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## *EDITORIAL.*

**N**O one seems at present to be able to foretell the end of this terrible Coal Strike into which we have been so ruthlessly thrown. At the beginning of this term there certainly were vague rumours of the miners' determination to cease work; but at most it was believed that should such an event take place, it would only mean a cessation of a few days. No one could be expected to understand the exact attitude of the strike leaders, or to fathom the true meaning of their apparent obstinacy in opposing all attempts at any settlement

save their own. Certainly no one foresaw the present state of affairs. Few could have believed that our country could, in so short a time, have been thrown from its condition of tranquility into a state which seems almost on the verge of civil war.

Despite, however, the disordered state of our country, our own activities have been carried on with almost unequalled success. Certainly we have never before in the short space of three weeks done so well as to obtain three Scholarships and two Exhibitions. We beg to offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to our Senior History master for his great share in producing this eminently satisfactory result. At the same time we have completed quite the most successful football season we

have enjoyed for several years. Nevertheless we hope that this term's attainments may be quite eclipsed in the very near future.

In conclusion we hope that every one may be able to find his way home for the holidays, a wish which may at first be laughed at, but which will on closer consideration be seen to be a necessary consideration.

#### EMIGRATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*By G. E. Jackson (O.D.) Lecturer in Political Economy in the University of Toronto.*

Among the four nations which are growing up in Greater Britain, Canada is marked out as the "Public School Nation." Year by year, a larger number of public school men leave England to settle there. The farmer far out in the West takes his Demosthenes with him; probably not so much in order to keep in touch with Greece as with his old school and all that it means to him. Even if unread, the dog-eared pages and well "paved" purple passages link him with a set of ideas unlike those of the people around him. But more and more, with the passing of time, men of his own ideas are coming out as neighbours.

As Adam Smith remarks with some asperity, England has done very little for her Colonies beyond supplying them with people. But for that much should be forgiven her, *mater magna virum*. The public schools of England are furnishing the right sort of people; and among them Denstone has given more than her quota.

Some of the emigrants succeed, and some, alas, come back discredited. We are apt to suppose that the man who returns is a wastrel, and rate him accordingly. He has

gone to the land, we say, where the job seeks the man; instead of remaining in England, where the man seeks the job. There must, therefore, be something radically wrong with him, or he would not have returned to us.

More often than not this judgment is at fault. The difficulties of settling in a new continent are easily overlooked by the man who has never left his own. Canada is fast developing her own type of civilisation, and already she has an individuality which marks her as something more than part of Greater Britain. Now the boy who comes from an English public school is foreign to this individuality. He must spend years in acquiring little tricks of phrase and thought before the Canadian and he can feel at home with one another; and this must vitally affect his start in life, which, after all, is for him the greatest of all things.

This is the cause of numberless failures on the threshold of life in the Dominion; and unless some means can be devised for the gradual assimilation of public school men, many will continue to fail.

There are two alternative methods of avoiding these failures. That of ceasing to send the men is easy, but does not commend itself. The other is the provision of some means whereby the newcomers may assimilate with their surroundings.

Such a means would be welcome to many who might do well at Oxford and Cambridge, but cannot afford the means of going there. It is a pity if such men go to no University; it is a pity (*pace* Sir Oliver Lodge) if all of them go to the provincial Universities of England, whose small size debars them from the full development of a common organic life. But in Canada there are Universities larger than Oxford or Cambridge, and very much less expensive. Three years spent at McGill, at Ottawa, Queen's or Toronto, would not be wasted even for men who propose to follow

their calling in England. For those "who propose to settle in Canada they should prove an invaluable help.

The very defects of these Universities are virtues to the ordinary public school man. Graduates of English Universities deplore the want of specialisation in Canadian academic courses. But for the man who has read Classics and Mathematics and History or Science, without undue specification in either, this is a magnificent means of extending a school education.

Moreover, just as an Oxford or Cambridge man makes friends who will always almost unconsciously make a way for him in England, so in a Canadian University, freshmen from England will, and at present do, make friends who can help them on in Canada. Coming with English traditions, they find Canadian ways and thoughts a little strange; but three years' experience of their new surroundings and the contraction of friendships far and wide, launch them upon commercial life in the Dominion far better equipped in every way than otherwise they could possibly be.

There are already many Denstonians in Canada, there will be many more. Let us hope that some at least of those that are to come will avail themselves of the opportunities of University life, and gain some preliminary knowledge of the country which may become their home.

#### A TOUR IN SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

By F. H. Harward, O.D.

{Continued}.

February 26th (Sunday), *Nsan*.—I did my work at Oban school yesterday and came on here to-day. At the time you were just going into chapel, 8 a.m., I was starting off for another day's tramp. I started

late owing to the usual difficulty, and it took me seven hour's walking to get here. I arrived just about the time you were getting back from your Sunday walks. I found the District Commissioner here and am glad of a little company. There is a lovely flower, a new one to me, all about this Oban district. It grows in a peculiar way straight out of the ground, no stem, no leaves,—just the single flower. It is light mauve in colour and about four inches high. I asked the District Commissioner if he had noticed them, and he said, "Yes, but surely they weren't growing!" He thought they had dropped off the trees (we have many flowering trees) and been taken into the ground by worms in the same way as worms take in leaves in England! I had examined them and found they grew from runners which ran along the ground just under the surface. I traced one with difficulty to its original root, and, like most plant life out here, it is on much too big a scale to dig up. If it were possible to send some home and then train the runners so as to make a border in an English garden, they would attract a crowd. The District Commissioner is very jealous of my bush kitten. I find it creates quite a sensation among the natives; apparently they are not often caught in the kitten stage. To-morrow I examine the school here.

February 28th, *Mbarakom*.—I had only a three hours' walk to-day, but it rained in torrents from ten minutes after the start, which is most surprising at this time of the year. I was thinking that I had not come prepared for rain, when lo! my boy produced my mackintosh! *He* had come prepared. But of course my shirt was soon wet from within, and as the path was soon a running stream three inches deep, I was quickly at the stage when to be carried through a river would have been superfluous. I walked straight through them

all. I stay over here to-morrow to examine the school, so shall have time to get my things dry. When I put my foot into my slipper this morning on getting out of bed, I felt something hard inside; it was a millipede, eight inches long. A good thing it wasn't a scorpion! I think a spell of travelling must be good as I have not had a single filaria swelling since I left Calabar.

March 1st, *Mbarakom*.—I spent the day examining the school and nursing my poor wee kitten. During the night it fell out of the nest I made for it and dropped about two feet; not more, but it upset it badly. I woke up and heard it wailing piteously, and found it on the floor unable to move. This morning it could not stand and shook in a strange way and I thought it was going to die, but with careful nursing it has recovered and is nearly well again now. Barring the kitten episode, lasting about three minutes, I slept for ten and a half hours last night, from 9 p.m. to 7.30 a.m. I could hardly believe my eyes when I woke up and saw what the time was.

March 2nd, *Uwet*.—A fearfully hot walk to-day. The road followed the telegraph wire all the way, and was therefore open and exposed to the full rays of the sun, which, as I was walking due west, were full on my back. Like all telegraph roads it went straight up and down fearful cliffs, in many of which it had been necessary to cut steps. I had four hours of that, and the hills were too bad for the hammock. However, as I caught a lot of large swallow-tailed butterflies, some of them new, I was amply compensated. Now is one of the times of the year when the Great Bear and the Southern Cross are both visible at the same time. I was looking at them both last night. The Great Bear is upside down to us here.

March 4th, *Adiabo*.—I examined Uwet school yesterday, and came here by canoe to-day. I wired to Calabar for a launch,

but the reply said there was not enough water in the river (Calabar River). So I had either to walk or take a native canoe, two days either way. Having had quite enough walking I choose the latter and had ten hours of it—7.20 a.m. to 5.20 p.m. It was better than walking. I shall get to Calabar to-morrow, which unfortunately is Sunday, a bad day to arrive, as there will be no labourers or prisoners about; to take my loads. I shall also have to put a coat on again, a thing I haven't worn since I left Calabar, and dress for dinner every night instead of eating it in pyjamas!

March 5th, *Calabar*.—Back again once more and not sorry to be amongst my Lares and Penates. Five hours in the canoe finished my little tour.

#### FOOTBALL.

##### BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

This match was played at Birkenhead, on November 30th, and resulted in a win for Denstone by 25 points to nil. Denstone got possession of the scrums much more often than their opponents, and attacked strongly when opportunity offered, so that Birkenhead were kept on the defensive for the greater part of the time. Bates scored for Denstone about 5 minutes after the kick-off, after a good bout of passing in which most of the Denstone backs had a hand. Smith converted giving Denstone a lead of 5 points, and from this time on Denstone were decidedly the better team. Smith was the next to score, from a pass; by Tomkins who had been collared after making a good run up the touch-line. The kick at goal failed. Just before half-time Smith, missing out Anderson, gave a long pass to Bates who scored again. As the try was not converted Denstone crossed

over at half-time with a lead of n points. Soon after the kick-off Bates scored again after an excellent round of passing, and Tomkins converted. Then after some even play in the Birkenhead half Smith passed to Tomkins, and then backing him up on the outside received the ball from him again and scored a very pretty try which was not converted. Soon afterwards Smith scored again from a line-out near the Birkenhead line and just before time some "ood passing resulted in Bates scoring the last try of the match. Neither of these tries was converted. The Denstone forwards played a good game, getting possession frequently and giving their backs plenty of opportunities. Smith and Bates were the pick of the Denstone outsiders. Smith did many good things, and Bates too, he passes well and ran strongly.

For Birkenhead Pomeroy played an excellent game, his kicking, tackling and running being equally good.

*Team* :— B. Wilson, G. L. Tomkins, C. F. Smith, G. A. Anderson, H. S. Bates, C. G. Piggford, F. C. White, F. H. Woolliscroft, R. L. Goldsmith, A. E. Barlow, A. S. Mason, H. G. Williams, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, L. B. Helder.

#### NORTH STAFFORD.

On February 24th, a fast hard game resulted in a win for the School by 8 points to 6. North Stafford started down the hill and at once got into the School twenty-five, the School at this time were playing a man short, Smith being absent, and were somewhat disorganised. After his arrival North Stafford continued to press and owing to fumbling by several of the home backs scored after about 10 minutes' play, the try being unconverted. After this the School improved considerably and Bates scored two good tries before half-time. White sent a wide pass to Anderson who passed well to Bates who beat one man and shak-

ing off another scored towards the corner, Smith failed to convert. For the second try Smith was mainly responsible, breaking away from a line out he drew several of his opponents and then sent a long pass out to Bates, who again ran well, and scored far out. This try Tomkins fortunately converted with a fine kick. Although favoured by the slope in the 2nd half the School failed to score again, the ball did not come very cleanly from the scrum, and as Barton was somewhat inclined to lob his passes, the three-quarters were too hampered to get going properly, and though White and Smith got in much good kicking the wing men got no chance at all. Towards the end North Stafford made a strong burst and by good running and passing scored a second try, it was, however, unconverted, and as there was no further score the School won by 8 points to 6.

At back Wain fielded cleanly and kicked well, Bates ran extremely well when he got an opening, and Tomkins made good use of the few chances he got. Smith and Anderson were both quick on to their men and the former did much good kicking. White as usual left little room for criticism. Barton was excellent in defence, but rather slow in getting the ball away, for this the forwards were partly to blame as they did not generally let it out cleanly, apart from this fault the forwards were excellent, especially Woolliscroft, Mason and Goldsmith.

*Team* :—R. C. Wain ; G. L. Tomkins, C. F. Smith, G. A. Anderson, H. S. Bates, F. C. White, R. A. E. Barton, F. H. Woolliscroft, (Capt.) R. L. Goldsmith, A. E. Barlow, A. S. Mason, H. G. Williams, L. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, L. B. Helder.

#### MR. PARLANE'S XV.

Mr. Parlane's won the toss and elected to play up hill. For the first quarter of an hour play was uninteresting, consisting

merely of a series of scrums in the visitors' 25, relieved at intervals by good touch kicking. Our three-quarters at last got going and the ball coming out to Tomkins he scored twice, converting one. During this half Sutcliff, for the visitors, got away and cutting across the field drew the defence to that quarter, suddenly changing his tactics he cut in again and ran over unimpeded. Score at half-time was 8—3. On resuming the visitors pressed, and they scored after outpacing our backs; Smith, however, breaking away soon after and adding a further try to our score. Later on Sutcliff, from a scrum in their 25, broke clean through our defence and running the whole length of the field scored again. The final score was 22—11 points in the visitors' favour.

Our defeat is partially excused, in fact the visitors included Handford, the ex-International, and such well known players as Sykes and Sutcliff, also our Cheadle Hulme acquaintance Folds, the Cheshire three-quarter. This does not efface the fact that the team did not play up to their usual form, the halves being slow, the passing of the three-quarters erratic, and the scrum ragged. Smith and Tomkins were the best of the three-quarters, while Woolliscroft, Goldsmith and Williams were prominent in a not too brilliant pack.

#### 2ND XV. v. BURTON 2ND XV.

This match was played on Thursday, March 7th, in atrocious weather. The 2nd were unlucky to lose their unbeaten record, as several of the regular team were away. However, they succeeded in making quite a good fight for it, the reserve especially at forward showing surprisingly good form. In the first half play was very even, the only score being a try by Burton towards half-time. In the second half play favoured Burton but owing to resolute defence, especially by the halves they did not succeed

in scoring again until quite near the end, when they got over twice. All three tries were unconverted, so Burton won by 9 points to nil.

The forwards played well throughout, though inclined to kick too hard. Merryweather and Cross played splendidly at half especially in defence, the three-quarters were good in defence but lacked both pace and finish in attack. Carter was perhaps the best, but threw away the best chance of scoring by failing to pass to Chadwick. Wilson was quite good at back.

*Team:*—R. Wilson, E. L. Chadwick, B. Hall, W. Hall, L. J. Carter, E. P. Cross, R. H. Merryweather, H. C. S. Walker, A. G. Toms, H. A. Carlisle, E. S. Rerrie, D. Kasbarian, A. B. Jameson, O. F. Forrest, H. Seddon.

*Team:*—R. C. Wain, G. L. Tomkins, C. F. Smith, G. A. Anderson, H. S. Bates, F. C. White, R. A. E. Barton, F. H. Woolliscroft, R. L. Goldsmith, A. E. Barlow, A. S. Mason, H. G. Williams, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, S. O. Surridge.

#### REVIEW OF THE SEASON, 1911-1912.

We may look back with satisfaction on the season just over. The team was a great improvement in every way on any of the teams we have produced in the past three or four years. The forwards were good both in the scrum and in the open. They broke up quickly, gave and took passes well, and their collaring was of great assistance to the outsides. Their success was probably due in a great measure to some excellent coaching which E. Fearenside gave them at the beginning of the season. The halves lacked experience at first, but improved rapidly as the season went on. Barton replaced Piggford at Christmas, and White and White made a very useful pair.

The three-quarters were much sounder in defence than they have been in previous years, and at the same time possessed very

strong attacking powers. This is evident from the fact that even in their hardest matches they scored at least twice.

Their match with King Edward's School, Birmingham, in which they were beaten by 21 points to 9, was the most disappointing. It must be admitted that King Edward's School played a good game, and made good use of all the opportunities that came their way ; but at the same time it is quite certain that the Denstone team did not play up to their best form. A little later in the season they beat Birkenhead School by 25 points to nil, while King ; Edward's School were afterwards well beaten by the latter team.

The School played their best in the matches with Burton and North Stafford. The former match they lost by 2 points and the second they won by the same margin. In both matches they were much out-weighted and were opposed by teams who were strong in every department. In their second match with Cheadle Hulme (away) they played a very good game up to half-time, and but for one or two dropped passes would have gained a lead which could hardly have been beaten, but they fell off in the second half and were eventually beaten by 21 points to ir. Merchant Taylors' School, Crewe Premiums and Uttoxeter they beat fairly comfortably.

The 2nd XV. also had a good season winning all but the last match. This also they might have won if they had been able to put a full team in the field. Their forwards in the latter matches played particularly well, and should be very useful next season.

The Football Flag and little Side Shield were won by Gausse's, and the Middle S.de Cup by Smith's.

The matches played, with results, were as follows:\_\_\_\_\_

1911. 1st XV. MATCHES.			
Oct. 3.	Old Denstonians	Lost	3-30.
" 14.	Cheadle Hulme	Won	20-0.
" 21.	Merchant Taylors, Crosby	Won	16-3.
" 28.	Burton, A.	Won	14-6.
Nov. 4.	K. E. S., Birmingham	Away	Lost 9-21.
" 18.	Uttoxeter	Won	50-3.
" 30.	Birkenhead School	Away	Won 25-0.
Dec. 4.	Crewe Premiums	Won	30-5.
" 9.	Cheadle Hulme	Away	Lost 11-21.
" 19.	Burton	Away	Lost 8-10.
" 20.	Nottingham	Away	Lost 9-13.
1912.	Uttoxeter	Away	Won 21-5.
Jan. 22.	Uttoxeter	Won	30-3.
Feb. 17.	North Stafford	Won	8-6.
" 24.	W. Parlane, Esq.'s	Lost	11-21.
> 29.			
	Played 15.	Wong.	Lost 6.
	Points for, 265.	Points against,	147.

1911. 2nd XV. MATCHES.			
Oct. 31.	Abbotsholme	Won	31-5.
Nov. 4.	Burton Anglesey	Won	8-0.
" 25.	Abbotsholme	Won	19-0.
Dec. 5.	Abbotsholme	Away	Won 20-0.
1912.	Burton 2nd XV.	Lost	0-9.
Mar. 9.			
	Played 5.	Won 4.	Lost 1.
	Points for, 78.	Points against,	14.

CRITIQUE OF THE XV.  
 ff. *H. Woolliscroft* (Captain). As a captain he has been a great success, encouraging his men much by his own keenness and untiring energy. He is an excellent dribbler, and also tackles well, and passes with judgment in the loose. In spite of being somewhat light he is very useful in the scrum. Not only has he brought his team through a very successful season, but he has also taken a keen interest in the football of the rest of the school, which is, consequently, in a flourishing condition.

*H. S. Bates*.—A fast outside three-quarter, who has improved much since the beginning of the season ; later contributing much by his clever, and at times brilliant displays, towards the success of the team. Should learn to tackle low.

fC. *F. Smith*.—Quite the shining light, and mainstay of the outside division. As centre three-quarter, aided by his weight, and knowledge of the game, makes brilliant openings for wings. A prolific scorer, excellent punt, but disappointing place kick. Has done much at times to cover up the mistakes of his halves. Occasionally has an "off-day."

fG. *A. Anderson*.—Still the same as ever: always expected to do something, but often fails. Has played brilliantly at times. Tackling is decidedly weak.

fR. *L. Goldsmith*.—A forward who makes much use of his height in the "line out." His keenness and dash are often misinterpreted, and these qualities make him most useful in marking warlike opponents. A sound scrummager, who backs up well, and is not afraid to tackle hard.

*E. Barlow*.—A forward who works hard and conscientiously, and uses to full advantage a thorough knowledge of the game. His sound work in the scrum is not fully appreciated from the touch-line, but his foot-work in the loose is very conspicuous.

fG. *L. Tomkius*.—A dashing wing three-quarter, who lacks pace, but makes up for this by his weight, and powerful handing-off. He failed on several occasions to get the best out of himself by not keeping fit. A fair, lengthy place kick.

fH. *G. Williams*.—A born forward who has undoubtedly found his place at last. He plays a really sound game, following up hard, and never slacking. Conspicuous both in the line-out and in the loose. In the darkest hour has always a spark of hope, and his untiring energies have done much to promote success on many occasions. A fair tackle.

fC. *G. Salmon*.—A heavy and hard-working forward, whose improvement has been marked, and rapid, but who has still much to learn. He is conspicuous in loose

rushes. By watching the ball in the scrum might save much misspent energy. Should learn to think.

*JL. B. Helder*.—A "find," who showed promise of great things. He has proved very consistent in his play. His dribbling is neat, and he always does good work in the loose; but in the scrum packs raggedly; his feet often being in the way.

fS. *O. Surridge*.—A forward who proved most unsatisfactory at first; and later lost almost all his abilities, only to find them a few matches before the end of the season, his dash and energy returning in double strength. He is greatly handicapped by his small size and light weight, and would do better if he knew more about the game. On the whole a disappointment.

tA. *S. Mason*.—By far the best tackler in the team, who on the defensive seems to spring up everywhere when wanted, and does the work of both forward and back at once. A great deal of his success is due to the fact that he does not hesitate to cut off the attack of the opposing three-quarters, by making straight for the corner flag. Useful in the loose, but in the scrum does practically nothing.

*jF. C. White*.—A very neat and useful half, who often makes brilliant openings. Dribbles well, but his defensive work is weak, and his passing is at times apt to be erratic.

*B. Mitchell*.—A persevering and consistent forward. In the line-out should learn to take the ball himself, and not be content with merely "knocking-on." Is rather inclined to be startled and confused when he finds the ball in his hands.

fC. *G. Piggford*.—Filled the weak spot of the team. Had plenty of dash but lacked initiative, a fact to be accounted for by his inexperience. (Has left).

fR. *C. Wain*.—As full-back was disappointing, his tackling being weak and unreliable, although this is partly counter-



balanced by his powerful kicking, He can take the ball very neatly when he likes.

\**B. Wilson*.—A full-back who promised much, whose tackling was sound and plucky and who was not afraid to fall on the ball, but his kicking lacked length, although he usually found touch. (Has left.)

\**H. T. M. Roberts*.—A back who had the making of a sound player, possessed pace, and gathered the ball clearly, and indeed at times brilliantly, but was unreliable, (Has left.)

\**L. F. E. Wright*.—A blundering forward who works hard but unscientifically in the scrum and the lose.

\**R. A. E. Barton*.—*K* plucky scrum-half, tackles hard, and effectively, and is most useful in stopping forward rushes. He is lacking in experience and his passing is slow. He seemed convinced that he is a born forward, and to emphasise the fact is often to be found in the scrums, so that when the ball comes out no half is behind the forwards to take it.

t Signifies 1st XV. Colours.

\* Signifies 2nd XV. Colours.

## FIVES

### DORMITORY MATCHES.

#### JUNIOR.

In the first round the winners were Hornby's, Gaussen's, Head's iii., and Airy's. In the second round Head's iii. beat Gaussen's and Airy's beat Hornby's. The final proved by far the most interesting game of the competition, and Head's iii. only won after a very severe struggle and after losing the first game.

The Juniors this year were on the whole far below the usual standard, and had it not been for quite good displays on the parts of Wilson and Knight, on the opposing sides,

in the final, the competition would have possessed little if any real interest.

## THE MUSEUM.

The following have been added to the Museum collection since our last published list.

*Coins*—Rev. the Headmaster, Rev. C. O. Andrews (O.D.), Rev. H. S. Barber (O.D.), Mrs. Bentley (Alton), J. S. Branscombe, Cyril Brett, Esq. (O.D. Sub-Curator), R. A. Briggs, D. Briggs, F. Cowlshaw, C. E. Dawson, H. G. Fowler, G. Littler, Prof. W. N. Parker, and F. Parker, Esq. (Cardiff), H. G. M. Roberts, C. C. R. Reynolds, F. J. S. Whitmore, Esq., Mrs. Salmon, T. Forrester, Esq., P. E. Burrows, R. Peel.

*Fossils*—Rev. C. O. Andrews, F. Barke, Esq., R. R. H. Bowker, E. H. Caird, Esq. per S. W. Bird, C. Cornwell, Esq., Mrs. W. L. Fletcher, (Alton), H. G. Tomkins, Esq. G. Tomkins, Mrs. Watts (Alton), G. W. Wood, "G.P.C." per G. W. Wood.

*Geological Section of this district*—H. Howard, Esq. (O.D.).

*Stamps*—Revs. C. O. Wilding, H. S. Barber, A. E. Dudley.

*Seal*—(H.M. High Court of Justice)—The Headmaster.

*Minerals*—C. Brett, Esq. and Mrs. Brett, F. Cowlshaw, P. J. Heslop, A. B. Jameson.

*Building Stones*—Messrs. Peter Ford and Sons, Messrs. J. Fielding and Sons, A. Jenkins, Esq.

*Stones taken from Cow's stomach*—Mrs. Watts (Alton).

*Pair of Handcuffs*—F. J. Steward.

*Spray mode of Fish scales* (Las Palmas), S. Cowper.

*New Zealand Ferns*—R. H. F. Coleman, Esq., (O.D.).

*Iron nails cemented together, from Nab Brook*—P. Lecomber.

*Egyptian Linen taken from mummy wrappings, and a Spider*—Mrs. Bentley.

*Autograph letter*—(Lord Halifax)—Rev. the Headmaster.

*Sea Urchins (Red Wharf Bay)*—P. E. Burrows.

*Coloured Sands (Alum Bay)*—A. Winkler.

*Wasps, in various stages*—F. Cowlshaw.  
*Shells, and vegetable products (E. Africa)*—Rev. C. O. Andrews.

*Material prepared for the mosaics in S. Paul's*—C. C. R. Reynolds.

*Raw Rubber*—R. R. H. Bowker.

*Blown Sand (Skegness)*—G. W. Wood.

*Incrustation of Marine boiler*—G. W. Wood.

*The Lord's Prayer on Charm*—W. L. Robertshaw.

*Shells and Seeds (Australia)*—Mrs. Rutter.

*Cross of Connemara marble*—Mrs. C. Brett.

*Boomerangs (3) (Red River District)*—G. F. W. Rees.

*Cotton Pods and Seeds*—Messrs. Selfridge.

*Old Bill of Lading*—L. E. Myers, Esq.

*Nest of Weaver Bird (S. Nigeria)*—F. H. Harward, Esq., (O.D.)

*Stuffed Otter*—H. Backhouse, Esq.

*Specimens illustrating manufacture of glass*—Messrs. Pilkington, per Mr. T. Forrester, Rocester.

*Pilgrim Medal (San Luis)*—E. Cornwall.

*Collection of Plaster Medallions of historical interest, and 3 sections of restoration of Parthenon frieze*—C. Norman Bennett, Esq., (O.D.).

*Young Adder, in spirit*—H. G. Fowler.

*Heron, shot near Nab Brook*—C. Girling, and A. K. Knight.

*Head of Owl and skin of Hedgehog*—A. Gibson.

#### O.D. NEWS.

C. L. Greenstreet, writing from Sao Paulo, Brazil, says "there is no doubt the city is a very go-a-head one, and according to statistics is the most prosperous city in the world. Houses are being built up every day in numbers quite beyond all imagination. Outside the city there are splendid mansions evidently inhabited by very wealthy people. There are any number of motor cars about—some are very fine, and a fine system of tramcars. The streets in the business parts are narrow on account of the great heat of the sun. There are over a thousand English here. The horses are very poor creatures, and oxen are plentifully used just outside the city. One is much struck at first with the price of everything: a pound of bacon costs **gs. 4-d.**, and a packet of safety matches 8d. A decent suit of clothes costs **£10**, and a dress shirt about 16s. It is difficult to keep looking at the prices in English money value, but of course one has to learn to look upon the milreis and what it is and not as is. fd. Naturally the hotels are expensive and they are very poor. In my two months stay I have so far stayed in four. The first I stayed at for three nights and that was sufficiently long. Then I moved into the one which is considered the best—it was certainly an improvement on the other, but considering that its charges are twice as high it ought to be. I gave up my room there when I went away to Rio **Grande** on business, and when I came back I had difficulty in finding a room anywhere. It was about a week before the Carnival on Shrove Tuesday. The place was crammed. The Carnival is the event of the year, and people begin to **save up** money for the next as soon as one is over. It starts on Sunday **but** Shrove **Tuesdayj's** the great day. Everybody seems to g°

quite mad, and the whole thing is a mixture of the blasphemous and the ridiculous. The great thing is to carry a tube containing a sort of scent and squirt anybody and everybody you meet. If you go out at all during the three days you must carry one for protection, and even then you get a very bad time of it. When I tell you that some ^100,000 is spent in this way it will give you some idea of the extent to which they are used. The streets are illuminated with coloured electric lights hung across from house to house, and streamers of coloured paper flutter everywhere. Confetti are of course also used. There is a great procession of cars, specially decorated, carriages, and motors, etc., and hundreds of people disguised and marked. I never saw such a mass of people and all were good humoured. I did not see a single case of drunkenness."

E. Aitken (May, 1902), is joining the Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles.

A. J. Wood took part in a performance of *The Conspiracy* at S. Catharine's College, Cambridge, last term, and appeared in a photograph of one of the groups which was given in the *Tatler*.

F. R. Ccllis (May, 1907), and A. G. Rollason (Jan. 1906), have been promoted Lieutenants in the Territorials.

O. H. Browne (May, 1895), 's 'n India.

E. M. Browne (Sept. 1892), after three years on the engineering staff of the Southern Nigerian Railways, was employed on the survey of the Selati Railway in the Transvaal. He is now on an exploring expedition in connection with a new railway from Beira to Rhodesia.

#### NOTES.

This term's successes in the Scholarship Examinations at Cambridge have quite outstripped all available days for the half-holidays which we enjoy in honour of such

distinctions. In our last number we chronicled an Exhibition and a Scholarship—we have to add the following:—

E. R. Wood: Open Entrance Scholarship in Modern History at S. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

H. S. Bates: Open Entrance Exhibition in Modern History' at S. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

F. H. Woolliscroft: Open Entrance Scholarship in Modern History at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Besides congratulating the above, we beg to be allowed to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Darwin Swift.

Woolliscroft in gaining a Cambridge Scholarship during his tenure of the Captaincy of Football has well followed the example set by A. J. Wood last year, who gained his Classical Scholarship just after he had been elected Captain of Cricket.

It was a great pleasure to have the Rev. L. Phillips, our Senior Chaplain, with us for Passion Sunday.

On Lady Day, the day specially appointed for intercession on behalf of the Woodard Schools, we had a particularly fine celebration of the Holy Communion.

On Passion Sunday we had a special collection for the help of our neighbours who are suffering through the Coal Strike. The amount collected was j£10, and it was divided between the Potteries and Alton. The Preparatory School boys also sent something in addition to the Potteries.

The collection at the Holy Communion on Confirmation Day was nearly ^13 and was for the Confirmation Window Fund, which now amounts to about ^130.

The Confirmation was on March 20th, and the Bishop of Lichfield himself was

able to come. The following boys were confirmed:—

S. Baker, L. Ball, P. Ball, J. Barnes, H. Brown, L. Cater, R. Catterall, E. Champney, W. V. Clark, H. Collis, G. Darby, V. Davenport, J. Davies, C. Embrey, H. Evered, W. Fallon, S. Fillingham, L. Foxwell, A. Gibson, C. Girling, N. Gooden, A. Harrison, A. Hood-Rowan, C. Hope, W. Horsfield, S. Jenkins, C. Kasbarian, G. King, J. Lindop, A. Longbottom, A. Longmore, R. Merrall, W. North-Cox, A. Oliver, R. Orsman, R. Peel, J. Radford, E. Rerrie, M. Rogers, L. Roskams, G. Rutter, L. Seddon, T. Shipley, K. Shirlaw, E. Short, D. Smith, F. Steel, F. Steward, R. Sykes, J. Taylor, M. Taylor, G. Tobais, C. White, R. White.

The Rev. W. B. Smith preached on the first three Sundays in Lent, on "The Service of Christ—it cost, privilege and glory." The Mid-Lent sermon on "Duty to Parents" was preached by the Rev. W. S. Airy. On Passion Sunday, the preacher was the Senior Chaplain, on "Conversion," and on Palm Sunday the Headmaster, preached on the long Gospels of Holy Week. The Fridays addresses have been by Mr. Airy, whose subject has been the "Prayer Book" (Morning and Evening Prayer). Mr. Barber is giving the Good Friday addresses. We have had the usual mid-day devotional readings.

Miss Moorsorn again with her usual kindness, sent cakes on Mid-Lent Sunday, ("Refreshment Sunday"). We beg to thank her for her continued remembrance.

The Librarian of the *Boys' Library*, acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of *The Historic Christ* (Lacey) from the Author.

*Home University Library*, (10 vols.) from Rev. T. A. Lacey,

*Wisden's Cricketer's Almanack* from A. W. Shelton, Esq.

During 1911 forty-three volumes have been added to the Library, and now a new catalogue for 1912 has just been issued. The Library now contains some 2,100 volumes, of which nearly 700 are novels; it is quite likely it used to contain more, but had not much weeding out been done by the present Librarian, it would have been impossible to make more than a very few additions.

We congratulate the following on having obtained their football colours:—IST. XV. R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, L. B. Helder. R. C. Wain; 2ND XV. R.A.E. Barton.

The Sixth Honour Board has been hung in the Schoolroom, and already it is nearly half filled.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following: *Elstonian*, *Felstedian*, *Birkonian*, *Blue*, *Stonyhurst Magazine*, *Hymerian*, *Lancing College Magazine*, *Federal Magazine*, *Arena*, *Bloxhamist*.

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