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EDITORIAL.

THE summer holidays came to a close on 21st September, amid glorious weather which had been so sadly lacking during the greater part of them. Thus new boys—of whom there are a very large number—should at any rate be favourably impressed by the Denstone weather.

Several new masters have joined the staff this term; to all of whom we offer a hearty welcome, and sincerely wish a happy life among us.

Football up to now has not been very successful; the First Fifteen not having won a single match—though there has been a great improvement in their play in the

last two matches. The Second Fifteen have been a little more successful, having won one match.

All Saints' Day was, as usual, a great success, though the weather was not as good as it might have been.

The annual Shakespearian Play has been arranged to take place early in December, and should be good as there is some very promising material among the chosen actors.

The results of the Oxford Local Examinations, held last term, were very satisfactory; several boys getting honours, and a much larger percentage than last year passing. But, although last year was one of the most brilliant in the history of the School, yet there is no reason why in the coming year all former efforts should not be completely eclipsed.

CLOVES AND OTHER THINGS.

By C. O. Andrews.

What do you know about cloves? This little island, Pemba, of about 350 square miles, produces about three-quarters of the world's supply. Two years ago it exported over 10,000 tons of them, so you see what our most prominent smell is. Picking is just beginning, but the busy time will not be till the end of the year.

Many people who have been all over Africa, say that it has nothing to compare with Pemba for beauty. It is very different from the mainland. The coast line is quite ludicrous in its eccentricities, and it is possible to bathe amongst the trees. Swimming round big trees covered with light green leaves seems a novel form of sea-bathing. There is no real distinction between land and water. The surface of the island is as uneven as its edge, and it would be very difficult to find ground level enough for cricket or football, unless you had no objection to its being some feet deep in water at high tide. Though there is nothing of over 300 ft. in height it is all steep hills and narrow winding valleys. It is like a mountainous country in miniature. With many varieties of palms and rich vegetation everywhere, it is a collection of beauty spots. The Arabs—who own most of the cloves—call it the emerald isle. Unlike Zanzibar, it is not a coral island, though there is a good deal of coral, and many little coral islands round. Last night I was on an island which forms part of one side of our bay—a coral strip about six miles long by one wide.

It is a great contrast from the dry country and great rocks of Masasi. This place has an enormous rainfall—over 90 in. this year already, and the big rains are still to come. Cocoanuts are all over the

place, and many other kinds of palm, and there is nothing like palms for effective landscape decoration. Moreover, if you will look in on me I will give you cocoanut shies free! Mosquitoes are troublesome, as the local variety is particularly large and ferocious, but we possess few other wild beasts—very small monkeys, pigs, flying foxes, scorpions, centipedes about complete the list.

The population is very thick—about 70,000—and very mixed. Slave importing went on here till a few years ago. When the Arabs settled in the place the islanders sensibly adopted Mohammedanism, and so escaped slavery. Now there are a great many freed slaves, a mixture of all the mainland tribes on this side of Africa as far in as the lakes. These conditions, slavery, and intermixture, make the very lowest of the low. The real Pemba people will have little to do with them. Then there are a good many low class Indian shopkeepers, who get all the money of the land and send it to India. Our work is almost altogether with the released slave class, and they are a very unattractive lot of people.

The place is not uncomfortably hot. I had no idea a spot within three degrees of the Equator could be so comfortable. We have a very good large stone house, well adapted to a hot climate, and during the last two months our indoor temperature has not reached 80, and I think has not fallen below 72. We shall soon begin to warm up, and put on another ten degrees.

Apart from a nurse and a lady teacher I have been alone nearly all the time here. The "priest-in-charge" arrived from Zanzibar Hospital after I had been here three weeks, was here all right one week, in bed the whole of the second week, and back to Z. After three weeks absence this time he is due to-day, but no one expects him to last long in Pemba. This place has a very

bad reputation, and is regarded as decidedly the most unhealthy part of the diocese. I have felt no approach of fever during these two months, but it is still our winter.

The capital is now being transferred here—to Weti—from Chaki Chake, twenty miles south, because the little Government steamers cannot get within three miles of Chaki Chake. Here they can get within 5-mile at any time of tide. With these small creeks screened with mangroves you can see how beautifully it is adapted for slave smuggling—which I think has quite stopped now. Dhows can anchor up these creeks, hidden by mangroves to the top of the mast!

FOOTBALL.

OLD DENSTONIANS.

The Old Denstonians were, as usual, a strong side; stronger when it came to the actual game than they had appeared to be on paper. Their forwards played splendidly throughout and were superior in every respect to the School pack. They were all in good condition, they all worked hard, and their passing and collaring was almost as good as that of their backs. They got the School scrum on the run on many occasions, and nearly always got "possession of the ball"; consequently the O.D. backs had plenty to do. Boyd's passing from the scrum was excellent, and the O.D. three-quarters made good use of the opportunities he gave them, much of their passing being very smart. Only on one occasion, when Beattie got well away, did the School look like scoring, and on that occasion a try seemed certain; but Booth saved the situation by bringing off a fine tackle. Although the O.Ds. won easily by 43 points to nil, the School team are to be congratulated on the plucky way they played right up to the finish. When

the whistle went for time they were not very far from their opponents' goal line.

The School forwards, considering that only one of their number had played for the School before, showed considerable promise, and should be quite good before the end of the season. The outsides, like those of last year, were weak in tackling, but if they improve in this respect, and there is every reason to think they will, the team should be much better than that of last year. The teams were as follows:—

Old Denstonians :—J. Booth (back); N. R. Boyd, H. Rudgard, H. Sutton, C. R. Keary (three-quarters); E. J. Boyd, F. Sutton (halves); R. H. F. Coleman, C. E. Averill, J. Knight, B. H. Whitley, N. H. Radford, H. B. Wilson, R. G. Wilson, and J. V. White (forwards).

The School:—R. C. Wain (back); H. L. Chadwick, C. F. Smith, C. G. Piggford, H. S. Bates (three-quarters); C. S. Beattie, C. R. Watson (halves); H. Woolliscroft, G. A. Howe, E. L. Morris, R. L. Goldsmith, C. R. Goldsmith, A. S. Mason, A. Menzies, and H. G. Williams (forwards).

CHEADLE HULME.

Playing on our ground on October 15th, the visitors won the toss and played down the hill. After some ineffective scrummaging in mid-field the Cheadle three-quarters got going and scored under the posts the try being converted. This process was repeated at intervals during the first half. The School forwards played well and gradually worked their way into the enemies' half, but there was no successful combination among the backs, whereas the Cheadle backs were dangerous whenever they got the ball. This fact coupled with very weak tackling resulted in Cheadle Hulme scoring three more tries in the first half—all of which were converted. The second half was a repetition of the

first: territorially the School had quite a fair share of the game, but the forwards had not enough finish to score themselves while the three-quarters lacked both dash and cohesion. The final score was Cheadle Hulme, 39 points; School nil. The principal fault all through the team was weak tackling; Wain made some bad misses, but was handicapped by a weak knee; Smith started badly but improved greatly as the game went on, and with Bates was the best of the three-quarters. Beattie was quite the best man on the side both in attack and defence, and Watson was good in defence, but did not get the ball away cleanly. Howe, Sewell, and Woolliscroft were the best of the pack, though all the forwards played well—their principal fault being a tendency to over-kick the ball when dribbling. The team was:—R. C. Wain (back); H. G. Williams, C. F. Smith, G. A. Anderson, H. S. Bates (three-quarters); C. S. Beattie, C. R. Watson (halves); H. Woolliscroft, G. A. Howe, M. Sewell, E. L. Morris, R. L. Goldsmith, C. R. Goldsmith, A. Menzies, A. S. Mason (forwards).

K. E. S. BIRMINGHAM.

This match was played on our ground on October 22nd. Very soon after the start K.E.S. pressed, and their left wing three-quarter got away and scored. The school seemed to lose heart at this, and though there were some brilliant individual pieces of play, the form shown was not good. There was an obvious lack of backing-up, of pushing in the scrum, and of getting possession of the ball—this last fault enabling the opposing scrum to get possession of the ball nearly every time. Shortly before half-time, Bates made a very good run, and scored the first points of the season. This cheered every one up considerably, and during the second half, Smith managed to secure a very good

and converted try, and also to score from a penalty kick. K.E.S. however, managed to score three more tries, and a penalty goal in the second half. Thus the final score was K.E.S. 17 points to the School's 13 points.

The team was : C. E. Carson (back); C. N. Zorian, C. F. Smith, C. G. Piggford, H. S. Bates (three-quarters); C. S. Beattie, C. R. Watson (halves); H. Woolliscroft, G. A. Howe, M. Sewell, E. L. Morris, R. L. Goldsmith, C. R. Goldsmith, A. Menzies, A. S. Mason (forwards).

BURTON.

This was played on October 29th, on our ground. Burton won the toss and played down the hill. They immediately attacked, and the game settled in the school twenty-five. After a brilliant run, Sadd scored for Burton—the try being converted. Denstone then carried the ball into the opponents' half, owing to a fine run by Beattie. The forwards showed good combination, and after a fine dribble, Beattie picked up and scored. Soon after we were given a penalty, from which Smith scored. Denstone continued to attack, and the game for a time settled on the Burton twenty-five, from which Zorian dribbled over and scored—Smith converting. Thus at half-time the score stood at 11—5 for the school.

On resuming, Burton at once pressed, and after some good passing, scored in the first few minutes: the try was not converted. Soon after Burton was awarded a penalty kick, and Newbould added the points. Burton scored two more tries during the remainder of the game, the final score being Burton 17 points; School n.

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SECOND XV. v. ABBOTSHOLME.

This match was played on our ground, on October 18th. For the first few minutes Abbotsholme pressed, and it looked as if they might score. But the game was soon carried to the centre of the field. Then the school pressed for some time, but did not score. Thus at half-time both sides were pointless. However, soon after the resumption of play, Abbotsholme scored a try which was not converted, then the game settled down in the opponents' half, but Denstone did not manage to score till the last few minutes, when Crossland scored from a penalty kick, the same player almost immediately scoring a try, which was converted. Thus the game resulted in a win for us by 8 points to 3.

2ND XV. V. TETTENHALL COLLEGE.

This match was played at Tettenhall on October 23rd. After some scrambling forward play, Lathbury broke away, and put Crossland in. Tettenhall then began to press, and succeeded in equalising with a try by Edwards. After this, Leathes at half, scored three times in succession for Tettenhall, and then with a good opening, put Walters in, bringing the score to 17 points to 3 at half-time.

On resuming, Tettenhall were again pressing, their forwards working very well both in the scrum and in the loose. Although Crossland and Lathbury at half, and Wain at back, tackled and kicked well, they were in again after a tough struggle. Crossland added another try for Denstone by a good individual effort, and Leathes scored again for Tettenhall, who thus won by 23 points to 6.

The most noticeable feature of the match was the good play of the Tettenhall forwards, and, by contrast, the weakness of our scrum, who packed badly, and were

slow in the loose. Besides those already mentioned, Anderson and Surridge did good work.

MIDDLE SIDE DORMITORY MATCHES.

In the First Round Head's I. beat Smith's as was expected, after a very uninteresting game; Head's II, beat Hornby's after a very good struggle; and Gausson's beat Head's III, after a very even game. Clark's v. Airy's was the most exciting game of the First Round, and the former won. In the next Round, Head's I. again won their match, beating Head's II. by a fair margin; and Clark's beat Gausson's in a very good match by a few points.

In the Final, Head's I. were again successful, though they had a much harder fight than was anticipated. Clark's played very well indeed all through—Scholes in particular being very conspicuous—and were only beaten by weight.

CRICKET.

SENIOR DORMITORY MATCHES.

In the first round, Airy's v. Head's i. resulted in an easy win for Head's with only one wicket down. Airy's were unlucky in losing Pauer when he had only made six runs. Watson carried his bat for 27 and the whole side were dismissed for 60. Ball and Scott opened the Head's innings, but Chadwick soon replaced Ball who was bowled by Pauer. On the following day Scott being absent Hall and Chadwick succeeded in passing Airy's total. Gausson's beat Hornby's by seven wickets. Clark's made 217 against Head's ii., Mitchell and Hodkinson each

making over 40, and easily won, though O'Meara did well for Head's ii. and carried his bat right through the innings. Harris bowled well.

In Smith's v. Head's iii., the latter did not make a brilliant start as they lost Howe the first ball of the match. However this did not seem to perturb the rest of the team for Tanner hit up 33, and Braye and Granger 75 and 60 respectively but they were extraordinarily lucky as the fielding of Smith's was atrocious. Smith's replied with 33 of which Williams made 17. Howe took seven wickets for Head's.

In the next round Head's i. put up the useful score of 179 against Clark's, and Clark's on going in failed miserably against the excellent bowling of Barton, who took nine wickets for 13. Beattie was the only man to reach double figures, and Caldwell played well for his eight.

Gausson's against Head's iii. made 129 of which Menzies was responsible for 24. The most notable feature of the innings was the way in which the tail played. Head's iii. never seemed to threaten any danger and were dismissed for 36 runs, though Howe adopted bold tactics and hit four boundaries. Wain bowled well, his six for 12 being a very good performance.

Owing to the short time left for the final match, it was started in a deluge, the weather being far more favourable for football. Head's i. started disastrously as Hall was dismissed without scoring. Chadwick and Ball batted confidently, though the scoring was necessarily slow. The later members of the team did little and the innings closed for 69. The weather after this proved more congenial and Gausson's made a splendid start by compiling 32 before Menzies was bowled by Barton for a useful 15, Bowman, Barlow and Anderson continued the good work and the required runs were obtained for four wickets.

O.T.C.

Once again we found ourselves at the Public Schools Camp in No. 1 Battalion on Farnborough Common. After a tiring journey through Derby and Nottingham, we arrived about six on Thursday evening, July 28th, and immediately proceeded to draw stores and settle down in our lines.

Friday was spent in practising for Saturday's review. Lord Kitchener inspected the detachments in their lines during the day.

Saturday morning was devoted to company training, and the afternoon to the inspection by and march past H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

On Sunday, as usual, we had a Church Parade in the morning, with an inspection of lines by the Brigadier afterwards.

On Monday we had a small field day. Five companies attacked the rest of the battalion, who were holding a position on Ball Hill. Our company was the centre company of the firing line. During the afternoon our C.O., Capt. Campbell, lectured to the battalion on the different ways of taking cover and lying down during an attack.

Tuesday morning turned out wet, but we paraded in overcoats, and had company drill, advanced guards, and distance-judging on Cove Plateau. In the afternoon we practised savage warfare movements on Laffan's Plain.

On Wednesday morning we crossed the Basingstoke Canal for the first and only time during camp. After marching by road to the back of Caesar's Camp, No. 1 Battalion began a flank guard movement towards Eelmoor Bridge. No. 3 Battalion was located on our left flank, and eventually the whole battalion was involved in an attack on No. 3. After "Cease Fire" we marched back across Long Valley, which was comparatively easy work owing to the

rain on the previous day. In the evening we turned out again for night operations. Two battalions, with part of No. x, formed the attacking force against the rest of the Brigade. We were a reserve company of the attacking force. The evening turned out wet, and we were glad to reach camp again about 1 a.m. We also supplied the battalion guard.

Thursday morning was spent inspecting the Army dirigible balloons and some 18-pr. guns. At mid-day Lord Roberts arrived, and inspected each battalion on its own parade ground. During the afternoon the balloon "Beta" made a journey to London and back, circling over the camp on its return, so that we had a very good view of it. In the evening the camp was flooded by a terrific rainstorm, and much ingenuity was displayed in diverting the flood from the tents.

The original scheme for Friday was abandoned, and a tactical march was performed. This finished with an attack on a skeleton enemy on Yateley Common. On the return journey we were caught in a heavy thunderstorm, and most of the uniforms were soaked through. Large bonfires were lighted near the camp, and an endeavour was made to dry the clothes as much as possible.

On Saturday camp broke up, and we returned by the 7.30 from Farnborough. A party over fifty strong marched across London, and a remnant reached Rochester at 2.30.

Our contingent numbered 91 without officers. Nearly half were drawn from Gausson's and Head's i., and we cannot help thinking that many of the other dormitories were very inadequately represented. Our guard turned out very smartly, and was one of the biggest in camp. Our section commanders were good, and we regret that they had so few opportunities of showing their ability. The tent com-

manders were a decided improvement on previous years, and the contingent owes many thanks to Col.-Sergt. Greenwood for the unwearrying trouble he took for their comfort.

This term our numbers are bigger than ever, and the whole of our 170 rifles have owners. Our time is mainly devoted to the preparation of our 25 candidates for Certificate "A." The Syllabus is a little harder than for previous exams., but we hope for better results.

Corpls. Howe, Misquith, and Lathbury have been promoted Sergeants, and Sergt. Piggford is our new Col.-Sergeant.

A small field day took place at Wootton, on October 25th, between the two companies. The sides were commanded by Col.-Sergt. Piggford and Sergt. Lathbury. As was only to be expected with so many recruits in the ranks many mistakes were made, but the practice served its purpose well.

THE SCOUTS.

AT the last meeting of the College Association Capt. Cadman and Lieut. Gausson were elected members. Troops 1 and 2 are now combined. Regular parades are held on Fridays, scouts being excused the civilian drill. Field-days are held on half-holidays, the main idea of these being to give special practice to those scouts who are also in the O.T.C.

The annual camp was held this year near Dolgelly, in the midst of glorious scenery, on land kindly lent by A. C. Beale, Esq., of Birmingham. A small party travelled down by road, starting as soon as term was over. Mr. Jesse Jackson very kindly lent two horses and a trap, and went himself as Quarter-master. Two of the party travelled in the trap, one on a

horse, and the rest cycled. The party slept under canvas, and did its own cooking. The route taken was *via* Stone, Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Knighton, Newtown, and Machynlleth. Near the last-named place we saw part of the operations of the Welsh Territorials. The journey took a week, and was a most enjoyable experience.

The others arrived on August 10th for the camp proper, which lasted till the 17th. In addition to scouting games, there was bathing in the Mawddach Estuary, on the right bank of which the camp was pitched, and plenty of boating. This was exciting at times, though not dangerous, when the boat stuck on a sandbank in a narrow channel. So shallow is the estuary that when the tide was low it was usual for one or two to sit with boots and stockings off in readiness to get out and so lighten the boat. Once we rowed out to the assistance of some ladies whose boat had stuck on a sandbank, and who soon would have been left high and dry by the receding tide.

We visited the Torrent Walk one day, and on another occasion went through the S. David's Gold Mines. The process here adopted for the extraction of the gold is very simple. The quartz is crushed to a very fine powder by stamps, and carried by a stream of water over a large sheet of copper thoroughly coated with mercury. The particles of gold amalgamate with the mercury, and the waste mud runs off to assist the wind-blown sand in silting-up the estuary. The mercury is scraped off from time to time and distilled, when the gold remains behind. The gold is afterwards refined, while the mercury can be used over again. Queen Mary's wedding-ring was made of gold from this mine. Some specimens of gold-bearing quartz were given us for the Museum.

Lady Osborne Morgan very kindly invited us to Caerdeon House one afternoon. After doing justice to a good tea we went

through the grounds, and then gave a display of ambulance work, quarter-staff play, and other scout activities.

The last day was spent in visiting the Artillery Practising Camp at Trawsfynydd. On arriving at this bleak spot the Presbyterian Chaplain, who had watched us at work at our own camp and had invited us to the camp at Trawsfynydd, gave us tea at his Institute, and after our thirteen-mile march, mostly uphill, it was very much appreciated. We were then shown round the camp, sergeant-instructors explaining the mechanism and working the guns, and the "caterpillar," a kind of traction-engine which lays its own road, was run round the gun-park for our benefit. The return march took just over three hours.

The camp was a great success, and all was sorry when the last morning came.

O.D. NEWS.

An Old Boys' gathering was held at the College at the beginning of October, and proved most enjoyable and interesting. W. O. Wilding, the energetic Secretary of the O.D. Club and Benefit Fund, was most indefatigable in his efforts, and is to be congratulated on a very successful day. Instead of the usual dinner, a luncheon was substituted with the idea of making it easier for Old Boys to attend, and over thirty sat down to the really good spread which the Matron had provided. These included F. G. Morris, one of the "Aborigines," who claimed indeed to have been the very first new boy to enter the College walls. He made a most interesting and amusing speech, and we trust that we may often see him with us again. Most of the Old Boys arrived in good time, and, the day being beautifully fine, they were able to roam again through old haunts under the most

favourable circumstances, and they evidently enjoyed themselves. There was a business meeting at noon, at which it was decided to enter at Bisley for the Public Schools Veterans' Trophy. Edmondson was the moving spirit in this excellent plan, and he is now busy in collecting subscriptions for the £10 entrance fee which has to be paid before we can be added to the list of schools who are qualified to shoot. There should be little difficulty in raising the sum, and in getting together a really good team each July. At the lunch S. Keeling presided, and the toast list was mercifully brief, though if all speeches were as good as that of the proposer of "The School," of which we have already spoken, we should not grudge sitting longer over the dessert. The Headmaster responded. The Old Boys had a good team, and the match was a good one, but it is described on another page. The list of those present is appended:—H. S. Barber (1892), G. T. Batho (1903), R. Blantern (1904), J. Booth (1906), E. J. Boyd and N. R. Boyd (1902), R. M. Clark (1887), R. H. Coleman (1895), A. E. Dudley (1893), H. Edmondson (1903), J. Edwardes (1879), E. A. Gaussen (1885), R. M. Grier (1887), C. A. Hamer, (1891), H. R. Hamer (1892), F. A. Hibbert (1879), S. Keeling (1875), C. R. Keary (1902), J. E. H. Knight (1900), F. G. Morris (1873), J. E. Nicklin (1888), F. A. Owen (1889), N. H. Radford (1905), H. Rudgard (1897), W. B. Smith (1894), H. Sutton (1904), F. Sutton (1895), J. Sykes (1905), J. V. White (1905), B. H. Whitley (1892), W. O. Wilding (1891), H. B. Wilson (1903), R. G. Wilson (1904).

C. E. Burgess (1899) has been appointed Vice-Principal of Brisbane Theological College, Australia. We offer him our sincere good wishes in his responsible work, and we shall be sorry not to have him here as usual at the annual Shooting Match with the Old Boys.

R. W. Middleton (1893) has been in England this summer, and came to the College on Speech Day. He sent a subscription to the Old Boys' Window. His address is University Club, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

Neville Blunt writes despondingly about the crops in Canada, where they have had insufficient rain and too much hot weather. "The prairie, which ought to have grass four feet high, has none at all. It is like a parched desert, and when we have wind storms, which happens frequently, it is impossible to stay outside. The houses are all built of wood, and when they have from fourteen to nineteen hours of hot sunshine on them you can imagine the heat inside. This year has been the hottest, they say, for twenty years." Business, too, has been affected, and the Real Estate Company, in whose employment he was, has found it necessary to lessen its staff, and Blunt, being a junior, has had to leave. Unfortunately, only a week before he received notice he had refused a good offer.

P. H. Dundas (1887) has been gazetted Major in the Indian Army. We were very glad to have him with us for a few days last term.

The *Algoma Missionary News* contains an account of Mission work in Canada by W. H. Johnson, which is so very interesting that we reprint a portion of it as follows:—

"The settlement of Wabose was under a cloud. An aged mother had passed away, and had never, in her declining years, been able to reach the nearest church, thirty-seven miles distant. No service in the settlement for the last eight years had ever brightened the passing week by the joy of the "Good News."

"A priest was needed to bury the dead, and in so doing he saw that the living were likely to be spiritually dead unless the Light of the Glorious Gospel found its way into their midst. It was a solemn,

touching service—that funeral. Those who know the stern, rugged, rocky scenery of this section of Algoma will understand when I liken that graveyard to the unknown plot in rocky, rugged country where lies the body of Moses buried by the Lord.

" 'Come and help us'—This was the appeal of the living as I came away that day, and surely it was echoed by that one 'in the cloud of witnesses,' who would wish these 'who remain' to be comforted.

" So it came about that I was able to answer that appeal.

" One cannot speak too generously of the ever-willing assistance afforded by the officials of the Algoma Central Railway. All seem to have at heart the welfare of those whose manner of life is bound up with the A.C.R. I am personally deeply grateful for help received all along the line.

" At Island Lake (18 mile), if I may continue my modern missionary journey, I saw old friends in young children, whose need for a school is a problem I am seeking to solve. The chief feature of the track to such a 'green one' as myself is the tressel work. Again and again a deep chasm and a rushing stream or a dry gully or ravine is spanned by a delicate network of wood. Barrels of water drawn from a not far distant stream stand mounted like sentinels to aid those who fight the bush fires and save the 'ties.'

" Dam Creek, Root River, and many another stream and sheet of water, seemed to say of other 'fishing'—'they must bite to-day.'

" Searchmount is 31 miles from Sault Ste. Marie. Freight, water, and other deterrents, however, gave us passengers time to take walks occasionally. A Greek Catholic, whose parents were Pole and Russian, desired me to prepare him and his friends by 'spiritual counsel and advice' for the blessed Sacrament. His desire for spiritual help was very real and

he would have me thus 'bring the life to many'—a beautiful expression. At Searchmount the post-master and store-keeper, Mr. Paenall, welcomed me. Presently the camp doctor joined us.

" It was Saturday afternoon, so the doctor hitched his horse and drove me to see the river drivers six miles away. May I never have such a ride again! The corduroy method of road-making was applied to bridges over streams! Some trees were worn, some rotten, some missing! How the horse manoeuvred the loose round poles, avoided the bad and missed the holes, I cannot say. He seemed relieved to gain *terra firma*—and no wonder!

" But the sight of the river repaid all. The drivers worked away pushing the huge logs into deeper water—the rivers are very low this year—themselves waistdeep in ice cold water all the day long. Down the falls the great logs could be heard "thundering" over the rocks as if in anger with the foaming water. Finally these logs reach Goulais Bay, and so to Sault Ste. Marie and the mills. Most of the men in the camps are French Canadians, inured to this work from childhood. One Englishman was a South African campaigner. Our steed brought us home—to our surprise.

" On Sunday morning a mixed congregation assembled in the station waiting-room; mixed in nationalities, English, Canadian, French Canadian, Swede, Finn; and in creed, Presbyterian, Roman, Methodist, Independent, Lutheran, and our own. The phone now and then broke in with its imperative summons, telling of fires along the line. The harmonium played by the teacher enabled us to have hearty singing.

" Mine host, after lunch, set me upon a 'peed' (I must air my new phrases—*i.e.*, speeder.) By my correct deportment—swaying to the left around curves, by never 'getting a good beginner,' as with an oar

handle, and by steady pulling and pushing—in a way that would have given a rowing coach an apoplectic fit—I flatter myself that we did not upset. Lifting the 'peed' off the track and locking her, we descended the embankment and "walked the plank"—a fallen tree—to cross the stream. There was a scout on the look-out for us. He told us of two who would be absent fighting the bush fire. The fire was springing up in its inexplicable manner all round.

"The service, which followed in the shack, was the first, other than a funeral, in the settlement for eight years at least. The joy of hearing the old familiar words was great—so long forgotten that even the Apostles' Creed was hard to say. And the joy of pronouncing the Absolution to such!

"Back we walked our way to Searchmount. Fires became more and more in evidence. At Searchmount we joined in trying to save the track and water-tower and bridge. With eyes all streaming and smarting from smoke, compelled to rush back for a breath of air, we worked with pail and spade, water and soil. The wind increased, and trees fell with the crack of musketry before the fierce heat. Fortunately the wind so veered as to leave the track and the city (!) proper in comparative safety.

"At dark the mountain resembled an immense city with its street-lights and shops ablaze. We saw the worst damage on the following day, when the doctor and I went to mile 58 and saw the burning embers of a magnificent tressle structure. Over this bridge the driver had begun to take the train when the structure swayed. He reversed. Just in time! A sheer drop of 50 feet awaited him. As it was, great trees thundered down the mountain slope and struck the retreating engine."

Dennis Victor seems to be flourishing in his work as Head of S. Andrew's College, Nyasaland:—

"It is a real happiness to work at Nkwazi and everything seems to combine to make a stay there all that could be wished. The lack of a church of their own for so long has perhaps helped the people to understand, better than anything else could have done, the value of Church privileges; and since work was begun again there on June 23 (exactly a year since the church was struck by lightning) there has been a good response all round, and the people seem really keen. Classes for the Christian men and women seem to have answered, and the attendance has been far more than I had ventured to hope for. Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter, passed off happily, and there seemed to be a real effort to keep the week well, which was specially shown by the attendance at the daily Eucharist, the number increasing every morning, until on Maundy Thursday we had quite a full church. It was really most encouraging, and the Eucharist on Easter Day, when we had about 160 communicants, was a fitting climax to a most happy week."

At the Royal Military Academy R. G. Lochner (1905) won the signalling prize last July in the Senior Division. He has been appointed to the South Wales Borderers.

W. W. Watts is lecturing this Term at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, on Economic Geology (Mining).

A. C. A. Brett (1893) has just published *Charles II. and His Court* (Methuen, 10s. 6d.) It looks, and is, a most interesting volume.

Leslie C. Davis (1900), who is a broker in Colombo (his address is 1, Baillie Street) has very kindly sent a number of current Ceylon coins for the museum—a most acceptable gift. He says: "Great doings during this month here. Races (Up Country v. Low Country), Cricket, Hockey, Rugby and Association matches,

and also the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment, from India, over here to play Colombo, Up Country, and All Ceylon at Rugby. I got into all but the Association team for Colombo v. Up Country, played v. Leicester for Colombo, picked for All Ceylon but could not play, as I had a poisoned arm from an insect bite, rough luck, but unavoidable. I am sending Mr. Gausson a paper, giving photos, etc., of the August week. Is there anything else I can send you? I have a collection of Ceylon bird's eggs I got while planting up country, but cannot send them as the risk is too great; I have made up my mind to give them to Denstone, but they will have to wait till I come home or never. They cost me a bit of trouble, I don't want it all wasted. I hear that "Ju Ju" Stephenson is out here planting now. I haven't seen him yet. Has Marcus Oakden left for Siam yet? If not, tell him to look me up here on his way through. I suppose he must come *via* Colombo."

L. A. P. Harris (1906) has been articed to Mr. E. H. Riches, Locomotive Superintendent of the Rhymney Railway.

H. Edmondson (1903) was rather fortunate at Bisley, and won the Clementi-Smith Fifty-Guineas Challenge Cup with silver medal.

W. A. Hayes (1874), Vicar of Parkgate, Rotherham, was special preacher on one Sunday in September in York Minster.

C. R. Smith (1904) has been commissioned in the Yorkshire Regiment.

G. H. Sworder (1902) is in Vancouver.

C. J. J. T. Barton (1905) was chosen in the Rugby Freshmen's Match, at Cambridge, and though he was prevented from playing by an attack of influenza, he has since played in a University Trial game.

We congratulate F. E. Blunt (1892) on his recent marriage; and also L. M. Grayburn (1892).

S. P. Wooler (1897) fruit farming near S. Catherine's, Ontario.

C. U. Wooler (1897) has kept three terms at Cuddesden, and is going to Oxford House for a time before his ordination.

R. H. P. Coleman (1899) has been appointed Sub-Organist of Manchester Cathedral, in succession to Dr. F. Radcliffe.

J. B. G. Taylor has been in England this summer, on leave from South Africa.

A. B. Dixon has obtained 1st Class in the 1st Year Examination, and 1st Class in the 2nd Year Examinations of the City and Guilds Technical Examinations.

C. O. Andrews has left Masasi, and his address is now Y.M.C.A., Weti, Pemba, Zanzibar.

In the General Examination of Students of the Inns of Court G. C. Cheshire (1901) has obtained First Class in Criminal Law and Procedure, and Second Class in Real Property and Conveyancing.

W. A. Timmis (1885) has been appointed to the rectory of Cardiston, Shropshire.

NOTES.

All Saints' Day was memorable for the storm which broke over the district as evening set in. The day throughout was wild, but that did not prevent us enjoying the holiday. The services were, as usual, early and late, so that they could be observed without inconvenience, and they were both very good. At the sung Celebration of the Holy Communion Gounod's *Ave Verum Corpus* was excellently sung by the Choir; the rest of the service was well sung by all. It was a great pleasure to us to have Canon Morris with us for the occasion, and he preached a thoughtful sermon which was especially appropriate this year, when we feel, perhaps more than usually the solemn and intimate nature of Hallowtide and the Obit Commemoration.

We welcome with much pleasure Mr. H. Merrick, B.A., Wadham College, Oxford, Mr. F. Sutton, B.A., Worcester College, Oxford, and Mr. A. Spencer, B.A., London, in the place of Mr. Groves, Mr. Wooler and Mr. Cosens, to whom we offer our best wishes for their future.

Mr. Coleman has also returned to us.

The new School Officers are as follows: Captain of School, G. A. Howe; Prefect of Hall, H. S. Bates; Captain of Football, H. L. Chadwick.

The following have been promoted to be Prefects: Pilkington, Bickley, Williams, Wright, Bowman, Lathbury, A. Menzies, B. Girling, Wain, Watson, and R. L. Goldsmith.

The following obtained Higher Certificates: A. L. Forrest, R. J. Pilkington, C. Zorian, G. R. Ball, and F. C. White.

The following passed the Oxford Local Examinations: *Senior*—1st Class Honours, with Distinction in Geography, L. A. P. Harris; 2nd Class Honours, L. G. Harris; 3rd Class Honours, H. C. S. Walker, H. A. Hill. Passed: E. T. Greenwood, H. G. Webster, I. H. L. Bickley, R. C. Houghton, C. G. Salmon, S. O'R. Surrige, H. G. Williams, R. W. Abbotts, T. H. Bowman, H. A. Carlisle, G. D. Clark, J. C. Harrison, H. H. Hodgkinson, E. T. Lathbury, J. D. Mason, R. Morton, A. B. Taylor, C. G. Carson, B. Delap, C. A. Kestin, A. S. Mason, J. W. Musker, W. J. Rowley, C. Watson.

Junior.—3rd Class Honours, K. R. Evans and E. Rhodes; passed: P. C. Atkins, A. C. Beatty, J. M. Benoy, G. V. Knight, P. Mason, R. O'Brien, C. Powel Smith, C. W. Rawstorne, E. J. Anderson, A. E. Barlow, G. S. Brearley, A. W.

Brown, H. V. Caunt, H. E. L. Fisher, R. L. G. Goldsmith, W. L. Head, H. E. Pengelley, W. N. Robinson, H. Seddon, E. C. Sharp, T. T. J. Sheffield, J. K. Summers, F. G. Taylor, G. Wilson, J. K. Swallow, L. Watman, S. K. Symond.

Preliminary—3rd Class Honours:—T. L. Ball and R. B. Hamer. Passed—H. P. Boyd, P. E. Burrows, G. S. Lund, T. Newton, W. G. Schofield, R. S. White, E. G. H. Bates, H. W. Beck, H. M. Burton, W. N. Court, C. M. H. Hicks, T. C. Keble, J. F. Northcott, R. Sapcote, G. A. Toms, T. B. Feltham, A. B. Roberts, D. G. Wood, W. P. Bleakley, E. P. Cross, J. R. Fallon, W. F. Greenwood, G. H. Hayward, H. R. McClelland, E. A. Walker, J. C. Warburton, C. K. Hope, C. T. Hutchison, G. L. Littler, J. B. P. Winkler, F. J. Cowlshaw, J. W. Jebb, T. H. Longmore, M. C. Spicer, L. A. Loup, H. S. Robinson, A. H. B. Greene, E. Walker.

In the Higher Certificate Examination A. J. Wood obtained exemption from the Previous Examination, Part I.; and in the Local Examination L. G. Harris obtained Exemption from Responsions, and H. G. Webster, and C. R. Watson from London Matriculation Examination.

The complete Prize List is as follows:—

The Provost's Modern Languages Exhibition (^5): L. Eardley Wilmot; The Vice-Provost's Prayer Book Prize: K. R. Evans; Mr. Boyd's Latin Prose Prize: A. J. Wood; The Dean of Rochester's Church History Prize: R. J. Pilkington; The Rev. D. Edwardes' English Essay Prize: C. J. J. T. Barton; Sir Arthur Heywood, Bt.'s, English Verse Prize: A. L. Forrest; Navy League Prizes—(Senior): C. J. J. T. Barton; (Junior): K. R. Evans; Lady Florence

Duncombe's Science Prize : L.A.P. Harris;
 The Daltry Essay Prize: J. H. Grace;
 Music Prizes—Organ: A. T. Wood;
 Violin: G. S. Brearley; Piano and Theory •
 E. R. Wood, P. C. Atkins, and H. E. James
 (Preparatory School); Shorthand
 Prize : G. A. Howe ; Mr. Whilock's Book
 keeping Prize : E. T. Lathbury ; Declama-
 tion Prizes : L. A. P. Harris, G. B. Fyldes,
 C. A. Kestin, K. R. Evans, F. J. Mellor,
 H. W. Beck, E. P. Cross, L. B. Forrest;
 Daltry Entomological Prize: H. L.
 Chadwick; Junior Greek Testament,
 S. O'R. Surridge; Junior Divinity: J. C.
 Harrison; Arithmetic: E. Rhodes;
 Writing—Upper School: D. P. Harwood;
 Lower School: L. Scott; Latin Grammar :
 S. O'R. Surridge; Greek Grammar: L. G.
 Harris; Provost's Divinity : A. L. Forrest;
 Senior Greek Testament, A. L. Forrest;
 Classics, C. Zorian ; History, G. O. Pauer ;
 Mathematics, G. R. Ball; Preparatory
 School:—Latin : Loup ; Declamation,
 Smith and James; General Work : Walker;
 Divinity Loup; French : Robinson;
 English : Walker ; Arithmetic: Robinson ;
 Drawing : Greene; Nature Study: Walker ;
 Music: James.

The following have gained " Honours "
 Prizes: L. A. P. Harris; L. G. Harris;
 H. C. S. Walker, H. A. Hill, K. R. Evans,
 E. Rhodes, T. L. Ball, R. B. Hamer.

New members of the Choir are :—H. E.
 James, J. H. Auton, Larkam, L. A. Loup,
 W. L. Robertshaw.

The following Anthems have been sung
 this term:—

Sept. 25th.—" O Lord, how manifold are
 Thy works " (Barnby).
 Oct. 9th.—(Harvest Thanksgiving) —
 "Magnify His Name"
 (Martin),
 „ 9th.—" O give thanks " (Sydenham).

Oct. 16th.—" Blessed be the name of the
 Lord " (Gadsby).
 „ 23rd.—" O give thanks " (Elvey).
 „ 30th.—" Great is the Lord "
 (Sydenham).
 Nov. 6th.—(Obit Sunday)—" Blest are
 the departed " (Spohr).

The Royal Life-Saving Society have
 granted the Elementary Certificate for
 Life-Saving to H. G. Webster, J. H.
 Crace, R. Overman, B. Hall, W. Hall, E.
 P. Cross, R. A. Briggs, C. Venables, S.
 W. Bird, R. E. Perrin, O. S. Roper, A.
 Menzies. There were no failures in the
 Examination, and the Chaplain is to be
 sincerely congratulated on his success in
 instructing the candidates so successfully.

The Play is to be *Love's Labour Lost*,
 quite a new venture. It has never been
 chosen here before, and it is very seldom
 acted anywhere. Novelty alone should,
 therefore, be sufficient to make the per-
 formance at any rate an interesting one.
 The dates are December 7 and 8.

We have to record two gifts to the
 Chapel, both given by parents. Mr. W.
 C. Girling has given a handsome lamp for
 the Sanctuary and Mr. J. W. Taylor of
 Loughborough a bell. The lamp is a fine
 example of seventeenth century renaissance
 work, in copper, and in having what is
 commonly called a " Sanctuary Lamp " we
 shall be following the example long ago
 set at our own diocesan Cathedral at
 Lichfield, the Senior School of our Society
 at Lancing, and our " Sister " School at
 Abbots Bromley. It is sincerely to be
 hoped that some time the eight ordinary
 lamps which hang in the body of the
 Chapel will be replaced by others more
 worthy of the building. The Chapel bell

bears on it the name of "Arnold Bradley Taylor" in whose memory it has been given, and his dates "1907-1910." It was given to be rung at the consecration of the Holy Communion, so that those who are not able to be present at the great corporate service of common prayer and worship may be able to join in spirit. It will be placed so that it may be heard at the Sanatorium especially. Both will be hung during next holidays, and we beg to express our sincere thanks to the kind donors.

On Obit Sunday the Headmaster celebrated, and when he read out the list of those whose "year's minds" were being observed, no one who was here a year ago can have failed to rejoice that we keep the occasion as we do. Mr. Clark preached the appointed sermon on "The Faithful Departed," and the proper Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, were those appointed for the Funeral of King Edward vii. At evensong, Spohr's fine anthem, "Blest are the departed," was sung.

On the afternoon of November 6th, Mr. Swift arranged a most interesting exhibition of historical engravings from his own private collection, in the Fellows' Library. We are exceedingly obliged to him for the trouble he took, and for the real treat he gave us.

The list of new boys is as follows :—

Ainsworth, Thomas	Smith's
Anton, John Howell	Head's III.
Baker, William Sydney	"
Bockett, John Allen	Head's II.
Bracewell, Ralph Arnold	Smith's
Biggs, Arthur Richard Hugh	Head's III.
Bullock, Thomas	Hornby's
Carter, Leonard James	Head's III.
Caughey, Frederick Wm.	Higginbottom
	Hornby's

Clark, William Valiant	Gausson's
Collier, Hubert Charles de Zoete	Clark's
Collis, Herbert Charles Clive	"
Elrington, Mordaunt	"
Embrey, Cyril Stuart	"
Foxwell, Harry Laurence	Airy's
Gilbert, John Evans	Hornby's
Grimbly, Allan Francis	Head's III.
Grace, Harold	Hornby's
Hall, Richard Stuart	Head's I.
Hall, William George	"
Hamer, Henry	Smith's
Hampson, James Roland Raine	Airy's
Jacks, Frederick Townsend	Hornby's
Jones, Leonard Hughes	Smith's
King, George Edward	Head's III.
Larkam, Reginald William	Head's II.
Lawson, Harold	Smith's
Laxon, Cecil Arthur	Head's I.
Menzies, John Ferguson	Gausson's
Myers, Lionel Edward	Clark's
Robertshaw, William Lancelot	Head's II.
Rowland, James Norman	Clark's
Shirlaw, Wm. Kenneth Johnstone	Gausson's
Taylor, Gerald Pollard	Airy's
Tobias, Alexander George	"
Townsend, Max Yardley	"
Vidler, John George Holbrook	Head's III.
Wilson, Roy	"
Wilson, Charles Bernard	Airy's
Withers, Robert Neville	Head's II.
Wood, George William	Clark's
Armson, Frank Gerald Arden	Preparatory School
Atkins, Stephen Hastings	"
Atkinson, Charles Jas. Norman	"
Blair, Harold Arthur	"
Bowen, James Alex. Greaves	"
Chapman, Edward Gunton	"
Jeffries, Francis Bernard	"
McClelland, Cecil Martin Dale	"
Shaw, John Marshall	"
Ward, Michael Foster Bruce	"
At Half Term	
Catterall, Rishton Collinson	Hornby's

A great deal of work has been done recently in the Museum, the various collections having been overhauled, and their arrangement improved. C. A. Brett, O.D., was here as usual during his summer vacation, spending several hours a day on the catalogue of the coin collection, and the preparation of many interesting descriptive labels. Mr. Brett is writing a short guide to the Museum, which will be published soon.

The ethnological specimens are at present crowded out, but a new case has been ordered for them, so that they may be given the prominence which is their due.

A very large number of specimens of varied character has been given recently, so large, that to publish a complete list would occupy more space than the Editor could allow. The Curator takes this opportunity of thanking the donors.

Our collection of birds' eggs is numerically large, but many of the eggs are badly blown. We should be very glad if these could be replaced by better specimens.

While the Daltry collection of Lepidoptera is very fine, yet there are many gaps among the smaller moths which we should like to see filled. A list of 'wants' will be furnished gladly to any who may wish to help in this respect.

Mr. Brett, K. R. Evans, and H. A. Hill, are the Curator's indefatigable assistants: he desires to thank them for their valuable help so willingly given.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Father Bull on October 21st. He preached on Sunday, and also gave us a most interesting address in the evening on the Army and Navy.

On October 9th, the Headmaster gave a lecture in the Schoolroom on "The Pass of S. Gothard, historical and picturesque," illustrated by a large number of lantern slides.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*Olavian, Eastbournian, Hurst Jolinian* (2), *Elizabethan, Blue, Bloxhamist, K.E.S. Chronicle, Felstedian, Lancing College Magazine, S. Andrew's College (Grahamstown) Magazine, Ellesmerian, Cuthbertian, Elsonian, Geelong G. S. Magazine, Merchistonian, S. Edward's School Chronicle, Pocklingtonian, Derbyian, Carloli, Cantuarian, Framlinghamian, Stonyhurst Magazine.*

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