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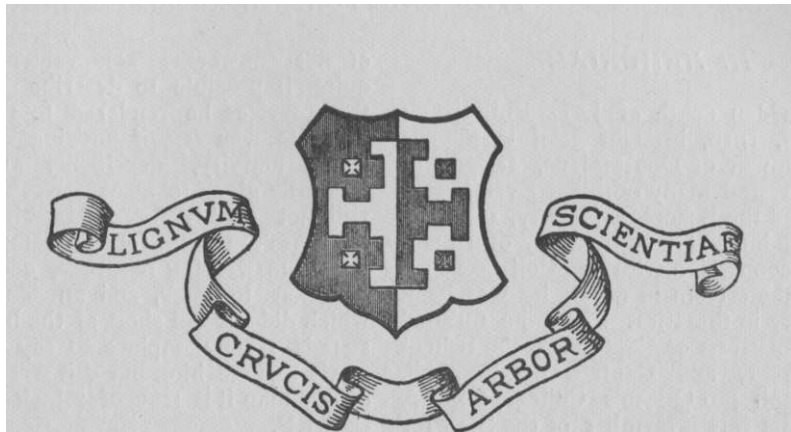
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EDITORIAL.

DURING the first week or so of term we experienced a taste of real winter. After several falls of snow, and hard frosts nearly every night, the various hills around us were in splendid condition for tobogganing, which sport was enjoyed each afternoon while the snow lasted. Not a single game of football was played for over a fortnight after the beginning of term, for even after the snow had disappeared the ground was too hard to allow of football. But we have now long ago settled down to everything again, and soon training for the

heats will be taking the place of ordinary games.

Since our last number was issued, we have lost one of the most active and best liked members of the staff, Mr, Philipps, the news of whose sudden death came as such a shock to us all at the end of the holidays. He had always been very closely connected with the College, an old captain of school and of football, and then a master, and he will always be remembered as one of the keenest Old Boys and best examples of manhood Denstone has ever produced. Our own keen sense of loss helps us perhaps the better to feel something of the grief which those to whom he was even dearer than to us all felt and feel. To them we beg to tender our sincere and respectful sympathy.

IN MEMORIAE.

The sudden death of J. L. Philipps on Jan. 13th, 1910, brought grief to a very large number of Denstonians, friends of Denstone, and many others. Even before he entered the School in January, 1890, he had made himself liked by many of us, and his long connection with the College added daily to the esteem in which he was held. Beginning in the First Form he finished his School career as Captain of the School in 1900—i, and Captain of Football. Before going to Queen's College, Oxford, in 1902, he was a member of the Staff for a while. He received the B.A. Degree in due course, and had recently proceeded to the Degree of M.A. He joined the Staff in 1906. At School he was a great Athlete, and his splendid broad jump of 21 ft. 4 in. is still unbeaten. At Oxford he played for the University XV., and he often played for Burton. His abilities as an actor were above the average. As a boy he began with small parts—Valentine in *Twelfth Night* (1897), and Bardolph in *Henry IV., Pt. 2* (1898). In 1899 as Fluellen he first really showed what he could do in a character part and since then he has given us at Denstone a whole series of fine Shakespearian portraits: Jacques, King John, Shylock, Falstaff, Macbeth, besides parts in other plays, of which perhaps the most notable were Mrs. Malaprop in 1904, and Orlando on Speech Day, 1907. He had been Stage Manager since he came back to us, and was always ready to place his ability at everyone's service, whether it were the Sixth Form for a Christmas entertainment, or the First Form aspirants to the Declamation Prize. At Oxford he was Business Manager to the O.U.D.S., and his Antonio there, in *The Merchant of Venice*, and Adam in *As you Like It* stood out as especially fine performances. Such a record as this is a mere formal catalogue

of not unworthy achievements. It is quite impossible to describe adequately the services he rendered to the School. His life was one of untiring and many-sided activity, unselfishly and wholeheartedly given to Denstone. Many a boy will not readily forget his kindness: all of us are the better for the example he gave us of unswerving rectitude, conscientious devotion to work, and an ideal of duty which did not fall short of the highest. It sounds a commonplace to say we cannot easily replace him, but if it were ever true of any man it is true of "Jack Philipps." —R.I.P.

DAY BY DAY IN AN AFRICAN FOREST.

By C. O. Andrews.

Soft rolls of white mist, just discernable in the initial greyness of dawn, curl themselves up and roll away, as if the earth was putting off her vesture of night. Strange monsters loom into view and gradually take the shape of rocks and hills, while the general dimness disentangles itself into individual trees and bushes. The all-pervading murkiness evolves into faint tints, which rapidly intensify into colour. Gentle breezes fan the trees into new life, and the air is fragrant with the scent of new-born blossom. Morning is alive with the babel of bird and insect; the voice of the wild-beast is hushed, its place being taken by the bleat of the domestic goat as he frisks away for his breakfast grass.

Thus Nature adorns herself to meet her lord, and he does not delay his coming. His harbingers are abroad: the eastern sky is glowing like molten metal, the clouds are purple fringed with gold, the distant hills are deep blue. He appears himself in a few gleams of ruddy fire between the

bases of the tree trunks; his ascent is rapid, and soon there are but a few feathery branches silhouetted against his radiant disk and the soft golden glory that surrounds him. How different is this beautiful renaissance of sight and colour from his unsparing tyranny of a few hours later!

Day in the forest begins with the light, and its life somewhat overlaps the life of night. Herds of antelope are returning from their watering places to the retired thickets where they find pasture, the zebra, 'striped ass,' is seeking the hidden recesses of the forest; the lion is often late in retiring to his den. Of dog-life the largest representative is the baboon, about the size of man. Perhaps he is bounding along the path, with all the ease and spring of movement, and some of the grace and speed of the greyhound; perhaps he is sitting on a fallen tree by the roadside, solemnly surveying the passers-by, like a bored old man with a black face and a rough khaki suit; more likely he is with the rest of his tribe loudly chattering among the branches, and flinging himself from tree to tree—the ideal of acrobatic skill.

Reptiles are ubiquitous and rarely out of sight or sound. Lizards abound in great variety, from the many small species of under a foot in length to the great tree-lizard which may measure six feet. One of the most striking members of this large family is common in sandy places; its adult length is about ten inches, its body striped lengthways yellow and black with an active tail of a beautiful light blue. This kind prefers open spaces, others keep the grass and bushes in perpetual rustle, while to see a large one clumsily waddle up a tree, which perhaps barely exceeds him in girth, is to be assured that Nature includes the grotesque. Another oddity is the exaggerated 'goose step' of the

chameleon. Snakes are plentiful, but their proverbial wisdom often enables them to escape observation. At the opposite end of the scale of movement the tortoise patiently plods along with his burden.

With the first light man resumed his forest sway which he had laid down at the previous sunset. Sunrise, noon, and sunset are his only definite times. He has no clock but the sun, and his only way of naming other hours is by pointing to that part of the sky where the sun is at the time that he wishes to indicate. His morning ablutions are scanty and irregular, but he is hardly to be blamed for that, as water is generally scarce. During the rains, January to April, he has no lack, but in the latter months of the year water is a precious commodity. Many people live a day's journey from the nearest water in the dry season, and content themselves with an occasional supply for the necessities of drinking and cooking. Often a whole family may be seen on its way to water, each member, from the grandparents to the young children, carrying water vessels of sizes proportionate to their strength. These vessels are gourds, the skins of which are dried after the contents have been withdrawn through a small hole in the top. A man carries two of these, each of several gallons capacity, tied by bark to the ends of a short thick bamboo which rests on his shoulder. A woman with a baby carries the baby on her back, and one vessel on her head. Smaller gourds make ladles and drinking vessels.

In some places fetching water is the most important work. But the majority of these children of the forest do nothing except grow, prepare and eat their food—so a considerable part of their time, or timelessness, is occupied with doing nothing. The men do most of the field work, the women do all that is necessary in preparing and cooking the food. As

soon as the rains begin Indian corn is sown, and in two months will reach a height of ten feet. Wise agriculturalists have to hoe the plantations after every day's rain as weeds grow so quickly. The other staple crop is a species of millet which grows at times to over fifteen feet, with 'straw' of two inches thick, which is used for fencing the yards behind the houses, and for building little huts to store the grain. In addition to these two kinds of corn there are many varieties of beans, and of gourds and pumpkins. Meat is a rare luxury, and the only fruits are mangoes and bananas.

At times the son of the forest has to build a new house, as, through stress of weather and the ravages of white ants, a house will last for only six or seven years, and will need re-thatching several times in that period. So he goes into the forest and cuts down trees for the framework to support the weight of the thatch; then he gets bamboos, to make a framework for the walls, and to hold the grass of the roof. His wife fetches earth of as sticky a nature as can be obtained, and a good supply of water. Then the bamboos of the walls are plastered, inside and out, with wet mud. It is the woman's work to cut and carry the grass for the roof. Thatching is not a laborious business, as the grass used is about eight feet long; but it must be done with care if it is to keep out the violent rains of the tropics.

At those times of year when work on the land is necessary the men will be occupied the greater part of daylight; at other times they lie dozing in the sun, or sit under the wide eaves and talk about food and wives—the two subjects of which they are not ignorant. Perhaps they are summoned by their chief to work on the roads. If the roads were not cleared of vegetation several times a year they would be lost.

The woman performs what household duties there are. The most burdensome is grinding corn. This is not done with millstones, but with a pestle and mortar. The mortar is a hollowed-out tree-trunk, and is generally about two feet high and nine inches in diameter; the pestle is a log of about five feet long with a smooth end. While she is at work the fowls gather round to pick up spilt crumbs. Most of the people keep fowls; at night they roost in a bark cylinder held on posts several feet from the ground for protection from snakes and leopards. Bee-hives, also of bark, are hung high up in the trees.

During the heat of the day most work is suspended, and the sun rules supreme. There is rarely any breeze at midday, everything seems filled with a desire to rest. The birds are quiet, and the hum of insects grows faint. Overhead is the blazing sun, below is the 'landscape winking in the heat.'

When the sun is half way down his western slope man's activity begins again. He finishes off a bit of work, strolls about the village, or sits at his door to chat with passers by. The wife soon begins to prepare the evening meal, the one real meal of the day. This is generally eaten as soon as darkness has fallen. The men and boys eat together by themselves, the women and the girls by themselves. Each group has a large pot of rice or a kind of porridge, and a small one of something to eat with it as a flavouring or sauce. All wash their right hands—the common name for "right hand" is "the eating hand"—and then set to work. With their fingers they roll up a little ball from the big dish, dip it into the sauce, and eat it. Afterwards they again wash, and drink water. It is an exceedingly convenient and clean method of eating. After the meal they curl themselves up in their houses, by the fire, and sleep. They will not go far from their homes after the

sun's going down, unless it is about the season of full moon, when the dull persistent boom of the bark and skin drum summons them to dance.

The son of the forest leads an uneventful life, and a fairly contented one, as long as he is free from the two great troubles of the land, famines and mothers-in-law. He thinks only of the present, he has few memories of the past, he takes no thought for the future. If he has few interests and abilities he has correspondingly few anxieties and responsibilities. He is but a child playing in the sunshine.

But he has missed the great pageant of the evening. He is blind to the wonders and beauties with which Nature has lavishly surrounded him. He is a thorough utilitarian: he is interested in anything good to eat; he knows that small trees and bamboos are useful for building purposes; he likes to discuss the numerous scandals of local society. Form and colour are beyond his appreciation. Yet almost every day the sun yields up his sceptre to darkness in a series of colour schemes of surpassing grandeur. In clear weather they seem most wonderful, for then the colours are of the purest, while there are no clouds on which the changing lights can play with bold and startling effect. On a clear evening there is but the atmosphere itself as medium.

Then shafts of alternate rose and turquoise spring from the source of colour as he touches the western horizon, ever widening they span the whole dome of cloudless sky, and in the utmost east blend together in an opalescent haze. The forest glows with a strange unearthly light, in which the distant rocks shine like burnished gold. Far away are lines and peaks of purple hills, relieved by pink patches where the vegetation is thin enough to allow the bare earth to receive the rays. Animate nature, apart from man, seems awed to

silence in the presence of such splendour. Suddenly, too suddenly, the colours fade, and for a short time the sky is filled with a cold white light, growing gradually dimmer, as star after star flashes into sight, figuring darkness with the punctual diamonds of the constellations.

The Southern Cross, pivot of the stellar hemisphere, is guarded by the ramping Centaur and the great ship of the Argonauts. Was it with any prophetic insight into the world's great problem to-day that the ship of the heroes of old was raised to the heavens? Libra poises her scales to protect the Virgin from the Scorpion; the ever-watchful Archer is in close attendance on one side of the forked tail, and on the other Juno has interposed an altar to guard her peacock. The great Hydra wriggles across the zenith; Jupiter outstrips the Lion on his way to the west; the Great Bear lies on his back along the northern horizon.

Many a flower slyly lifts its beauty and its fragrance to the twinkling of the innumerable stars, or to the gentle glory of the moon. What a welcome artist is a bright moon in the tropics! With a sympathetic touch it groups the masses together, boldly yet gently, and colours them in cool minor shades, shedding a soft glow over the completed picture. How refreshing after the relentless blaze of the midday sun, which delights to reveal every imperfection, and to harden every outline!

Night is a time of rest for man only. Insect life is busy, multitudinous, and noisy. Many species of horned animals, from the graceful gazelle to the bulky buffalo, venture forth in search of water. Beasts of prey are on the prowl for their food. Varieties of cats and squirrels are shrill and insistent. The birds of night are more akin to the corn-crake than to the night-ingale. Near the rocks and hills may be heard the angry grunt of the leopard, and

the hard bark of the baboon, varied perhaps with the growl of the lion, and the discordant "laugh" of the hyaena. At times a few sharp, short shrieks tells of a forest tragedy and the acquisition of a dinner.

Thus the life of the forest runs its almost changeless course, day by day, night by night, man and beast exercising alternate sway. Here, at least, the old order has not changed, but continues as the Psalmist sang of the hills and ravines of ancient Judaea:

*He appointeth the moon for certain seasons :
And the sun knoweth his going down.
Thou makest darkness that it may be night:
Wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.
The lions roaring after their prey ;
Do seek their meat from God.
The sunarisseth, and they get them away together:
And lay them down in their dens.*

S. CHAD'S DA Y.

Our patronal festival was duly observed by a sung celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock, and festal evensong with *Te Deum laudamus* at 6.40 p.m. Both services were especially well sung, and there were, as the Headmaster pointed out, various things which helped to make the religious part of the day's observances especially incumbent on all of us this year. The Rev. Granville Sharp, our new neighbour as Vicar of Uttoxeter was kind enough to come and preach, and he at once ingratiated himself with Denstonians by giving us a vigorous, eloquent, and eminently practical sermon. The day was cloudy and cold but this was seasonable and did not interfere with the enjoyment of the holiday. Most stayed for the good things which the Matron provided at dinner, which was put half an hour earlier. In the evening we had a preliminary contest for the Inter-Dormitory musical competition, and much interest was shown. It was a

very great help as well as a real pleasure to have Mr. Waller with us again who was kind enough to come to judge.

FOOTBALL.

BURTON.

The School started well with some excellent passing by Clarke and Beattie, but Anderson spoilt a good opportunity by knocking on. Burton now began to press, but a smart pass from Clarke to Chadwick enabled the latter to get in a good kick. This was followed by some more good passing by the School outsiders, which came to nothing owing to Williams being in front of his man. Laithwaite, Clarke and Chadwick put in some fine defensive play, and Wain saved what looked like a certain try by collaring Waddle when he was well away. The School now recovered the ground they had lost by a series of rushes in which Beattie, Anderson, and Barton were prominent; and from a scrum near the Burton line Hazell scored the first try for the School. Crace made a good but unsuccessful attempt to convert. After the drop out there was some neat passing on the part of the School in which Laithwaite, Beattie and Anderson had a share; but Burton again began to get the upper hand, and a good collar by Clarke followed by a good run and kick by Beattie just saved another probable try. Burton, however, were not to be denied, and Sadd running round the School three-quarters scored in the corner. Robinson failed to convert. Not long after the dropout Burton by some pretty passing which was initiated by E. Sparrow scored a second try which was not converted, and half-time came with the score 6 points to 3 in Burton's favour.

Soon after the game was restarted the School got into the Burton "25," and had a good opportunity of scoring which Clarke spoiled by passing behind Beattie.

Burton now worked the game into the School "25," and twice Wain saved the situation with a well-judged kick. It was not long, however, before E. Sparrow, who was taking the scrum, deceived Clarke by feinting to pass, and eluding the rest of the School outsiders scored the third try for Burton after a splendid individual effort. This try was converted. Soon after this Burton added another unconverted try as the result of some forward rushes; and then Chadwick put quite a different aspect on the game by scoring two very fine tries in quick succession from openings made by Laithwaite, neither of which were converted. Just before time Sadd again crossed the Denstone line, but was pushed over the dead ball line before he could score, and game ended in a win for Burton by 14 points to 9.

Chadwick was easily the best of the School three-quarters. Clarke and Beattie played well at half, while Hazell and Barton were the pick of the forwards. Robinson and the two Sparrows played well for Burton.

Team :—R. Wain, H. L. Chadwick, J. Laithwaite, G. A. Anderson, H. G. Webster, C. S. Beattie, C. E. Clarke, C. J. J. T. Barton, E. T. Greenwood, J. V. White, A. G. Hazell, J. H. Crace, G. O. Pauer, A. G. Rollason, M. H. Sewell.

MR. PARLANE'S MANCHESTER TEAM.

The game started at 3 p.m., and play was at first confined to the School "25." The team had a brisk ten minutes or so defending their line, Anderson was quick on his man, but Chadwick's tackling was faulty. From a scrum, well in our "25," Clarke got the ball and made the fatal mistake of kicking across the field instead of finding touch. F. Kemp who was playing a fine game, fielded the ball and running round our team scored a brilliant try.

The game being resumed, Beattie, making a good dribble well backed up by Anderson, relieved the pressure. Shortly after this Clarke with an excellent kick found touch near their corner flag. From an ensuing scrum in front of their posts, Clarke passed out to Beattie, who with a short dodgy run, scored. Manchester once more attacked, but good tackling by Clarke saved us, and our forwards dribbled the ball away. Anderson now intercepted and put in a good kick, Hazell made a good run, and he and Harris brought off some strong tackles. A Manchester centre now getting possession kicked high, and Sykes, following up, scored. The kick failed. This try was shortly followed by another through Wain failing to hold the ball, a difficulty, which throughout the game, he seemed unable to get over. Sykes then proceeded to thread his way through the whole of our back division, scoring a great try; and yet another one was added before half-time.

Manchester opened the second half with a splendid attack, and Wain again dropped the ball. Clarke now got away cleverly from the thick in our "25," and making a good run looked like scoring, but unfortunately dropped the ball. Chadwick soon after threw away an opening by knocking on. Manchester now scored again and added the extra points. This was followed by another try scored after a good run, by Sutton, and again the goal was kicked. Shortly before the final whistle Denstone made an effort, and after some bungling Crace got possession and crossed their line, Wain kicking the goal. Result: Parlane's team, 32 pts.; Denstone, 8 pts. Wain had a lot of work and on the whole performed his task well, but his habit of dropping the ball at crucial moments was very terrifying. Our three-quarters were not good, Clarke at half was generally good and at times excellent, in

fact he made but one mistake throughout the game. Beattie too was good. Of the forwards Barton worked hard and Hazell and Sewell brought off some good tackles, but the general impression that the team gave was one of slackness. F. Kemp, J. Sykes, and H. Sutton were useful units in the enemies' camp.

Team : R. Wain (back) ; H. L. Chadwick, J. Laithwaite, L. A. P. Harris, G. H. Anderson (three-quarters); C. S. Beattie, C. E. Clarke (halves); C. J. J. T. Barton, E. T. Greenwood, J. V. White, J. H. Crace, A. G. Hazell, G. O. Pauer, A. G. Rollason, M. H. Sewell (forwards).

A. F. Adderley played for Manchester.

STAFFORD.

The School kicked off down the hill, with a very strong wind blowing up against them. Stafford soon started to attack but were penalised for offside. The kick proved practically useless against the wind, and the visitors continued the pressure. After a little relief caused by the ball being touched down behind, one of their three-quarters scored. The goal was converted. Soon after Stafford scored again after dribbling the ball a long way up the field. This kick was not successful. The School now made a rush and took play into their "25," but a fine kick by one of the visitor's three-quarters took play back into our territory, but after a free kick the School attacked hard again and kept Stafford on the defensive for some time: But our opponents once more forced the play near the goal line and a little later scored. The kick at goal was successful, From this kick some good passing by our insides took the ball into their "25," when half-time came. The School now had the wind in their favour and immediately pressed; Bates all but scored, the ball being touched down.

After some play in the centre of the field Stafford took play into our "25," but Bates broke away and after a fine dribble scored our only try. The kick failed. The School were now awarded a free kick in the Stafford "25," but the place at goal failed. Denstone then attacked, Piggford and Bates being conspicuous among the backs. Stafford then scored again through their three-quarters breaking away. Time was called soon after, leaving the final score : Stafford, 16 pts. ; Denstone, 3 pts. The play of the backs was good, some of the passing being excellent.

Gurnhill, Harris, and Mason played for Stafford.

Team: R. Wain (back); H. L. Chadwick, C. G. Piggford, C. F. Smith, H. S. Bates (three-quarters); C. S. Beattie, C. R. Watson (halves); C. J. J. T. Barton, E. T. Greenwood, J. H. Crace, G. O. Pauer, M. H. Sewell, J. F. Adderley, H. G. Webster (forwards).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 18th, in the Boys' Library, J. Hornby, Esq., moved "That in the opinion of this house there is no likelihood of a German invasion in the near future." He was opposed by H. S. Cadman, Esq. Proposer's seconder, E. T. Greenwood (Vice-President); Opposer's seconder, E. R. Wood.

Before calling on Mr. Hornby to propose the motion, the President expressed his pleasure at seeing both Mr. Hornby and Mr. Cadman there to open the Session under the amalgamation, and also at the large attendance present.

The Hon. Proposer first explained how the nation had for a long time been scared by the idea of a German invasion. This had been much strengthened by the recent revelations concerning their huge Navy programmes, and harbour works. But all

these he contested were for the sake of self-defence on the part of the Germans. If they built ships, they perforce must build harbours, and these were all built on the North Sea, because that is the only sea front Germany possesses. He maintained that she did not want to conquer our colonies, as the Germans who emigrate find life much more comfortable in colonies under English rule, than under German. He showed by the aid of statistics, that there are more than twice as many ships in the English Navy than in theirs. He considered that Germany would lose much more than she could hope to gain, by attacking us.

The Opposer gave a short sketch of the wars in which Germany had taken a part, and showed how in each one she had levied a large indemnity. He emphasised the fact of the Germans being extremely ambitious, quoting portions of some of the Kaiser's speeches to support his statements. Then he brought up the point of the " Kruger Telegram," how that the Emperor had encouraged the Boers in the war, and yet at the same time had written a letter to his grandmother, the late Queen Victoria, enclosing her a scheme approved by His General Staff, for the carrying out of the War; and expressing his sympathy with the English. The action showed that the German policy was fickle, and therefore he saw no reason why the Navy Bills should not be directed against us, although the Emperor professed his friendliness towards us,

The Vice-President, in seconding the proposition, pointed out how that German Navy was as yet untried, and therefore they would not lightly undertake such a big fight as must ensue with England. Thanks to our various treaties, we were now able to concentrate many ships in the North Sea. He pointed out that Germany had far too big a financial crisis to face at

present, to be able to fight, and that she would lose her trade with England, which would be of such a serious consequence to her.

E. R. Wood gave as a reason for an invasion, the fact that the navy question had become a party question. The attack, he said, must be made before our colonies had arranged their navies. He quoted Bismarck's famous remark, " The destiny of Germany is to be worked out in blood and iron." If the Netherlands were to fall a prey to Germany our position would be very serious, and as she is friendly with every other European power her preparation must be against us.

The Secretary, supporting the proposition, stated that the two countries were too closely linked financially to allow of a war; and also that Germany would fear to attack us, because our colonies would support us so strongly.

The President said that if Germany is to attack, it must be done soon before conscription came in.

G. D. Gurnhill expressed his views supporting the proposition.

The Hon. Proposer, in summing up, said he did not think the German Navy was ready for war. He drew the attention of the house to the fact that we are a sea power, whereas the Germans are chiefly a land power, and all their previous great victories have been on land. Therefore he saw no reason why Germany should attack at once, or even at all, and therefore appealed to the House to support the motion.

The motion was carried by 13 votes to 11.

O.D. NEWS.

The Old Denstouians Chronicle was issued as usual at the end of January. It is a most interesting number, consisting of 34 pages and four pages of illustrations.

There is a *resumt* of School news for the year and Old Boys' news in considerable detail. We are glad to see the number of subscribers is steadily rising.

At Oxford, in the Keble 1st Boat, F. B. Burr (12-st. 8) rowed 3, and in S. Catharine's boat J. S. Amies (11-st.) rowed bow. At Cambridge, G. E. Jackson has been speaking at the Union.

S. I. A. Shaw (Sept., 1879) is on the Stock Exchange.

W. G. C. France (Feb., 1877) writing from the Union Bank of Australia, Wellington, New Zealand, writes: "I was greatly pleased to receive the very charming picture of the old School, and am having it put in a frame as a memento. I know Gifford and his people out here very well indeed. He is just the same, as good-natured as of old."

H. C. Hunter (Jan., 1899) is Curate at Stanley, near Derby.

J. W. Sharpies (Jan., 1894) writes from Buenos Aires about his brother's entrance to the College.

R. West Symes (April, 1896) is in England. He says: "I got home two days before Christmas, and, as you may imagine, was not at all sorry to do so, through on the whole I have much enjoyed and I hope benefited by my sojourn across the Pond. I met, and for a time lived with, or near, several O.Ds when I was in Canada, including A. A. Armstrong, Peter Cooper, A. S. B. Jones, and G. F. B. Jones, and the Shones."

A. Sutcliffe has obtained his International Hockey Cap, and A. Berry is going out with the English Association Football Team to South Africa.

C. Owen (Jan., 1893) has been elected a member of the House of Laymen.

The following subscriptions to the Old Boys' Window have been received since the publication of the *Old Boys' Chronicle*: Rev. H. W. Lowe, 4s.; "For Dear Sara's

and Charlie's sake," £1; B. G. D. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; A. Burgess, (2nd) 10s.; G. W. Haws, 10s.; G. A. Green, 10s. 6d.; T. D. Kenion (2nd) 10s.; W. O. Wilding (3rd) 10s.; H. B. Dudley, 5s.; L. W. Smith, 3s. 6d.; L. A. Gothard, 5s.; Sunday Duty (per K.A.I.I.) £3.

Shirley Keeling (Feb., 1875), writing from Vancouver, mentions, to our regret, that he has been ill, but we are glad to know that he is now somewhat better. He says: "I dropped across an old Denstone boy named Sykes, he is in the Real Estate Business, and is doing well. I am expecting Arthur Ward, a cousin of the Wards who were at Denstone, down here shortly. He is farming near Cranbrook, and if the roads are such that he can deliver a lot of hay he has for sale, he will come here on a visit."

T. L. Roberts (Sept., 1882), writing from Bombay, seems to have quite a number of thoroughbred racehorses, and to be very successful with them. He says: "I have not seen any O.Ds since I arrived back, but I understand that W. B. Hunter is continuing his upward career in the Bank of Madras, and he has had the absolute control of it for over two years."

G. W. Haws has found, we understand, his "-discharge" serviceable in the Territorials, and he was acting Lance-Corporal last camp, and took part in the great review and presentation of colours at Liverpool. "We furnished a guard of honour to our King on the day of the Review at Lord Derby's place at Knowsley."

C. Lonsdale (May, 1899), is now on the Kombok Estate, Sungai Gadut, Federated Malay States.

G. W. Ashforth plays for the Huddersfield Old Boys' Rugby F.C.

W. R. Ainsworth (Oct., 1873), who was present on the first day the School was opened, has returned to the Shrewsbury Hotel at Alton.

H. Arnfield (Sept., 1897), is at Pharmaceutical College, Bloomsbury Square.

K. B. Allen (Jan. 1898), has taken his M.B. and B.S. at Durham, and is now House Surgeon at Norfolk Hospital, Norwich.

H. Sutton (March, 1904), has been gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the Lancashire Fusiliers (Territorials).

F. Sutton (Jan., 1895), is a solicitor in Manchester.

Rev. A. Leake (Jan., 1879), has been having a Missionary Pageant in Sunderland. He had Rev. J. W. Greenstreet as S. Aidan.

J. R. Birchall is Captain of Rugby Football at Queen's College, Oxford, and played in the Seniors Match. He was asked to play in the International Trial Match, Universities v. Army and Navy. He went on tour with Oxford University XV., and played in all the matches. He played for Oxford against Old Merchant Taylors. In the Queen's College Association team he also plays.

F. B. Burr also played in the Seniors Match.

B. D. C. Morgan (Sept., 1903), is with Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Manchester.

L. Meek (Oct., 1887), who is a solicitor in Willenhall and Birmingham, is also Clerk to the Short Heath U.D.C. and to the Willenhall Group of Council Schools as well as Secretary to the Willenhall Higher Education Committee.

J. M. Bee (May, 1901), is President of the University Chess Club. He is reading for the Mediaeval and Modern Language Tripos.

E. J. Jones (Oct., 1873), is at Lotakandi, Katlicherra, Cachar, India. He says: "You may remember that my brother Sidney and I were among the first to join the school when it opened, and I still have a great affection for the dear old place."

T. L. Kilner is in the Calder Vale Glass Works, Wakefield.

R. Kitchen played for North Island, New Zealand, against South Island, and won the match for them by dropping a goal.

D. D. Benton phys for Huddersfield Old Boys R.U.F.C. He is with Messrs. Carrie & Denison at Huddersfield.

A. H. Bradley (Feb., 1888), is practising as a Doctor in Leicester.

J. W. Greenstreet (April, 1896), is a Curate at Ryhope. He has played for the Durham County XV.

F. A. Hibbert has published *Monasticism in Staffordshire: the growth, influence, and suppression of the religious houses of Staffordshire* (price 3s.) He is now engaged on a Study of the Financial and Economic aspect of the suppression, which is to be published by Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd., London.

G. W. Haws is a resident at University Hall, Edinburgh.

E. Cartwright and B. Cartwright are fruit-farming at Garges Harbour, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

J. C. Crosfield has left the British Museum and is now in H.M. Stationery Office.

J. H. Hill plays for the Yorkshire Wanderers Football Club.

J. Haworth is Chaplain at Wormwood Scrubbs.

R. P. Pollard (Sept. 1901), is at Sir Patrick Duns Hospital, and has just passed the second final examination.

G. E. Jackson (Jan. 1902), has gained the Essay Prize at S. John's College, Cambridge.

On Christmas Day died William Ernest Bate, whose memory will be held in affection by all who knew him here as a kind, old-fashioned, and public-spirited Denstonian. He came in May, 1878, and was on the Staff at Denstone and Ellesmere for some years. He obtained a University Exhibition and the Gisborne Scholarship at Durham, and received the degrees of B.A.

and M.A. there. Ordained in 1895, he became Curate of S. Andrew's, Fulham, in 1895, and Chiswick in 1902. Not long ago he was placed in charge of the new Parish of Palmer's Green in North London, where he worked well and strenuously, in spite of failing health and growing weakness.—R.I.P.

On New Year's Day a team of Old Denstonians from Manchester and District played Kersal. The score was 20—14 in Kersal's favour. After the match the O.D.'s were entertained to dinner by F. Sutton O.D., and it was decided that both match and dinner should be annual events.

NOTES.

An old and loyal servant of the College has just passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-five. For over thirty years Miss Rowe has been wardrobe woman, and as long as her physical strength permitted—which was until recently, she did her work with rare fidelity and care. The first part of the Funeral Service was held in the College Chapel, and one is glad to remember that nearly every member of the school took the opportunity of attending and thus paying his tribute to Miss Rowe's memory. A good number also were present at the graveside in the beautiful churchyard at Denstone. The Headmaster and the Chaplain officiated. R.I.P.

We are very glad to know that the Vicar has recovered from his long and dangerous illness.

On March 8th the Headmaster gave us an account of his visit in 1900 to the Passion Play at Ober Ammergau and showed some fifty slides in illustration. As the performance is to take place during the coming Summer the lecture was very appropriate.

G. A. Howe has obtained Pitman's 1st Class Speed Certificate in Shorthand, for writing eighty words per minute.

During Lent the Headmaster has preached on Sunday mornings on (1) Iscariot; (2) Pilate; and (3) the Rulers of the People, as "Men who Crucified our Lord"; the Chaplain is taking (4), Humiliation; (5) Sacrifice; (6) Loyalty. The Friday evening addresses are by the Rev. W. B. Smith (1—3) on Psalm lxxxiv., and the Rev. W. S. Airy (4—6) on "Lessons from Genesis." The Good Friday addresses are to be by the Headmaster.

C.R., the Chronicle of the Community of the Resurrection has, in its Christmas Day number, some interesting remarks about a visit to a Woodard School (which was Denstone), in an article signed "P. B."

The memorial to Mr. J. L. Philipps will take the form of a window in chapel. It will be the seventh in order in the series illustrating scenes in the life of Chad, of which the Old Boys' window (S. Chad at school), is to be the first. The seventh comes immediately over where Mr. Philipps used to sit. Mr. and Mrs. Edwardes expressed the wish that the memorial should take the form of a window, and are themselves defraying half the cost of it. The subject will be S. Chad in his forest retreat caring for and teaching the boys, sons of Wulfere. All who knew Mr. Philipps' work here will recognise the strikingly nature appropriate of the subject.

The following have gained 1st XV. colours:—J. Laithwaite, A. G. Hazell, J. H. Crace, C. E. Clarke; 2nd XV., Rollason. The following are the new Prefects:—Chadwick, Adderley, E. J. Wood, Clark, Harrison, Misquith, and Wooliscroft.

H. L. Chadwick has been elected on the Sports Committee.

This year the Preparatory School are competing for the little side shield.

On the last night of last term the Sixth gave a performance of *Vice Versa*.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, February

8th, it was decided to amalgamate the Senior and Junior Debating Societies. This resolution was carried by 43 votes to 19. The following officers were elected:—*President*, L. A. P. Harris; *Vice-President*, E. T. Greenwood; *Secretary*, N. Blunt; *Sub-Secretary*, C. J. J. T. Barton. Ushers, G. P. Gurnhill, G. O. Pauer, H. G. Webster, H. S. Bates.

It was also decided that there should be a Junior Section, to consist of the members of the late J. D. S., and that a Committee of four of these members should be elected.

The four following were elected:—A. L. Forrest, R. Wain, F. L. Green, E. Wright.

J. F. Harris has gained a History Exhibition at S. John's College, Cambridge.

A. J. Wood has gained a Classical Exhibition at S. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

W. E. Hayward has gained a Sizarship in Modern History at Sidney College, Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Misquith have given a very handsome leopard skin for the big drum in the Band. We beg to assure them of our sincere gratitude for their gift.

The following Anthems have been sung this term:—

Septuagesima Sunday—"O rest in the Lord" and "Blest are the Departed."

Sexagesima—"Lead, kindly Light" (*Stainer*).

Quinquagesima—"O love the Lord" (*Sullivan*).

The following have joined the Choir:—E. G. H. Bates, P. G. Burrows, F. D. Rowan, F. J. Steward, C. Venables.

The following left last term:—

Head's I.
H. Ashcroft. June, 1908.
F. A. Gibson. Sept., 1908.
J. V. White. Jan., 1903. Prefect, 1909. ist XV., 1909. ist XI., 1909. O.T.C.

Head's III.

A. G. Rollason. Jan., 1906. Prefect, 1908. Shooting Colours, 1907. 2nd XV., 1909. O.T.C. Sergeant. Sec., Shooting VIII, 1909.

Airy's.

H. Bowman. Sept., 1907. O.T.C.

Clark's.

T. S. Ash. May, 1908.

H. G. H. Embrey. Jan., 1908.

W. G. N. Hawkes. May, 1907. O.T.C.

P. H. G. Toms. Sept., 1907.

Gausson's.

E. C. Clarke. May, 1906. ist XV., 1909. O.T.C.

J. Laithwaite. Jan., 1907. Prefect, 1909. ist XV., 1909. ist XI., 1909. Fives, 1909. O.T.C.

W. Rimmer. Sept., 1907. O.T.C.

A. C. V. Smith. Sept., 1904. O.T.C.

F. A. Yeomans. May, 1909. O.T.C.

Hornby's.

T. M. Blackshaw. Jan., 1906. O.T.C.

J. F. Harris. Jan., 1908. Prefect, 1909. O.T.C.

Smith's.

A. P. G. Huband. Jan., 1906. O.T.C.

The following new Boys came this term:—

Henry Ashfield	Carlisle	Head's I.
William James	Rowley	"
Cedric Venables		"
Lambert Wilmot		"
Graham Dudley	Moore	Head's II.
Joseph Alfred	Woodhead	"
Gilbert Barker		Head's III.
Richard Riley	Stensor Bowker	"
Harold Mossman	Granger	"
Frederick James	Steward	Rev. W. S. Airy's
William Stanley	Aulton	Rev. R. M. Clark's
Wilfred Bernard	Cox	"
Thomas Charles	Keble	"
Wyndham Ralph	Carlion Madden	"
Joseph Walter	Musker	"
Marcus Gilbert	Taylor	"

Richard Valentine Kirby	Gausson's
Geoffrey Landon Littler	"
Cyril Fryer Smith	"
Sydney Booth	Hornby's
Thomas Bruce Feltham	"
James William Knight	"
John Hindal Swallow	"
Alan Foxley Foxwell	Preparatory School
Cyril Johnson Gains	"
Northway Whitehead	"

Sports Balance Sheet, 1910.—
Expenditure.—Travelling expenses, ist XV., £7 16s., £7 16s. 6d., £g 15s.—£25 7s. 6d.; Woodward, basic slag, &c., £\ 19s. 6d.; Gunn and Moore, /no; Kelly, printing, £2 6s. 6d., £1 6s. 3d.—£2 12s. 6d.; Travelling expenses, ist XI., 5s. 4d.; Travelling expenses, 2nd XI., £1 12s.; T. Forrester, £5 6s. nd.; Public School. Gym., sub., 15s., 10s. 6d.—£1 5s. 6d.; C. Ward, £2s. 2s.; P. Holland, rooms for professional, £2 19s. 6d.; Carter, brake, £1 2s. 6d.; Wilding, record, £2 18s. 6d.; Sutton, seeds, 12s. 5d.; Paid to College for wages, &c., ^31 11s. 6d.; ^85 17s. 6d.—^117 gs.; P. A. Wright, materials sold, ^31 14s. 7d.; Postage and sundries, 3s. 4d., 9s. 6d., £1 gs. 2s., 2s. 6d., 4s. 7d.—£2 9s. id.; Balance in hand, Bank, £5 16s. 4d. Total, ^324 3s. 5d.

Receipts.—Balance in hand, ^15 13s. 5d.; Cheques from College for Boys' subs, and materials, ^74 3s., £67 ios.; /"148 9s.—£290 2s.; Paid over by Athletic Sports, £\$ 9s.; Tennis, subs., £2 17s.; Fixture cards, £1 17s. 2d., £1 2s. id—£2 19s. 3d.; Sale of materials, £6 7s., £1 12s. 3d., £1, 3s, 6d.—£11 2s. 6d. Total, ^324 3s. 5d.

Still owing.—Gunn and Moore, ^14; Harris, £3 5s. 6d.; T. Forrester, £7 16s. 1 id.

In future prizes can only be taken by boys who enter for the School Examination.

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