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Editorial.

SOME Schoolmasters, we understand, hold it to be their duty, in order to impress the seriousness of the war on their pupils, to merge the whole personality of the School, all its interests, all its traditions, and everything to do with it, in an all-embracing atmosphere of overwhelming solemnity. Others, who have never taken any unusual interest in military matters, are making up for lost time by putting everything and everybody into khaki, beginning with themselves and ending with the school cat.

Are these the best methods of training normal English boys to be worthy successors to those brave ones who have laid down their lives for the good of the world? We venture to think not. The second class we shrewdly suspect of a love of show, and also of a haunting fear that an ungenerous public, seeing them in plain clothes, may put them down as slackers. Naturally we all feel that, but are we so poor in spirit that, rather than be misunderstood, we are prepared to play the humbug? That would, indeed, be a poor frame of mind in which to train our boys. Let us teach them, rather, to be totally impervious to public opinion, provided only they are doing their duty.

We at S. Ronan's are and always have been, beyond all things, patriotic. We love our country; we are inspired by the thought that so many of our old boys and parents are at this moment fighting; we honour the names of those who have fallen; and we try and have tried for long to develop the noblest and manliest traits of the English character. We are, then, of all things, most anxious to take the right view at the present time. Is it the right view to adopt an attitude akin to depression—a seriousness so marked that scarce can it be distinguished from melancholy? Again we think not. That is not the spirit which is going to win us this war; it is not the spirit shown by our splendid officers and Tommies. The striking note with them is an invincible cheerfulness, behind which there

is a grim determination. And that is the whole secret of the Englishman's mastery. When things are critical he is apparently more nonchalant and cheery than ever, but down in his heart he knows that nothing in this world or the next will stop him from accomplishing his purpose. So let us teach our boys to be natural and happy even when things go wrong, to know how to take reverses, and to wear a cheerful countenance at bad moments.

This is not the time to adopt a pose which cannot be genuine. If our training was sound before, it is sound now, and the only way in which we can better it, is to seize this unique opportunity of bringing home in all its force the lesson to be learnt from the wonderful unselfishness of our officers and soldiers, from their surpassing bravery and patience, and finally from their faith and determination under circumstances which we cannot even begin to realise.

S. S. HARRIS.

April, 1915.

School Notes.

The next term will begin on Tuesday, May 4th, on which day all boys travelling through London are expected to catch the 3.27 p.m. train from Victoria. Saloons will be attached and Mr. Harris will be in charge. The School will probably break up on July 29th or 30th. N.B.—This train often runs at 3.40.

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The following boys are leaving this term :—

R. H. Havers (Wellington).
 A. B. Garrett (Winchester).
 R. T. S. Phipps (Repton)
 H. B. Hoyle (Repton).
 C. M. Horne (Harrow).
 A. Gore-Browne (Oundle).

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All these have successfully passed their entrance examination, and Havers has done particularly well at Wellington, passing in

sixth out of some forty candidates. The Master of Wellington wrote to say that he did very well, and that he was very pleased with his work.

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Garrett has been placed in Junior Part I., at Winchester, which, considering all the time he has lost during the past two years, is quite a creditable performance. Moreover, he is not likely to lose much time in going up the School.

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In losing the above, we lose five of our prefects, all of whom have done real good work. They, in common with others, have kept up and improved the S. Ronan's traditions. We know that we could trust them to act behind our back in the same way as in our presence. We know too that the good name and reputation of the School will be as safe in their hands as it has been in those of their predecessors. All those who are leaving take with them not only our thanks and gratitude for what they have done, but every good wish for the future. Let them remember that, whate'er befall, they will always be sure of a real and genuine welcome at their old School.

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The Sports will be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, May 15th. They promise to be most exciting, and the usual high standard should be well maintained.

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The following new boys are entered for the next two terms :—

May—R. O. Thomas.
 A. H. Williams.
 B. G. Goggs.
 W. E. Wroughton.
 J. G. Saffery.
 F. H. Renny.

September—A. Gordon-Walker.
 J. Vogel.
 A. G. MacGregor.
 T. C. Goodbody.
 S. Hoyle.
 N. L. Mason.
 R. L. Hearsey.

Thus all our vacancies for both these terms are full up as things stand at present, though it is, of course, quite likely that anything may occur to create one.

Our very hearty congratulations are due to the Rev A. H. Boyd on being mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Military Cross. Also to Major C. E. Davidson-Houston, uncle of our boys, on his D.S.O., and to Major Hope Falkner on his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel.

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Talking of the war, anyone desirous of a lesson in trench digging and the erection of barbed-wire entanglements, should visit those engineered at the end of last term by Capt. A. B. Garrett's squad, assisted by Corporal H. E. Nourse and the Sappers under him.

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The School so far rejoices in the possession of a German knapsack picked up by Colonel Falkner off the battlefield of Soissons, and two .75 shells, which Mr. Boyd kindly brought over for us. All additions will be welcome.

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We feel we must congratulate Messrs. Garrett, Horne, etc., on the smart workmanlike patrol they have formed. Whether on guard, at drill, or working the machine gun, they are exceedingly efficient, and great credit is due to them. We are glad to see that they keep up the S. Ronan's theory that if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. While to hear Captain A. B. Garrett telling his men a few plain home truths, is a treat not to be missed on any account.

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The following will be the new Prefects next term :—

M. A. Biddulph.
E. C. Rouse.
R. J. Hoyle.
F. W. Vogel.
F. H. G. Collis.

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Mr. Granville Smith, who so kindly joined us last September in order to help us over the temporary gap caused by one of our Masters joining the Forces, is now about to leave, as we have succeeded in finding a permanent successor in Mr. H. V. Williams, B.A., of St. John's, Cambridge. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Granville Smith for helping us out of a difficult situation, and we shall look back on his stay with us with great pleasure. We wish him all luck now that his health permits him to return to his own profession.

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The Sixes ended in a win for Swettenham's VI., the other finalists being Churton-Taylor's VI. The names of the winning

VI. are as follows :—

N. A. M. Swettenham.
 H. B. Hoyle.
 J. S. Garrett.
 H. F. G. Collis.
 J. A. B. Grylls.
 J. J. S. Ellis.
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Swettenham and Garrett were hard to stop, and Hoyle played a very energetic game at half. Grylls kicked cleanly and well from back, and Collis was safe in goal, and Ellis played very hard all through.

School Roll, March, 1915.

*Nourse	Stone
*Swettenham	Hale
Walsh	Garrett, mi.
*Havers, mi.	Swingler
*Havers, ma.	Graham
*Garrett, ma.	Boyd, mi.
Biddulph	McGregor
*Phipps, ma.	Ellis
Molson	Wroughton
Rouse	Hoyle, mis.
Pope	James
Vogel, ma.	Malcolmson
*Horne, ma.	Mansell
*Hoyle, ma.	Falkner
Collis, ma.	Harrow-Bunn, mi.
Hoyle, mi.	Barlow
Cameron	Griffith
Gooch	Williams
Phipps, mi.	Harvey
Beal	Caccia
Fulford	Edmonds
Gregson	Norwood
Grylls, ma.	Sandwith
Gore-Browne	Montgomery
*Churton-Taylor	Sherlock
Harrow-Bunn, ma.	Walrond
Davidson-Houston, ma.	Vogel, mi.
Helme	Airy
*Boyd, ma.	Collis, mi.
Barnes	Shute
Grylls, mi.	Davidson-Houston, mi.
Horne, mi.	

*Those marked with an Asterisk are the Prefects.

S. Ronan's and the War.

The following is as far as can be ascertained a complete list of the Old Boys who have been engaged on military service since the beginning of the War :—

Lieutenant E. P. C. Amphlett, Worcester Regiment, and Modern Language Interpreter.

Lieutenant H. C. Bridges, Prince of Wales' North Staffordshire Regiment.

The Rev. H. K. Bros, Chaplain North Midland Mounted Brigade.

Captain H. Boteler, Devonshire Regiment.

Lieutenant M. A. Biddulph.

Lieutenant A. H. Bennett, 5th Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

Lieutenant G. T. Cartland, 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Lieutenant G. C. Coldham, 8th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment.

Captain M. G. Cowper, East Yorkshire Regiment

Captain L. I. Cowper, 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.

Lieutenant W. H. R. Crick, Dorset Regiment.

The Rev. P. C. T. Crick, Chaplain O.T.C. Cambridge University.

Lieutenant L. G. Crick, 5th Cheshire Regiment.

Lieutenant H. C. R. Caudle, Royal Garrison Artillery (India).

Major D. Chisholm, Worcestershire Regiment.

Lieutenant F. R. C. Cobbold, 9th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.

Lieutenant W. E. Chetwynd-Stapylton, City of London (Post Office) Rifles.

Lieutenant G. St. J. Dyson, 45th Brigade Royal Field Artillery.

Lieutenant J. H. C. L. Frank, Legion of Frontiersmen, Saskatchewan.

Lieutenant R. J. B. Frank, 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

Lieutenant R. F. Fagan, M.R.C.S., Royal Army Medical Corps (Special Reserve).

Lieutenant N. Fourdrinier, Middlesex Regiment.

Lieutenant A. D. Gordon, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Lieutenant C. M. G. Goodall, Hon. Artillery Company.

Lieutenant G. M. L. Goodall, East Lancs.

Lieutenant C. W. G. Grimley, Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Lieutenant P. S. Hadley, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Lieutenant O. W. Horne, Artists' Rifles.

Captain P. V. Holberton, Adjt., Manchester Regiment.

Captain G. Heygate, Royal Field Artillery (now doing service with the West African Field Force).

Captain C. R. Heygate, Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant L. C. Heygate, 2nd Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Lieutenant L. H. Hughes, 3rd Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment.

Lieutenant G. H. Jones-Mitton, South Staffordshire Regiment.

Major A. L. Kerrans, Manchester Regiment.

Lieutenant P. V. L. Kellham, Lancashire Fusiliers.

Lieutenant H. Lambert, late Royal Garrison Artillery Valunteers, British East Africa.

Lieutenant J. O. Lawson, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieutenant J. C. F. Lister, 3rd King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant J. K. Matheson, Seaforth Highlanders.

Major H. F. Montgomery, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Lieutenant F. N. Maltby, Indian Army.

Major Maidlow, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant W. H. V. Nelson, Public Schools Battalion.

Major C. L. Perrin, Indian Army.

Lieutenant J. L. H. Powell, Essex Regiment.

Lieutenant J. B. A. Parish, Royal Field Artillery, Territorial Force.

Lieutenant H. Plant, North Staffordshire.

Lieutenant T. E. F. Penny, 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant C. L. Raymond-Barker, Scotch Fusiliers.

Lieutenant F. W. Pink, 18th Hussars.

Lieutenant J. T. Ruffer, Hon. Artillery Company.

Lieutenant A. N. Rowntree, Durham Light Infantry.

Captain G. H. Stevenson, Indian Army.

Lieutenant M. M. Sayer, Lincolnshire Regiment.

Lieutenant E. A. Stead, Indian Army.

Motor Despatch Rider, J. M. de Slubicki, Canadian Contingent.

Lieutenant R. B. B. Tillyer, Woscestershire Regiment.

Lieutenant W. H. Thornton, Royal Field Artillery Territorial Force.

Lieutenant C. V. Thornton, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain C. W. Turner, 1st Royal Dragoons.

Captain H. W. Wynter, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant J. R. Wynter, Royal Field Artillery (Indian Army).

In addition to the above, the following are at Woolwich and Sandhurst.

J. S. T. Mansell, R.M.A., Woolwich.

K. G. Malcolmson, R.M.A., Woolwich.

E. A. Barclay-Smith, R.M.A., Woolwich.

R. L. Thrupp, R.M.C., Sandhurst.

The following are in the North Sea:—

S. N. Cobbold, H.M.S. Lion, 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron.

J. W. Havers, H.M.S. Natal, 2nd Cruiser Squadron.

G. C. Malden, H.M.S. Mars.

J. Ogilvie.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to add the name of Captain A. L. Airy to the S. Ronan's casualty list published in our last number. Captain Airy's eldest son is now at S. Ronan's, and the other is coming next year. He died like an Englishman, at the head of his men. They had been ordered, one very dark night, to capture a certain observation post, and Captain Airy was shot as he was leading the attack. He was gazetted in November to his old regiment, the Northamptonshires.

Lieut. A. D. Gordon, who left S. Ronan's in 1903, was also reported killed, but we are very glad to hear that the report was untrue, and that he has only been wounded. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Old Boys' Column.

E. A. Barclay-Smith (King's Scholar, Westminster) has passed high into R.M.A., Woolwich, on which we congratulate him heartily. He also won the School Fencing Competition and, but for the war, would have represented the School at Aldershot.

R. L. Thrupp (Repton) has also passed at the first attempt into Sandhurst. He also has our very best wishes for all good luck.

H. M. Morris (Repton) though only one year above the Juniors, nevertheless got through to the School Finals in the School High Jump and Half-Mile, and Under 17 Hurdles and 600 Yards. He also got his School Fives Colours.

B. O. Byass (Repton) again did well, coming out 2nd in his form, and winning the Junior School High Jump with 4 feet $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

J. F. B. Delap (Repton) won his House Cap at footer; he goes up for Sandhurst this term.

B. R. Delap (Repton) was 2nd in the Junior 150 Yards, and 3rd in the Quarter Mile.

H. V. T. Mills (Charterhouse) is now a Monitor, and will probably be in the Racquet Pair. He is in the Sixth Form.

H. C. D. Whinney (Charterhouse) was unfortunate enough to be absent all the term, but nevertheless was given his 'Clubs' at Football.

J. R. S. Chapman (Aldenham) has his House Colours both for Shooting and Football.

G. A. Abraham (Lancing) was 2nd in his form last term, and gets his Remove.

A. J. R. Tudor Craig (Eton) was 1st in his Classica Division and 2nd in French, and will therefore go up again.

C. E. Nisbet (R.N.C., Osborne) was placed 14th out of 100 in Geometry.

L. M. Goodall (Repton) who is now in the top Form, Modern Side, has been made a Study-holder, which is the next step to being a Prefect.

R. G. M. Eden (Eton) passed his Trials again, and was one of the few who did *not* get German Measles.

A. L. Cameron (Wellington, Scholar) was 3rd in his new form and got another Remove—we are getting quite tired of this monotony—and also procured his Dormitory Rugger Colours.

P. A. S. Hadley (Winchester) was Captain of the House in Junior League, and in the Finals of the Junior School Fives.

J. D. Bennett (Winchester) has got his Remove into Middle Part I, and represented his House at Soccer.

G. Coode-Adame (Winchester) has also obtained his Remove into Middle Part I, and played for his House Team which won the "under 16" Challenge Cup.

A. A. Havers (R.N.C., Dartmouth) who, it will be remembered, came out 1st last term at Osborne, was placed 14th out of 72 in his first term at Dartmouth. He also accomplished the fastest time in the Swimming Relay Races.

J. C. T. Crozier (Wellington) has now been placed in the Shell.

E. H. D. Grimley (Wellington) procured a Double Remove last term, and is nearing the 2nd XV. at Rugger.

L. H. Burd (Shrewsbury) qualified for the Shell in Maths., and Latin, and was placed 6th in his House XI.

A. J. Boyd (Uppingham) won his Form Prize at the end of last term.

W. H. R. Crick (Lancing) is Head of his House; he also represents the School at Fives.

J. L. H. Miller (Fettes) was 1st in his form last term. He also played for the School "under 15" side at Rugby, and did well.

The Chapel.

The Chapel offertories have been as follows this term:—

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, January 24th, War Relief Fund	...	0	18 9
„ „ 31st, Chapel Fund	...	0	17 2
„ February 7th, War Relief Fund	...	0	15 1½
„ „ 14th, Chapel Fund	...	0	16 10

Sunday, February 21st, War Relief Fund	...	1	1	8
„ „ 28th, Chapel Fund	...	0	10	3
„ March 7th, War Relief Fund	...	0	14	3
„ „ 14th, Chapel Fund	...	1	7	3
„ „ 21st, War Relief Fund	...	0	19	2½
„ „ 28th, Chapel Fund	...	0	19	5½

War Relief Fund.

The Collections made in the School now amount to a total of £60. With the exception of a balance of £1, the whole of this sum has been divided as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
Total accounted for in the last Magazine	...	33	12	6
Children's Care Society	...	1	0	0
St. Mary's Home, Buxted	...	1	0	0
Sundries	1	0	0
Relief in Serbia	...	5	0	0
Association for the Blind	...	2	0	0
Y.M.C.A. War Camps	...	5	0	0
National Relief Fund	...	10	0	0
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		£58	12	6
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Balance	...	£1	7	6
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Confirmation.

The Confirmation took place on Tuesday, March 16th. The ceremony was performed in our Chapel by the Bishop of Lewes, who gave as usual a most suitable address, and one which could not fail to impress and appeal to all those present. The Bishop was kind enough to say afterwards that he had been much struck by the atmosphere of the Chapel, and the general impression of attention and reverence which was conveyed. The

Athletic Records for the Past Ten Years.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>100 Yards, Senior.</i>	<i>660 Yards, Open.</i>	<i>Quarter Mile, Senior.</i>	<i>High Jump, Senior.</i>	<i>Long Jump, Senior.</i>	<i>100 Yards, Hurdles.</i>	<i>100 Yards, Junior.</i>	<i>300 Yards, Junior.</i>
1905	R. Holmes, 13 secs.		B. B. Wallis, 75 secs.	R. Holmes, 4 ft. 2 in.	J. H. Tanner, 12 ft. 8½ in.	R. Holmes.	F. W. Pink, 14 secs.	G. St. J. Dyson, 49½ secs.
1906	P. W. Willans, 13½ secs.	F. W. Pink, 2 min. 14½ secs.	C. M. Goodall, 76½ secs.	D. B. Richardson 3 ft. 8 in.	D. B. Richardson, 13 ft. 7 in.	D. B. Richardson, 20 secs.	F. W. Pink, 14 secs.	F. W. Pink, 49 secs.
1907	P. W. Willans, 13½ secs.	L. C. Heygate, 2 min. 2 secs.	F. W. Pink, 73 secs.	L. C. Heygate, 3 ft. 10½ in.	F. W. Pink, 14 ft. 1½ in.	D. B. Richardson, 18½ secs.	P. S. Hadley, 14 secs.	S. N. Cobbold, 47½ secs.
1908	F. W. Pink, 12½ secs.	F. W. Pink, 1 min. 57 secs.	F. W. Pink, 70 secs.	A. H. Pullan, 3 ft. 11 in.	F. W. Pink, 14 ft. 9½ in.	F. W. Pink, 18 secs.	C. W. G. Grimley, 14 secs.	C. W. G. Grimley, 49½ secs.
1909	P. S. Hadley, 11½ secs.	P. S. Hadley, 2 min.	P. S. Hadley, 67¾ secs.	W. H. R. Crick, 4 ft.	P. S. Hadley, 16 ft. 2½ in.	L. H. Hughes, 18½ secs.	H. M. Morris, 14 secs.	H. M. Morris, 47½ secs.
1910	C. W. G. Grimley, 12½ secs.	C. W. G. Grimley, 2 min.	C. W. G. Grimley, 71½ secs.	C. W. G. Grimley, 4 ft. 3½ in.	A. M. G. Cobbold, 13 ft. 8 in.	A. M. G. Cobbold, 18½ secs.	P. A. S. Hadley, 14 secs.	P. A. S. Hadley, 47 secs.
1911	H. M. Morris, 13½ secs.	K. G. Malcolmson 1 min. 59 secs.	H. M. Morris, 70 secs.	H. M. Morris, 4 ft. 1½ in.	A. M. G. Cobbold, 13 ft. 1½ in.	A. M. G. Cobbold, 17¾ secs.	J. L. R. Brookes, 13¾ secs.	J. L. R. Brookes, 48 secs.
1912	H. M. Morris, 11½ secs.	R. L. Thrupp, 1 min. 54½ secs.	H. M. Morris, 67¾ secs.	H. M. Morris, 4 ft. 5 in.	H. M. Morris, 14 ft. 2½ in.	H. M. Morris, 16¾ secs.	B. O. Byass, 12¾ secs.	G. R. Barker, 48½ secs.
1913	B. R. Delap, 12½ secs.	R. H. deM. Leathes 1 min. 56¾ secs.	R. H. deM. Leathes 68¾ secs.	H. C. D. Whinney, 4 ft. 1½ in.	C. Mange, 14 ft. 3 in.	B. R. Delap, 16¾ secs.	J. W. Hale, 13¾ secs.	J. W. Hale, 47½ secs.
1914	G. R. Barker, 13 secs.	J. W. Hale, 2 min.	A. Churton Taylor 71 secs.	B. O. Byass, 4 ft. 2 in.	G. A. Barker, 14 ft. 1½ in.	G. R. Barker, 17¾ secs.	J. W. Hale, 14 secs.	J. W. Hale, 46½ secs.

Record Holders.

100 Yards, Senior	...	(1) H. M. Morris	11½ secs.	1912	(2) P. S. Hadley	11⅝ secs.	1909
440 Yards	„	(1) H. M. Morris	67⅝ secs.	1912	(2) P. S. Hadley	67⅞ secs.	1909
High Jump	„	(1) H. M. Morris	4 ft. 5 in.	1912	(2) E. H. D. Grimley	4 ft. 4 in.	1912
Long Jump	„	(1) P. S. Hadley	16 ft. 2½ in.	1909	(2) F. W. Pink	14 ft. 9½ in.	1908
Hurdles	„	(1) H. M. Morris } B. R. Delap }	16⅝ secs.	1912 } 1913 }	(2) A. M. G. Cobbold	17⅞ secs.	1911
660 Yards	„	(1) R. L. Thrupp	1 min. 54⅝ sec.	1912	(2) R. H. de M. Leathes	1 min. 56⅞ secs.	1913
100 Yards, Juniors	...	(1) B. O. Byass	12⅝ secs.	1912	(2) J. L. R. Brookes	13⅞ secs.	1911
300 Yards	„	(1) J. W. Hale	46½ secs.	1914	(2) P. A. S. Hadley	47 secs.	1910
High Jump	„	(1) J. W. Havers	3 ft. 10⅞ in.	1907	(2) N. G. Harris	3 ft. 10½ in.	1908
Long Jump	„	(1) F. W. Pink	14 ft. 1¼ in.	1906	(2) L. H. Hughes	12 ft. 11 in.	1907

Nearly all the above names, together with many others who followed them closely in their achievements, are now to be found in places of athletic honour at their respective public schools.

Rugger Notes.

We were unfortunately unable to carry out our full programme of Rugby matches, as Windlesham House and Cottesmore (two of our opponents) were forced to scratch owing to ill-health. We were able, however, to get two very good games against Rottingdean. The team also turned out far better than one would have thought possible at the beginning of term. Possibly last term's soccer practice had something to do with this, but we may also trace this improvement to the fact that some of the older and bigger boys, who were not great performers at soccer, were very useful members of the Rugby team.

The three outstanding figures were undoubtedly Churton-Taylor, Swettenham, and Boyd, ma. The two first were strong determined runners, and took a lot of holding. Both tackled well, though Swettenham was distinctly the better in this respect, but Churton-Taylor on the other hand was rather more skilful in finding touch. Boyd used his weight and strength to great purpose amongst the forwards, and led the pack with great vigour and determination.

Of the others Havers did very well at half-back, especially in the matter of tackling and falling on the ball. Havers, ma., was a useful member of the forwards, and kicked well. The remaining forwards, Phipps, ma., Hoyle, ma., Nourse, Malcolmson and Gore-Browné, all worked like men and were particularly good in the loose. Beal did quite well at half back, but is too apt to use his feet. Phipps, mi. and Barnes, the two other three-quarters, both have pace and run straight, but Phipps, mi. is at present faulty in his catching, and Barnes has not yet been able to shake off the tendency to flinch. This is the one thing wanting to make him really good at both games, but till he learns not to be afraid of tackling or charging he will never quite show his best. Hale, the full back, has plenty of pace and very good kicking powers, but his tackling is weak, and he is apt to lose his head.

The team as a whole is to be congratulated on turning out so well. It certainly fully kept up our reputation for hard play. Throughout the matches it showed a vigour and determination which could not be surpassed, and it produced an impression that every man was playing for the sake of the game, and thoroughly enjoying it.

S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at Rottingdean on Wednesday, March 17th. This match produced an extremely good game, but being our first, found us rather short of match practice. For the first twenty minutes our forwards quite dominated the situation, and indeed gave the three-quarters rather too much to do. In spite of that fact we were unable to score, though we were in our opponents' half of the ground the whole time. Gore-Browne, however, missed one very easy try right between the posts through his failure to fall on the ball. From that point the Rottingdean forwards gradually began to gain the ascendancy, and just before half-time they secured a try, which was not converted. During the second half Rottingdean had on the whole the better of the game, and they added a try and a goal to their score, the last item being gained just at the end of the struggle. During this half Churton-Taylor got a very good try for us which, however, Swettenham was unable to convert, the end coming with the final score of 11 points to 3 in our opponents' favour.

The game as a whole was very fast and well contested, and in spite of Rottingdean winning, we incline to the view that S. Ronan's were the better side, and lost the match chiefly through lack of experience in certain details. Swettenham was the best man on the field, and saved us time after time, but Churton-Taylor was also very good. The forwards were first-rate during the first half, but were rather out-played after the interval. Both half-backs were in good form. Phipps, mi., was fair, but Barnes was distinctly off colour. Hale played a satisfactory game at back. S. Ronan's were handicapped by the absence of Phipps, ma.

S. Ronans :—J. W. Hale, back ; J. V. Phipps, A. Churton-Taylor, N. A. M. Swettenham, and C. H. Barnes, three-quarters ; H. C. P. Havers and G. R. W. Beal, half-backs ; and W. A. H. Boyd, R. H. Havers, A. Gore-Browne, H. B. Hoyle, H. E. Nourse, A. F. Malcolmson, and H. Walrond, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at S. Ronan's on Saturday, March 20th. Our fifteen on this occasion completely justified the belief that they are a better side than Rottingdean, and out-played them at all points, winning comfortably by 19 points to love. The game, as on the former occasion, was very interesting to watch, and was well contested. The difference lay in the fact that our forwards not only achieved superiority during the first half, but kept it during the whole game. Boyd, ma., was in splendid form, and was very well backed up by the rest of the pack. Churton-Taylor and Swettenham were the mainstay of the team in other respects, and both did splendid work. Barnes was again disappointing, but Havers, mi., and Beal both played well, although too prone to use their feet. Phipps, mi., and Hale, both played quite well, although they too both made mistakes at times. The score was made by Churton-Taylor (three tries), and Swettenham (two), both of which he converted, though he did not perform a similar service for those gained by Churton-Taylor.

S. Ronan's.—J. W. Hale, back ; J. V. Phipps, A. Churton-Taylor, N. A. M. Swettenham, and C. H. Barnes, three-quarters ; H. C. P. Havers and G. R. W. Beal, half backs ; and W. A. H. Boyd, R. H. Havers, A. Gore-Browne, H. B. Hoyle, H. E. Nourse, A. F. Malcolmson, and R. T. S. Phipps, forwards.

“A Criticism.”

This in no way attempts to be an account of the match *v.* Rottingdean, but such points in it as have stuck in the mind of the Referee shall be put down in case Mr. Harris cares to find room for them in the Magazine. First of all the writer would like frankly to admit that he had no idea a team of beginners, or rather two teams, could have shewn such good form and good knowledge of Rugby football on a very moderate allowance of practice. Most of all was he impressed by the excellent way in which passes were given and taken by the S. Ronan's three-quarters. There was none of the high lobbing which so often spoils any chance of good combined work when men are on the move. Then the kicking on the whole was very good indeed. Churton-Taylor's work in this particular was delightful. Another high compliment must be paid to the three-quarters for their straight running, and this time all four of them must share in it, though Churton-Taylor and Swettenham naturally stood out as being particularly determined to “get home.” Swettenham's try from his own “twenty-five” was a fine instance of the value of

straight running. He started very little ahead of two pursuers, one of them if not both faster than himself. The slightest deviation would have given him into their hands, but he got his try. The pack so far as could be seen worked to a man. Boyd stood out as a fighting forward, especially from touch, and Havers, ma., by a piece of daring unorthodoxy—he ran across his own goal about 10 yards out—got in a splendid kick and gained 30 odd yards for his side when they were badly wanted.

Now for a little criticism, if it be not judged impertinent where two good sides were playing and the better side won.

The Backs on neither side made sure of finding touch.

Churton-Taylor, if you mean to stick to the ball, stick to it. You are a try-getter. But if you mean to pass, pass before your man has sufficient grip of you to impede your speed. If you are running 12 miles an hour Swettenham can back you up at that pace, but if your speed is suddenly lessened by adverse circumstances to 6 miles an hour, your pals must pull up too, and then their enemies are upon them when the ball reaches them.

Halves, especially Beal, never kick a ball heeled out as if you were soccer halves. It is both unorthodox and weak, and ought to have given Rottingdean at least one try. What is called at Rugby Football "speculating kicking" must be a very difficult thing for trained Soccer men to avoid, but it should be cut out entirely from your game.

One last piece of impertinence. There was very little real collaring done by either side. Probably this is the hardest thing for beginners to master, but the real waist tackle with a rush is most beautifully effective.

Taken all round it was a first-rate game, and I only hope both sides enjoyed it as much as

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Soccer.

S. RONAN'S *v.* SOUTHEY HALL.

Played at Southey Hall on Monday, March 22nd. Although we had not played any Soccer at all this term, we went down to Southey Hall to play them on their own ground, and returned successful by five love. The team really showed remarkably good form which augurs well for next year, as only three people out of the side are leaving. The goals were shot by Swettenham (three, one a really fine effort), and Garrett, mi. (two). There was some very nice combination shown amongst the forwards, Churton-

Taylor was of course in good form at back, and Havers, mi., was ubiquitous at centre-half. Havers, ma., only had two shots to deal with in goal—both quite good ones, and these he saved with his usual skill. The Southey Hall team did not play with much life, and the forwards seemed rather afraid of Churton-Taylor. Phipps, ma., also did some very hefty barging, and impressed his presence on the opposing wing.

S. Ronan's:—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor (captain), and C. H. Barnes, backs; R. T. S. Phipps, H. C. P. Havers, and N. H. Harrow Bunn, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, N. A. M. Swettenham, J. S. Garrett, G. R. W. Beal, and J. V. Phipps, forwards.

The Cake Match.

This historic event took place on Wednesday, March 24th, and resulted in a win for Havers mi.'s side by two goals to love, both points being scored by Swettenham, who showed excellent form throughout, and used both his weight and pace to good advantage. The game opened with Churton-Taylor's side pressing for the first ten minutes, and they would undoubtedly have scored on one occasion had it not been for Havers ma., who effected a brilliant save at full length. The "Whites" were handicapped greatly owing to the fact that early in the game Churton-Taylor damaged his knee, and was thus not able to go his hardest. It was partly on account of this that Swettenham was able to out-pace him and get the first goal. In the matter of individual criticism the "Stripes" as a team played by far the more vigorous and robust game. Beal and Phipps mi. combined well on the left, while Swettenham, as stated, was very dangerous at inside right. All three halves played well, especially Havers mi., while Barnes and Boyd both showed good form at full back. Havers ma. was quite invincible in goal. On the other side really good work was done by Hale, Hoyle, ma., Harrow-Bunn, ma., and Hoyle, mis. Nourse was fair and Garrett, mi. was moderate, but the rest of the team played in a very half-hearted fashion, though Churton-Taylor, as mentioned above, was damaged. Malcolmson was quite good in goal, and could not be blamed for either of the shots.

"Whites."—A. F. Malcolmson, Goal; A. Churton-Taylor and R. C. Hoyle, backs; H. B. Hoyle, N. H. Harrow-Bunn, and A. Gore-Browne, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, A. B. Garrett, J. S. Garrett, N. G. Graham, and H. E. Nourse, forwards.

"*Stripes*."—R. H. Havers, goal; W. A. H. Boyd and C. H. Barnes, backs; R. T. S. Phipps, H. C. P. Havers, and J. A. B. Grylls, half-backs; and R. J. B. Fulford, N. A. M. Swettenham, G. S. Mansell, G. R. W. Beal, and J. V. Phipps, forwards.

Lectures.

Instead of following our usual custom of having four lectures on different subjects, we decided this term to have a series on the war. Although these lectures could hardly fail to be interesting, it is doubtful if we were wise in devoting all our periods to the same subject, as owing to the fact that there had been comparatively little movement up to the end of March, the lecturer found it somewhat difficult to find material to interest the boys on every occasion. His first lecture was extremely good, and delivered in the style we have learnt to expect from Mr. Chamberlain; the second and third showed a falling off, but the fourth on the other hand was again up to his usual standard. The fact of the matter is that every one is so conversant with the general state of affairs and all that has happened, that it was difficult to find anything new to say. At the same time these lectures were enjoyed by the boys, and they could not fail to have derived a great deal of benefit from what they heard and were told. Mr. Chamberlain has an excellent delivery, and an inspiring way of impressing his audience, and we are very grateful to him for giving us so much of his valuable time.