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EDITORIAL.

TRADITION says that the Lent Term should always be a dull one, but this year we seem to have met with the inevitable exception, which some time or other occurs to every rule. Of course the term is a short one, yet it has passed with startling quickness, and once more we find the holidays upon us when we seem to have only just started term.

Events have followed one another so rapidly that our minds have been concentrated all the while upon the present, and so the time has sped swiftly past, as it always does when we are fully occupied, without our noticing it.

For one thing football was kept on later than usual, and so the Fives Matches have just filled in the time between the last football match, and the Heats for the Sports.

Also we have had two field days, one amongst ourselves, and one with Repton, Shrewsbury, Trent, Nottingham, and Sheffield, and S. Chad's day as well has helped to swell the number of diversions.

THE CHAPEL WINDOWS.

With the Memorial Window to Mr. J. L. Philipps, which is already in hand, a very good start will be made towards the windows in the body of the chapel. It is hoped that the Old Boys' Window will be able to be completed simultaneously with

the Memorial Window, so that it may be interesting to give an account of the proposed subjects for the whole set.

There are nine windows, four on the north side and five on the south, and it is proposed that they should illustrate the life of S. Chad. The Old Boys' Window is the first of the series, showing S. Chad as one of the twelve boys whom S. Aidan gathered round him, and taught at the Lindisfarne. The second it is suggested, shall show S. Chad as Abbot of Lastingham, perhaps welcoming Ovin, who came to him owning that though he was not an adept at study, he was a strenuous worker with his hands; it would be a useful reminder in a school chapel that *laborare est orare*. The third window should deal with S. Chad's consecration as Bishop of York, from which office he presently retired before S. Wilfrid's opposition; the fourth, therefore, should show him in retirement at Lastingham. We are told that when storms threatened he was wont to betake himself to prayer. Here, again, would be a good subject, teaching the divine guidance of Nature, and the Divine nature of "natural laws." The fifth window should show S. Chad's elevation to the Bishopric of Lichfield, and it would come, most appropriately, immediately above the Bishop's stall. This window has been chosen as the one which is to be put in by the gradually-accumulating offerings at our annual Confirmations. The sixth window should show S. Chad engaged in his mission-preaching up and down his huge Midland Diocese. Archbishop Theodore discovered he was accustomed to go on foot, and insisted that he should ride, and when S. Chad's humility led him to protest, the Archbishop lifted him on horseback with his own hands: this would be an effective incident for the window.

The seventh window comes immediately above the place where Mr. Philipps

sat in chapel, and it was obviously the window to choose for his Memorial. S. Chad was fond of withdrawing into the forests round Lichfield for rest and retirement; and a legend tells how once, while thus engaged, a hunted hart fled to him for protection, followed by its hunters, the two sons of King Wulfere. S. Chad shielded the hart, and made friends with the boys, cared for them, taught them, and presently brought them to the knowledge of the truth. All who knew the outstanding feature of Mr. Philipps' work here as a master will recognize the striking appropriateness of such a subject for a Memorial to him, and it has therefore been chosen. The eighth window will show S. Chad's death, and it will be the Obit window. The last of the series might show the translation of the Saint's relics to Lichfield Cathedral, or perhaps, in some way, illustrate the foundation of Denstone, where we try to copy our patron's example of a Christian School for boys.

The cost of each window is £2⁰. How delightful it would be if we could hear of a generous friend or two who would take upon themselves the cost of some of the windows for which we have no immediate prospects of funds!

"AS DREAMS ARE MADE OF,"

by C. Brett.

"Hark, hark, the dogs do bark;
The beggars are coming to town:
Some in rags and some in bags,
And ONE in a velvet gown."

Who was the one? Why, Malvolio, who ran away from the Countess Olivia: to deprive her of his presence, was, he thought, ample revenge—and at length he came to beg his bread, the alternate mock and master of his unruly comrades. Soft

you, a word or two before you go, Malvolio. What! are you strange and stout? Will you not answer? Nay, then, I must needs call Masters Dogberry, Verges, and Dull, to thee. Ah, your worship says—that Orsino was finally cured of his affectations, not by his wife, who is something too yielding, but by one visit to Signor Benedick and Lady Beatrice at Messina? Another tells me of the death of Sir Hugh Evans and of Master Abraham Slender, and of the words of simple faith on the parson's tombstone—"There's pippins and cheese to come." What befel some others of our good friends? Report on the Rialto saith that Antonio the merchant was poisoned by some figs at the feast given by Shylock to celebrate his conversion; and thus Bassanio lost his friend, "and Jessica her father; for the Jew was burnt; and old Tubal told me his dying words. Were they of the accursed merchant and his race, of his ducats? No. "At last, Leah, my beloved!"

The Prince of Morocco, Othello's cousin, who usurped from the Venetian general the "royal siege," on returning to his own country, met the melancholy Jaques, then on his travels, and after suffering some severe blows to his pride, turned first philosopher and then traveller. He came to Cyprus two days after the death of Othello and Desdemona, and slew himself at their funeral; for he had seen and loved Brabantio's daughter, when in Venice for his intended courtship of Portia. Rosalind and Orlando, when not teasing Oliver and Celia, who live near them, or laughing at Touchstone's jests, indulge their roving humours by visits to Ferdinand and Miranda, King and Queen of Naples, to Orsino and Viola, to Michael Cassio, the sad, stern governor of Cyprus, usually ending their tour either with Beatrice and Benedick, or with Portia and Bassanio. Claudio and Hero they rarely visit; for

Rosalind declares that Hero is too fond of her ill bargain of a husband; and Orlando—always obeys his wife.

Good Touchstone! his hair is white; Audrey is dead, by the hand of a fool she met in "the forest"—William, mad for love of her, yet "the wisest fool in Christendom," who still bears the same face to the world, and was the second man to put down Feste, the Lady Olivia's "corrupter of words"; yet he and Feste are very good friends; and Touchstone is the only mortal to whom Feste speaks seriously. For you know that he never spoke of the things that lie too deep for tears, except when no one was by; but in Touchstone he has found someone wiser than himself, who *understands*.

Sir Toby and Maria jog along in a happy-go-lucky way; yet the youngest wren of the nine is mistress of the house; and Sir Toby drinks only on Sunday, and plays not at all at tray-trip—there is no need, his freedom is gone—and Sir Andrew is only allowed to see him on Sundays and Festivals, when Fabian and Dick Surgeon come also to dine. One day, while the cakes and ale were being discussed, a stranger stepped through the open door, hung all about with tapes, ribbons, and fal-lals. Mistress Mary's first impulse was to bid him hoist sail at once; but something in his shrewd, merry face, pleased her, and perchance his wares pleased her still more. It was Autolycus; and he pleased the company so much by conveying unconsidered trifles from and on to Sir Andrew's person, that he partook of their cheer. He had trudged from Bohemia; he still sang that glorious and wonderful song of the road:

*"Jog on, jog on the footpath way,
And merrily hent the stile—a;
Your merry heart goes all the way,
Your sad tires in a mile—a.*

Yet he was waxing weary of the way; and he actually settled near the *Elephant*

in Orsino's city, and became purveyor of ruffs and ribbons to the Duchess, the Countess, and all the great ladies, to say nothing of provoking Sir Toby first to jealousy, and then to laughter, every day. When the roaming fever comes upon him, he disappears for a time, with Antonio, or some other old sea-dog, and returns smiling and mysterious, with fresh fashions and new ballads.

Once, in a dream, a Bird of Paradise set me down at a palace window in the West. Within sat the Lady Imogen, her boys Posthumus, Iachimo, and Fidele, played in the room; and sitting near was "Uncle Iachimo" as the children called him. When Imogen spoke, he looked and listened as if to a saint or goddess; when she moved, his eyes followed her every movement and gesture with reverence and adoration; and when Posthumus came in from hunting with the King, a strange look of envy and scorn passed over his face; the look of one who sees another holding too lightly what is above price.

Thence I passed to a dark old house in Verona, where sat an old man and his wife, very worn and sad: they were Capulet and his wife. In the street were riding the widowed Montague and Mercutio's father, talking of their boys: I saw that they shunned the Apothecaries' quarter. The only thing that cheers these old folk is to see the Lady Silvia and her husband Valentine, or mayhap, honest Launce, Lord Proteus' servant. Thence I passed to Milan in winter; and there in the palace, by a sea-coal fire, sat Prospero, Ferdinand, and Miranda. The old Duke looked up, saw me, and with a marvellous kindly smile said: "Please you, draw near." And I—I awoke, and "cried to sleep again."

FIELD DAY.

On Tuesday, March 15th, the Corps took part in a field day which was arranged under the guidance of the Officers of the Sherwood Foresters Depot at Derby.

The manoeuvre area extended from Ellastone to Farley and from the river Churnet to the Leek Road. The scheme directed a Blue Force, which was composed of Shrewsbury, Denstone, and Sheffield and commanded by Major F. M. Ingram of Shrewsbury, to escort a convoy from Ellastone via Wootton and Ramshorn to Windy Harbour.

Our Corps paraded at nine and joined the rest of our force near Ellastone. Starting from the rendezvous Major Ingram sent the North Company of Denstone under Lieut. Dudley to seize Ramshorn. A Company of Shrewsbury under Capt. Pound was sent with our Scouts and Signallers under Mr. Meyrick to Plumpton Banks and another Shrewsbury Company was sent to the high ground above Waste Farm. The remainder of the force moved along the main road to Wootton with Sheffield as a rear guard.

The North Company took up a position at Ramshorn and was immediately attacked by practically the whole of the Red force, which consisted of Repton, Trent and Nottingham under Capt. E. A. Surtees of Repton. On hearing heavy firing at Ramshorn Major Ingram ordered the South Company of Denstone to reinforce there. On arrival however they found the North Company in full retreat before overwhelming numbers, and could do little but steady the vigorous attack by Repton and Trent.

In the meanwhile the remaining Company of Shrewsbury was ordered to Eid Low where it was joined by the rest

of their Corps. On the arrival of Sheffield a vigorous attempt was made to drive the enemy back from the Leek Road. Both Denstone Companies renewed the attack with vigour and exciting incidents between South Company and Repton were plentiful. Thanks however to Mr. Gausson's diplomacy and firmness we were not again driven back.

Cease fire sounded about 2.40 with the Red force holding the Convoy road. It seemed to us that we were handicapped by Major Ingram's lack of knowledge of the very difficult ground over which we had to work. Had we sent the main part of our force direct to Ramshorn instead of waiting at Ellastone and Norbury we should have had a better chance of achieving our object. The Shrewsbury Corps at Eid Low found itself on lower ground than their opponents and so could do little to relieve the pressure at the north end of Wootton Park Woods where the enemy had concentrated the main part of his force.

We are indebted to Col. Heywood for his help in obtaining the land and to the many farmers who willingly gave permission for us to use it. To Major Leveson-Gower we owed the scheme and our thanks are due to him, Capt. Mortimore and Capt. Stevens, R.A., for their kindness in coming to umpire.

After the finish a band composed chiefly of Denstone played us down to Alton. It had been intended to have a massed band for the final march but an unfortunate hitch in the arrangements prevented the players from reaching Ramshorn where the instruments were in readiness.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOXING.

We sent three representatives to the Public Schools Competitions at Aldershot this year, A. G. Hazell (light weights),

C. G. Piggford, (feather weights) and J. Booth (bantam weights). Unfortunately Piggford was just a pound over-weight, and as the judges were unusually precise this year he had to "scratch." Booth boxed well but did not get far in the competition. Hazell however had a triumphant progress. In the first series he was opposed by Fisher of Malvern, a plucky opponent, but Hazell was too quick and neat. Then he met Doherty of Dulwich. He adopted forcing tactics and the first round was very even, though once he nearly knocked Doherty over the ropes. As the match progressed it became very good, but Hazell prevented his man from finding any real opening and won deservedly. As there was no opponent for Hazell in the Semi-Final he was set to box one of the sergeant instructors, who appears to have by no means spared him; he would have fared better had he fought a school opponent. In the Final he met Farrell of Cranbrook, but the severe handling he had received in the sham semi-final had shaken him too badly for him to have a good chance, and though he fought very pluckily he was easily defeated.

He thoroughly deserved his 2nd Prize Medal, and we offer him our hearty congratulations on being the first Denstonian to be successful in these competitions, which, let us remember, Mr. Philipps started a few years ago. Sergeant Dyke is rightly proud of this gratifying result of his training, and as the same three are likely to be available next year there is a real chance that we may then gain three medals instead of one.

FOOTBALL.

S. MODWEN'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

The visitors only brought an "A" team, so the match was consequently robbed of

some of its interest, the School winning very easily. From the very start Denstone took matters into their own hands, and controlling the scrums the backs had plenty of opportunities of distinguishing themselves. First Chadwick got over, Wain converting, and then Woolliscroft got over after good dribbling by the forwards, and before half-time tries had been added by Chadwick (2), Smith, and Barton, one only being converted. The second half was merely a procession, and the following tries were scored. Chadwick (3), Smith (2), Beattie and Barton. One only again was converted, the final score was 45 points to 0. One of the most noticeable points of the game was the number of unconverted tries. Would it not be a bad plan in future to train, say two of the team in place kicking, and let them always have the kick? Every team generally has one member who takes the kick. At present it seems to be the proper thing for everybody to have a kick, whether he knows how to place the ball or not. On the whole the team played well, and if we were asked to single out anybody who deserves special mention, we should say Smith. Most of Chadwick's tries were the result of good openings made by Smith, who generally drew the wing man and invariably passed at the right time. The forwards, nobly led by Barton, did what they liked with the "boys" and had their best afternoon of the season.

For the visitors, the substitutes we supplied them with did best, especially Harris who was the backbone of their rear division.

Team :—R. Wain, H. L. Chadwick, C. F. Smith, C. G. Piggford, H. S. Bates, C. S. Beattie, C. R. Watson, C. J. J. T. Barton, E. T. Greenwood, A. G. Hazell, J. H. Crace, G. O. Pauer, F. H. Woolliscroft, A. F. Adderley, H. G. Webster.

F. SYKES' XV.

The visitors, who played three substi-

tutes, kicked off, and Denstone immediately began to press, and continued to do so until a free kick brought relief to the visitors. Then the Denstone forwards took the ball down, and Watson was nearly over from a dribble. Keeping up the pressure, Chadwick, after some good passing, got over, and also kicked a goal.

From the kick-off Bates nearly scored; however Woolliscroft dribbled over and touched down, Crace converting. There was no more scoring before half-time, though Denstone were continually in the visitor's half.

In the second half, play was of a more even character, and the visitors were the first to score, one of their three-quarters getting over after a good run. The kick was not successful. The Denstone forwards then came away with a rush, and taking the ball right down to the visitor's goal line, Barton picked up and scored, the kick failing.

The visitors then nearly got over, and Chadwick only just touched down in time. The School returned to the attack once more, and Crace, who throughout played an excellent game, scored, the kick again failing. This was all the School scoring, though just before time Sykes got over for the visitors. The final score was 16-6.

For the School, Wain kicked well, but he must go for the ball more when forwards are dribbling down upon him. The three-quarters were all very fair, and at times passed quite well. Both Beattie and Watson did well and fed their three-quarters unselfishly, being helped considerably by the forwards, who generally got possession in the scrums, Crace and Barton being always in the thick of it.

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The Little Side Dormitory matches have been played, as usual, with teams more or less fragmentary. The first game was between Mr. Clark's seven and Head's i.'s five, and was mostly occupied in a series of scampers by Caldwell for the opposing goal, and chiefly through him and Merryweather, 48 points to none were scored. Mr. Gaussen's beat Head's ii. by nearly the same score. Mr. Clark's and Mr. Smith's produced the first game of any interest, and the former only won by a single try, gained by Merryweather. They were beaten in the next game by Mr. Airy's, by 23 points to 3. Next Mr. Gaussen's beat Mr. Hornby's by 25 points to none, largely through A. L. Forrest's swerves. The final was between Mr. Airy's and Mr. Gaussen's. In the first half the former only scored once, but afterwards they were more successful, and finally made 21 points to none. Harwood, Rhodes, O'Brien, Forrest, Thomas and Holland were the most conspicuous.

*REVIEW OF THE FOOTBALL
SEASON, 1909—1910.*

The season 1908—1909 was not a successful one, but the season just finished, 1909—1910, was many degrees worse; in fact it is difficult to remember one which has been so thoroughly unsatisfactory. Out of last year's team we only had one three-quarter, one half, and four forwards left; and so not unnaturally the team suffered heavy defeats in the first few matches at the hands of the Old Denstonians and Kersal. In the match with S. Modwen's the team showed some improvement, and made a creditable draw; but the improvement was not maintained, and in the following match with Birkenhead School the team suffered what was probably the most

severe beating they had ever received at the hands of a school team. The excellence of the Birkenhead team was undoubted; but this alone does not account for their overwhelming superiority. We have played an annual match with Birkenhead School since 1904, and up to last term had only been beaten by them on one occasion and then by a single point; so that their 39 point victory over us this season is all the more discreditable. Sale and Cheadle Hulme also beat us comfortably. In the first match with Burton the team looked like winning at the end of the first half, but their play in the second half was disappointing, and consequently they eventually lost the match. Throughout the season the team has been only too ready to lose heart; a try or two against them at the start usually meant that the match was as good as lost. The first match of the Christmas tour was well contested, and the result, a win for Burton by 14 points to 9, was creditable to the School XV.; but the match with Mr. Parlane's XV. on the following day was very disappointing. The opposing team was hardly as good as those which we have played against in previous years, and in addition to this one of their three-quarters, T. Kemp, O.D., was absent for the greater part of the game. The fact that we scored 8 points only showed what might have been done if the team had played with more dash.

Only three matches were played in the Easter term, one against the N. Stafford R.F.C., the second against a weak S. Modwen's XV., and the third against Mr. J. Sykes' XV. which unfortunately came six men short, and played two short. The first we lost after a good fight, the other two we won fairly easily; but we must not overlook the fact that these improved results were due quite as much to the weakness of our opponents as to improvement in the School team.

The want of success must be chiefly put down to lack of dash and determination to win. The collaring was not what it ought to have been; and the following-up was never good, though it improved towards the end of the season. The three-quarters were weak, the centres especially. The halves were variable; sometimes good, sometimes the reverse. The forwards did not play well together nor back one another up sufficiently, and almost all kicked too hard both in the scrum and in the open. The result was that our opponents generally had much more of the ball than we had, and they never failed to make good use of the advantage thus given them.

The matches played, with results, were as follows:—

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Oct.	2.	Kersal.	Lost.	3-39.
	7.	Old Denstonians.	Lost,	0-35.
	23.	Cheadle Hulme.	Won.	9-8.
	30.	S. Modwen's.	Drawn.	0-0.
Nov.	11.	Birkenhead School.	Lost.	0-39.
	12.	Sale.	Lost.	13-33.
	13.	Cheadle Hulme.	Lost.	4-49.
	20.	Burton.	Lost.	9-17.
	27.	N. Stafford R.F.C.	Lost.	0-27.
Dec.	15.	Burton.	Lost.	9-14.
	16.	W. Parlane, Esq.'s XV.	Lost.	8-32.
	1910.			
Feb.	12.	N. Stafford R.F.C.	Lost,	3-16.
March	5.	S. Modwen's A.	Won.	45-0.
	10.	J. Sykes, Esq.'s XV.	Won.	16-0.

Played, 13. Won, 3. Lost, 10. Drawn, 1.
Points for, 117. Points against, 315.

CRITIQUE OF THE XV.

tC. *J. J. T. Barton* (Captain).—Has done all in his power to lead his team to victory, but unfortunately without much success. He is an excellent "punt," a good "collar," and has improved very much in his footwork. Always sets his team a good example by playing himself for all he is worth. He has done much in the organization of the various games.

tE. *T. Greenwood* (Secretary).—A fast heavy forward, possessing a sound knowledge of the game. Has lately developed as a tackle.

tC. *S. Beattie*.—A neat half, who makes some brilliant openings but often spoils them by faulty passing. Shows to advantage on attack and has become fair on defence, but must learn to go down more promptly. Has come on, especially since Christmas, in his kicking.

fJ. *V. White*.—The most scientific forward in the team. A good kick and hearty tackle. Somewhat handicapped by weight but balanced this defect by his excellent knowledge of the game.

\H. *L. Chadwick*.—An undoubtedly fast wing three-quarter who possesses a beautiful swerve. Tackles as well as his weight will permit him. Good kick with both feet; somewhat inclined to be exhilarated with his own success.

jj. *Laithwaite*.—A very neat kick at full-back and subsequently equally neat in his passing at three-quarter. A not altogether successful tackle.

tA. *G. Hazell*.—A strenuous forward and hard tackle. Clumsy in scrum.

tJ. *H. Crace*.—A scientific forward, hard tackle, and very lengthy place kick. One of the few hard-workers in the scrum making full use of his undoubted knowledge of the game.

+C. *E. Clarke*.—At times very good at half, fair kick. Is very apt to over excitement. Has left.

fG. *O. Pauer*.—A cumbersome forward, who works hard in scrum. Has a bad habit of always getting his head down.

fF. *H. Woolliscroft*.—A showy forward and excellent dribbler, who suffers from "scoringitis." Does little or nothing in scrum.

* *G. A. Anderson*.—A disappointment, who has not improved since last season.

**A. G. Rollason*.—A heavy, persevering forward, works hard in scrum.

quarter who is handicapped by his sight. Possesses plenty of pluck.

**L. A. P. Harris.*—A plucky three-quarter, who possesses no pace and is given to stumbling over everything and everyone.

**R. C. Wain.*—Has improved greatly and is now a good punt and drop kick. Is not energetic enough and is very shy about falling on the ball.

**C. G. Piggford.*—An improved three-quarter, but selfish. Seems to be in a perpetual state of dislocation.

**A. F. Adderley.*—A hard-working and tenacious forward.

**C. F. Smith.*—A perfect *dens ex machina* who appeared towards the end of the season. As inside three-quarter he plays very well to a fast outside and is extremely resourceful.

t Signifies 1st XV. Colours.

* Signifies 2nd XV. Colours.

O.D. NEWS.

C. S. Little stroked Selwyn 2nd boat in the Lent races.

W. M. N. Pollard rowed in L.M.B.C. fourth boat.

E. J. Toase has been elected Secretary of the S. John's College Theological Society.

The Cambridge O.D.s have formed themselves into a properly organised society. E. J. Boyd is President and J. L. Smith Secretary.

R. G. Taylor (May, 1892) is a Master at Morpeth Grammar School.

H. G. Embrey (Jan. 1908) has passed the examinations for apprenticeship to Messrs. Vickers, Sons and Maxim, Ltd., at Barrow-in-Furness and has already begun work there.

J. F. Stephens has a fashionable three-quarter presented to the living of Little Dunmow, of Flitch celebrity. The church is the south aisle of the old priory church, and the interior is very stately. In the Sanctuary is the mediaeval stool used in the Dunmow Flitch ceremonies. Felsted School is two miles away and the Masters and boys give an annual entertainment in the village. F. W. Stocks took part in the one which was given recently.

A. Marsh is becoming a useful actor. Sometime ago he took part in the parochial entertainment at Stone and is now rehearsing in *Our Boys* for a cricket club entertainment after Easter.

F. R. Collis (May, 1907), has passed his first examination in the Artillery, thereby qualifying for his Lieutenancy. He passed in Field Artillery Training, Cavalry Training, Field Sketching and Map Reading, Territorial Regulations, Animal Management, Gun Drill, Gun Handbook and Infantry Training.

A. G. Rollason (Jan. 1906), is taking out a Commission in the Worcester Regiment, Seventh Battalion.

Smith passed out of Sandhurst.

At Oxford H. Marriott, who has already gained a First Class in Theology and a University Scholarship, has now obtained first place in the Candidates for both the Hall Greek Testament Prize (senior) and the Hall Haughton Septuagint Prize (senior).

E. W. Horton Knight (March 1875) has been appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Order of Freemasons for the Province of Staffordshire.

C. W. Townsend has been playing the part of Tony Lumpkin in the Oxford University Dramatic Society.

W. W. Watts had been elected President of the Geological Society.

The inaugural meeting of the North of Old England Denstonians Club was held

on Tuesday, March 29th, at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Every Denstonian will wish all success to this new evidence of the patriotism and public spirit of our Old Boys.

D. Victor writes from Likoma (Nyasa-land). He says: "I have left Mpondas, where I had been in charge for nine months and am now going to take over a small college on the Island for the training of native clergy. I have been keeping wonderfully fit all the time I have been out, and so far have had no fevers."

C. L. Roberts (May, 1903), writes: "I was so pleased when Sykes asked me to play in his team the other day, as it gave me a chance of seeing the old School again. The visit made me wish I was back again with all my heart. In the English papers in my exam, they gave us among the Essays Shakespeare's *Coriolanus*. Fortunately I had written a good deal for you on that subject in the Classical Division, and I tried to remember some of it."

We hear with much regret that W. M. N. Pollard has been very unwell at Cambridge, and has been obliged to abandon rowing.

We have heard from the Rev. W. H. Fisher who was a master here from 1878 to 1884 and had quite recently joined W. E. Bate at Palmer's Green. He says the parishioners are proposing to put a window in their Church to the memory of their late Vicar, and he asks whether any Old Denstonians would care to send subscriptions. His address is 14, Windsor Road, Palmer's Green, London, N.

In our last number we quoted from a letter received from T. L. Roberts. Before the number was issued we had heard of his death. He was very fond of hunting and his death resulted from injuries resulting from being thrown from his horse. He was a member of the School from September 1882 till July 1884 when he went to help in the starting of the new School at

Ellesmere. He bore great affection to both Schools and, having made a good deal of money in India, where he was exceedingly successful in business, and being naturally of a generous disposition, he was always ready with subscriptions and gifts. Long ago he gave the "Roberts Cup" for shooting, and when the proposal was made for the Old Boys Window in Chapel he at once sent a handsome donation, which he increased when he visited us in 1907 on his last visit to England. He was as popular in Bombay as he was here, a great sportsman, and, withal, a good son.

R.I.P.

NOTES.

Two mothers of Denstonians have offered Entrance Scholarships reducing School Fees to £35 a year. One, which is *In Memoriam*, is "open," the other is confined to Shropshire boys.

Speech Day is fixed for July 12th, when the Bishop of Lichfield has very kindly promised to come to dedicate the two windows which it is hoped will be ready by then. The newly appointed Dean of Lichfield has also promised to attend and so has Col. Heath, M.P. It looks as though Speech Day this year will be a big occasion.

On March 17th the Rev. W. B. Smith gave a most interesting lecture on Comets, and a good number of boys showed their appreciation by attending. By means of some excellent slides and clear and untechnical language all of us, even the most unscientific, were made to understand a good deal about the manners and customs of comets, so that when Halley's friend puts in an appearance next term we shall greet him, by no means with contempt, for Mr. Smith told us too wonderful things for that to be possible, but decidedly with familiarity.

The following have gained Colours :—1st XV., Pauer, Woolliscroft. 2nd XV, Bates, Harris, Wain, Piggford, Adderley and Smith. Fives, Booth and E. J. Wood. Boxing, J. Booth.

C. J. J. T. Barton has been awarded a Sizarship at Downing College, Cambridge, for History, and G. D. Gurnhill an Exhibition at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

C. G. Piggford and A. P. G. Huband have passed Certificate A.

The following promotions have been posted :—Corpl. Blunt and Lance-Corpl. Piggford to be Sergeants, Privates Misquith and Howe, Lathbury, Webster, to be Corporals.

In our last issue we printed "H. G. Webster" in the team playing against Burton. It should have been H. G. Williams.

The Librarian of the Boys' Library acknowledges, with thanks, from the Rev. the Headmaster, *Monasticism in Staffordshire* (F. A. Hibbert); Miss Monica Heywood, *Egypt* (Withers); A. W. Shelton, Esq., *IVisden's Cricketer's Almanack*, (1910); N. Blunt, *History of English Literature* (Spalding), and *History of Greece* (Oman); E. T. Lathbury, *Slaves of Sabinus* (Yonge).

During 1909 some 42 volumes have been added to the Library. Many of the scientific books have been transferred to the Museum, where special appliances are at hand for their more intelligent appreciation—in addition to the advice in such subjects which Mr. Smith is always ready to give.

The Librarian wishes very warmly to thank N. Blunt for all the kind and thoughtful assistance which he has given in connexion with the Library, and which will be greatly missed.

A. J. Wood has been elected Captain of Cricket.

The Junior Fives competition was won

by Head's i. (W. Hall and T. C. Harrison) who beat Hornby's at the final.

Mr. Shelton has most kindly given a very handsome board upon which to record the holders of the Dormitory Honours Trophy, which he presented to us a year ago. It is of solid oak bearing the words "Shelton Dormitory Trophy" in letters of gold relief, beneath the School arms flanked by scrolls bearing the quotation from the inscription which runs round the silver cup, *praemium meritorium*, also carved in relief. Below this the board is marked out for the annual holders of the Cup: down the middle will come shields painted in the dormitory colours, flanked on one side with the name of the dormitory master, and on the other with that of the senior member of the dormitory who receives the Cup on Speech day. We beg to thank Mr. Shelton for the fresh proof of his interest in the School.

Our arrangements at Holy Week and Easter followed the usual lines.

The preacher on Maundy Thursday was the Headmaster, who also gave the addresses on Good Friday. The chapel looked bright and joyful as ever for the "Queen of Festivals," and the services were rendered with devotion and heartiness. The Chaplain preached.

Fr. Bull visited us at the end of Easter Week, and was good enough to preach on Low Sunday. It was a great pleasure to have him with us again for a Sunday, after an unusually long interval.

The Annual Confirmation was held on March 25th. The Bishop of Stafford, Bishop Were, visited us for the first time in his official capacity, and spoke words of wisdom and help which will be long remembered. The following were confirmed :—R. Abbotts, P. Atkins, S. Aulton, E. Bates, W. Beck, J. Benoy, S. Bird, W. Bleakley, E. Bolton, H. Boyd, F.

Brett, P. Burrows, R. Buttanshaw, R. Caldwell, H. Carlisle, G. Carson, H. Caunt, D. Collis, A. Cross, S. Dawson, H. Fenwick, T. Feltham, W. Gee, G. Goode, N. Graham, H. Granger, G. Green, W. Greenwood, G. Griffin, B. Hall, W. Hall, R. Hamer, F. Harwood, D. Harwood, G. Heatley, C. Hicks, H. Holland, F. Houghton, A. Hudson, W. Jacks, C. Jones, G. Keeling, C. Kestin, V. Kirby, S. Larkam, F. Lochner, H. Makinson, F. Mellor, E. Morris, J. Musker, J. Northcott, H. O'Meara, C. Powel-Smith, C. Rawstorne, G. Rawstorne, G. Reed, H. Reynolds, E. Rhodes, A. Roberts, L. Robertshaw, H. Seddon, L. Smith, C. Smith, F. Taylor, D. Taylor, W. Thomas, A. Toms, C. Venables, F. Waller, C. Watson, J. Warburton, G. Wilson.

Through Miss Moorsom's kindness we enjoyed the Mid-Lent cakes, on March 6th, and we are all grateful to her for her continued generosity. For Denstonians of these later days, it may be well to record that the custom of having cakes on "Refreshment Sunday," was originated by Mr. A. A. Moorsom, who gave them for several years before his lamented death in 1883. Since that date his sister has continued the gift, and thus enabled us to continue the custom of observing "Cake Sunday."

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

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*United Service College Chronicle, The Hurst Johnian, Lancing College Magazine, Bloxhamist, Geelong School Quarterly, Ardingly Annals, Cadet, Cantaurian, Blue, Framlinghamian, Federal Magazine, Birkonian, Brighton College Magazine, K.E.S. Chronicle, S. Edward's School Chronicle, Barrovian, S. Andrew's College Magazine, S.S.M. Quarterly Paper, The S. Georgian, Elstonian, Armidalian, Berkhamstedian, Giggleswick Chronicle, Aluredian, Olavian, Mitre, Firefly, Portoria, Carliol, Pocklingtonian, East-bournian.*

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