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Editorial.

MANY people have not the time to keep in close touch with the events of the educational world, but it is as well that parents should be kept informed roughly of those things which are happening. I write now, therefore, with the object of informing them that the most discussed question at the present time is the wisdom or unwisdom of Inspection for Preparatory Schools. Public and Preparatory Schools are not, of course, under the control of the Government, and it is, in my opinion, highly undesirable that they should ever become so. On the other hand, owing to the foolish obstinacy of some, there is still amongst our schools a divergence in method in many matters which require above everything co-operation and co-ordination. Government Inspection would make this impossible, for it would put outside the circle schools which refuse to fall in line on matters of vital importance. In spite, therefore, of opposition from some of our own members, it is almost certain that the Board of Education will be asked to outline a scheme of "Inspection," which will be voluntary and not compulsory—a scheme in short, which will ensure the co-operation which we so much need, and at the same time will leave us free to develop the aims and ideals which are at the base of the Public School character. If only a few of us are efficient and up-to-date, we do not greatly help the nation; to do this, we must be a united body working together on the highest lines, on the soundest principles, and by unimpeachable methods. Therefore, I am in favour of "Voluntary Government Inspection," and shall welcome its introduction; it will bring the offenders and self-seekers into line; it will ensure uniformity where there is chaos; it will insist on efficiency where there is slovenliness; it will introduce modern methods where teaching is old-fashioned and uninteresting. It will be a system of Inspection, which will be voluntary and not compulsory, which will help us and not control us, and as such it is coming. It will not be too pleasant, but it is right; therefore, let it come.

S. S. HARRIS.

January, 1914.

School Notes.

The Lent Term will start on Friday, January 23rd. On that day all boys travelling through London are expected to catch the 3.40 p.m. train from Victoria to which saloon carriages will be attached. Mr. Harris will be in charge. The Term will probably end on or about Thursday, April 2nd.

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We have to thank Canon Phipps for most kindly presenting two books as prizes at the end of last term

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The oak pews were put in throughout the Chapel during the summer holidays and are very much admired by everyone who sees them. They provide an equal amount of room and are in every way very much more convenient than the chairs which preceded them. These have been sent to the Westminster School Mission, along with the ancient harmonium.

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The sermon in Chapel on Sunday, December 7th, was preached by the Rev. David Proctor.

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The following boys left last term :—

A. L. Cameron (Wellington).

J. D. Bennett (Winchester).

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Cameron conferred a fresh honour on the School by winning one of the first three Wellington Scholarships; this performance also carries with it a "Robert Henry Wentworth Hughes" Scholarship, so that Cameron actually gained a Double Scholarship. It was an extremely good performance, as Wellington gives no age allowance and Cameron was nearly a year under the limit. The Master of Wellington spoke most highly of his work.

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May we take this opportunity of thanking our parents for their unflinching and ceaseless interest and help. S. Ronan's is now in the strongest position it has ever occupied, and the trust and confidence shown us by parents is the greatest help and encouragement we could wish for, in order to maintain that

position. Apart from unforeseen occurrences and one or two places not yet decided, there appears to be no vacancy now till Sept. 1915. In addition, there is a waiting-list of about 60 boys, and one or more entries for every year up to and including 1921. But far more than these facts, it is the support and friendship of our boys and parents, past and present, which shall determine us above all things not to grow satisfied, but to strain every nerve to make the School better and better, to keep the standard of teaching first-class, up-to-date and efficient, the spirit of the place enthusiastic, but simple, and to be above criticism and above reproach.

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Bennett also did very well at Winchester, and the Headmaster, in criticising his work, mentioned three subjects as "excellent" and two as "very good." He also said that his work all round showed considerable promise.

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Both these boys will be greatly missed; they are not only scholars, but athletes, and they are of that type which goes to make a School strong in work, games, and character. We confidently predict a very successful future for both of them.

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The Bonfire and Fireworks display was rather above the usual average, and was a great success therefore. The evening went off without any untoward occurrence, except a well-meant but happily frustrated effort on the part of one of the boys to set his mother alight. Proceedings were enlivened by the band of the Church Lads' Brigade, which played with great gusto. Last year one of the rockets entered the drawing-room window of a benevolent gentleman not a hundred miles away from S. Ronan's, and caused him to wonder for a moment if the end of the world had come. Unfortunately there is no such interesting performance to be recorded this year.

The Entertainment which was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, was, in our humble opinion, by no means such a success as in former years; it lacked variety, and most of the songs and jokes were old "chestnuts."

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J. V. Nisbet was successful in winning a prize in the top division for painting offered by Harrods Ltd. just before Christmas. His effort was a remarkably good one, and we feel much gratified that one of our members should have been successful in an open competition for those of artistic tastes.

SCHOOL ORDER.—XMAS, 1913.

Cameron	Cameron, mi.
Bennett	Fulford
Nourse	Beal
Burd	Rooper
Havers, mi.	Gore-Browne
Delap	Horne, mi.
Havers, ma.	Barnes
Nisbet, mi.	Davidson-Houston
Byass	Helme
Garrett, ma.	Grylls, ma.
Miller	Garrett, mi.
Walsh	Stone
Swettenham	Gregson
Thrupp	Swingles
Armstrong	Grylls, mi.
Crozier	Ellis
Phipps, ma.	Boyd, mi.
Hoyle, ma.	Hale
Biddulph	Harrow-Bunn, ma.
Nisbet, ma.	Wroughton
Rouse	James
Collis	Malcolmson
Pope	Falkner
Molson	Hoyle, mis.
Hoyle, mi.	Mansell
Horne, ma.	Williams
Phipps, mi.	Edmonds
Vogel	Harrow-Bunn, mi.
Churton-Taylor	Norwood
Barker	Sandwith
Boyd, ma.	Airy
Gooch	Montgomery

Old Boys' Column.

F. W. Pink, who went up to Brazenose, Oxford, last October, has been keeping up the great athletic reputation he gained at Westminster. In addition to performing creditably in the Freshman's sports, where he was opposed by the best lot of Rhodes' scholars sent up for some years, he has played on many occasions for the University Association team.

W. H. V. Nelson (King's Scholar, Westminster) is reported in the "Elizabethan" as having read a paper on Aeroplanes, which was the best paper heard at Westminster for some time.

T. L. Havers (Eastbourne Coll.) obtained his Remove at the end of the Summer term, in French, Mathematics, and also General Form subjects.

H. C. D. Whinney (Charterhouse) was top of his form in four subjects at the end of his first term; he has also thoroughly kept up his reputation at football.

P. S. Hadley (Charterhouse) has a great position there. He is Second School Monitor; a Double Colour at cricket and football; a member of the Vith., and head of the Choir. He is also the best athlete in the school, and a first-rate fellow, who is noted as much for his good influence as anything else.

W. E. Chetwynd-Stapylton (Malvern) is Head of his House, top of the Modern Side and 2nd School Monitor. It is quite likely that he will also be Head of the School and Captain of Cricket. We heartily congratulate him on his fine position and deservedly good reputation.

F. R. C. Cobbold (Westminster) has taken up a scholastic appointment at Kenley.

W. N. Dutton (Westminster) and A. A. Havers (R. N. C., Osborne) were our guests at the end of term, and very pleased and happy we were to have their cheery faces once more in our midst.

J. S. T. Mansell (Wellington) continues his successful career. In addition to being 2nd in his form, he carried off the Mathematical prize and also the prize for Woolwich Maths.

G. Coode-Adams (Winchester) has made a good start. He came out 3rd in his Form and was awarded his Remove, and both his House-Master and Headmaster spoke well of his work.

R. G. M. Eden (Eton) got his remove last term and is now nearing his Upper School.

A. J. R. Tudor Craig (Eton) also got his Remove in his first term. He was awarded the Mathematical prize and was specially mentioned for good work in History.

K. G. Malcolmson (Charterhouse) was again moved up last term. He will now be in Under Vth Army. He is in the Top Division of the School for Mathematics and in Army II. for General Subjects.

G. T. W. Horne and L. M. Goodall (Repton) were once more 1st and 2nd respectively in their new form, and therefore will get moved up again. The regularity with which this occurs is getting quite monotonous, as it is a performance they have repeated every term since they went there. Horne is also playing with great success for Ist House at football and the "under 16" side.

R. L. Thrupp (Repton) was 7th in the same form and may also get a Remove.

H. M. Morris (Repton) has got his House-Cap, on which we congratulate him. He also captains the "under 16" side, and has been playing for the School 2nd XI. He was also 2nd in his form.

A. Latham Brown (Repton) has also got his Remove, and has been playing for the "under 16" side.

H. M. Goodall (Repton) who is in the Upper Sixth, had a "practice run" for the 'Varsity Scholarship. He goes up in earnest next year.

J. O. Lawson (Uppingham) is in the Under Sixth, and has just been appointed a "Praeposter" of Mr. Street's House.

A. J. Boyd (Uppingham) at the end of his first term at that school, has come out first in his form, and won the form prize. This is a good effort, and we congratulate him.

N. G. Harris (Westminster) has unfortunately been very ill with rheumatic fever, and though much better now, and making excellent progress, will probably be unable to return to school for a year.

P. A. S. Hadley (Winchester) was 5th out of 28 in his form and got his Remove; this makes three Removes in his first four terms.

C. W. G. Grimley (Wellington) has got his Dormitory XV. Rigger Cap; he also came in 6th in the 10 mile run.

E. H. D. Grimley (Wellington) has raised another Remove, and is playing three-quarter for his Dormitory XV. He has hopes e'er long of being a Dormitory Prefect.

Music Report.

SWETTENHAM.—Very good indeed.

EDMONDS.—Always does his best.

HARROW BUNN, ma.—Very good.

FALKNER.—Promising and keen, but apt to wander.

GRYLLS, ma.—A good worker; making good progress.

GRYLLS, mi.—Also works well, and is improving each term.

GREGSON.—Very attentive, but slow.

BURD.—Excellent in theory.

PHIPPS, mi.—Very good and has done his best.

MANSELL.—Most attentive and works well.

CAMERON, mi.—A steady and conscientious worker.

VOGEL.—Has been absent a good deal, but is promising.

STONE.—Improving rapidly.

MOLSON.—A great improvement.

HARROW BUNN, mi.—Good and attentive.

FULFORD.—Has not worked quite so well this term, but should be able to get near the top again; he is really quite clever at music.

The Confirmation.

The Bishop of Chichester will hold a Confirmation in the School Chapel towards the end of March. I should be glad to receive the names of any boys whose parents wish them to be confirmed.

S. S. HARRIS.

In Memoriam.

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January 3rd.

MADAM,

It is with very great grief that I write to inform you of the death of an old and tried friend ; and as it was you who first made us known to one another, I thought you ought to be told the sad news.

We had been brought into close contact on many happy occasions, and he always faithfully upheld me. He was of rather a retiring disposition and seldom came into public view, but was content to do his work unseen and unnoticed.

Of late years he had shown signs of wear and tear, and these last weeks his life literally hung by a thread, and the end came peacefully, but somewhat suddenly late last night.

By-the-bye, of course you know to what I am alluding. That pink pair of braces you gave me from Paris some 12 or 13 years ago has, I am sorry to say, at last given way. It has been honoured in the Breeches all these years by being reserved for dress occasions, and as such has been a faithful upholder of important principles. I thought you would like to know how well it had served all these years, and drop a tear with me over the demise of a faithful friend. The last thread snapped last night. The remains will be buried in the family Dust-Bin with full honours, and afterwards cremated at the City of London Destructor.

I have the honour to remain, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

“FOUNDED ON FACT.”

Epitaphs.

1. *To a well-known member of Class I. B.*

B . . I would suck his pen ;
 One day, alas ! he swallowed it.
 Miss Ellis warned in vain—
 Next week his pencil followed it.

The pen he could digest ;
 The pencil was too much for him.
 'Tis sad to tell the rest,
 You'd have to dig to search for him.

2. *To one known as "Jammy."*

His food, I think,
 Was jam, with ink ;
 Until one day,
 'Tis sad to say,
 He drank pure ink,
 Then passed away.

J. D. B.

3. *To the Captain of the 5th XI. At humbler times
 a member of Class II.*

He was so smeared with ink—
 So queer a figure—
 That one would often think
 He was a nigger.

So smeared was he with ink—
 No use to hide it—
 That one would really think
 Soap's not provided.

At last, one day in spring,
 When Martha tried
 To wash him, the poor thing
 Caught a cold and died.

The Past Football Season.

We have had another great season and only suffered one defeat. The strength of the team lay in a fine defence, the weakness in the forward line; this is unusual for S. Ronan's, but tho' Cameron and Delap were notable exceptions and were well worthy to rank with the best of our forwards, the other three were so small and young—although plucky and promising—that they were not very efficient. Byass is a very fine half, probably the best we have had; Burd is also right in the front rank and Miller is very sound and very useful. Churton-Taylor and Bennett are an excellent pair of backs, and Barker is as good a goalkeeper as any team could desire. Lastly, the team lived right up to the reputation established by the sides of the past five years; they were triers from start to finish; they went in as hard as nails without thought for themselves; they were always cheerful and always sportsmanlike. Byass was a most excellent Captain and he had to skipper a willing, enthusiastic side; more than that one need not say, it speaks for itself. Hale, Barnes, Hoyle, mi., and Beal, though too small to do great things this year, are all most promising and will be of great use in the future; the same remark applies to Rooper, Havers, mi., Boyd, mi., Garrett, mi., and Horne, mi.

FOOTBALL TEAM.

- B. O. BYASS, Capt. (centre-half). One of the best half-backs we have ever had, very quick, a good tackler, a first-rate shot, and passes well to his forwards. Also, an excellent skipper.
- L. H. BURD (left half). A very sound player of the vigorous type; tackles extremely well and passes with good judgment.
- A. L. CAMERON (inside left). A really good forward; he passes and dribbles well, and is a capital shot; quite fast.
- G. R. BARKER (goal). A worthy successor to Whinney in goal; very safe and cool, throws himself skilfully.
- B. R. DELAP (centre). Another very good forward; very fast; good powerful shot and passes well.

J. D. BENNETT (left back). Greatly improved ; a fine clean kick and always cool-headed ; tackling a trifle weak, but improving.

A. CHURTON TAYLOR (right back). Known as "Thunderbolt I." Fast, full of dash, and a first-rate tackler ; very fair kick.

J. L. H. MILLER (right half). "Thunderbolt II." A sound strong half-back ; passes well to his forwards and uses all his weight ; enormously improved since last year.

R. I. HOYLE (outside right). Still very small, but promising ; will be very useful in the future.

C. H. BARNES (outside left). Extremely small and young, but full of promise and will be of great use in years to come.

N.B.—The 11th place was not filled up.

RECORD.

<i>Matches.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Goals for.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
13	10	1	2	92	9

The last four seasons, having been the best successive four on record, we append statistics:—

	<i>Matches.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Goals for.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1910	16	16	0	0	142	17
1911	15	15	0	0	94	5
1912	12	8	3	1	80	14
1913	13	10	1	2	92	9
	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>408</u>	<u>45</u>

Football.

S. RONAN'S v. ROTTINGDEAN.

Played on Saturday, October 18th, at Rottingdean. This match ended in a draw of three all. On the general run of the play we ought to have just won, as their goalkeeper had a great many shots to save, while Havers had very little to do indeed. It

was, however, our first match of the season, whereas Rottingdean had already played two or three games, and the S. Ronan's team was in consequence not quite so finished in method as usual. On the whole, therefore, we did quite well to draw on a foreign ground.

We started pressing at once, and soon scored a goal through Cameron, but shortly afterwards Rottingdean equalised. Delap, with a very good shot, put us one up again, and we crossed over with the score 2 to 1 in our favour. Shortly after the re-start the inside-left scored for Rottingdean. S. Ronan's forwards then played some very good football, and Barker scored the third time, but shortly before the finish one of our backs had the misfortune to kick the ball on to Nisbett, from whom it rebounded into goal, thus making the figures equal.

Delap was the best of the forwards, Cameron being quite unaccustomed to the centre-forward position. Hoyle and Barker were fair only on the left, while Churton-Taylor was obviously out of his place at outside-right. Byass played an extremely good game at centre-half, and Burd and Miller were both sound. Bennett showed good form at back, but Nisbett was far too slow, although he kicked well.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal ; J. D. Bennett and C. E. Nisbett, backs ; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass (captain), and L. H. Burd, half-backs ; A. Churton-Taylor, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, G. R. Barker, and H. I. Hoyle, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* SEAFORD HOUSE.

Played on Wednesday, October 22nd, at Littlehampton. This match also ended in a draw, though, as in the previous game, we ought to have managed to win. The forwards, however, had not yet got together, and though many long shots were put in very little concerted movement was seen. Moreover, the wing halves, Miller and Burd, were not in their best form, though Byass at centre-half played extremely well. Churton-Taylor, who had resumed his old place at back, was one of the best men on the field. Nisbett, the other back, who was playing as substitute for Bennett, again kicked well, but his lack of speed was obvious. Among the forwards Delap again showed the best form, and put in some good shots, but Cameron was quite unable to get going, and Barker was also distinctly poor. Hale, on the other hand, who was playing for the first time, showed very promising form at outside-right, and with more experience will probably prove an

acquisition. Havers had practically nothing to do in goal. The score was one all, our goal being obtained by Cameron.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and C. E. Nisbett, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, G. R. Barker, and R. I. Hoyle, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WELLESLEY HOUSE.

Played on Saturday, October 25th, at S. Ronan's. The team ran into their form in this match with a vengeance, defeating Wellesley House by no fewer than twenty-five to love. It was a most extraordinary result, because Wellesley House had beaten easily a team who had made a draw with Seaford House, whom we played in the preceding match. The whole of our side were on the top of their form, but by far the most gratifying feature was the play of the three inside-forwards, who showed that they were at length beginning to get that understanding which has been so marked, a feature of S. Ronan's football during the past few years. Delap was in extremely good form, and scored no less than eight goals. Cameron was improved, and Barker played one of his best games. Hale and Hoyle both did good work on the outsides. All the halves played capital football. Byass in particular showed splendid form. Bennett and Churton-Taylor had not a great deal to do at back, but they did it well. Havers scarcely touched the ball.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE.

Played on Wednesday, October 29th, on the Sports Ground. We anticipated a hard struggle in this game, as Wykeham House, who had a very good side last year, still have eight of their old colours. Fortunately for us, however, the three inside-forwards still further improved on their previous weeks display, and showed a combination worthy of the best S. Ronan's forwards. The result was that we won by 3—1, and had it not been for some splendid goal keeping on the part of the Wykeham House custodian, the score would have been considerably larger. Cameron is rapidly coming back to his best form. Delap once

more showed what a greatly improved player he is. He is fast, dribbles and passes well, and shoots with great power. Barker showed excellent form during the first half, but was not so good afterwards. The two outsides neither of them played well. At half Miller played a good sound game, though he made a few mistakes; but Byass, though he shot a beautiful goal, and did many good things, especially in the passing line, was not in such good form as usual. Burd at left-half was distinctly off form. Of the backs Churton-Taylor once more played a man's game, but Bennett, though he kicked nicely, was not quite so reliable as usual. The goals were scored by Delap, Byass, and Cameron.

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S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE SECOND XI.

Played on Wednesday, October 29th, at S. Ronan's. In this match the second eleven, thanks largely to the excellent play of their defence, were successful by seven love. Of the forwards Beal and Nourse showed the best form, and the complete team was:—A. F. Malcolmson, goal; J. F. Armstrong and C. E. Nisbett, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Barnes, half-backs; and A. W. Rooper, A. B. Garrett, G. L. R. Beal, H. E. Nourse, and J. C. T. Crozier, forwards.

S. RONAN'S THIRD XI. *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE THIRD XI.

Played on Wednesday, October 29th, on the Sports Ground. We were also successful in this match by no less than sixteen love. The S. Ronan's third eleven atoned for a certain lack of scientific knowledge by a colossal display of vigour which entirely routed their opponents. Unfettered by a knowledge of the rules they swept the field like an avalanche, and made no bones whatever about sending two or three of their opponents through the goal as well as the ball. The names of this murderous eleven will be found underneath:—N. A. M. Swettenham, goal; W. A. H. Boyd and H. B. Hoyle, backs; W. E. C. Davidson-Houston, W. W. Horne, and R. T. S. Phillips, half-backs; and A. T. Helme, J. S. Garrett, C. W. Thrupp, J. A. B. Grylls, and J. W. Cameron, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* SEAFORD HOUSE.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Wednesday, November 5th. Although successful in this match by two love it cannot be said that we were in our best form. Our opponents were on the whole distinctly the bigger side, but lacked skill. Our first goal was scored in the first half, being put into the goal by one of their backs, while Delap scored the second shortly before the finish with a very fair shot. On our side Barker, as was expected, did everything which came his way in goal. Miller, who was trying an unaccustomed position at back, played very well, but Churton-Taylor, though he did a lot of good work, was not in his best form. The same remark may apply to Byass at centre-half. Burd, however, played well, while Havers, though out-weighted, showed promising form. A new arrangement was tried of putting Bennett forward. This, however, proved a failure, and is not likely to be repeated. Neither Delap nor Cameron were at their best, and the other forwards were distinctly poor.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; J. L. H. Miller and A. Churton-Taylor, backs; H. C. P. Havers, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, J. D. Bennett, and R. I. Hoyle, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* THE WICK.

Played at Brighton, on Friday, November 7th. The S. Ronan's team showed their best form in this match, and were successful by three love. The Wick are always among our strongest rivals, and are very hard to beat on their own ground, so that the result was in a way very satisfactory. The whole of our defence was in excellent form, but Byass was the outstanding figure, and in addition to shooting a beautiful goal, both tackled and passed extremely well. Churton-Taylor, Miller, Burd, and Bennett all played in very good form, though Bennett might have used his weight a little more. That, however, is a remark which could not be applied to the rest of the defence. Barker was, of course, quite safe in goal. The new arrangement of the forwards answered admirably. Cameron was much more at home at inside-left, and Delap showed his best form at centre-forward. Barnes, though of course, out-weighted and out-paced, showed very promising form. Hale and Hoyle were only fair on the right wing, and have still a lot to learn. The goals were shot by Byass, Cameron, and Delap.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal ; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs ; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs ; J. W. Hale, R. I. Hoyle, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE.

Played at Brighton, on Wednesday, November 12th. The School won another good victory in this match, and, in spite of the most appalling conditions, kept up the excellent form that they had been displaying. The fact that it rained steadily from start to finish did not in any way deter the players from going their hardest and showing excellent form. Cameron had quite a day out and scored four goals himself, one left foot shot being a real beauty. Delap, although he got no goals, also played an excellent game at centre-forward. Hoyle and Hale showed improved form on the right, and Barnes was quite promising at outside left. All the defence played well, the pick being Byass, who in addition to some excellent passing and tackling sent in a number of capital shots. Barker was quite safe in goal. Our opponents were a somewhat smaller side than usual, but never relaxed their efforts. The game was a somewhat curious one, as *S. Ronan's* took some little time to find their form, and no goals had been scored at half-time. After the interval, however, we collected no less than five in about a quarter-of-an-hour, the sixth being added rather later on. The scorers of the goals were Cameron (4). Byass and Hoyle.

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S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE SECOND XI.

Played at Brighton, on Wednesday, November 12th. The second eleven also rendered a very good account of themselves, and, though their opponents scored the first goal, they quickly rallied and finally won by four goals to one, the goals being scored by Nourse (2), Garrett, mi. and Crozier. Garrett, mi. showed most promising form ; he goes fast and straight and never funks. The whole team played well, though Armstrong was somewhat lost in the mud. The pick of the rest, possibly, were Havers, mi., Nisbet, mi., Crozier and Nourse.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal; J. F. Armstrong and C. E. Nisbet, backs; A. R. Rooper, H. C. P. Havers and J. H. Boyd, half-backs; J. C. T. Crozter, A. B. Garrett, G. R. L. Beal, H. E. Nourse and J. S. Garrett, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played at S. Ronan's on Saturday, November 15th. This game provided us with much our stiffest match, and although we were victorious by three goals to one, we had to go our hardest all the time. Cottesmore as usual were a very big lot and easily out-weighted us, but they found the whole of the S. Ronan's team in excellent form, and by scoring three goals in the first half we made ourselves safe. The scorers were Delap (2) the second one being obtained with a very good cross shot, and Cameron. The whole team played very good football, Byass at centre-half being in quite his best form, while Cameron and Delap played a capital game. Among the forwards Barnes once more did well at outside left, and Miller, Burd, Churton-Taylor, and Bennett showed their best form throughout the game. Barker was quite safe in goal and did one very good save.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, R. I. Hoyle, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WELLESLEY HOUSE.

Played at Littlehampton, on Wednesday, November 19th. After our easy win in the first fixture we left out several of our first eleven in this match, but this did not prevent us from winning fairly comfortably by six love. The game was not very exciting as we were not pressed at all. Delap and Cameron once more played very well at forward, and Beal showed considerable promise. Garrett, mi. and Barnes also did well. Barker had practically nothing to do in goal, and the defence were not seriously troubled. Our opponents, however, found Cameron a handful with which they could not cope.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs; H. C. P. Havers, B. O. Byass and A. R. Rooper, half-backs; and J. S. Garrett, G. R. W. Beal, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Saturday, November 22nd. The return match against Windlesham House, though it yielded a fairly fast game, was won by S. Ronan's with considerable ease, the score being ten love. Delap scored no less than seven goals. Cameron got two, one off his head and the other off the end of his nose, where it was obligingly kicked by the opposing goal keeper, and Byass scored the last with a very hot shot just before the finish. S. Ronan's team were considerably bigger than their opponents, and, in addition, played uncommonly good football, Cameron and Delap at forward, and Byass at half, all being in first-rate form. Cameron has improved out of all knowledge during the last four or five matches. Miller and Burd, though they did much good work, were hardly in their best form, but Bennett was good at back, and Churton-Taylor as usual extremely useful. Barker did not have much to do in goal but made two good saves.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennet, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and R. I. Hoyle, G. R. W. Beal, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. *v.* COTTESMORE SECOND XI.

Played at Brighton, on Saturday, November 15th. Although our first eleven were successful on this day the second eleven ailed to emerge victorious on our opponents' ground. They were badly out-weighted and beaten by two love. Havers mi. at centre-half played splendidly.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal; J. F. Armstrong and C. E. Nisbet, backs; A. R. Roper, H. C. P. Havers, and J. H. Boyd, half-backs; J. S. Garrett, G. R. W. Beal, J. C. T. Crozier, H. E. Nourse, and A. B. Garrett, forwards.

S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. *v.* SOUTHEY HALL FIRST XI.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Wednesday, November 19th. The Second Eleven managed to win this match by two love. Although it was our opponents' first eleven they are not at all strong this year, and we might easily have scored many more goals. Hoyle played very well and was much the best man on the field.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal; J. F. Armstrong and C. E. Nisbett, backs; W. W. Horne, J. H. Boyd, and J. W. Hale, half-backs; and J. W. Cameron, R. I. Hoyle, A. Gore-Brown, H. E. Nourse, and A. B. Garrett, forwards.

S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE SECOND XI.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Saturday, November 22nd. This match, which was won by S. Ronan's by two love, produced a very good game. Both goals were scored by Nourse, but the best forwards on the field were Garrett, mi. and Hale, though Nourse did many good things. Havers, mi., played an extremely good game at centre-half.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal; J. F. Armstrong and W. W. Horne, backs; A. R. Rooper, H. C. P. Havers, and J. H. Boyd, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, J. W. Cameron, H. E. Nourse, and A. B. Garrett, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Wednesday, November 26th. This match was productive of an excellent game during the first half when we scored four times, the whole team playing at the top of their form. In the second half, play fell off for the first twenty minutes, but towards the end Cameron got another goal, thus making the score five love in our favour. Byass played in his best form throughout the match and shot a good goal. Delap and Cameron were extremely good during the first half, but neither played quite so well afterwards. Miller and Burd did many good things, but were a trifle slow. Churton-Taylor and Bennett at back were in excellent form, especially the latter. Of the rest, Hoyle, mi., showed much improved form at outside-right.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and R. I. Hoyle, G. R. W. Beal, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* R.N.C., OSBORNE.

Played at Osborne on Saturday, November 29th. It was, of course, a foregone conclusion that our opponents in this match would be far too big and heavy for us, and that victory for them

was almost assured. In spite of that fact, however, the game was an uncommonly good one and it was only due to the disadvantage of full-size goals which let in several shots that Barker could not possibly reach, that the score was seven to one in their favour. The first half was splendidly contested, and there was nothing in the play either way. S. Ronan's scored the first goal and at half time the score stood one all. Shortly after the resumption, Osborne scored no less than five goals in succession in a very short space of time. It is a curious thing, but notwithstanding an absolute fact, that not one of those five goals would have been scored on any ground belonging to a private school. Each one of them just managed to creep in under the bar of the full-size goals, and on those used by preparatory schools would have been over the top. The chief point, however, was that in spite of everything our fellows kept going hard from start to finish, and put up a highly creditable performance. Barker was in no way to blame in goal and saved many good shots. Bennett was extremely good at back and kicked beautifully throughout the match. Churton-Taylor, the other back, played very well indeed during the first half, but was not quite at his best afterwards, and did not keep going quite so hard as usual. Of the halves, Byass and Burd both surpassed themselves and in every way played a most reliable and sound game. Miller, on the other hand, who can usually be trusted to do a lot of useful work, had a complete off day and could do nothing right from start to finish. He never gave his forwards any passes, he never tackled any of the other side, and he looked done to the world the whole time. Of the forwards, Delap was easily the pick. He was faster than anyone else on the field, and did a great deal of good work. Cameron also played an extremely useful game, but was somewhat outweighed. The other three, of course, though they all tried their best and played their hardest, were so diminutive by comparison with the rest of the players that all their efforts were rendered of little use. The Osborne team was quite a good one and played good hard football which was a very good thing for our boys. We had a very jolly day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; R. I. Hoyle, G. R. W. Beal, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played at Hove, on Wednesday, December 10th. This, the return match against Cottesmore, resulted after a very hard fight in a win for them by three goals to one—exactly the same score

as that by which we defeated them in the first match on our ground. It was a splendid game from start to finish. Cameron, Delap, and Bennett, had none of them played football for some ten days, and the two former were hardly at their best in consequence, although Cameron did much good work during the first half of the game, and Delap did many clever things and scored our only goal after some fine play. The other three forwards, Barnes, Hale and Beal, who was playing instead of Hoyle, *mi.*, absent through illness, were completely out-weighted and gave very little help, consequently, the forwards were never really able to take the game in hand and this entailed an incessant strain on the defence who never got any rest of any sort whatever. The latter, one and all, played splendidly, and it was only towards the end of the game that Cottesmore got those two last goals. Had our forwards been able to control the game to a greater extent, the result would have been very different. Byass was in splendid form and put in some beautiful shots; Burd was very little inferior to him, and Milier, who was also making a first appearance after an absence of some days, showed signs of quickly getting into form. Bennett was again in excellent form at back, and Churton-Taylor, who had been slightly unwell in the morning, played in quite good style. Barker was excellent in goal.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs; J. L. H. Miller, B. O. Byass, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, G. R. W. Beal, B. R. Delap, A. L. Cameron, and C. H. Barnes, forwards. *

S. RONAN'S *v.* THE WICK.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Saturday, December 13th. This match produced a most extraordinary result. The Wick have always been powerful opponents, and except for their first match against us, when we had a very good game, were an unbeaten side. Moreover, Delap was not allowed to play, and thus bereft of one of our two only good forwards, we were in a difficult position, and finally decided to run the risk of taking Byass from centre-half, and putting him centre-forward. This experiment succeeded to such an extent that we beat the Wick by fourteen love, Byass being responsible for no less than eight goals, and Cameron for four, while Garrett, *mi.*, who was playing for the first time, and Miller scored the others with very nice shots. S. Ronan's played on their very best form. Byass and Cameron were quite irresistible in the forward line, and Burd played a very fine game at

centre-half, the other members of the team did so well that it would be invidious to single out any special one. Most improved form was shown by Hale. Our opponents were quite hustled off their usual game, and showed very poor form.

S. Ronan's.—G. R. Barker, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and J. D. Bennett, backs; J. L. H. Miller, H. C. P. Havers, and L. H. Burd, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, B. O. Byass, A. L. Cameron, and C. H. Barnes, forwards.

S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. v. SOUTHEY HALL FIRST XI.

Played at Southey Hall, on Monday, December 15th. S. Ronan's won 4-2. This match was productive of a capital game and the Second Eleven showed to advantage in that most important of virtues—the ability to play an uphill game. During the first half, Southey Hall undoubtedly had the better of the game, and at the interval were leading by 2-0, and looked all over a winning side. Some slight changes were then made in our side, and from that moment every man went out to win for all he was worth. Backed up by good half-back work, the forwards were irresistible. Hale got a good goal after a nice run, and shortly after Beal equalised with a clever little shot; Hale soon gave us the lead with a really excellent shot, and then Boyd rushed one through from a corner. It was a fine recovery. Hale was the pick of the forwards, but Boyd, Beal, and Garrett were all good, and Swettenham went his hardest. The half-backs were first-rate; Havers, mi. and Roper being the pick, with Horne not far behind. Barnes played beautifully at back, and Armstrong did a lot of useful work. Havers was safe in goal.

S. Ronan's.—R. H. Havers, goal; J. F. Armstrong and C. H. Barnes, backs; A. R. Rooper, H. C. P. Havers, W. W. Horne, half-backs; J. S. Garrett, J. W. Hale, J. H. Boyd, G. R. L. Beal, N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.