | Worple 1st XI. | Won | 9 | 1 |
| 20. | St. Joseph's College 2nd XI. | Lost | 2 | 6 |

Played, 11; Won, 4; Drawn, 0; Lost, 7; Goals for, 33; Against, 53.

FIFTH ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result | For | Agst. |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Oct. 3. | Streatham Grammar 3rd XI. | Lost | 4 | 7 |
| 10. | Mr. W. K. Chalmers' XI. | Won | 6 | 1 |
| 17. | 4th Eleven | Lost | 3 | 8 |
| 24. | Worple 2nd XI. | Won | 20 | 0 |
| 31. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 1 | 10 |
| Nov. 7. | Alleyn's | Won | 1 | 0 |
| Dec. 19. | Streatham Grammar 3rd XI. | Lost | 1 | 2 |
| Feb. 6. | 4th Eleven | Won | 3 | 2 |
| 20. | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 0 | 4 |
| 27. | St. Joseph's College | Won | 4 | 2 |
| Mar. 6. | Wandsworth Secondary | Lost | 5 | 7 |
| 13. | Worple 2nd XI. | Won | 14 | 1 |

Played, 12; Won, 6; Drawn, 0; Lost, 6; Goals for, 62; Against, 44.

SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE.—Spencer.
 JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE.—Erskine.
 THORNTON CUP.—Vc.
 MIDDLE SCHOOL CUP.—IVB. Upper.
 PREFECTS' CUP.—IIIB. Upper.

SPORTS DAY.

The School Sports were held on Friday, May 14th, under unusual difficulties. In spite of the Strike, however, there was a good muster of boys, though, as the time of starting was unavoidably 11 a.m., parents found it difficult to get to Herne Hill.

The day was a real success, the spirit of competitors being keen and enthusiastic. Three School records were broken—both Junior and Senior House Team Races and the Half-Mile (by Kensit). King Sol, too, favoured us for the first part of the proceedings, and though he gave way to Jupiter Pluvius, the victor used his power only intermittently.

The outstanding performances of the day were the all-round ability of Jones in the jumps, sprints, hurdles and cricket ball, which gave him the championship with 44 points; the excellent form of Kensit in the longer distances—440, half-mile and mile; the style of Simms, who gained the Junior championship with excellent victories in 100 yards, 220, 440 and long jump (Junior); and then, most interesting of all perhaps, the fine precocious ability of Martin, who, for instance, after leading most of the way in the mile handicap, finished pluckily third.

Several events stand out clearly in the memory, for example, the close finish of the hurdles, when Jones and Merrett almost tied for first place, after some really good hurdling; the almost equally close finish of the open 440, with Kensit just breasting the tape in front of Marsden; a splendid mile race, with Cohen and Kensit fighting all the way, and another School record almost equalled; and a good 100 yards sprint, which Wiffen accomplished in the excellent time of 11 secs. Neither must we forget the two House Team Races, when Dawnay (Senior) and Trinity (Junior) beat both records, showing the high level of running ability in those two Houses. Last—but who shall say least?—there was

the Staff 220 yards walking race, in which certain masters were seen contorting their persons in an unsuccessful attempt to refrain from running. In fact, the effort was too much for everybody, except Mr. R. (and that gentleman, of course, has never been known to run). Messrs. Peacock and McKenzie were least successful in restraining their natural desire to put the toe first, so they were both given ash-trays in order to inculcate in the minds of these fleet-footed gentlemen the homely joys of the armchair and fireside.

The day's events closed with the Presentation of Prizes, and for this ceremony we had the advantage of being permitted to call on a famous Old Boy—Mr. Walbrook. Mr. Wakely proposed, and Mr. Whale seconded, a vote of thanks to this gentleman, Mr. Whale reminding us that some years ago Mr. Walbrook brought a company of players to the School to act a work of his own. After three hearty cheers had been given for Mr. Walbrook, that gentleman replied. In a very interesting speech he gave us reminiscences of fifty years ago, when he was a boy at the Grammar School, dwelling particularly upon the eccentricities of a former French master, who apparently kept white mice in his pocket. In those days the School list contained only sixty names, but these were able to raise a Rugger Fifteen. Mr. Walbrook then very kindly informed us that Mrs. Walbrook would present a special prize at Christmas for a subject to be chosen by the Head Master. Everybody was delighted with a most enjoyable day, and nearly everyone must have reached home before Jupiter Pluvius decided to be really obnoxious.

RESULTS.

Cross-Country (4½ miles, Richmond Park) on November 14th, 1925.—
1, L. J. Cohen; 2, D. B. J. Kensit; 3, W. C. Milne; 4, R. E. Eyles.
100 Yards (Open).—1, D. G. Wiffen; 2, J. E. Jones; 3, W. J. Marsden;
4, L. G. Merrett. Time, 11 secs.
220 Yards (Open).—1, J. E. Jones; 2, D. G. Wiffen; 3, D. B. J. Kensit;
4, W. F. Willis. Time, 25 secs.
440 Yards (Open).—1, D. B. J. Kensit; 2, W. J. Marsden; 3, D. G.
Wiffen; 4, W. F. Willis. Time, 56 1-5 secs.
880 Yards (Open).—1, D. B. J. Kensit; 2, L. J. Cohen; 3, G. A. Kiloh;
4, E. J. Catling. Time, 2 mins. 12 3-5 secs. School record.
1 Mile (Open).—1, D. B. J. Kensit; 2, L. J. Cohen; 3, R. E. Eyles;
4, H. Godfrey. Time, 5 mins. 5 2-5 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, J. E. Jones; 2, L. G. Merrett; 3, R. C.
Holloway; 4, E. J. Catling. Time, 19 1-5 secs.
High Jump (Open).—1, E. J. Catling; 2, J. E. Jones; 3, R. C. Holloway;
4, H. R. Hill. Height, 4 ft. 11 ins.
Long Jump (Open).—1, J. E. Jones; 2, L. G. Merrett; 3, W. F. Willis;
4, R. H. Welch. Length, 17 ft. 11 ins.
Putting the Weight (Open).—1, R. H. Welch; 2, J. E. Jones; 3, E. J.
Catling; 4, K. Marchant and H. E. W. Rentell. Distance, 23 ft.
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).—1, J. E. Jones; 2, L. G. Merrett;
3, E. J. Catling; 4, W. J. Marsden. Distance, 84 yards.
Obstacle (Open).—1, R. E. Eyles; 2, A. R. Harris; 3, R. C. Holloway;
4, G. T. Ricketts.
100 Yards (Junior).—1, J. Simms; 2, K. Marchant; 3, R. H. Willis;
4, H. W. Histed. Time, 12 4-5 secs.
220 Yards (Junior).—1, J. Simms; 2, K. Marchant; 3, L. E. Perry;
4, R. H. Willis. Time, 27½ secs. School record.

440 Yards (Junior).—1, J. Simms; 2, L. E. Perry; 3, A. J. Heriot.
Time, 1 min. 2 secs. School record.
880 Yards (Junior).—1, D. V. Henschley; 2, L. E. Perry; 3, H. J. Dunk;
4, A. W. Tozer. Time, 2 mins. 32 2-5 secs.
High Jump (Junior).—1, K. Marchant; 2, G. E. D. Toomey; 3, E. G.
Ayling; 4, A. W. Tozer. Height, 4 ft.
Long Jump (Junior).—1, J. Simms; 2, K. Marchant; 3, E. G. Ayling;
4, G. E. D. Toomey. Distance, 14 ft. 11½ ins. School record.
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior).—1, D. V. Henschley; 2, L. E.
Perry; 3, S. T. Wincote; 4, E. G. Ayling. Distance, 65 yds. 1 ft. 1 in.
Obstacle (Junior).—1, H. W. Histed; 2, T. Eagle; 3, F. Eagle; 4, R.
Williams.
100 Yards Handicap (under 10).—1, J. A. Martin; 2, E. W. Marks;
3, R. E. Watson; 4, R. G. C. Davison.
100 Yards Handicap (10—12).—1, A. J. Heriot; 2, A. A. Whitney;
3, G. Hendry; 4, P. Norton.
100 Yards Handicap (12—14).—1, R. H. Willis; 2, H. W. Histed; 3, A.
W. Tozer; 4, D. O. Camidge.
100 Yards Handicap (14—16).—1, R. G. Wells and W. A. Randall; 3,
E. G. Ayling; 4, E. V. Whale.
220 Yards Handicap (under 12).—1, A. J. Heriot; 2, J. Borley; 3, J.
A. Martin; 4, G. Hendry.
220 Yards Handicap (12—14).—1, A. W. Tozer; 2, G. Hanson; 3, H. W.
Histed; 4, F. Finucane.
220 Yards Handicap (14—16).—1, S. H. Bell; 2, S. A. Smith; 3, E. V.
Whale; 4, E. D. Whitehead.
440 Yards Handicap (under 14).—1, G. Hanson; 2, A. W. Tozer; 3, J.
A. Martin; 4, P. Turbet.
440 Yards Handicap (14—16).—1, D. V. Henschley; 2, H. R. Forbes;
3, F. Knibb; 4, R. G. Wells.
880 Yards Handicap.—1, S. T. Wincote; 2, H. G. Hawke; 3, N. B.
Waldock.
1 Mile Handicap.—1, G. T. Ricketts; 2, N. B. Waldock; 3, J. A. Martin;
4, G. A. Kiloh.
Egg-and-Spoon Race (over 14).—1, C. E. Hildreth; 2, C. S. Hall; 3,
C. J. Lisle.
Egg-and-Spoon Race (under 14).—1, A. K. Brown; 2, R. H. Blunt;
3, F. J. Stratford.
Inter-House Team Race (Junior).—1, Trinity; 2, Bolingbroke; 3,
Dawnay; 4, Spencer. Time, 2 mins. 59 3-5 secs. School record.
Inter-House Team Race (Senior).—1, Dawnay; 2, Spencer; 3, Boling-
broke; 4, St. John's. Time, 2 mins. 39 2-5 secs. School record.
Inter-House Tug-of-War.—Trinity beat Bolingbroke, 2 pulls to 1.
Staff v. Boys Tug-of-War.—Boys beat Staff, 2 pulls to 1.
Staff Race.—1, Mr. Peacock; Booby Prize, Mr. Rabson.
House Points.—1, Dawnay, 146½ points; 2, Trinity, 115½ points; 3,
Spencer, 102 points; 4, Bolingbroke, 66½ points; 5, Erskine, 58
points; 6, St. John's, 57½ points.
Senior Championship Points.—1, J. E. Jones, 44 points; 2, D. B. J.
Kensit, 37 points.
Junior Championship Points.—1, J. Simms, 47 points; 2, K. Marchant,
23½ points.

WHY DO WE HAVE A CADET CORPS?

We often hear this question, and, as there is very little ordinary Corps news to record in this number, we will devote the greater part of the space at our disposal to an attempt at an answer to it.

The training of the regular Army is a highly organised system, the product of years of experience, which aims at developing certain qualities in the soldier. The Cadet Corps takes this same training and uses it, in a suitably modified form, to develop the same qualities in boys.

The headmaster of a certain public school stated a few years ago that the aims of the education provided by his school were summed up the following five words, in order of importance:—Character, Physique, Intelligence, Manners, Learning. Some people will be surprised that "learning," the ordinary work of the class-room, is given a fifth place, but a little reflection will show that the order is the right one, for an education which omits any of the other four factors runs the risk of producing a learned boor, a highly intellectual noodle, an anæmic scholar, or an educated scoundrel.

The official Cadet Manual opens with the sentence: "The object to be aimed at in the training of the cadet is to make him mentally, morally and physically better."* Let us take our five aims (three of which are summed up in the sentence just quoted) and see how far the Cadet Corps helps in each.

CHARACTER.—Chapter I. of another official book, an Army one this time, begins thus: "The development of the necessary moral qualities is the first object to be aimed at in the training of an army."† It then defines the qualities which go to make up character as unselfishness, loyalty and determination. "Unselfishness," it says, "implies subordination of self to the consideration of others. Loyalty in its widest sense means loyalty not only to King, country, army, regiment or cause, but also to the wishes, orders and teaching of the immediate superior. The terms, 'quite straight' and 'playing the game,' are implied in the term 'loyalty.' Determination means 'seeing a thing through,' once the plan has been decided upon, no matter what opposition is met with." In addition, in the Corps a boy learns discipline. To quote another writer, "Discipline is systematised self-control, based on self-knowledge and self-respect. To be able to submit to discipline is the first requisite for leadership, and the proper function of secondary education is to train boys for leadership. . . . As he progresses, the cadet learns also to handle responsibility and to rely on his own resources, so that when he leaves school he is, to a large extent, developed and fit to assume responsibility almost immediately."‡ This feature of the Corps training is being increasingly recognised by employers, who often attach as much importance to success in this direction, as testified to by Cadet Corps rank, as to educational qualifications.

PHYSIQUE.—The details of the drill-book may seem at first sight trivial, or even amusing—"feet turned out at an angle of 45 degrees, thumbs immediately behind the seam of the trousers," and so on. Yet behind every one of these minutiae there is a sound physical reason, and every movement has been worked out with a view to its effect on the body. Anybody who takes a walk in the neighbourhood of an army camp will need no convincing of the efficiency of the army training from a

physical point of view, while even in the limited time available in the Cadet Corps, the effect of the training on bearing and carriage is very marked.

INTELLIGENCE.—Many boys have latent powers of intelligence which do not show themselves in their school work, but which come out strongly in the Corps. A boy who is considered stupid by those who only see him in the class-room, may, on parade, on a field-day or in camp, show mental qualities unsuspected by his masters. On the other hand, some clever boys are inclined to be dreamy and to drift into the mental habits of the traditional absent-minded professor. This type of boy acquires from the Corps training an alertness and "savoir faire" which the ordinary work of the class-room leaves undeveloped.

MANNERS.—The rather complicated system of salutes and compliments which obtains in the Army was hardly popular with the rank and file during the War, but as far as boys are concerned, the rigid insistence on respect for seniority is a valuable training in manners. The boy who learns to take a pride in smart saluting will not be negligent in the freer ceremonial of civil life. The well-trained cadet will be the more respectful and polite to his seniors when he gets out into the world because he has had his company commander and his sergeant-major to practise on. Nor is the time spent in cleaning belt and buttons wasted from this point of view. The boy who has been taught to take meticulous care over his turn-out on parade will hardly be less careful with his civilian attire.

LEARNING.—The influence of the Cadet Corps in the class-room is indirect, but definite. Boys "develop a quickened mentality by its training, which reacts markedly on their school work. The habits of accuracy in observation, promptness in interpreting and acting on word of command reflect themselves in their general mental qualities and help them with their work. The boys who have done best in school have almost always been boys who have been keen on the Corps work as well."‡ A glance at the Honours List of any year will convince anybody that this is true.

"In a word, the training a boy receives in the Corps is one which increases his all-round efficiency and tends to make him a better student, a better man and a better citizen."‡

*"Manual of Cadet Infantry Training," 1919.—Published by H.M. Stationery Office. Page 11.

†"Section Leading in Attack and Defence," 1923.—Published by H.M. Stationery Office. Chapter 1.

‡Leaflet published by the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association.

W.S.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS IN THE LONDON TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Boys who have completed the advanced science course and are over eighteen years of age are advised to consider seriously the above appointments. They offer a very promising career to young men, the salaries ranging from £130—£750 per annum. With the bonus now payable to Civil Servants, the commencing salary would be £217 a year. The syllabus of the examination, which includes English, general knowledge, mathematics, electricity and mechanics, are of about the Higher School Examination standard.

CADET CORPS NOTES.

By kind permission of the Clerk of the Weather, we actually had a field-day on March 26th. An official restriction arriving at the last moment compelled us to abandon a scheme which had been carefully prepared to take place in a hitherto unexplored part of Richmond Park. A very enjoyable and instructive day was, however, spent in working out an old scheme over what was to most of us familiar ground.

On the following day a number of cadets went to Epping Forest to take part in the London Inter-Cadet Cross-Country Run. They returned in triumph, and a new cup adorns the cabinet in the School Hall. The places were as follows:—1, L.Sgt. Kensit, D. B. J.; 2, Cohen, L. J.; 6, Cpl. Milne, W. C.; 8, Eggleton, T. M.; 12, Sgt. Simms, J.; 13 C.S.M. Catling, E. J.; 14, C.Q.M.S. Elkington, R. G.; 16, Chalmers, W. K.; 18, L.Cpl. Hawke, H. G.; 19, Mills, L. G.; 24, L.Cpl. Eyles, R. E.; 26, L.Sgt. Cairns, J. A. B. There were 48 competitors.

At the London Cadet Brigade Sports at Paddington, on April 24th, we won the Sullivan Cup (tug-of-war) for the fourth time, the team consisting of: C.S.M. Kelly, C. J., Chalmers, W. K., Palmer, C. G., Cpl. Soulal, V., Willis, W. F., C.S.M. Godfrey, W., C.S.M. Catling, E. J., Molyneaux, W. S. In the other events, the following gained places:—

100 yards.—3rd, R.S.M. Brown, C. A.

440 yards.—3rd, Sgt. Marsden, W. J.

880 yards.—2nd, L.Sgt. Kensit, D. B. J.

High Jump.—2nd, C.S.M. Catling, E. J.

Long Jump.—3rd, Jones, J. E.

Long Jump (Junior).—1st, Merrett, L. G.

Senior Relay Race.—2nd, L.Sgt. Wiffen, D. G., Sgt. Marsden, W. J., L.Sgt. Kensit, D. B. J., and R.S.M. Brown, C. A.

Junior Relay Race.—1st, Willis, R. H., Merrett, L. G., Forbes, H. R., and Sgt. Simms, J.

We have been unfortunate in losing two R.S.M.'s in the course of the year. P. C. Smith left in February, and was replaced by C. A. Brown, who, we regret to say, held the position only for two months, when he, too, left the School. In their six years of loyal and enthusiastic service these two boys never gave a thought to anything but the good of the Corps, and set a splendid example to others. We say good-bye to them both with real regret. The vacancy will be filled by C.S.M. Walter Godfrey.

Among events for this term are the Inspection and a Brigade Field-Day, both of which will take place in July.

We hope that this year's camp will be larger and more enjoyable than ever. Entries are coming in fairly well, over 100 names having already been received. We should, however, like to see a larger proportion of the older boys (especially "A" Company) among them. Parents are reminded that at least 10s. of the subscription should be paid by June 18th.

WITH A CAMERA IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY.

The country inhabited by the Basques, who number about 660,000, extends along the coast from some miles north of Biarritz to beyond San Sebastian, and includes the stretches of hinterland on both sides of the Pyrenees. It constituted the old province of Navarre. The centre from which it may best be studied is Bayonne, the capital of the Basses Pyrénées. Bayonne itself is interesting to us since it was an English possession for 300 years till 1451. It is slightly inland, but Biarritz is only half an hour's journey away. The route from Bayonne to Hendaye can be made along the coast, via Biarritz and St. Jean de Luz, a pretty village which is becoming a popular resort. When the tramcar arrives at Hendaye beach, a Basque boatman calls, "Le bateau pour Fontarabie." I surprised him by offering to help to row his craft across the bay. He mentioned that only English people had made such a request and he always agreed to it.

Fontarabia is noteworthy for its church, narrow streets and gateways with armorial bearings. Here also the street names are given in both Spanish and Basque, a language it is almost impossible for anyone else to learn. From Hendaye it is also possible to take the train to San Sebastian. I found it easy to cross the Spanish frontier by presenting my passport as I do my season ticket at Clapham Junction.

There is much to be seen in San Sebastian; the bay is a sight of beauty with its golden sands, deep blue sea and park-like promenade. But perhaps the scenery from the train between Bayonne and St. Jean Pied de Port is most delightful of all. St. Jean, the ancient capital of Navarre, is still the centre of the Basques in France. An uphill walk to Arnéguy, the last French village, brings us again into Spain on crossing the stream, and three kilometres farther on along a low pass in the Pyrenees is Valcarlos, the first Spanish town, about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles from St. Jean. The country is beautiful, the roads are good, and at intervals we met people riding on mules, which, with the ox-carts, serve for transport. As we come to know our Continental neighbours better, the more we like them, at least, that is my experience. My fears regarding the Spaniards were banished as soon as I made their acquaintance. Peasants in all countries appear to possess the same good characteristics.

A varied collection of botanical specimens was made during the Easter vacation in this district, for the climate favours the early flowering of the plants. The Basque country formed the subject of a lantern lecture to the Natural History Society, and our thanks are due to R. H. Welch and R. J. Cole, who assisted with the lantern on this and other occasions.

J.G.F.D.

ON LEAVING SCHOOL.

One enters a school for the first time with very mixed feelings, but in a little time one feeling predominates—love for one's school. Rising form by form through the school only serves to deepen that love and pride, until at last, at the top of the school, there exists only one school—mine. This feeling is too deep to be fully realised while still

at school; one must be on the verge of leaving to know all that one's school means and stands for. Then it comes in the nature of a great shock, as it means leaving behind the best part of one's life and starting in a new sphere of life altogether.

Our friends in the school, from whom one must part possibly never to meet again, are brought to mind. The football and cricket teams are dwelt upon and many incidents, previously forgotten, are recalled; perhaps the scoring of a good goal or a neat "shot" past cover. The corps is remembered, and one becomes sad at the thought that the last parade is over. However, there is always the consolation of being able to say, "I was an N.C.O. in the finest school cadet corps in England."

One takes a last look round the dear old form-room at the many familiar sights—a last glimpse at one's desk, where in the bottom left-hand corner one has so neatly carved those initials, which will last as long as the desk, and over which in years to come there will be an argument as to whom they belong. Yes, every fellow carries in his memory the clear-cut picture of his old form-room. Then there are one's form-mates, who more closely resemble brothers than friends, and the more one dwells upon pleasant memories in connection with them, the harder it becomes to leave them. The only consolation afforded to a boy who leaves, is the knowledge that he will meet them again in the future, although not under such happy circumstances.

For a time one dwells on the future. Who will sit in my desk? Who will be school captain? Who will be R.S.M.? All these questions pass through one's mind, but one glance at the juniors is sufficient to know that the future of the school is in safe hands.

Alas, one must leave, but it is with the knowledge that not only is the school the finest in England, but it contains the finest set of fellows and masters that one could possibly meet, and, speaking personally, it will always be my greatest boast that I am an Old Grammarian.

P. C. SMITH.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Old Boys' Day, Saturday, July 10th, 1926.

Annual Dinner, Saturday, December 4th, 1926.

We begin our few remarks with an earnest exhortation to all Old Boys to take careful note of the above functions. It is hoped, we understand, to make Old Boys' Day an annual event. As will be seen in the cricket notes, there will on that occasion be an all-day match between the Old Boys and the School.

The inauguration of an Old Boys' Cricket Club is an event of great importance. We hope that all Old Boys will do their utmost to interest any of their fellows with whom they may be in touch in this new venture. It is particularly to be wished that some of the maturer Old Grammarians, described at the Annual General Meeting (and not by one of the youngsters) as the "ancients" may be interested in an undertaking which they might well think could have been embarked upon before now.

The report of the Dramatic Society shows that despite many difficulties they are keeping their end up admirably. We cannot too strongly emphasise the view, so often expressed in these notes, that they are deserving of every support, both as regards membership and attendance at their functions. The report of the Football Secretary is none too cheerful reading, but we must hope for better performances and better luck next season. We trust that all Old Boys who are at all interested in dancing will read with care and profit the account of the last Old Grammarian event.

There is rather a full article for the press on this occasion. We are therefore deferring until our next issue some remarks on the possibility of obtaining more purely personal information about Old Grammarians for publication in our article. No doubt readers will remember that this matter has engaged our attention before. It is still under consideration.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on May 26th. We will endeavour to do justice to an important occasion as briefly as possible.

The report of the Executive Committee showed that the membership of the Association now stands at 211, 39 having joined during the past year. In view of the fact that on a careful revision of the active members' list at the end of last year 100 names were removed from the register, this should be considered very satisfactory. The Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts was also rightly considered to show a state of affairs with which the Association may well be pleased.

The revised Rules of the Association next came up for consideration, and provided almost the whole of the evening's business. A number of amendments was proposed by Mr. Horsman and Mr. Balls. Some of these were of so involved a nature that it was, as one member said, really difficult to follow them, let alone to take full note of the discussions upon them. Certain minor amendments were adopted, and these entailed a re-numbering of the rules, a task which was entrusted to the Committee. We think any further reference to the rules as so amended and re-numbered had better be deferred to our next issue. Although most of the amendments were defeated, the meeting thoroughly appreciated the genuine spirit of service to the Association in which they were moved, as was shown by the subsequent election to the Committee of Messrs. Balls and Horsman.

The following officers were duly elected:—

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. A. Fuller.

Hon. Asst. Secretary: Mr. G. A. Harding.

Editor, Old Boys' Section of School Magazine: Mr. J. B. Harding.

Other Committee members consisted of the Head Master's nomination, Mr. Spooner, whose interest in the Association is so well known, and the following: Messrs. A. T. Wilson, F. N. Hoare, C. B. Eastmead, W. J. Balls, L. F. Horsman, and H. C. Greatham.

Messrs. F. V. Jacoby and G. V. O'Connor were appointed Hon. Auditors.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Head Master for his valuable chairmanship on this somewhat strenuous occasion. J.B.H.

Old Grammarians' Dramatic Society.

The sixth season (1925-6) has been most enjoyable, and notable for the recruitment of several new members to the Society, who have ably filled the places of those who resigned at the conclusion of the fifth season.

The absence of Mr. F. N. Hoare, the Society's producer, was, of course, most unfortunate, but by dint of hard work and keenness among all members, a very successful season was achieved.

The most notable production, in fact, the only three-act play attempted, was a revival of "Eliza Comes to Stay," at St. Mary's Hall, Bromley, on February 11th. This, it will perhaps be remembered, was the last production given at the School, in December, 1922, and owing to resignations and other enforced absences the play had to be almost entirely re-cast. Fortunately, "Eliza" (Mrs. Kathleen Mallett), "Lady Pennybroke" (Miss Ethel Skinner), and "Sandy" (Mr. Stavely Hedger) were available, and all three enhanced their reputations by excellent performances of their respective parts, as will be seen from the Press cutting from the "Bromley District Times." A very full house appeared to enjoy the performance, and great applause at the end of each act, besides numerous individual "curtains," rewarded the members for their earnest rehearsals. It is notable that four new members—Miss Ivy Yeatman, and Messrs. Ivor Griffiths, Geoffrey L. Davies and Fred. J. Elliott—undertook their various parts with great success, and all are to be heartily congratulated upon their first performances for the Society—in two cases their first stage appearance.

The following is the criticism from the local paper:—

"When the Old Grammarians' Dramatic Society came to Bromley a year ago, the large audience who witnessed their excellent performance of "Grumpy," at St. Mary's Hall, showed a very decided appreciation of the fine talent possessed by this clever company of actors. An equally enthusiastic reception was accorded them when they re-visited St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last week, and a full house showed, by a full measure of applause, the pleasure that was experienced in a further visit from them. Those who remembered "Grumpy" knew they could confidently expect a really entertaining evening with the Old Grammarians again, and anticipations were fully realised.

The play chosen for presentation on this occasion was the farcical comedy in three acts by H. V. Esmond, "Eliza Comes to Stay." It was a complete success, and the players are much to be congratulated—the more so as they have been handicapped by several cases of illness in preparing for it. The characters represented, in the order of appearance, were as follows:—

Herbert, Fred. J. Elliott; A Porter, W. Howard Mallett; The Honourable Sandy Verrall, Stavely Hedger; Mrs. Allaway, Ivy Yeatman; Alexander Stoop Verrall, Ivor Griffiths; Lady Pennybroke, Ethel Skinner; Miss Vera Laurence, Phyllis French; Montague Jordan, Geoffrey L. Davies; Dorothy, Kathleen Mallett.

"Eliza" (alias Dorothy) was very cleverly impersonated by Kathleen Mallett. It was no easy thing to play the part of this remarkable girl. So much of the success of the play hinged upon it, and it is hard to believe that the character could have been better presented than it was on Thursday. Stavely Hedger was all that the Honourable Sandy Verrall was expected to be. He played his part to perfection. The Montague Jordan of Geoffrey Davies was quite a good study, while

The 2nd XI. started in very good style, but as previously mentioned, suffered from enforced absences. Good victories were won over Guy's Hospital 6-3, the Nomads 6-1 and 12-0, and Lloyd's Bank 5-4.

The 3rd XI. generally did extremely well, with occasional lapses, and amongst the victories were Coutt's Bank 14-3 and 5-1. Alley's Old Boys 5-2, Old Mercers 6-3 and 12-0, Bank of England 4-2.

The full results read:—

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | For | Against |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|---------|
| 1st XI. ... | 21 | 10 | 11 | — | 74 | 80 |
| 2nd XI. ... | 17 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 59 | 72 |
| 3rd XI. ... | 19 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 83 | 70 |

Unfortunately we have lost the Beckenham ground. It was purchased by a building society at the beginning of the season, but we were allowed to continue until they actually wished to commence operations. They did this at the end of February, so that from then onwards the Club only possessed one pitch on alternate weeks at Malden for the use of three teams, and this caused considerable disorganisation of fixtures during March.

I wish to thank those gentlemen who kindly gave up much of their spare time to referee for us—Mr. Spinks, Mr. Elkington and Mr. Catten. We appreciate this work very much. I wish also to thank S. H. Fuller and G. French for the assistance they have given me in their capacity as team secretaries. I think most of you know the enormous amount of time that our Hon. Treasurer, A. T. Wilson, devotes to the Club, and we cannot thank him sufficiently for all the work that he does. Apart from so thoroughly fulfilling his duties as Hon. Treasurer, he organised the Christmas Draw, and the success of this venture was due in no small measure to his work.

It is with sincere regret that I make my last note. I refer to the sad loss of one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. J. Eastmead. Mr. Eastmead has been a staunch supporter of our Club for many years, and we extend our greatest sympathy to Mrs. Eastmead and family in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Eastmead still remains a faithful friend to the Club, and we are very grateful to her for allowing us to use her home every week for Committee meetings and for making us so comfortable there.

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O.G.A. Dance.

The Annual Dance of the Association was held at the Constitutional Club, Balham, on February 27th, when some 90 Old Grammarians and their friends spent an enjoyable evening. A very successful new departure was introduced, Mr. G. V. O'Connor providing an orchestra, in which three Old Grammarians performed. Their selections were well chosen and efficiently executed. Our other department was again in the hands of Mr. Humphrey, who catered with his usual excellence of quality and quantity.

It would be very gratifying to see still more O.G.'s present, there being quite a number who are prepared to refuse a proffered game of football to go to other dances, but who rarely appear at the function of their own club.

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O.G.A. Cricket Club.

Although the establishment of this Club came too near the opening of the season for a full programme of fixtures to be possible, Mr. Dorey has managed, by dint of much hard work and perseverance, to arrange the following twelve matches:—

May 24th (Whit Monday).—St. Barnabas, Away.

June 5th.—Holy Trinity, Away.

June 12th.—King's College Hospital, Away.

June 26th.—St. Barnabas, Away.

July 4th.—Spencer, Away.

July 10th (whole day).—The School, Away.

July 24th.—The School, Home.

July 31st.—Spencer, Home.

August 7th.—Holy Trinity, Home.

August 14th.—Old Uptonians, Home.

August 21st.—Hurworth C.C., Home.

August 28th.—St. Barnabas, Home.

In addition to giving us the use of the School ground for matches during the School summer holidays, the Head Master has kindly arranged for us to have net practice there on Friday evenings throughout the season. It would have been impossible without this help to run a Cricket Club with any hope of a reasonably successful season, and we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Head Master. The Committee hopes that as many members as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity for practice. The Selection Committee will meet at the ground on Fridays and will select the team for the following week's match.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the School on March 21st, 1926, and the report of the "temporary Committee" was received. On the basis of this report a constitution was drawn up and officers and Committee were elected. The Head Master was asked to become President, and consented to do so.

It had been hoped that Mr. J. W. J. Reid would accept the Captaincy. His name will conjure up, in the minds of some of us, memories of cricket matches played on the dear old "Burntwood" ground, when the mighty ones of the day included such O.G.'s as J. K. Frost, W. H. Carey, J. E. Scarlett, H. de Ville, "Tommy" Platt—to say nothing of J. W. J. Reid himself.

Unfortunately, Mr. Reid, who turned up at the School for the General Meeting at which the new C.C. was formed, and who is keenly interested in its welfare, has decided that his many activities make it impossible for him to take the Captaincy. Mr. G. A. Harding was accordingly elected to that office, with Mr. H. C. Greetham as Vice-Captain. The joint office of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer was left in the hands of Mr. N. F. Dorey.

The Committee consists of the Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, and Messrs. E. A. Fuller, F. N. Hoare, J. E. de Silva and A. T. Wilson; and the Selection Committee of Messrs. G. A. Harding, H. C. Greetham and N. F. Dorey.

The subscription for the first season was fixed at 10s. 6d. for playing members and 5s. for non-playing members. As initial outlay must necessarily be rather considerable, it is of great importance that subscriptions should be in early. Mr. Dorey will be glad to hear from any O.G.'s who feel interested in this new activity of the Association and who have not yet signified their willingness to join.

On July 10th, which is to be the first celebration of what is to be known as "Old Boys' Day" (in future, we hope, a regular annual event) there will be a whole day match against the School on the School ground.

G.A.H.

The match played on May 24th against St. Barnabas resulted in a victory for the Old Boys by 117 to 55.—Ed.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

It is gratifying to note the steady increase in the number of boys who are preparing for important careers and who do not regard the School as providing just sufficient education to qualify for the first job offered. Any boy who is ambitious and does not wish to join the rank and file in life has ample opportunity to-day. Two years spent in the advanced course, followed by the University, will open the way into most professions.

State Scholarships, London County Senior Scholarships and Open Scholarships at the Universities are within the reach of any member of the VI. Form. A list of scholarships available has been prepared, and parents interested should apply to the Headmaster.

In the final examination of London University, J. A. Farnham obtained 2nd Class Hons. in Physics, L. A. Osborne the B.Sc. General, and L. A. Parsons 1st Class Hons. in Chemistry. Parsons was also awarded a Gold Medal for Inorganic and Physical Chemistry.

R. W. Revans now holds the record for the Long and High Jumps of London University.

W. E. Rose, at Cambridge, has gained a 1st Class in his "Mays," and has also been awarded a College Prize.

We were pleased recently to welcome Mr. Notcutt, who was on our staff in 1888. He is now Professor of English at the University of Stellenbosch, and at present has exchanged with a tutor at Bedford College for a year.

Our heartiest congratulations are offered to Alderman Cresswell, Deputy Chairman of the Governors, on his election as Mayor of Wandsworth. For many years he has never spared himself in the execution of public duties, and Wandsworth is already indebted to him for loyal and devoted service. In spite of the widening of his field of activities, we are confident that he will still be able to maintain his interest in the work of the School. Our best wishes are with him and the Mayor's for a happy, successful and fruitful year of office.

R. H. Welch, our last year's School Captain, is now with W. E. Thomas at the East London College.

The Annual Prize-Giving will take place at the Battersea Town Hall on Monday, December 20th, at 7.30 p.m.

THE PRESERVATION OF ENGLAND'S COUNTRYSIDE.

Apart from her actual superiority in material greatness, England ranks high above the rest of the world as a land of exceptional beauty. In fact, it can be said without exaggeration that no other country is favoured with so great a variety of natural beauty as is this island country of ours. There are, for instance, the Devonshire and Yorkshire Moors, the Surrey and Sussex Downs, the Norfolk Broads, and the Cumberland Lake District—each representative of some particular type of natural beauty. The beauty of our countryside is further enhanced by its glorious rustic villages, each with its cluster of old-fashioned, thatch-roofed cottages, grouped around its old ivy-covered church—each village, in its setting of green trees and meadows, a worthy object for the brush of any great master. It is, indeed, almost impossible to describe English scenery as a whole, on account of its great diversity. The nearest approach to a generalisation would be to say that England is "park-like"; this is the predominant impression which most foreigners receive when first they visit our country.

The high quality of English poetry and prose is largely due to the influence exerted on the minds of our writers by the incomparably romantic beauty of our countryside—the influence which is only exerted when one is confronted by Nature in all her primitive beauty, unmarred by the march of man's civilisation; the influence which is felt when one stands on some elevated piece of ground and sees spread out beneath him a glorious panorama of fields and hedges, of woodlands, of sparkling streams, of cool, shaded valleys and rolling hills; that influence which is the soul of poetry.

Unfortunately, each year sees a few more acres of our countryside claimed for building purposes; so that ultimately all our rural districts and countryside will have disappeared, and given place to large towns and cities—unless a national effort is made to preserve these beauty spots. Until we actually know that we are in danger of losing some picturesque spot, we little realise how invaluable it is; in fact, it is almost a case of "familiarity breeds contempt." An example of this occurred recently, when the auctioneer's hammer was about to consign to the highest bidder a vast tract of Sussex Downland, lying between Eastbourne and Seaford. This spot is considered by many travellers to be unsurpassed in natural beauty by any other district or region in the world. For those crossing to the Continent from Newhaven, this splendid view of a glorious unbroken stretch of chalk cliffs is the last that they see of the mother land; and on their return it is indeed a worthy sight to welcome them back to their native country. Fortunately, the spirited efforts of the nation in general, and of a few patriotic persons in particular, have prevailed, so that the land has been acquired for public property, and is to be preserved from the clutches of the speculative builders, who purchase such beauty spots knowing that the attractiveness of the sites is certain to draw many buyers.

The nation is now beginning to realise the necessity of parks and open spaces. It is highly gratifying to know that the wealthier classes are also taking an active interest in this question, and we are already indebted to certain of them for some of the parks which we now possess. Apart from individual effort, the nation in general should exert itself and see that England's beautiful countryside is preserved, so that we

may still look upon this England of ours as the same England which inspired our gifted poets to sing their glorious praises to Mother Nature; and that, like Clough, we may still be able to say—

"Green fields of England! wheresoe'er
Across this watery waste we fare,
One image at our hearts we bear;
Green fields of England everywhere."

A. E. TOOKE.

CAMP, 1926.

"One of the best camps we've had." So ran the general verdict on our return this year; and, indeed, a good time it was. We enjoyed excellent weather, even at times when our London friends were watching ceaseless raindrops on their window panes; and so the M.O. is refusing to come to camp again unless someone promises to be ill—he pretends he hates doing nothing.

The advance party left on Thursday, July 22nd, and having arrived at our usual camping field at Whitecliff Bay, near Bembridge, I.O.W., proceeded to erect a marquee and a tent or twain to accommodate them and the stores for the night.

The next few days were spent in getting up the rest of the canvas and making a kitchen, incinerator, etc. We were delighted to have with us Mr. Waterer, whom we welcomed at his first camp. He was of so much use, too, that we wonder how we managed before without his experience and assistance, and a more willing helper in any work he undertook it would have been hard to find. Mr. Waterer made us some wonderful marquee pegs, around which we would cluster with mallets in best "navvy" style, hitting hard for ten minutes. When we arose, perspiring, we saw him hit one of his own pegs in with seven strokes, so, of course, we struck and watched, spellbound. Next year we hope again to see Mr. Waterer striking in tent pegs.

Here and now I should like to congratulate the N.C.O.'s of the advance party on the splendid work they did. I believe some of them longed for a storm to test the value of their tent-pitching, as the stiff breeze we had one evening was scarcely enough to do so.

On the Monday the main body arrived, under Major Whale, and the settling down was quickly accomplished. We were as sorry not to have Colonel Carroll with us as I know he was to be unable to come. Though the camp was so large—nearly 200 strong—the routine programme was much as usual: Reveille 7.0, Breakfast 8.15, Parade 9.45 for 2½ hours with a break, Dinner 1.0, Bathing 3.0, Tea, 5.0, Prayers 9.15, Lights Out 10.0. During parade time some drill was done and also a fair amount of physical jerks; the amount of field work accomplished was more than last year, though not as much as we had hoped; there will be more next year, if permission can be obtained to use the neighbouring ground. The various H.Q. units had good practice in their separate departments of work, the signallers providing an efficient telephone service which enabled the officers' mess meals to be

interrupted for real and other emergencies. The officers were particularly struck with the keenness of the younger boys and their realisation of the purpose of such rules as it was necessary to make.

I have never understood how the senior boys allowed the tents of Nos. 3 and 4 lines to beat them in a level competition, which was comfortably won by the Signallers' Tent. The free afternoon was the more appreciated after the parade, and also the daily bathe; it was a great sight to see so many happy swimmers in the sunny sea together. Captain Geare has been unceasing in his efforts at our camps, and apart from the swimming day by day, his work meant many games of "footer" played against neighbouring teams from other camps, and not the least important was a fixture with Ventnor during their cricket week, a game resulting in a very creditable draw and promise of another game next year.

Our outings this year took the usual form—a day and also a half-day trip. Favourable terms enabled a "Round the Island" trip to be run, sandwich rations were taken, and a tea was arranged at Wootton Bridge; on the second occasion the run was to St. Catherine's Light-house, beyond Ventnor. The sand and swimming sports were held quite informally, as usual, the prizes being well appreciated by the inner man—or boy! I believe everyone was genuinely sorry for the cadet who couldn't finish his tin of pineapple; wasn't anyone in his tent able to do it? Anyway, I hope I didn't spill any on his kit during a surprise blanket inspection. Even after these times illness was practically unknown, and it was rumoured that medical orderlies would welcome splinters, sunburn, and such like out of the boredom of their souls. The matter of cooking was a difficult problem owing to the coal strike, but troubles were well surmounted, and "No Complaints" became the order of the day.

Camp is never complete without song and music. With Mr. Dorey's personal assistance, sing-songs were arranged and some fine turns put on. How camp and charabancs do develop some people's voices! When certain sergeants whisper, it can be heard all over the camp. At the end of one of the concerts, Liza Lovegrove, a lady of charming personality and fresh complexion, made a graceful distribution of the "cross-country" prizes.

After a fortnight the most of us returned bronzed and fit, a handful staying to raze the camp completely. And now a word to any cadet who is reading this. We recognise that a few boys do not like camp life, and we don't press them to go. But if you haven't been, do go once and try it. The majority love it, and nearly all last year's camp have promised to go next year. Doesn't that speak for itself? Don't think you won't like it—you will; and don't condemn it until you have been to see, and don't listen too seriously to the scoffers. We want to have more than 200 next year.

I should like to mention the great deal we owe to the Camp Commandant, Major Whale, and his tireless Adjutant, Major Spooner. They have both worked unceasingly for us all, and we congratulate them heartily, even for their tactful influence with the weather. If there are any of my readers who feel, "May I never forgive him for omitting this or that or the other," will they be sure I'll remember them if ever I write a book on camp?

M.A.R.

RECORDS OF SOME BOYS WHO HAVE
RECENTLY LEFT.

- R. H. WELCH (1915-26).—Monitor (1923-24). Prefect (1924-26). Captain of the School. London Matriculation and General Schools, with distinctions in Mathematics and Magnetism and Electricity (1923). Intermediate Science and Higher Schools, with distinction in Physics (1925). Staff Sergeant, Cadet Corps (1922-23). Secretary, Photographic Society. Member of School Tug Team (1926). First Eleven Colours, Football (1924-26). Second Eleven Colours, Cricket (1921-24). Vice-Captain, Bolingbroke House (1926). House Colours (1923-26).
- W. GODFREY (1919-26).—Monitor (1924-25). Prefect (1925-26). Captain of the School. London Matriculation and General Schools (Honours), with distinctions in French, Chemistry, and Magnetism and Electricity (1923). Intermediate Arts and Higher Schools, with distinction in French and special credit in Oral French (1925). £40 Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge (1925). £120 L.C.C. Senior County Scholarship (1926). Regimental Sergeant-Major, Cadet Corps (1926). Debating Society. Sports Recorder. French Librarian. Member School Tug Team. Captain, Bolingbroke House (1926). House Colours (1926).
- R. G. ELKINGTON (1920-26).—Monitor (1924-25). Prefect (1925-26). London Matriculation and General Schools (Honours), with distinctions in English, French, German, and Elementary Mathematics (1923). Intermediate Arts and Higher Schools, with distinction in History (1925). £40 Exhibition in History, Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge (1926). Surrey County Major Scholarship (1925). Company Sergeant-Major, Cadet Corps (1926). Debating Society. Member School Tug Team (1926). Member Cadet Corps Cross-Country Team (1926). Third Eleven Colours, Football (1925-26). Bolingbroke House Colours (1925-26).
- W. E. THOMAS (1919-26).—Prefect (1925-26). London Matriculation and General Schools (Honours), with distinctions in Mathematics, Magnetism and Electricity (1923). Intermediate Science and Higher Schools, with distinction in Pure Mathematics (1925). £40 Open Drapers' Exhibition in Mathematics at East London College (1923). £80 L.C.C. Senior County Scholarship (1923). Sir Walter St. John's Lodge Prize for Geometry (1923 and 1925). L./Sergeant, Cadet Corps (1923). Secretary, Debating Society (1924-25). Photographic Society. Captain, Third Eleven, Cricket (1923). Bolingbroke House Colours (1924-26).
- D. B. J. KENSIT (1920-26).—Monitor (1924-25). Prefect (1925-26). London Matriculation and General Schools (Honours), with distinctions in English, French, and Magnetism and Electricity (1923). Intermediate Arts and Higher Schools (1925). Bursary at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge (1926). L./Sergeant, Cadet Corps (1925-26). Debating Society. Secretary, Chess Club (1923-26). Holder of 440 yards School Record (1926). Member of Cadet Corps Cross-Country Team (1926). Captain, Dawnay House (1925-26). Dawnay House Colours (1926).

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1926.

Before an enthusiastic, if small, body of visitors, the Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Latchmere Baths on July 16th. The Clerk of the Weather furnished a warm, humid morning, in spite of a cool and dull St. Swithin's Day preceding, and many watchers envied the swimmers their cool costume and their dip.

The long programme was carried out with that smartness which we have learnt to expect from our starters, the waits between events and heats being really negligible. The tale of the major open events and the story of the individual championship may be told together, E. D. Whitehead taking first place in the one and three lengths, the breast stroke, the back stroke, and the diving. While no records were broken it is worthy of note that this swimmer came to within a second of the record in each of three of the above events.

The handicap events provided some very close races and reflected great credit on those responsible for the starting times; not only the heats but also the finals led to thrilling results, the winners in the over and under 15 being H. Rentell and E. J. Polley respectively. There are many keen swimmers coming up through the School, who should enter for this race even if they do not feel capable of entering for events in their own classes. The lighter side of the programme was well represented in the matter of numbers, and in these races the brothers Stratford were particularly prominent.

With the advent of the House events it seemed that the roof would be lifted with cheering—always a happy omen of keenness. If the Baths authorities do not like it, I think that they must blame Messrs. Carroll and Peacock, who introduced the Senior Inter-House Team Race with a loud altercation from opposite ends of the bath—we all felt that if only Mr. Peacock had a megaphone too, it would have been a near thing. In a very close finish, Dawnay just beat Trinity at the rail, the latter having led all the way. The Junior event corresponding was won by Bolingbroke, it having been unfortunately necessary to disqualify Trinity for a technical offence. Bolingbroke won the long first pull in the Tug-of-War Final, but then failed twice to Trinity, who won moderately comfortably. In the customary fashion, the Inter-House Water Polo Final concluded the programme, and in this, Dawnay, the best House team this year, beat Bolingbroke by 3—0, and also won the House Championship.

At the conclusion, Mr. G. A. Christian, well known as one of our Governors, and who had been a most interested spectator, presented the prizes, on the Headmaster's introduction. Mr. Christian ended with a speech of thanks including a few well-chosen words of warning with regard to sea-bathing in the approaching holidays, and of encouragement to those who have yet to learn to swim. M.A.R.

Results.

Breast Stroke (Open).—1st, E. D. Whitehead; 2nd, R. E. Eyles; 3rd, A. R. Harris. Time, 27 sec. Record, 26 2-5 sec.
Back Stroke (Open).—1st, E. D. Whitehead; 2nd, R. E. Eyles; 3rd, A. R. Harris.
Three Lengths (Open).—1st, E. D. Whitehead; 2nd, E. W. Stratford; 3rd, F. I. Green. Time, 34 2-5 sec. Record, 33 2-5 sec.
One Length (Open).—1st, E. D. Whitehead; 2nd, F. I. Green; 3rd, R. E. Eyles. Time, 24 3-5 sec. Record, 24 1-5 sec.

Diving (Open).—1st, E. D. Whitehead; 2nd, F. I. Green; 3rd, T. Finucane.
One Length (14—16).—1st, D. V. Henschley; 2nd, J. C. Cooper; 3rd, J. E. Allen. Time, 24 4-5 sec. Record, 24 1-5 sec.
One Length (under 14).—1st, T. Finucane; 2nd, F. J. Stratford; 3rd, A. Tillman. Time, 30 sec. Record, 26 1-5 sec.
Two Widths (under 12).—1st, G. M. Everitt. Time, 40 sec. Record, 19 1-5 sec.
Obstacle Race (over 15).—1st, J. C. Cooper; 2nd, E. W. Stratford; 3rd, R. E. Eyles.
Obstacle Race (under 15).—1st, F. J. Stratford; 2nd, L. F. Brown; 3rd, R. Williams.
Good-Night Race (Open).—1st, H. J. Dunk; 2nd, E. W. Stratford; 3rd, R. C. Rowsell.
Egg-and-Spoon Race (Open).—1st, R. E. Eyles; 2nd, C. F. Hart; 3rd, W. S. Molyneaux.
Novices' Race (over 15).—1st, G. F. Cooke; 2nd, C. S. Hall; 3rd, E. V. Whale. Time, 30 sec. School Record.
Novices' Race (under 15).—1st, T. Finucane; 2nd, R. M. Galloway; 3rd, B. Lambert. Time, 30 sec. School Record.
One Length Handicap (over 15).—1st, H. E. W. Rentell; 2nd, E. A. Brandes; 3rd, L. Poynter, E. G. Keevil.
One Length Handicap (under 15).—1st, E. J. Polley; 2nd, F. J. Stratford; 3rd, D. V. Henschley.
Inter-House Polo Final.—Dawnay beat Bolingbroke, 3 goals to 0.
Inter-House Tug-of-War Final.—Trinity beat Bolingbroke, 2 pulls to 1.
Six Lengths Inter-House Team Race (Senior).—1st, Dawnay; 2nd, Trinity; 3rd, Bolingbroke. Time, 179 sec. Record, 168 1-5 sec.
Four Lengths Inter-House Team Race (Junior).—1st, Bolingbroke; 2nd, Erskine; 3rd, Dawnay.
House Positions.—1st, Dawnay, 113½ pts.; 2nd, Trinity, 74½ pts.; 3rd, Bolingbroke, 60 pts.; 4th, Erskine, 45 pts.; 5th, St. John's, 16 pts.; 6th, Spencer, 6 pts.
Swimming Champion.—E. D. Whitehead, 40 pts.
Runners-up.—R. E. Eyles, 19 pts.; F. I. Green, 13 pts.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Last term, after the examinations were over, the Fifth and Sixth Forms enjoyed an expedition to Box Hill. Very little natural history work was done, but everyone welcomed a day's relaxation in the open country.

This term, those interested in photography attended a valuable lecture-demonstration by R. H. Welch, entitled "How to make a Lantern Slide." Welch described in his usual careful manner the whole process of making a lantern slide, illustrating his remarks by preparing one or two. He emphasised the technical details to be observed in order to ensure the production of perfect slides. It was Welch who created the silent but active Photographic Society, with its few, but keen, members. He will be greatly missed, for all of us went to him for advice and help in matters photographic.

Natural History Society prizes have been awarded to F. J. Stratford for a splendid collection of shells, and to D. Mollison for a collection of butterflies and moths. Stratford has shown a deep interest not only in the science work taught at school, but in branches outside the curriculum.
J.G.F.D.

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
October 14th, 1926.

Dear Sir,—

It is just a year since you asked a rather timid Fresher to write a Cambridge Letter for the School Magazine. Since then, enormous changes have taken place.

The first three days of last Michaelmas Term contained enough events to fill a lifetime, whilst this term so little seems to have happened that I scarcely know what to write about.

The second great change is from the position of a lonely explorer in strange lands to that of a benevolent despot of a small but highly distinguished community.

Walter Godfrey (Jesus) has been fortunate in securing lodgings almost opposite the gates of his college, but to compensate for this, his landlady has supplied him with a more than usually preposterous set of pictures. I understand that he will be rowing this term. Those who have seen Jesus boats in training, will wish him the best of luck and a quick recovery from the first effects of trying to slide on fixed seats.

R. G. Elkington (Fitzwilliam House) is also fortunate in that he is only just round the corner from Fitzwilliam House. His walls are decorated with woodcuts whose value doubtless depends on their antiquity rather than on the skill of the artists. Elkington appears to be combining soccer and tennis.

D. B. J. Kensit (Fitzwilliam House) has the privilege of being rather more than a mile out, so I have not yet had the opportunity of investigating his landlady's taste. I understand that he had intended to run in "cross-countries" every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but that scholastic and possibly other considerations have already broken the sequence, and indeed are likely to do so fairly frequently.

Last night I called on O. M. Bulman (Sidney), who is up for research in Palæontology (or something like that). He had just bought a Primus stove, whereat his bedder showed him the results of a fire caused by the Primus of the previous occupant.

I myself am out of college now, and have rooms overlooking a churchyard. The landlady has arranged my pictures very tastefully, but unfortunately the best-intentioned landladies cannot resist an aspidistra.

But for the fact that we only just came up in time to go down for the Christmas vac., I might have had more interesting news to recount. Unfortunately there has been no time for anything really funny to happen yet.

We wish the best of luck to those who are preparing to follow us and to the new School Captain.

Yours on behalf of the Cambridge O.G.'s,
W. E. ROSE,

CRICKET SEASON, 1926.

The results of the 1st XI. matches of the past season were fairly good, but not up to the standard of last year's performances. The fact that there was only one colourman left in the team was hardly encouraging, and our two outstanding defeats, at the hands of Latymer and St. Olave's, at the beginning of the season were rather due to lack of confidence than to absence of talent. After these two games the team settled down, and of the remaining eleven matches we succeeded in putting up a three-figure score on no less than eight occasions. Watford Grammar were defeated in a keen game by 23 runs, the scores being 118 to 95. Our next opponents were Archbishop Tenison's, who were beaten rather easily. The game was continued through showers of rain, the condition of the pitch helping our bowlers considerably. G. A. Atkins took 6 wickets for 13 runs, dismissing the last four batsmen with six balls. Tenison's scored 44 against our total of 92.

We were extremely unfortunate in losing by three runs to Roan's. Our opponents batted the whole of the afternoon for 96 runs, after which some fast scoring was done by G. A. Atkins and E. L. Messenger, the latter particularly exasperating the fieldsmen by his "backing up." The Old Leicestersians provided us with a fairly exciting game. Our opponents declared with 117 for 7 wickets. Our first four batsmen made rather a poor show, being dismissed for 28 runs, after which E. L. Messenger and L. G. Merrett gave an exhibition of hard hitting, bringing the total up to 123 in a race against time. Merrett scored 38 not out and Messenger 66, being caught off the last ball of the match. The following week we defeated Kingston Grammar by 133 to 88, W. G. Marsden displaying his ability to hit in a useful innings of 50 not out. The formation of the Old Grammarians' Cricket Club last season provided us with two really difficult fixtures. On the occasion of the all-day match we were opposed by a strong team, captained by Mr. Harding. Batting on a good wicket we managed to compile the fairly creditable score of 131. Messenger and Merrett distinguished themselves again by scoring 39 and 34 respectively. The Old Grammarians replied with 158 for 9, E. A. Fuller, by good batting, easily attaining the highest score of the match with 70.

The match with Sloane's was notable for the exceptionally good fielding on the part of the School. Having compiled the modest total of 95, our team made a vain effort to save the match by good fielding. The first five batsmen of the opposing side were run out in succession. Curwen took the next wicket, and the seventh wicket was also captured by a smart return from the field, thus bringing the total of "run-outs" to six. At about this period in the game six of their batsmen had been dismissed for 91 runs. The next two wickets were taken for the loss of 1-run, making them 8 wickets down for 92. It was hardly to be expected that our luck could hold out any longer, and after some defensive batting the next two batsmen passed our score without much difficulty.

The last two matches of the season were played with three members of the regular eleven absent, which naturally weakened the team to a considerable extent. The Spencer Club defeated us rather easily with a score of 177 for 9 wickets, against our total of 105. Messenger bowled effectively, taking 6 wickets for 60 runs.

On the whole, the batting of the eleven has been exceptionally good, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that the team did not really possess a "tail." Three of the last four batsmen have made double-figure averages, and on two or three occasions a last-wicket stand has put on well over 50 runs.

The bowling, however, has been rather weak, although backed up by excellent fielding. H. N. Curwen and G. A. Atkins bowled effectively, but unfortunately the latter, though brilliant when conditions favoured him, could not do himself justice on a hard wicket. The team lost one valuable member early in the season by the illness of W. K. Chalmers, which prevented him turning out for the remainder of the fixtures.

The batting prize has been won by E. L. Messenger, who topped the averages, and the bowling and fielding prizes were gained by H. N. Curwen and H. W. Mance respectively.

The 1st and 2nd XI.'s have appreciated very much the sustained interest that Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Harding have shown in the team's activities.

The 2nd XI. results are of special interest owing to the extremely narrow margins by which they won and sometimes lost a number of their matches. Finding their form directly at the beginning of the season, they were unfortunate in losing to Latymer Upper by 5 runs in their first game. Some exciting finishes were seen both at Watford and Chiswick, where they played Watford Grammar and Regent Street Polytechnic. In the former game the School scored 68, their opponents losing by one run; while in the latter the Polytechnic managed to compile 81, the 2nd XI. concluding their innings with 83—two really remarkable finishes. Their luck, however, deserted them when they played St. Olave's and Archbishop Tenison's. After scoring 42, the eleven did well in dismissing nine of the St. Olave's team for 38, but in spite of their efforts the School's total was passed by the remaining batsmen. The game with Archbishop Tenison's was rather disappointing. The eleven batted first and declared with 83 for 6 wickets, after which their opponents had only managed to score 13 when, with three wickets to fall, rain stopped play. Thus the game, which was so obviously one-sided, resulted in a draw. The batting of the 2nd XI. has been somewhat on the weak side, although supported by two good batsmen in L. E. Perry and C. F. Hart.

The bowlers, on the other hand, were good, particularly S. A. Smith and W. A. Randall, and it is to the credit of the eleven that only two opposing teams managed to pass the century mark. The fielding of the team was fairly efficient, the captain of the eleven, E. J. Catling, setting a splendid example by his excellent work in the long field.

In spite of a bad start against Latymer Upper, the 3rd XI. can look back upon a very satisfactory season. The importance of putting into the field a regular eleven was emphasised particularly by this team. From the end of May to the beginning of July they played seven matches with a team composed of regular members. Only one of these games was lost, and that after leading on the first innings, in the match against the Old Grammarians.

The third's, however, obtained a reversal of this decision, when in the last match of the season they scored a very satisfactory victory over the Old Grammarians, a performance of which they can be justly proud. The bowling of J. E. Treble did him great credit, and it is of interest to note that he bowled unchanged in the ten matches—14 innings—in which he played.

The success of the team has been largely due to the keen captaincy of W. E. Thomas, and also to the enthusiastic spirit inspired by Mr. Geare.

The 4th XI., successfully captained by F. J. Doel, lost only four matches during the season, their opponents on two of these occasions being first eleven teams.

Their decisive victory over St. Olave's by an innings and 36 runs was very creditable, as they were our only eleven to defeat this school. The team possessed a good wicket-keeper in D. H. Edwards, who rarely missed an opportunity of stumping. He was particularly successful in form games, when he would often be responsible for the dismissal of as many as five batsmen in one innings. The eleven also contained a number of promising members in C. T. Head, D. V. Henschley, R. G. Wells, and H. L. Tiffen, who all played consistently well throughout the season.

The formation of the 5th XI., due to our Sports Secretary, J. A. B. Cairns, has brought to the fore a number of keen young cricketers whose remarkable bowling feats were made known almost every Monday morning. For instance, in the first match of the season, H. G. Hawke took 6 wickets for 17 runs; in the second game, J. A. B. Kennedy took 6 for 5; in the third, N. B. Waldock 5 for 2; and in the fourth match, J. A. B. Kennedy took 7 wickets for 13 runs. This type of performance occurred every week with rarely an exception. J. A. B. Kennedy topped the bowling averages, taking 28 wickets at an excellent average of 1.1 runs per wicket.

R. H. Willis, who captained the eleven in a very capable manner, was second with an average of 2.6, H. G. Hawke held third place with 2.7, and A. Jenkin fourth with 3.5. N. S. Haycroft also deserves special mention as a good all-rounder. These junior cricketers should remember to take every opportunity of improving their cricket, as they will find much greater opposition in the 4th XI. next year.

The fixtures of all our elevens are due to the enthusiasm and ability of J. A. B. Cairns, who has been put to considerable trouble in making the various arrangements.

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FIRST ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

- †W. F. WILLIS (Captain).—Captained the team very well in a quiet, efficient way, and generally varied his bowling with success. A good bat who did not have much luck, but made a valuable 31 against Mr. Manning's XI.—(J.N.M.)
- *†W. S. DUPREE (Vice-Captain).—A stylish bat who takes some time to settle down. Lack of confidence and of defensive strokes has sometimes resulted in his early dismissal, but he should do well as a batsman.—(J.N.M.)
- †E. L. MESSENGER.—A good fast-scoring batsman, who plays with great confidence. Combines a sound defence with a fair variety of scoring strokes, placing ground shots with accuracy. Has lately fallen into the habit of attempting to turn straight balls to leg, a tendency which has led to his dismissal on more than one occasion. A good field, occasionally brilliant.

- †G. A. ATKINS.—Bowled exceedingly well at times on a wet wicket, but was ineffective on an unsuitable pitch. A good bat, playing consistently throughout the season, only being dismissed once without scoring. Fielded well, his throwing-in being particularly fast and accurate.
- †H. N. CURWEN.—On the whole, the most successful bowler in the team. Bowled well on most wickets, often being called upon to bowl unchanged throughout a number of innings. As a batsman, began rather shakily, but towards the end of the season put up some good scores.
- †L. G. MERRITT.—A good, hard-hitting batsman, who lacked confidence, but improved considerably in this respect during the season. Possesses an awkward defensive stroke which he would do well to improve. Bowling fairly good, but did not meet with the success he deserved. A valuable field.
- †H. W. MANCE.—An exceptionally steady batsman, who proved to be of great service to the team. Although his scoring was somewhat on the slow side, he has the second highest individual score to his credit. Fielding often brilliant; has held some really hard chances.
- †W. J. MARSDEN.—An attacking batsman who makes good use of his height. Would do well to practise a few defensive strokes, but should on no account change his present method of aggression. Has a good easy action for a fast bowler, but needs considerable practice to obtain better length and accuracy. Point fielding, though very good, has not improved on last year's performance.
- †D. G. WIFFEN.—Another batsman of the attacking type. His method of pulling nearly every ball to leg was often dangerous. Would certainly find it safe to practise off-driving. A safe field, occasionally holding some difficult catches.
- †C. E. S. JACOBS.—A good batsman who would do better if he made more use of his height. Ground fielding weak, but has made some excellent catches in the out-field.
- †P. M. KING.—A good leg-break change bowler, who occasionally sent down a particularly dangerous ball. Unfortunately, he tires rather quickly. Fielded well at cover-point.
- **W. K. CHALMERS.—Showed good promise as a batsman and bowler. Had already brought off two or three brilliant catches. Was forced to leave us at the beginning of the season owing to illness.

SECOND ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

- †E. J. CATLING (Captain).—A popular and efficient captain. He did not do himself justice with the bat this season, but was invaluable as skipper and general manager. His fielding is excellent.—(G.A.H.)
- †C. J. KELLY (Vice-Captain).—Kept wicket creditably during the earlier part of the season, but was later required as a bowler, in which capacity he was very useful. A patient bat, but might still be more aggressive with advantage.—(G.A.H.)
- †L. E. PERRY.—Undoubtedly the best bat in the team. Drives powerfully and makes some good leg shots, but is a little bit stiff in the wrists. Must cultivate the cut. Did useful work with the ball; a slow left-hander. Fielded well at cover. Lack of confidence in his own powers is his chief enemy.—(G.A.H.)

- †C. F. HART.—Was played for his batting rather than his bowling, although he was a good change-bowler. Played a fine innings of 82 against Kingston Grammar School. Rather slow in field.
- †G. M. CONLON.—Took Kelly's place at wicket, where he did excellent work. Still rather cautious as a bat, but should not worry over the lack of runs to his credit. Previous to becoming wicket-keeper was an excellent long field.
- †S. A. SMITH.—Invaluable to team as bowler—keeps a steady length and can bowl well for hours without rest. Has little to gain by trying to cultivate pace. Good field and a forceful bat.
- †W. A. RANDALL.—Has had a very good season with the ball; should stand up to balls in the field, although, on the whole, reliable.
- abS. F. DRYLAND.—Has been unlucky. Is an aggressive bat and should be worth runs. Should choose the right balls to hit. Very sound field.
- bs. T. WINCOTE.—Has both bowled and batted well on occasion. Should stand up to bowling. Has lost his wicket more than once by walking away from the bowling.
- bL. F. BROWN.—A good forcing bat, although he seems uncertain as to which ball to hit. As a bowler, always able to keep runs down. Good field.
- bH. L. MUNN.—A batsman of promise, with a good off-drive, and who uses his reach to advantage; also has a good defence. Very good field at point.

THIRD ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

- bW. E. THOMAS.—By his own personality he infused into the team a spirit of keenness and good fellowship. He laid great stress upon accurate fielding, in which department he himself excelled. He is a forceful type of batsman with at the same time a strong defence. He has been a very popular and successful skipper.—(R.H.G.)
- bE. B. JELLEY.—Good field at point (held 14), but would do better if he fielded deeper. Reliable forcing bat, but should play forward more often. As a bowler, should remember length before speed. A very cheery and helpful vice-captain.
- bJ. E. TREBLE.—A very good length bowler with variation of speed off pitch; does not try to bowl too fast. He fully deserved the figures: 14 inns, 188.3 overs, 29 maidens, 291 runs, 74 wickets, 3.93 average. Promising bat. Safe field.
- bH. W. HISTED.—Will do very well in the future with bat and ball if he avoids over-confidence; should keep in mind that length is better than speed when bowling. Good field.
- bE. W. BARNES.—Promising stylish bat, in spite of "two-eyed stance." Better length will make him a really good bowler. Good field at square leg.
- bs. R. TURNER.—Safe wicket-keeper. Good defensive bat, but loses his off stump too often by trying to cut the wrong ball; would do better if he had more confidence.
- bF. G. WEST.—A good bat who usually gets out through his own rashness. Bowling lacks length. Fielding too spectacular.

- adJ. E. NAUGHTON.—Fielding has improved. Somewhat unlucky, but for better reference see last year.
- dF. G. PARKER.—Very good slow bowler. Promising bat. Fielding weak.
- dR. G. WELLS.—Good outfield. Defence as a bat needs strengthening. Inclined to short pitch as a bowler.
- dN. C. CLOUT.—Batting greatly lacks defence. Bowling somewhat erratic. Very good field on the leg side.
- dV. SOULAL.—Sometimes gets a lot of runs by forceful methods, but should not try and hit a ball of which he is not sure. Very good field.
- dR. TURNBULL.—With practice will develop as a bat. Good slip fieldsman, but should learn to move faster.

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FOURTH ELEVEN CRITIQUES.

- dF. J. DOEL.—Has been a very cheery and useful captain. As a batsman he has hit hard when required in spite of some faulty strokes. Good field at point.
- dG. A. KILOH.—A forceful bat of the hit-or-miss type. A safe reserve wicket-keeper.
- dC. T. HEAD.—A promising young forcing bat; very good when he plays his natural game; should not be adapted. Fielding only fair.
- eF. H. LAWTON.—On his day a good break bowler. Fielding only fair. His batting has some good strokes, but rather weak on the off.
- cdH. L. TIFFIN.—A very useful member of the team. His fielding has marvellously improved. Somewhat lucky as a batsman, he has some good strokes. Successful slow bowler.
- dD. V. HENCHLEY.—A useful attacking batsman. Useful fast bowler. He sometimes bowls a really fast and good ball. Safe field.
- eJ. M. WHARTON.—A very promising batsman; he has a good style. Very good slip fieldsman. Useful change bowler.
- dD. H. EDWARDS.—A promising young wicket-keeper; he stands well up to the wicket and does some smart stumping. Useful bat.
- ceN. B. WALDOCK.—A useful bowler. Batting stylish, but lacking in accuracy. Fielding only fair.
- eA. JUNKISON.—A batsman with a good defence, who on occasion can score rapidly.
- eC. A. WESTCOTT.—A useful change bowler, but not over successful with the bat.

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FIFTH ELEVEN COLOURMEN CRITIQUES.

- eR. H. WILLIS.—Using his bowlers with discretion, the team rarely found its attack being coloured. Would have met with more success as an off-break bowler had he more experience of field placing. As a bat, showed distinctly good form. Fearfulness of leg strokes due to faulty foot work.

- eC. E. S. HILDRETH.—Scored mostly to leg, his reach enabling him to pull nearly every ball. Off shots poor.
- eJ. A. B. KENNEDY.—A fastish untiring bowler. A sound bat. Could perhaps be a little keener.
- eA. JENKIN.—Sometimes returned sensational figures, as, for example, his 6 wickets for 0 against Streatham Modern School 2nd XI. His success almost entirely due to his good length.
- eC. T. PHILLIPS.—When at the wicket frequently seemed as if he was about to score, but only rarely succeeded. Must watch the ball more closely.
- eN. S. HAYCROFT.—An unperturbed and useful bowler. Quick in the field.
- eB. H. EDWARDS.—Very quick in the field. Only needs more confidence to meet with success as a bat.

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FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result. | Score. | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| | | | Own. | Opp. |
| May 8.— | Latymer Upper ... | Lost | 34 | *143—7 |
| May 22.— | St. Olave's ... | Lost | 26 | *151—6 |
| May 29.— | Watford Grammar ... | Won | 118 | 93 |
| June 12.— | Archbishop Tenison's School ... | Won | 92—9 | 44—9 |
| June 19.— | Roan's ... | Lost | 93 | 98 |
| June 26.— | Old Leicestersians ... | Won | 123—5 | *117—7 |
| July 3.— | Kingston Grammar ... | Won | 122 | 88 |
| July 10.— | Old Grammarians ... | Lost | 130 | *158—5 |
| July 15.— | Masters ... | Won | 224 | 136 |
| July 17.— | Mr. Manning's XI. ... | Lost | 114 | 174 |
| July 21.— | Stoane's ... | Lost | 95 | 136 |
| July 22.— | Spencer C.C. ... | Lost | 105 | 177 |
| July 24.— | Old Grammarians ... | Lost | 102 | *124—7 |

* Innings declared closed.

Played 15; Won 5; Lost 8; Drawn 0.

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SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result. | Score. | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| | | | Own. | Opp. |
| May 8.—Latymer Upper School | Latymer Upper School | Lost | 43 | 50 |
| May 22.—St. Olave's | St. Olave's | Lost | 42 | 60 |
| May 29.—Watford Grammar | Watford Grammar | Won | 68 | 67 |
| June 5.—Holborn Estate Grammar 1st XI. | Holborn Estate Grammar 1st XI. | Lost | 32 | 107-5 |
| June 12.—Archbishop Tenison's | Archbishop Tenison's | No result | *83-6 | 13-3 |
| June 19.—Roan's | Roan's | Lost | 44 | 52 |
| June 26.—Polytechnic | Polytechnic | Won | 83 | 81 |
| July 3.—Kingston Grammar School | Kingston Grammar School | Won | *150-5 | 39 |
| July 10.—Polytechnic | Polytechnic | Lost | 52 | 141 |
| July 21.—Sloane's School | Sloane's School | Won | 68 | 44 |

* Innings declared closed.

Played 10; Won 4; Lost 5; Drawn 0; No Result 1.

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THIRD ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result. | Score. | |
|---|---------------------------|---------|------------|----------|
| | | | Own. | Opp. |
| May 8.—Latymer Upper | Latymer Upper | Lost | 64 | 147 |
| May 15.—Streatham Modern 1st XI. | Streatham Modern 1st XI. | Won | 55 | 38 |
| May 22.—St. Olave's | St. Olave's | Lost | 21 | 30 |
| May 29.—Sloane's | Sloane's | Tie | 86 | 86 |
| June 5.—Holborn Estate 2nd XI. | Holborn Estate 2nd XI. | Won | *78-7 | 46 |
| June 12.—Archbishop Tenison's | Archbishop Tenison's | Won | *113-4 | 17 & 10 |
| June 19.—An Old Grammarians' XI. | An Old Grammarians' XI. | Lost | 71 & 49 | 42 & 105 |
| June 26.—Regent Street Polytechnic | Regent Street Polytechnic | Won | 75 | 30 |
| July 3.—Holborn Estate 2nd XI. | Holborn Estate 2nd XI. | Won | 138 | 46 |
| July 10.—Regent Street Polytechnic | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 38 | 98-8 |
| July 17.—Roan's | Roan's | Lost | 48 | 59 |
| July 24.—Old Grammarians' 2nd XI. | Old Grammarians' 2nd XI. | Won | 106 & 90-3 | 82 |

* Innings declared closed.

Played 12; Won 6; Tied 1; Lost 5.

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FOURTH ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result. | Score. | |
|---|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | Own. | Opp. |
| May 8.—Latymer Upper | Latymer Upper | Lost | 17-8 | 61-9 |
| May 22.—St. Olave's | St. Olave's | Won | 92 | 33 & 26 |
| May 29.—Sloane's | Sloane's | Won | 41 | 35 |
| June 5.—King's College 1st XI. | King's College 1st XI. | Won | 41 | 31 |
| June 19.—Worple School 1st XI. | Worple School 1st XI. | Lost | 29 | 66 |
| June 26.—Regent Street Polytechnic | Regent Street Polytechnic | Won | 59 | 44 |
| July 3.—King's College 1st XI. | King's College 1st XI. | Lost | 43 | 88 |
| July 10.—Regent Street Polytechnic | Regent Street Polytechnic | Tie | 70 | 70 |
| July 17.—Roan's | Roan's | Won | | |

Played 9; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 3.

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FIFTH ELEVEN RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result. | Score. | |
|---|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | Own. | Opp. |
| May 8.—Latymer Upper | Latymer Upper | Lost | 14 & 11 | 44 & 67 |
| May 15.—Worple 2nd XI. | Worple 2nd XI. | Won | 70 | 14 |
| May 22.—King's College 2nd XI. | King's College 2nd XI. | Won | 22 | 15 |
| June 5.—Streatham Modern 3rd XI. | Streatham Modern 3rd XI. | Won | 113 | 19 & 15 |
| June 12.—King's College 2nd XI. | King's College 2nd XI. | Won | 109 | 6 |
| June 19.—Worple 2nd XI. | Worple 2nd XI. | Won | 41 | 26 |
| June 26.—Regent Street Polytechnic | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 58 | 71 |
| July 3.—Streatham Modern 2nd XI. | Streatham Modern 2nd XI. | Won | 35 | 8 & 16 |
| July 10.—Regent Street Polytechnic | Regent Street Polytechnic | Lost | 64 | 135 |
| July 24.—Streatham Modern 3rd XI. | Streatham Modern 3rd XI. | Lost | 37 | 39 |

Played 10; Won 6; Drawn 0; Lost 4.

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FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

| Order. | Ings. | Not Out. | Runs. | Highest. | Av. |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|------|
| 1.—E. L. Messenger | 14 | 0 | 251 | 66 | 17.9 |
| 2.—W. S. Duprée | 10 | 1 | 143 | 40 | 15.9 |
| 3.—W. J. Marsden | 10 | 4 | 95 | *50 | 15.8 |
| 4.—G. A. Atkins | 12 | 2 | 138 | *49 | 13.8 |
| 5.—L. G. Merrett | 13 | 1 | 146 | *38 | 12.2 |
| 6.—H. W. Mance | 11 | 1 | 119 | 51 | 11.9 |
| 7.—H. N. Curwen | 12 | 3 | 90 | *34 | 10 |
| 8.—D. G. Wiffen | 11 | 1 | 97 | 46 | 9.7 |
| 9.—C. E. S. Jacobs | 12 | 0 | 103 | 32 | 8.6 |
| 10.—W. F. Willis | 13 | 0 | 89 | 34 | 6.8 |
| 11.—P. M. King | 8 | 0 | 39 | 13 | 4.9 |

The following also batted:—

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|-----------------------|---|---|----|----|-----|
| W. K. Chalmers | 3 | 0 | 25 | 22 | 8.3 |
| H. L. Munn | 2 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| G. M. Conlon | 4 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 2.5 |
| C. F. Hart | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1.5 |

* Signifies not out.

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FIRST ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

| Order. | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Av. |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1.—H. N. Curwen | 181 | 51 | 408 | 39 | 10.46 |
| 2.—G. A. Atkins | 117 | 28 | 343 | 27 | 12.70 |
| 3.—E. L. Messenger | 33 | 5 | 131 | 9 | 14.55 |
| 4.—L. G. Merrett | 86 | 16 | 307 | 15 | 20.47 |
| 5.—P. M. King | 49 | 11 | 150 | 7 | 21.43 |

The following also bowled:—

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|-----------------------|----|---|----|---|------|
| H. W. Mance | 19 | 3 | 37 | 3 | 12.3 |
| W. K. Chalmers | 7 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 14 |

SECOND ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

| Order. | Ings. | Not Out. | Runs. | Highest. | Av. |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|------|
| 1.—C. F. Hart | 8 | 0 | 110 | 82 | 13.7 |
| 2.—L. E. Perry | 10 | 0 | 136 | 37 | 13.6 |
| 3.—G. M. Conlon | 8 | 1 | 54 | *15 | 6.7 |
| 4.—C. J. Kelly | 12 | 0 | 76 | 28 | 6.3 |
| 5.—V. Soulal | 12 | 0 | 69 | 24 | 5.7 |
| 6.—S. A. Smith | 10 | 3 | 39 | 20 | 5.6 |
| 7.—E. J. Catling | 11 | 1 | 42 | *13 | 4.2 |
| 8.—W. A. Randall | 10 | 1 | 33 | 7 | 3.7 |
| 8.—D. Thornton | 4 | 1 | 11 | *7 | 3.7 |
| 10.—S. T. Wincote | 10 | 1 | 31 | 10 | 3.4 |
| 11.—S. F. Dryland | 7 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 2.6 |
| The following also batted:— | | | | | |
| P. M. King | 4 | 0 | 34 | 13 | 8.5 |
| J. E. Treble | 3 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 3.7 |

* Signifies not out.

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SECOND ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

| Order. | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Av. |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1.—W. A. Randall | 71.5 | 29 | 114 | 25 | 4.56 |
| 2.—L. E. Perry | 30.2 | 4 | 74 | 14 | 5.29 |
| 3.—C. J. Kelly | 11.3 | 1 | 42 | 7 | 6.00 |
| 4.—S. A. Smith | 138.1 | 45 | 272 | 37 | 7.35 |
| 5.—J. E. Naughton | 9 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 17.00 |
| 6.—S. T. Wincote | 32 | 6 | 108 | 5 | 21.60 |
| 7.—S. F. Dryland | 8 | 3 | 26 | 1 | 26.00 |
| The following also bowled:— | | | | | |
| P. M. King | 25.4 | 5 | 63 | 8 | 7.99 |
| C. E. S. Jacobs | 6 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 10.00 |

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THIRD ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

| Order. | Ings. | Not Out. | Runs. | Highest. | Av. |
|-------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1.—H. W. Histed | 16 | 1 | 225 | *36 | 15.00 |
| 2.—D. Thornton | 10 | 1 | 110 | *28 | 12.22 |
| 3.—W. E. Thomas | 15 | 4 | 124 | 26 | 11.27 |
| 4.—E. B. Jelley | 13 | 0 | 108 | 27 | 8.31 |
| 5.—F. G. West | 14 | 0 | 116 | 35 | 8.29 |
| 6.—S. R. Turner | 14 | 1 | 75 | 17 | 5.77 |
| 7.—E. W. Barnes | 10 | 0 | 57 | 21 | 5.70 |
| 3.—J. E. Treble | 11 | 1 | 43 | 13 | 4.30 |
| 9.—J. E. Naughton | 8 | 3 | 19 | *7 | 3.80 |
| 10.—R. G. Wells | 6 | 0 | 22 | 12 | 3.66 |
| 11.—F. G. Parker | 9 | 2 | 24 | 7 | 3.43 |

* Signifies not out.

THIRD ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

| Order. | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Av. |
|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|------|
| 1.—F. G. Parker | 23.4 | 4 | 52 | 14 | 3.71 |
| 2.—J. E. Treble | 138.3 | 39 | 291 | 74 | 3.93 |
| 3.—H. W. Histed | 71.5 | 22 | 135 | 24 | 5.65 |

RESULT OF HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1925-26.

1st, Dawnay, 395 points; 2nd, Erskine, 300 points; 3rd, Trinity, 299 points; 4th, Spencer, 259 points; 5th, Bolingbroke, 232½ points; 6th, St. John's, 168½ points.

THE MASTERS' MATCH.

This year's match, which took place on July 15th, proved to be one of the most interesting ever held. As soon as the date of the fixture was made known, great was the speculation as to the result. To the ranks of the Masters has been added, since last year's game, several who had gained high reputation for their prowess in cricket. The School 1st XI., on the other hand, had shown themselves to be a strong batting side, possessing, at least, a large variety of attack.

The day itself was just a trifle dull, but that made no difference to the number of the spectators, most of whom were anxious to attend not only to miss some irksome lesson, but also in order to indulge next day in good-humoured leg-pulling of the unfortunate Masters. The School team was at full strength, but the Masters had unfortunately been forced to leave out, owing to an injury to his hand, Mr. Howard, who was in former years one of their most successful bowlers.

The pitch, which our loyal groundsman, Mr. Heather, had been carefully mothering all through the season, was duly inspected by the Captains and Umpires, and proved itself to be an excellent one. A coin was spun, and news soon spread that the School had won the toss and had decided to wield the willow first.

The School innings opened with C. E. S. Jacobs and H. W. Mance against the bowling of Mr. Clarke and Mr. McCoombe. Both batsmen scored steadily, but with the telegraph board showing 26, Jacobs misjudged a very fast ball from Mr. Clarke, which shot under his bat and found the wicket. W. S. Duprée (7) and W. F. Willis (8), after a short stay, both fell in the same way as victims of Mr. Clarke. Mance, at the other end, seemed to be really set, and was joined by E. L. Messenger. A bowling change followed, Mr. McCoombe going off in favour of the Headmaster. Messenger very soon found his form, and hit up three fours in succession, much to the delight of the spectators, but failed in the fourth attempt to find the boundary, Mr. Piper holding the ball in the long field off the Headmaster's bowling. The latter showed that his recent accident had not robbed him of his skill as a bowler, L. G. Merrett (8) being caught and bowled soon afterwards by him. Mance left with the score reading 112 for 6 wickets. He had

played a really fine innings of 51, using wise discretion in choosing the ball to hit, and had performed a great service to his side in wearing down the bowling. He lost his wicket by returning a ball into Mr. McCoombe's hands. The bowling of the latter had been rather disappointing, as throughout the innings he appeared to have difficulty in keeping his length. G. A. Atkins (49) began to set things humming again, and although P. M. King (4), H. N. Curwen and W. J. Marsden (9) failed to stay with him, he found a good partner in D. G. Wiffen. These two flogged the bowling right and left, the last wicket stand realising 72 before Wiffen (46) was bowled by Mr. Clarke. The score standing at 224—quite a formidable total. An interval followed for tea, which was greatly appreciated by all.

The Headmaster (35) and Mr. McKenzie (31) were the Masters' opening pair. After a rather slow start, the Headmaster managed to get a ball from Merrett to the boundary, and both batsmen showed that they were the masters of the bowling. No fewer than six bowlers were tried in order to dislodge them. With the score standing at 79, Mr. McKenzie was unfortunately run out, mistaking the crease. The Headmaster was now joined by Mr. Harding (18), who also seemed to find the bowling to his liking. P. M. King, however, appeared to be troubling the Headmaster, who, after playing a maiden over, was bowled by him. Mr. McCoombe (1) was King's next victim. This was one of the best balls of the match, being a leg break which shot along the ground and displaced the wicket. Mr. Harding soon followed, giving an easy chance to Messenger, who had noted one of Mr. Harding's weak defensive strokes. Wickets then fell in quick succession to Curwen. Mr. Noakes (19) showed that he could hit by sending a delivery from King out of the ground. Mr. Carroll, after finding the boundary, was unable to get a partner to stay with him, Curwen capturing the last two wickets in one over, the innings closing for 136. Thus the School gained the victory by 88 runs, after a very exciting game.

J. A. B. CAURNS.

THE SCHOOL.

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| C. E. S. Jacobs, b Mr. R. Clarke | 14 |
| H. W. Mance, c and b Mr. W. E. M. McCoombe | 51 |
| W. S. Duprée, b Mr. R. Clarke | 7 |
| W. F. Willis, b Mr. R. Clarke | 8 |
| E. L. Messenger, c Mr. B. W. Piper b Mr. H. R. Ellis | 12 |
| L. G. Merrett, c and b Mr. H. R. Ellis | 8 |
| G. A. Atkins, not out | 49 |
| P. M. King, lbw. b Mr. H. R. Ellis | 4 |
| H. N. Curwen, lbw. b Mr. R. Clarke | 0 |
| W. J. Marsden, b Mr. R. Clarke | 9 |
| D. G. Wiffen, b Mr. R. Clarke | 46 |
| Extras—byes 10, leg-byes 5, wides 1 | 16 |
| Total | 224 |

| | O. | M. | W. | N.B. | Wkts. | Runs. | Av. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Mr. R. Clarke | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 79 | 13.17 |
| Mr. W. E. M. McCoombe | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 45 | 45.00 |
| Mr. H. R. Ellis | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 68 | 22.67 |
| Mr. J. N. McKenzie | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | — |

THE MASTERS.

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|---|----|
| Mr. H. R. Ellis, b King | 35 |
| Mr. J. N. McKenzie, run out | 31 |
| Mr. G. A. Harding, c Messenger b Curwen | 18 |
| Mr. W. E. M. McCoombe, b King | 1 |
| Mr. B. W. F. Piper, run out | 1 |
| Mr. E. W. Davies, b Curwen | 0 |
| Mr. H. C. Noakes, c Jacobs b Merrett | 19 |
| Mr. J. M. Carroll, not out | 4 |
| Mr. E. Peacock, c Messenger b Curwen | 0 |
| Mr. J. G. F. Druce, b Curwen | 0 |
| Extras—byes 18, leg-byes 2, no-balls 7 | 27 |

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| | O. | M. | W. | N.B. | Wkts. | Runs. | Av. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|------|-------|-------|------|
| H. N. Curwen | 17 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 4.4 |
| L. G. Merrett | 8 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 28 | 28.0 |
| G. A. Atkins | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | — |
| E. L. Messenger | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | — |
| C. E. S. Jacobs | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | — |
| W. S. Duprée | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | — |
| P. M. King | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 9.5 |

Umpires: Mr. W. E. M. Llewellyn and W. E. Thomas.

ATHLETICS AS A TRAINING FOR MIND AND BODY.

Less than a century ago athletic contests were seldom, if ever, organised, while games and sports were only considered fit for young people with a superfluous amount of energy. In fact, it was not until 1864 that the first athletic contest between Oxford and Cambridge took place.

For a long period the keen desire of every normal boy to excel in athletic sports—to run faster, jump higher, or play games with more skill and vigour than his companions—was only half tolerated, and time spent in athletic pursuits was often regarded as time wasted.

But the energetic spirit of youth finally conquered the old-fashioned prejudices, and to-day men realise that athletics form just as essential a part of education as books.

Broadly speaking, the term athletics includes all sports and pastimes which involve an element of physical effort. Usually, however, a distinction is made between athletics and gymnastics, the latter term being applied to purely muscular exercises in the gymnasium.

But athletics, rightly considered, means much more than the development of mere muscle. The true ideals of athletics are not bone and sinew alone, but such qualities as quickness and skill, courage and manliness, pluck, energy and endurance—in short, strength of mind and character, as well as of body.

The good athlete can adapt himself to the difficult demands of team play. He has what is known as "sportsmanship." The school athlete usually learns that "playing the game" means far more than just winning. It means representing your class or your school in every way. It means being a good student as well as a good athlete. In fact,

the very best athletes, the boys and men who become leaders, are those who have developed their powers of leadership through study.

A healthy spirit of rivalry gives zest to the game, but this can very easily be carried too far; a fact which can be clearly seen in Association football of the present day, where money appears to be the only aim of either side. This spirit of rivalry may, and does, result in forgetting the true spirit of fair play, and often leads to over-training and injury to health.

A moderate amount of recreation taken all the year round is far more beneficial than short and strenuous indulgence in a particular sport. In fact, schools are tending more and more towards organising games and contests within their own bounds, or at any rate, within easy distance, in order to give every pupil a chance of taking his part in the games of each season.

We have really rediscovered a truth which was clearly recognised by the ancient Greeks. No race has surpassed the Greeks in intellectual or physical perfection, for they knew that the one was necessary to the other, and believed in training all the faculties, physical as well as mental.

C. S. HALL.

LITERARY ASSOCIATIONS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

One of the smallest and prettiest of English counties is Buckinghamshire. It has been the home of many learned and illustrious men, such as Milton, Gray, Shelley, Cowper and Waller, not to mention Burke, Penn, Disraeli and other notable men. To-day it is a part of England where the student of literature will find many interesting associations.

Perhaps the best route for the "literary pilgrimage" is to follow the Thames to Windsor, passing Runnymede, remembered in history through the Charter signed there by England's most malicious King. The entrance into Windsor is a majestic one, the Castle appearing supreme with its fine old avenue of poplars. After Windsor, Eton and Slough are passed. Then, crossing the Great Bath Road at Slough, the road ahead leads into a rural district where it becomes dusty and narrow. However, this change is delightful, for the tourist is entering a land which has not changed nor been marred by civilisation, and is as in days gone by when the traveller was solitary and nature was his sole companion.

Half way along the road a lane leads through woods abounding with grand old beech trees to a little church, secluded by a cluster of beeches. This church, with its ivy-mantled tower, has been immortalised by Gray's "Elegy," and every year thousands of tourists pay tribute to the author by visiting the place where he used to meditate. After Stratford-on-Avon, the church is perhaps our most famous literary shrine. It is sheltered by walls, over which cling ivy and wild rose bushes. In the field adjoining, a stately monument reminds one of some important person, while in the church itself the only surviving relic is the Gray family pew.

At the present time, Stoke Poges Church, with its "long-drawn aisle and fretted vault," is in dire peril. The spire that crowns the "ivy-mantled tower," and the Norman stonework of the church, are decaying rapidly, and need almost instant attention. Indeed, if the immediate neighbourhood is to be saved from the builder, ten acres of

ground adjoining the churchyard must be purchased, in order to preserve for all time the rural surroundings.

Gray described the quiet beauty of the countryside round about, in a stanza which he afterwards cut out of the poem. The verse is so beautiful that it should be preserved. Here it is:

"There scattered oft, the earliest of the year,
By Hands Unseen, are showers of violets found;
The redbreast loves to build and warble there,
And little footsteps lightly print the ground."

Stoke Poges might easily be called the best-known and best-loved church in all England. When Gray himself reached "the inevitable hour," his remains were laid "beneath those rugged elms."

Leaving Stoke Poges Church in the direction of the Chalfonts, some delightful scenery is passed. Beech woods stand high upon mossy banks carpeted with bluebells, while Stoke Common, a few yards further on, is seen in a golden hue with its gorse in blossom.

The first of the Chalfonts, Chalfont St. Peter, is a pretty little village, very rustic in appearance, with its village pool and church, which has a fine peal of bells. However, it is not here, but its twin village, Chalfont St. Giles, that the tourist needs to stay, for here is situated probably the most charming village in the county of Buckinghamshire. A rather sharp descent brings one to the village green, with the houses grouped round the church and pond. At one end of the village stands a very old elm, struggling against "Time's fell hand." Underneath its shade once stood the stocks, but now only the post remains to remind one of mediæval tortures. Opposite is an old-fashioned lych gate leading to the church, where Cromwell's army once fired on the magnificent old edifice from an adjoining field. At the end of the village is Milton's Cottage, the only one in existence in which Milton dwelt. Here he retired from the ravages of the Plague with his daughters, and dictated in his blindness the conclusion of "Paradise Lost," England's greatest epic poem, and wrote the sequel to it in "Paradise Regained." At the end of the parish is Jordans, the meeting place of the Quakers, and the burial place of Penn, Ellwood and Pennington.

Once again the view is a glorious one, with its sylvan scenery, but, alas, nature carries the tourist away from these beautiful surroundings by an unexpected descent to where the traveller is away from the "fresh woods and pastures new," and instead finds himself on the Oxford Road—aye, and twenty-five miles from London!

W. S. MOLINEAUX.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Dinner—Saturday, December 4th.

Old Boys' Day has come and gone, and has established itself as a great reunion and a great social success. Full accounts are to hand in other parts of our article.

The chief feature of our summer season has been the successful activities of the Cricket Club, whose brilliant inauguration must be a delight to us all.

Everybody will be sorry to hear that Mr. W. H. Mallett has felt compelled to resign his Secretaryship of the Old Grammarians' Dramatic Society. We can only express every confidence in his successor, Mr. G. L. Davies, and wish him good fortune. If he really feels that the mantle of Mr. Mallett has fallen on him, his responsibility is indeed heavy.

It is good to know that the Football Club has a ground, and especially to know that our co-tenants are the Old Mercers.

We must hope for the best possible season for the Football Club, as this is a sphere of activity in which the Old Grammarians have become well known and have something of a reputation to maintain.

J.B.H.

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Old Boys' Day.

The long talked-of and much thought-of Old Boys' Day has now taken place, and, I venture to say, proved to be as popular as many of us hoped it would.

Over a thousand of the School's supporters turned out on Saturday, July 10th, to witness something new in the history of the School. Much time and hard work had to be spent in arranging for the large crowd which, it was anticipated, would gather during the afternoon. Although rain threatened for a good part of the day, we were fortunate enough to escape it in the neighbourhood of the School ground, and the large numbers present enjoyed themselves as only Old Boys can on *their* day.

The programme commenced at 11 a.m. with a cricket match between the School and the Old Boys, the Old Boys winning by the small margin of 27 runs.

An excellent programme was provided in the evening. The Dramatic Society presented "The Buried Cable," whilst the Staff Quartet and other artistes enthusiastically gave us of their best. The Band played during the intervals and for dancing at 10 o'clock.

Much of the praise for the undoubted success of the day is due to Messrs. G. A. Harding and W. Spooner, who spent many hours in making the arrangements.

Full scores of the cricket match are appended below. E.A.F.

| SCHOOL. | |
|---|-------|
| C. E. Jacobs, st Dorey b Young | 5 |
| H. W. Mance, c Dorey b Fuller | 6 |
| W. S. Duprée, lbw. b Young | 6 |
| E. L. Messenger, st Dorey b Fuller | 39 |
| L. G. Merrett, c Dorey b Young | 34 |
| G. A. Atkins, hit wicket b Young | 2 |
| W. J. Marsden, run out | 1 |
| W. F. Willis (Capt.), c Dorey b Young ... | 4 |
| D. G. Wiffen, lbw. b Young | 0 |
| P. M. King, c Young b Fuller | 12 |
| H. N. Curwen, not out | 18 |
| Extras | 4 |
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OLD BOYS.

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| E. A. Fuller, run out | 70 |
| S. A. Gowing, b Merrett | 12 |
| H. J. Burr, lbw. b Merrett | 0 |
| N. F. Dorey, b Curwen | 17 |
| F. S. Manning, b Merrett | 18 |
| A. T. Wilson, c King b Merrett | 4 |
| H. E. C. Merrick, run out | 7 |
| G. A. Harding, not out | 12 |
| J. E. de Silva, b Curwen | 0 |
| H. C. Greetham, run out | 4 |
| L. E. Young, not out | 5 |
| Extras | 9 |

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Football Club.

A ground has been secured for season 1926-27 at Golpin's Road, Norbury (Thornton Heath Sports Club). The 1st and 2nd XI.'s will play there, while the 3rd XI. will continue to use the Malden Wanderers' Cricket Ground, Cambridge Avenue, New Malden.

The Committee welcome a considerable influx of new members for this season, notably Messrs. N. F. Dorey, R. C. Holloway, L. A. Skinner and P. C. Smith. As many of them have but recently left school, this augurs well for the future strength of the Club. I shall be very pleased to hear from any boy leaving the School re joining the Club. An effort is being made to place a 4th XI. in the field this season for the first time.

The 2nd XI. opened the season very well indeed on September 25th by defeating our ancient friends and rivals, the Old Mercers (with whom we are sharing the Norbury ground), in the A.F.A. Junior Cup by 3 goals to 2. S.A.G.

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Cricket Section.

It seems but yesterday that a few Old Grammarians met together and talked over the possibilities of forming a Cricket Club. The idea developed and became a reality. A meeting was called, the Club was formed, and we have now been in existence a whole season. The results, which are to hand, are very encouraging, there being only 4 defeats from 13 games. All the matches have been very enjoyable and have left many pleasant memories. The game with "The Staff" was evenly contested and was played according to the highest traditions of the great summer game. We enjoyed the match just as much as our victors, whom we congratulate. For the School 3rd XI., W. E. Thomas made a sporting declaration, and enabled us to win by 27 runs. However, it was the game that counted and not the result. All we need say of W. E. Thomas is that he is a sportsman. The 3rd XI. obtained revenge later, when they met a weakened Old Boys' XI. and soundly beat us.

Coming from the matches to the players, we find that F. S. Manning has been the outstanding performer, heading the batting and bowling analysis. His batting displays have been brilliant sometimes, and always a pleasure to watch. E. A. Fuller and C. A. Brown also did well for us on the few occasions that they played. Fuller's 70 on Old Boys' Day and Brown's 88 not out against Spencer were masterpieces of sound and patient batting. H. J. Burr has been a regular member and often showed us that he has lost none of his prowess. F. N. Hoare, L. E. Young, and E. H. Hains frequently found their form with the bat and ball, and one or two good performances stand to their credit.

Our Captain, G. A. Harding, deserves a paragraph to himself. He had a difficult task to accomplish, as it was our initial season. But so well has he fulfilled his rôle, that future captains have been set a still more difficult task, that of reaching his standard. Mr. Harding, himself a good cricketer, made an excellent Captain, and was well liked by his team and opponents as well.

These notes cannot be concluded without reference to those who have rendered invaluable service to the Club. The kindness of Mr. Ellis in placing the School ground at our disposal was mentioned in the last issue of the Magazine. But little did he know the pleasure thereby given to so many Old Grammarians. To play our home matches on the School ground revived memories of our own schooldays, and it was with a sigh of regret that we left the ground after our last home match. We are looking forward to next August, for the Headmaster has again lent us the ground. We also have to thank H. C. Grectham for his invaluable work. The way he has kept the score book and records is a model of industry and efficiency. The groundsman, too, has looked after our interests in every way, and our thanks are due to him. Lastly, may I thank all those who have helped to make this season a great success, both socially and financially. That we have paid our way in our first year is a fine tribute to the excellent support we have received.

N. F. DORR.

RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Result. | Score. | |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | Own. | Opp. |
| May 24. | St. Barnabas C.C. | Won | 117 | 55 |
| June 5. | Holy Trinity C.C. | Won | 50 | 25 |
| June 19. | School 3rd XI. | Won | 42 & 105 | 71 & 49 |
| June 26. | "Staff" | Lost | 54 & 54 for 6* | 46 & 33 for 3 |
| June 26. | St. Barnabas C.C. | Lost | 76 | 106 |
| July 4. | Spencer C.C. | Lost | 177 for 6* | 215 for 1 |
| July 10. | School 1st XI (Old Boys' Day) | Won | 158 | 151 |
| July 24. | School 1st XI. | Won | 124 for 7 | 103 |
| July 24. | School 3rd XI. | Lost | 82 | 106 |
| Aug. 7. | Holy Trinity C.C. | Won | 128 for 9* | 49 |
| Aug. 14. | Old Uptonians C.C. | Won | 172 | 74 |
| Aug. 21. | Farworth C.C. | Won | 151 | 57 |
| Aug. 28. | St. Barnabas C.C. | Drew | 202 for 8* | 124 for 2 |

* Innings declared closed.

Dramatic Society.

Since the last issue of the Magazine appeared, the Society has suffered a severe loss. Mr. W. H. Mallett, who for the past six years has acted as Secretary and Producer, has found it impossible to carry on in this capacity, and he has therefore had to resign his position, though we hope, only for a short time.

As the period which has elapsed since the last issue represents the Society's "close season," there are no shows to report, except the burlesque, "The Buried Cable," given at the School ground on the occasion of Old Boys' Day last July. Considering the difficulties encountered in performing in the open air, the show was quite a success and was, we think, enjoyed by all present.

As for the future, the Society will be performing at the Vicarage Room, Battersea, on November 22nd next, in aid of the Saint Mary's Day School Building Fund. The Society also hopes to give a performance at the School during the Spring Term, but further particulars will be supplied later.

I may add that the Society is always in need of new members, who should communicate their willingness to join to the Honorary Secretary: Mr. G. L. Davis, 24, Prince of Wales' Road, S.W.11. I.W.G.

GAMES FUND ACCOUNT.

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1925, TO MARCH 31ST, 1926.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | £ | s. | d. | | | | | | |
| Balance in Hand ... | ... | ... | ... | 46 | 16 | 8 | Grounds— | | | | | |
| Governors— | | | | | | | Wages ... | 119 | 1 | 6 | | |
| November 11th ... | ... | ... | ... | 142 | 0 | 0 | Materials, etc. ... | 47 | 13 | 8½ | | |
| December 6th ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | Hire ... | 38 | 0 | 0 | | |
| March 8th ... | ... | ... | ... | 137 | 10 | 0 | Cricket and Football— | | | | | |
| March 29th ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 0 | 0 | Materials ... | 95 | 12 | 11 |) | |
| Soil Dump ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 12 | 0 | Travelling Expenses ... | 8 | 16 | 3 | (| |
| | | | | | | | Printing ... | 48 | 2 | 6 | | |
| | | | | | | | Boxing ... | 6 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | Christmas Tea ... | 6 | 5 | 3 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 369 | 12 | 1½ | | |
| | | | | | | | Balance in Hand ... | 24 | 6 | 6½ | | |
| | | | | | | | | £393 | 18 | 8 | | |

Examined and found correct—H. R. ELLIS.