



S. Ronan's
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Editorial.

WE can hardly acclaim the past term as one of our most successful, for we had barely settled down when that fell disease, the measles, laid its grip upon us. We have, however, something to be very thankful for in that everyone made a good recovery; this in spite of the fact that the attack was of a most virulent character, and that several of the boys were very ill indeed. Many Schools have been less fortunate, and when three weeks from the end of term we found ourselves out of quarantine, we felt that we had indeed great reason for gratitude. Owing to the time wasted, we decided to carry work on up to the last day, and to hold no examinations. In this way some lost ground was made up. Apart from the epidemic, things were thoroughly satisfactory in the school itself; the same keenness and energy were manifest in the work, and the "Esprit de Corps" among the boys was as strong as ever. A system of Weekly Reports was introduced, by which we were able to keep in complete touch with the work of every boy, and it is satisfactory to be able to state that the standard of work is very sound indeed. There are indeed very few boys in the school who do not give of their best, and *they* must soon make up their minds to do so. The use of the "Direct Method" in teaching French has been a complete success, and in a year's time the results will be very obvious. One of the most satisfactory features is the thorough grip of their subjects shown by almost all the small boys in the school; this reflects credit both on them and their teachers. Reference has been made in another column to the doings of the Old Boys. Just as our interest in them after they leave is as strong as before, similarly they preserve their affection for the old school; and we hope shortly to be able to publish details of the formation of an Old Boys' Club or S. Ronan's Club, whereby we may all be kept in close touch, and may be enabled to preserve the traditions and ideals which we thought out together during our earlier companionship.

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School Notes.

The Summer Term will begin on Friday, May 2nd. On that day all boys travelling through London are expected to catch the 3.27 p.m. train from Victoria, to which saloon carriages will be attached: Mr. Harris will be in charge. The term will probably end during the last week in July.

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Our cordial congratulations are due to Mr. C. H. Vizard on the occasion of his marriage, which took place during the Easter holidays. Mr. Vizard has now been at S. Ronan's for nearly four years, and as an Assistant Master has been absolutely invaluable. He is one of those who combine with a quiet exterior a great gift for discipline and teaching. He is universally popular with boys and masters, and we one and all of us wish him the best of good luck and a happy life. We are particularly glad to be able to say that his marriage will not interfere with his work, and that he will still remain a member of the staff.

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The following boys left last term :—

C. T. Barker.
A. R. Murray-Smith.

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Ronnie Murray-Smith was operated on at the end of the Christmas holidays for appendicitis, and it is a matter of very great regret to us all that his doctors do not consider it safe for him to be at School so far from his home at Malvern. Though delicate, he is a boy of great promise, and we wish both him and Barker the best of luck in the future.

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The following new boys are entered for the next year :—

May, 1913—

W. E. H. Grylls.
J. A. D. Grylls.
A. F. Swingler.
C. H. Gooch.
J. H. Hale.
A. G. Rooper.
G. R. Beal.

September, 1913—

A. D. Ince (provisionally).
 N. H. Bunn.
 F. L. Bunn.
 G. Cobbold.
 M. Cobbold.
 J. E. Black.
 O. W. Williams.
 R. H. Hoyle.
 D. B. Tuckett.
 J. P. Biddulph.
 J. H. Gregson.
 J. Norwood.

January, 1914—

G. Mansell.

May, 1914—

H. Sherlock.
 J. B. Vogel.
 H. B. Byass.

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The Athletic Sports will probably be held on Saturday, May 17th. It is not possible to fix the day for absolutely certain, but it will be either then or the Saturday following. As far as can be seen at present it will be on the former date.

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The following, to whom we express our most grateful thanks, have most kindly promised to present pews to the Chapel :—

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley.
 Mrs. W. J. Havers.
 Mr. and Mrs. Eden.
 Major and Mrs. Crozier.
 Mr. and Mrs. Whinney.
 Major and Mrs. Tudor Craig.

It is suggested that the boy's name or coat of arms be put on the outside of the pews. We hope to have the work done in the summer holidays ; failing that, at the earliest possible opportunity.

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We have also to thank the Rev. R. Kater Vinter for his gift of a handsome oak seat for use with the organ. Mr. Vinter, sen.,

is a very good musician, and we hope one day he will be able to make use of the seat and play the organ himself during one of our School services.

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The Parents' Match will probably be held within the first fortnight in July.

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The sermon in Chapel on Sunday, March 30th, was preached by the Rev. David Proctor.

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The Confirmation was held in our own Chapel last term for the first time ; a short account will be found elsewhere. Those boys who were Confirmed presented the Chapel with a book for use in the Holy Communion, as a memorial of the occasion. We very greatly appreciate both the gift and the thoughts which prompted it. Such an action was entirely typical of them. The following were the Candidates for Confirmation :—

H. C. D. Whinney.

G. Coode-Adams.

A. J. R. Tudor-Craig.

W. N. Duttson.

J. D. Bennett.

A. L. Cameron.

R. H. de M. Leathes.

A. J. Boyd.

G. A. Abraham, confirmed at home by the
Bishop of Derby.

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As matters now stand there is no vacancy in the School till Sept. 1914. No doubt one or two unexpected gaps will occur between now and then, and we do not on any account wish any prospective parents turned away on that account, but we should be grateful if any who are thinking of sending boys to S. Ronan's would kindly let us know as soon as possible, in order to make matters safe.

Each of the first twenty boys in the school now has a garden of his own to tend and till ; by the kindness of Mrs. Nisbet, a prize will be offered next term for the best "Garden." The judging will take place about June 28th.

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The "Cake Match" was once more a very level affair, and was won by Whinney's side by the odd goal. We are unable to print an account as we have not the teams at hand, but the game as a whole was not so full of vim as is usually the case, doubtless owing to lack of practice after the recent epidemic.

Old Boys' Column.

The following account of the old boys' doings at work and games, though by no means complete, shows very clearly how well they continue to do. All through the same keenness and energy is evident. We were fortunate enough to see Pink win his events at the Westminster sports, and it was not only his ability, but his grit and determination which carried him through. It is very fine to see how the tradition of "rising to the occasion" is established. Whatever the conditions, one may be quite certain that the S. Ronan's boy or "Old Boy" is going to be at his very best on the day. Pink, Hadley, and Morris are good examples of this, and since, as far as our knowledge goes, everyone of the Old Boys is showing the same spirit in his work and character, we who remain may well feel proud of those who have left us.

M. M. Sayer (Rugby) has recently gone up to Christ Church, Oxford, taking with him two Mathematical Exhibitions, one from the College and one from Rugby. He was also first reserve for the Oxford chess team against Cambridge.

F. W. Pink (Westminster) has been Captain of the School Football Team for the second year in succession, and though unsuccessful against Charterhouse, led his team to victory against Eton and Winchester. He is also head of his House, and an Up-School Monitor and Captain of the School Shooting Eight.

F. R. C. Cobbold (Westminster), who visited us at Easter, received his "pinks" for football this season. He is Vice-Captain of the School Cricket Eleven and House Monitor, and was also chosen to represent the School in the Public Schools Racquets Championship at Queen's Club. He helped to get Westminster to the semi-final.

With regard to H. Spencer Cobbold, whose sad death was reported in our last number, it was said in error that he had been ill continuously while at Malvern College. As a matter of fact he enjoyed good health there for nearly three years after leaving S. Ronan's, and previous to his appendicitis in June, 1910, he gained his Form Prize one year, and in addition took the special "Gale" Prize for Entomology. He was also an active member of the Officers' Training Corps. The last two years of his life were spent in his parents' home near Bath.

A. A. Havers, who passed into the R. N. C. Osborne last December, took a very high place. He was placed in the top class of his term, and in the first two Examinations came out top of the whole term, and secured full marks in Mathematical Papers. Incidentally, he writes to say that he climbs regularly every week to the top of the Flagstaff, which is 160 feet high.

J. S. T. Mansell (Wellington) has now been at that school for about two years. During that period he has obtained a remove in all subjects *every term*, and has also won the Mathematical Prize of his form on every occasion—a very useful performance.

C. W. G. Grimley (Wellington) was in his House Gymnasium VI. He is also developing into a good long distance runner. His brother, E. H. D. Grimley, was doing excellently both at work and games when he was laid low with measles.

K. G. Malcolmson (Charterhouse) obtained his Remove at the end of the Xmas term, and was also promoted into a higher Mathematical Division last term.

W. H. R. Crick (Lancing) is in the Classical Sixth and takes a prominent part in the Debating Society.

R. G. M. Eden (Eton) writes us that he was successful in obtaining his Remove last term, and was also First in his Heat of the Junior 100 Yards.

The Repton boys continue to do great things—G. T. W. Horne, G. D. Morris, H. M. Morris, J. F. B. Delap, R. L. Thrupp and G. H. Coldham again obtained Removes. H. M. Goodall is in the Lower Sixth now, and will soon be a Prefect; Coldham is only one form below him, and Horne is going to try later on for a 'Varsity Mathematical Scholarship.

Immense Athletic performances have to be recorded.

F. W. Pink (Westminster) won the School Hundred Yards in $10\frac{2}{3}$ secs., the Quarter Mile in 55 secs., on a wet track, and the Long Jump with 19 ft. 4 ins.; he was also 2nd in the Mile. In addition to these performances, he is Head of his House, an Up-School Monitor, Captain of the Shooting VIII., and Captain of the School Football Team; in October next he goes to Oxford, where he ought to pick up a Blue.

P. S. Hadley (Charterhouse) won the Quarter Mile in $53\frac{1}{2}$ secs., a remarkable time; Throwing the Cricket Ball, 101 yards 2 ft.; the Long Jump, Putting the Weight, and was 2nd by inches in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards. Hadley, who is a House Prefect and will probably be in the Sixth next September, has another year at Charterhouse and will then go to Cambridge, where no doubt he also will obtain a Blue.

H. M. Morris (Repton), who did such great things at S. Ronan's, carried all before him in the Repton Sports, and won everything he went in for. His performances in the Long Jump, 17 ft., and High Jump, 4 ft. 8 ins., were most remarkable for a boy of under fifteen. He also won the Junior 100 Yards and Half-mile, and also the School Boxing Championship of his weight.

L. H. Hughes (Lancing) won the School Mile and Steeplechase on the same afternoon. A good example of pluck and perseverance. He also speaks regularly in the Debating Society.

J. W. Havers (H.M.S. Natal), is Senior Midshipman on board, as such he is the only one allowed to smoke. He visited S. Ronan's several times last term after his six months' cruise, and we were very glad to see him.

N. G. Harris (Westminster) was successful in obtaining his Remove at the end of last term.

A. M. G. Cobbold (Westminster) though only just 16 years old, has obtained his Second XI. Colours.

LIEUTENANT HUMPHREY SMITH, R.N.

Humphrey Smith, the news of whose sad death in the Persian Gulf was received about the end of January, was the second of three brothers, all of whom had been at S. Ronan's. We print below a notice which appeared in one of the papers, and also two letters from the Captain of his ship, one to the Rev. W. E. Smith and one to Mrs. Knox, wife of the Consul at Muscat. These two letters show clearly the high opinion which had been formed of his capabilities.

Extract from "The Globe."

"Lieutenant Smith is the son of the Rev. W. E. Smith, Vicar of Andover. He is twenty-four years of age, and was educated at Hymer's College, Hull, and then at S. Ronan's, West Worthing, whence he passed into the Britannia. He was promoted Lieutenant in the Navy in 1909, and proceeded to the Persian Gulf in the following year, remaining on that Station since. He was on the wreck of H.M.S. Montague off Lundy Island, and was an officer of high promise.

Copy of letter from Captain Talbot to the Rev. W. E. Smith.

H. M. S. "PERSEUS,"

PERSIAN GULF,

February 10th, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

I am writing to offer on behalf of myself and the officers of this ship our deep sympathy on the death of your son, who was lost while boat cruising in January

last. The circumstances of the disaster were as follows: Your son was stationed on a cutter with nine men at Magam, on the 16th January. On the evening of the 18th it came on to blow a westerly gale which lasted till mid-day on the 20th. On Magam being visited on the morning of the 20th, no signs of the boat were to be seen. On enquiries being made ashore, it was ascertained that the cutter had sailed from Magam on the 18th and had not been seen since. Every effort has been made to find some trace of the missing boat, but I deeply regret without success, although the whole Persian Gulf has been searched. I am afraid the cutter was caught in the storm, and in trying to seek shelter was swamped.

The death of your son leaves a vacancy in this ship which it will be hard to fill, either as a shipmate or an officer. Personally, I mourn the loss of a very dear friend. Although I had only been shipmates with him since last June, during that time I had become greatly attached to him and recognised his worth. He was a great favourite fore and aft this ship, and his loss with his crew is sadly felt, and has cast a great gloom over the ship.

Again offering my deepest sympathy,

Yours truly,

(Signed) H. FITZROY TALBOT.

Copy of letter from Captain Talbot to Mrs. Knox, wife of the Consul of Muscat.

H. M. S. "PERSEUS,"

EAST INDIAS,

6th February, 1913.

DEAR MRS. KNOX,

Very many thanks for your kind letter of sympathy in our terrible loss. The whole affair has been a great shock to us all, as you may imagine, as Mr. Smith was

beloved by officers and men. Personally it has been a terrible blow to me. All hope is gone now I am afraid. Practically the whole Gulf has been searched for any clue at all, but not a sign of anything is to be seen or heard of. The stories of the different natives whom I have interviewed all differ. I am afraid there is no doubt his boat foundered in the gale, which was a very bad one, on the 18th and 19th of January. The disaster has cast a great gloom over the ship, and for the remainder of the Commission one feels it will be so different from the previous period. Mr. Smith's death leaves a vacancy which will be very hard to fill, both as an officer and a shipmate.

Again very many thanks for your kind letter of sympathy, which I was so glad to get.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) H. FITZROY TALBOT.

Music Report.

BENNETT.—Good.

DUTTON.—Good, but was inclined to rest on his laurels.

ABRAHAM.—Has had little chance owing to the measles, but what he did was very good.

BURD.—Working very well.

STONE
MOLSON
PHIPPS, mi.
VOGEL
FULFORD

} All these are improving steadily ; especially does this apply to Stone and Molson. Phipps has the greatest number of marks among the Juniors, but some others are very close to him. Vogel would have been equal, but for the measles. Fulford has again paid great attention to his lessons.

HELEN SAMSON.

The Chapel.

£ s. d.

The Offertories last term were as follows :—

Sunday, January 26th, Dr. Barnardo's Homes	...	0	17	9		
Sunday, February 2nd and 9th	} Panel Fund	...	3	0	0	
Sunday, February 16th and 22nd						
Sunday, March 2nd and 9th						
Sunday, March 16th and 23rd, Westminster School						
Mission	1	13	7
Sunday, March 30th, Waifs and Strays Society	...			1	6	3

In addition to the above, £1 5s. od. was collected in the Lent Savings' Box, and sent to the Waifs and Strays Society; and £2 taken in the collections at Holy Communion, was given up to poor children in Worthing.

The Confirmation.

The Confirmation, which had been fixed originally for Thursday, March 13th, had to be postponed, on account of illness, to Thursday, March 27th. The Bishop of Chichester, who would have conducted the ceremony on the former occasion, was unable to come, and therefore asked the Bishop of Lewes to take his place. As has been mentioned elsewhere, this was the first time the Confirmation had been held in our own Chapel, and nine Candidates constituted a record number. A large number of parents came down and met the Bishop beforehand at lunch. The Rev. E. Whately Smith, our Chaplain, assisted the Bishop, who gave as usual two addresses; in the second and most important, he struck exactly the right note; he spoke of the honour of the Home, the School and the Church, and he spoke in a way which moved and inspired everyone present. It was not merely that the words were good; the sincerity behind them, the vigour, the strength, the manliness—these were the things which appealed to us, and if, as we believe, we know our S. Ronan's boy, they were the things which appealed to him, and which will linger in

his memory and influence his actions. It was one of those occasions, not so rare at S. Ronan's as at some schools, which bring together more firmly the boys, the parents and the school; and we cannot be too grateful to the Bishop for allowing us to hold the Ceremony in our own Chapel.

The S. Ronan's Mock Amusements Society.

A most successful meeting of the above Society was held on April 1st, commonly known as "All Fools' Day." The first item on the programme was a Duet by Messrs. B. O. Byass and B. R. Delap, who delivered with much feeling those well-known lines "The beauteous blush of early dawn"; not only were the words sublime, but the singers introduced into their most successful rendering much practical illustration and a copiousness of *local colour*.

Item No. 2.—Mr. H. C. D. Whinney, in his well-known character sketch "The Red Domino." Looking a bloodthirsty ruffian from peruke to bootlaces, Mr. Whinney delivered his now famous speech with great majesty and flashing eyes. The audience was held spell-bound, and at least two ladies had fainted through suppressed emotion, when the great actor was seen to waver. Horror! What is this dire some spectacle? The right-hand portion of his trim and well-waxed moustache, which he had been twirling all too fiercely, had given way and was hanging limp. Amid sighs and groans of pent-up anticipation, the "Red Domino" speedily made his exit.

Item No. 3.—After a graceful apology on behalf of his predecessor, Mr. N. G. Stone announced his world-famed recitation "What's in a laugh?" The audience soon found out, and after Mr. Stone had given two practical illustrations, one of which broke the gas bracket and the other of which split the drum of three people's ears, he was forcibly removed by two policemen as being a danger to the public.

Item No. 4.—The audience was by this time in a very limp condition, and great relief was felt at the appearance of a plump, merry little man who was obviously about to perform a comedy act. On further investigation, this proved to be Mr. W. N. Duttson, but those present took some time to discover the fact, their attention being completely taken up with the comedian's attire. Their gaze, indeed, was riveted on a pair of well-fitting, very beautiful check riding breeches. Mr. Duttson scored a distinct success in his song, "I'm little Boy from Portsmouth town."

Item No. 5.—After Mr. E. C. Rouse had obliged with a selection from "Rigoletto," Messrs. A. L. Cameron and J. D. Bennett provided the "pièce de résistance," in the form of a super-human feat of endurance. Mr. Cameron undertook to sit still for two minutes without moving or speaking, while Mr. Bennett endeavoured to hold out for the same time without once stroking his nose or touching his chin. Those who know these gentlemen will realise what an enormous amount of determination and will-power was necessary to enable them to accomplish these feats. Mr. Cameron, after a gallant effort, exploded two seconds too soon, while Mr. Bennett, having successfully emerged from his ordeal, touched his nose towards the audience in a manner not generally considered polite. Amid angry cries the two performers were conveyed outside, and the entertainment, in spite of frantic protests from Messrs. Molson and Biddulph that they wished to give an illustration on the art of hair-brushing, came to an abrupt end.

Old Boys' Day.

Eleven of our Old Boys turned up on Thursday, April 3rd, to pay us a visit and play a match. Three Public Schools were represented by the eleven, Winchester, Charterhouse, and Repton. The two Hadleys and Malcolmson arrived on the Wednesday, and the rest on Thursday in time for lunch, and very pleasant it was

to see the well-known faces once more among us, for all the world as if they had never left.

The match, which started at 2.45, ended in favour of School by 4-2, but it is only fair to say that S. Ronan's had powerful outside assistance in the person of Mr. W. B. Harris, who came over from Lancing. It is quite evident, however, that in a year or two's time, when Messrs. Morris, Delap and others have grown a little bigger, we shall need all the outside assistance we can put our hands on. The goals for the winners were scored by Messrs. S. S. Harris (2), W. B. Harris (1), and Leathers (1) with a very good shot; while the brothers Morris were successful for the Old Boys, the younger with one of his familiar cross shots, the elder with an equally characteristic one off the point of the toe—all most reminiscent of his S. Ronan's days. For the School, everyone without exception was on the top of his form; Whinney was exceedingly good in goal, he made no mistake of any sort, and did a number of very fine saves. Mr. Vizard surpassed himself at back, and was a thorn in the side of the Old Boys. Barker, mi., who played back as an experiment, was positively brilliant and kicked beautifully. All those halves, especially Burd all through, and Byass in the first half, played hard and well; and Leathes, Delap, and Cameron were in excellent form among the forwards. W. B. Harris showed great pace and shot with great power.

For the Old Boys, the two Goodalls, though present, were unable to play, but their substitutes, Miller and Churton-Taylor, produced their best form; although unable to take an active part in the match, Tim Goodall's magnificent performance on the touch-line must not be overlooked; his gigantic presence and stentorian roars of encouragement to his side quite outpointed the opposing cheers, and the fine quality of his lung power will long be remembered at S. Ronan's. George Coldham has lost none of his cunning in goal, and made a number of good saves; he is as cool and collected as ever. Hadley, with his 6 ft. of length and 12½ stone of weight, to say nothing of his tremendous pace, was a

tower of strength at back ; his kicking was very good, and no doubt he will be in the Charterhouse side next year. Malcolmson—better known as Judy—also did a lot of useful work ; for his age he has also plenty of weight and strength. Tony Latham-Brown played in his usual safe sound way at centre half, but was somewhat hampered by a bad heel. H. M. Morris and Delap on the right wing found the light ball somewhat hard to control, but the observant eye could see that they were not only as good as ever, but had made great strides in every way ; we confidently expect Morris to have three years in the Repton side, and others we think will also be included before they finish. The other forwards, Thrupp, G. D. Morris and P. A. S. Hadley, all did their level best and worked like Trojans.

The evening was spent as a S. Ronan's evening is invariably passed—in the reading room, with billiards, gramophone, etc. Finally, it was a very great delight to us all to have our Old Boys back with us again, and to see how well they are looking, and what good all-round work they are all doing at their Public Schools. We must not forget to mention the unavoidable absence of Gerald Horne, this was a very great disappointment to all of us, for he is one of the best of good fellows, and no one is doing better than he. The following Old Boys were with us—P. S. Hadley, P. A. S. Hadley, K. G. Malcolmson, H. M. Goodall, L. M. Goodall, G. H. Coldham, J. F. B. Delap, R. L. Thrupp, A. Latham-Brown, G. D. Morris, and H. M. Morris.

Football.

S. RONAN'S v. WYKEHAM HOUSE.

Played at S. Ronan's on Saturday, March 22nd. Owing to the measles, this match right at the end of term was the first fixture we had been able to arrange. We were without several of our team, but nevertheless managed to emerge victorious by four goals to one. Whinney did one remarkably good save in goal, and in all other ways was quite safe. Churton-Taylor played a great game at full back, and Hoyle, mi., at this his first appearance in

the eleven, showed promise. He was a little bit nervous, however, and afraid of making mistakes. Byass was in very good form at centre half, and no one would ever have thought that he had had the measles. Miller also played a man's game, but we have seen Burd in much better form. He was inclined to fiddle about instead of going into his man and dealing faithfully with him. All the forwards were in good form, Leathes being as usual the pick. He was responsible for two of the goals, the others being shot by Barker, ma., and Barker, mi.

S. Ronan's.—H. C. D. Whinney, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and R. I. Hoyle, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and B. R. Delap, R. H. de Mussenden Leathes, C. T. Barker, G. R. Barker, and A. L. Cameron, forwards.

S. RONAN'S v. WYKEHAM HOUSE.

Played on Tuesday, April 1st, on the Sports Ground. Bereft of five of our best players, we suffered defeat in this match by 5—0. Some of the team were obviously suffering from lack of practice, and we missed a great many opportunities in front of goal, but nevertheless our opponents' victory was well deserved, though the margin should not have been so great. Cameron played a good game as usual, but Barker, mi. was not in his best form by any means. Delap played well, but we sorely missed Leathes, especially as far as shooting and hustling were concerned. Byass played well, and Miller and Coode-Adams were very fair; the backs, Churton-Taylor and Hoyle, mi., both substitutes, found the opposing centre-forward rather a handful, and Hoyle was evidently outweighed, but Taylor went in like a bull, and although wild, did many good things. Whinney could not be blamed for the goals, and did some very good saves.

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