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## Preparatory School Training.

LAST time I dealt purely with the educational aspect of Preparatory School work; in this number I shall endeavour to review the broader aims of our work. Some people tell us that the Preparatory School is a luxury for the sons of the rich, and that the sole object of such a school is to teach a certain amount, to play a good deal, and for the rest, to give the boys a very pleasant time. If there be schools where the above is the ideal, it is lamentable, but I cannot think there are many such. One wishes the boys to be happy to the very utmost degree, but real happiness only lies in the knowledge of a duty well done, and this is the essence of the whole thing. Nothing would alter my conviction that in our schools the seed of our life as a nation is sown, and in Preparatory Schools especially the opportunities are so great, so outstanding that the difficulty does not lie in seizing them, but in omitting to do so. Apart from the greater issues in which the product of the Preparatory School has already unknowingly done so much, the training of character presents less difficulties than at any other time of a boy's career. The age at which we have them is the age not only at which it is most easy to achieve one's object, but the age also at which boys are most ready to help. One must realise that boys are men; they are not silly creatures without sense, as some would have us think. They are logical and sensible, and pleased to be put in a position of responsibility. If a boy has a fault—selfishness, ill-temper, untruthfulness, etc., it is perfectly futile to keep on punishing him as though he were an animal, every time his fault comes out. All decently brought up boys wish to improve themselves, and if they are made to realise their faults, and a wise appeal is made to their judgment and sense of honour, it will be a very short time before they are on top of their weakness. Selfishness is the most difficult thing to tackle. All boys like to have their own way, and by far the most difficult thing to do is to make them see the difference between strength of will and selfishness; to make them realise that to be unselfish is the strongest thing of all; to make them ready to give way to others, to think of others and yet in a question of right and wrong to be unswervingly firm. I believe I can say that we have gone a long way in this direction at S. Ronan's. Certainly the boys are not perfect any more than we are who teach them, but the prevailing spirit of the school is one of unselfishness. It is very rare to hear any grouching or whining; if a boy is beaten in a game he takes it like a man; he is also generous in his applause for others. If he asks leave to do something and permission is refused, we have no fear of

grumbling behind our backs. In short, there is practically nothing of a selfish spirit which was, and sometimes still is, so rife in schools. And with it all, the boys have authority and are reliable in the things which really matter. The Prefects, though up to plenty of mischief and impishness, and I would not have it otherwise, are nevertheless intensely useful in the school, and do far more good than they ever dream of. The boys have learnt to be men and to accept responsibility. The spirit of the school is manly, vigorous, honest, clean. When I think with pleasure of this, I remember the many boys to whom so much credit is due; they are too many to mention,—but one remembers the leading boys of years ago—now leaders at their Public Schools or in other places perhaps. One remembers how year by year, those succeeding have kept things going right up to the present time, when the same traditions and ideas are worthily upheld by the present boys. One sees these same boys doing the same things at their Public Schools, and one feels instinctively that things are good. We are not perfect, but we have an ideal; there are boys in the school who still have somewhat to learn, but we are on the right lines. Perfection is impossible; we can only try to be as perfect as we can, and if we let off steam in small ways which really matter very little, rather than in the big things which do, we can only feel very thankful that such is the case.

S. S. HARRIS.

*April, 1916.*

### School Notes.

The beginning of next Term will be on Friday, May 5th, on which day those coming through London must travel by the 3.27 p.m. train from Victoria. Saloons will be reserved, and Mr. Harris will be in charge. The term will probably end on Thursday, July 27th.

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The following boys are definitely entered at S. Ronan's during the next three years:—

1916.

Osler		Smyth
Byass		Atkinson
Hopwood		Spens
Gregson		Langdon
Brooke		Binnie
Schreiber		Corcoran
Wake		Havers
Price		

1917.

Croft		Humphries
Eden		Jenks
Pope		Stuart
Goodfellow		Richardson
Bailey		Marples
Biddulph		Wethered
Bircham		Spens
Bates		Graham
James		Outram
Warren		

1918.

Bray		Gordon-Walker
Chetwynd-Stapylton		Dudley
Seton		Cowper
Gregson		Graham

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Mr. Whately Smith held an excellent Boxing and Fencing Tournament in the Gymnasium on the last Friday in the Term. There was no one quite big enough to extend Swettenham, but Pope put up a very good exhibition. Excellent form was shown all round both with the gloves and the foils. Barnes and Garrett were a well matched pair, and Falkner and McGregor, ma. also gave an interesting exhibition.

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The following boys are leaving this term :—

- N. A. M. Swettenham (Wellington).
- R. I. Hoyle (R. N. C., Osborne).
- F. H. G. Collis (Charterhouse).
- W. E. H. Grylls (Harrow).
- W. E. C. Davidson-Houston (Westminster).

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Swettenham has been Head Prefect for two terms, and it is safe to say we have never had a better one. Not only did he fulfil his duties honestly and efficiently, but he was liked and respected by all—boys and masters. He had any amount of authority and used it wisely and well. He was always to be trusted, and his whole influence at S. Ronan's was good ; he will be greatly missed. In addition to being Head Prefect, he was 2nd in the School, Captain of Rugby, and the best all-round Athlete. Out of 46 candidates, he has passed into Wellington 1st in Mathematics, 2nd in General Order.

Hoyle—known as Bunny to his friends—will also be greatly missed ; he was a Prefect, a member of the Scholarship Class, Captain of Soccer, and in the Cricket and Rigger Teams. He is one of the best, and has done most useful work at S. Ronan's. Everyone liked him ; he was always cheery and yet pre-eminently sensible. Bunny was a good, strong character for whom everyone had a good word, and he deserved it.

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Collis, considering the time he has lost, at one time or another, through illness, has done remarkably well. Under ordinary circumstances he would have been easily in the Scholarship Class. As it was, he passed out of I.A into Charterhouse quite decently. He, also, was a Prefect and in the Cricket XI. In both capacities he did very sound work, and, like the rest of Prefects, was absolutely reliable.

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Grylls and Davidson-Houston, though they were neither of them Prefects—the former would have been if he had had another term—nor in the top class, were not for that reason any the less useful members of the School. Indeed, it is on such as them that the character of the School, in very large part, depends, for they are in touch, both with the “upper ten,” and with the “middle classes.” Both of them were boys of the highest principles, reliable and trustworthy to the highest degree. They were deservedly popular with everyone, and will be very much missed. They and the others know that a very warm welcome is always ready for them, and that nothing will give us greater pleasure than to see them as often as possible.

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The following was the Rigger Team :—

J. A. B. Grylls (back) ; C. H. Barnes, R. J. Hoyle, N. A. M. Swettenham, *Capt.* J. V. Phipps, (three-quarters) ; H. C. P. Havers, G. R. W. Beal, (halves) ; A. F. Malcolmson, J. H. Boyd. J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, H. V. Williams, F. W. Vogel, S. J. Pope (forwards).

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#### MATCHES PLAYED.

— <i>v.</i>	Cottesmore	won	9	0
— <i>v.</i>	Windlesham House	won	13	6
— <i>v.</i>	Cottesmore	won	29	0
— <i>v.</i>	Windlesham House	won	40	5
— <i>v.</i>	Rottingdean	won	25	0
<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Points for.</i>	<i>Points.</i>
5	5	0	116	11

During the last three weeks of term we were very lucky in filling the vacancy caused by Mr. Williams' departure, by means of one of our Old Boys, G. T. W. Horne. The latter was awaiting his call to Woolwich, and we were delighted to have him. He was a great success in every way, and the fact that he has been such a frequent visitor to S. Ronans made things easy.

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The Chess competition provided some excellent games. The two best players were undoubtedly Fulford and Swettenham, and the former after a good game in the final somewhat unexpectedly but greatly to his credit proved the better man.

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The Billiard competition was finally won by Malcolmson who was undoubtedly the best player. Phipps and Graham had an excellent contest for second place, Graham being successful. The breaks ruled low throughout, Harrow-Bunn, ma., being the winner of the best break competition with only 27.

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The Sixes proved to be rather a walk over for Swettenham's Six, though Cameron's put up a fairly good fight in the final. The tussle for the second place was a much more exciting affair, Boyd's and Cameron's Sixes being unable to achieve a decision. The second prize therefore was given to both.

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### Old Boys' Column.

H. C. D. Whinney (Charterhouse) has been made a House monitor. As he is very young, this is a great compliment. He will also be Captain of his House at football next year, and is now in the VIth.

R. G. M. Eden (Eton) again played at the School concert. He was also equal in the Hundred Yards heat.

C. M. Horne (Harrow) was again successful in obtaining his Remove last term.

H. M. Morris (Repton) fulfilled all his early promise by sweeping the board at the Sports and winning the "Personal aggregate." He is the third S. Ronan's boy to have done this at different public schools within the last two or three years. In addition he is Captain of his House at cricket and second House monitor. Next term he will also be School monitor.

B. O. Byass (Repton) has obtained another remove, this being his fifth in five terms. He also continues to keep up his big reputation in games.

P. A. S. Hadley (Winchester) although only just a senior, was second in the senior half mile. His position in the School in work is Senior Part II.

G. Coode-Adams (Winchester) has just got his remove into the same form. In the Sports he won the Junior Hundred Yards, and was second in the Quarter-Mile.

A. L. Cameron (Wellington) is in the Sixth Form and won the Junior School Long Jump.

E. H. D. Grimley (Wellington) has just passed comfortably into Sandhurst at his first attempt. He was also second in the School Hurdles.

G. T. W. Horne (Repton) has passed half way up the list into Woolwich.

J. F. Armstrong (Cheltenham) obtained his Remove into Lower Vth Military, and also his House Seconds Rugged Cap.

J. L. H. Miller (Fettes) has covered himself with glory by winning his 1st XV. Cap in his second season. This is a record for the School. He also obtained a Remove into Lower Fifth, top form of Middle School.

A. R. Gore-Browne (Oundle) was top of his Form last term and has his Remove.

C. H. Gooch (Eton) is doing uncommonly well and all his masters speak well of him in work and games. He took a 2nd class in Trials, and was top of his French Division. In the Sports he won the 300 Yards House Handicap.

J. R. S. Chapman (Aldenharn) in addition to being in the School Soccer XI., represented his House in the Gym. Competition and won the Cup.

H. E. Nourse (Winchester) again got his Remove, coming out 1st in Maths. and French and 2nd in Greek; he also played in the House Football XI. under 16.

A. J. R. Tudor-Craig (Eton) was 1st in French and secured an all-round prize.

R. T. S. Phipps (Repton) won the Divinity Prize in Block D. and did well in his Form.

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## The Confirmation.

The Confirmation was held in the School Chapel on Sunday, March 20th, and the Bishop of Lewes again performed the ceremony. There was a good number of parents present, though some were unavoidably absent owing to the war and other causes.

The Bishop has always spoken well on these occasions, but this time he was unusually happy in his address. He struck the right note at once; he was not too long, but he covered everything; nothing could have been more impressive, and his words went straight to the heart, not only of those who were Confirmed, but of many others who were present. There were more candidates than ever before, their names being as follows:—

N. A. M. Swettenham	A. T. Helme
F. W. Vogel	W. E. H. Grylls
P. W. Walsh	W. E. C. Davidson-
J. H. Boyd	Houston
J. W. Hale	S. J. Pope
J. M. Cameron	G. R. W. Beal.

### 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:—

\*E. P. C. Amphlett, Captain, Worcester Regt., and Modern Language Interpreter.

E. A. Barclay-Smith 2nd Lieut. Royal Engineers.

G. F. Batchelor, Lieutenant, A.S.C.

\*H. C. Bridges, Lieutenant, Prince of Wales' North Staffordshire Regt.

\*E. L. Bostock, Lieutenant, Worcester Regt.

\*C. W. Bostock, Lieutenant, Wiltshire Regt.

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

E. Bruce, Lieutenant, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.

\*H. Boteler, Captain, Devonshire Regt.

M. A. Biddulph, 2nd Lieutenant.

A. H. Bennett, 2nd Lieutenant, 5th Battn. Devonshire Regt.

A. B. Bratton, 2nd Lieutenant, Lancashire Regt.

\*G. T. Cartland, Lieut., 1st Battn. Rifle Brigade.

B. G. Chapman, 2nd Lieutenant, Rifle Brigade.

G. C. Coldham, 2nd Lieutenant, 8th Battn. North Staffordshire Regt.

\*P. V. Cornish, Lieutenant.



- \*M. G. Cowper, Major, East Yorkshire Regt.
- \*L. I. Cowper, Captain, 1st Battn. King's Own Royal Lancashire Regt.
- W. H. R. Crick, 2nd Lieut., Dorset Regt.
- \*The Rev. P. C. T. Crick, Base Depôt, France.
- \*L. G. Crick, Lieutenant, 5th Cheshire Regiment.
- \*H. C. R. Caudle, Lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery (India).
- \*D. Chisolm, Major, Worcesterhire Regiment.
- \*F. R. Cobbold, Lieutenant, 9th Battn. Suffolk Regt.
- \*W. E. Chetwynd-Stapylton, Lieutenant, City of London (Post Office) Rifles.
- J. C. B. Cumming, 1st Lieutenant, R.F.C.
- J. F. B. Delap, M.G.O., 2nd Lieutenant, 2nd Yorkshires.
- \*G. St. J. Dyson, Lieutenant, 45th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
- \*J. H. C. L. Frank, Lieutenant, Legion of Frontiersmen, Saskatchewan.
- \*R. J. B. Frank, Lieutenant, 4th Battn. Royal Sussex Regt.
- \*W. O. B. G. Frank, Lieutenant, Royal Sussex Regt.
- \*R. F. Fagan, M.R.C.S., Lieutenant, Royal Army Medical Corps (Special Reserve).
- \*N. Fourdrinier, Lieutenant, Middlesex Regt.
- \*A. D. Gordon, Lieutenant, 2nd Battn. Berkshire Regt.
- \*C. M. Goodall, 2nd Lieutenant, Northumberland Fusiliers
- \*G. M. L. Goodall, Lieutenant, East Lancashire Regiment
- \*C. W. G. Grimley, 2nd Lieutenant, Duke of Wellington's Regiment.
- \*P. S. Hadley, Lieutenant, Northamptonshire Regt.
- \*O. W. Horne, 2nd Lieutenant, Artists' Rifles.
- \*P. V. Holberton, Captain and Adjutant, Manchester Regt.
- \*G. Heygate, Captain, Royal Field Artillery (now doing service with the West African Field Force).
- \*C. R. Heygate, Captain, Yorkshire Light Infantry.
- \*L. C. Heygate, Lieutenant, 2nd Battn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
- \*L. H. Hughes, Lieutenant, 3rd Battn. North Staffordshire Regiment.

\*G. H. Jones-Mitton, Lieutenant, South Staffordshire Regt.

\*A. L. Kerans, Major, Manchester Regt.

\*P. V. Kelham, Lieutenant, Lancashire Fusiliers.

H. Lambert, 2nd Lieutenant, late Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers, British East Africa.

\*J. O. Lawson, 1st Lieutenant, Adjutant 24th Northumberland Fusiliers.

R. H. D. M. Leathes, 2nd Lieutenant, R.F.A.

\*J. C. F. Lister, 2nd Lieutenant, 3rd Battn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

J. S. T. Mansell, 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Artillery.

K. G. Malcolmson, 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery.

\*J. K. Matheson, 2nd Lieutenant, Seaforth Highlanders.

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

G. D. Morris, 2nd Lieutenant (Inns of Court) O.T.C.

\*F. N. Maltby, Lieutenant, Indian Army.

\*J. S. Maidlow, Major, Royal Artillery.

R. H. Nourse, 1st Lieutenant, R.A.M.C.

L. Nourse, 1st Lieutenant, Royal Marines.

W. H. V. Nelson, 2nd Lieutenant, Sherwood Foresters.

\*C. L. Perrin, Major, Indian Army.

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

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

H. Plant, 2nd Lieutenant, North Staffordshire Regt.

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

A. H. Pullan, 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Engineers.

\*C. L. Raymond-Barker, 2nd Lieutenant, Scotch Fusiliers.

\*F. W. Pink, Lieutenant, 18th Hussars.

J. T. Ruffer, 2nd Lieut., D. C. L. I.

\*A. N. Rowntree, Lieutenant, Durham Light Infantry.

\*D. B. Richardson, Lieutenant, Cheshire Regiment.

\*G. H. Stevenson, Captain, Indian Army.

M. M. Sayer, 2nd Lieutenant, Lincolnshire Regiment.

\*E. A. Stead, 2nd Lieutenant, Indian Army.

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

\*B. W. Tanner, 2nd Lieutenant, Hampshires.

\*J. H. Tanner, Lieutenant, 10th Hampshires.

\*R. B. B. Tillyer, 2nd Lieutenant, Worcestershire Regt.

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

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

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

\*H. G. Walker, Lieutenant, 4th Battn. North Staffordshire Regiment.

\*H. W. Wynter, Major, D.S.O., Royal Artillery.

\*D. B. Wallis, Lieutenant, Connaught Rangers.

\*J. R. Wynter, Major, Royal Field Artillery (Indian Army).

\*C. D. Wynter, Captain, Irish Guards.

In addition to the above the following are at Woolwich and Sandhurst :—

G. T. W. Horne, R.M.A., Woolwich.

A. Latham-Brown, R.M.A., Woolwich.

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

E. H. D. Grimley, R.M. C., Sandhurst.

The following are at sea :—

\*S. N. Cobbold, Sub-Lieutenant, Torpedo Destroyer.

\*J. W. Havers, 1st Lieutenant, Torpedo Destroyer.

\*G. C. Malden, Lieutenant, H.M.S. Mars.

\*J. Ogilvie.

A. A. Havers, Midshipman, H.M.S. Princess Royal.

*Those marked with an \* either are or have been at the Front.*

## War Contributions.

The following subscriptions have been given by the School to various objects connected with the War :—

	£	s.	d.
To Machine Gun Corps	...	1	0 0
British and Foreign Sailors Society	...	1	0 0
Military Hospital, Harrowgate	...	1	1 0
Worthing Hospital	...	1	1 0
Worthing Children's Care Society	...	1	0 0
Public Schools Red Cross Hospital	...	3	3 0
Sundries	...	1	0 0

## Athletic Sports.

These will be held on Saturday, May 20th. Instead of our usual Silver Cups, Silver Medals will be given this year, and the money thus saved, some £20, will be given to the War Fund.

## The Chapel Offertories.

The following were the amounts of the Chapel Offertories during the Term:—

		£	s.	d.
Sunday, January 30th, War Fund	...	0	18	6
" February 6th, Chapel Fund	...	1	3	0
" " 13th, War Fund	...	0	15	11
" " 20th, Chapel Fund	...	1	1	9
" " 27th, War Fund	...	0	19	9
Sunday, March 5th, Chapel Fund	...	1	12	5
" " 12th, War Fund	...	1	1	0
" " 19th, Chapel Fund	...	1	10	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
" " 26th, War Fund	...	1	4	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Sunday, April 2nd, Chapel Fund	...	1	2	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

## Our Menagerie.

This is just a little story of the funny things you'll see  
If you should chance to take a stroll near our Menagerie.

First, we have a little Bunny with a fluffy little skin,  
And two jolly little dimples where the smiles go out and in;  
But we've lost our little Bunny, for we've had to let him go  
To the Royal Naval College where they run a Rabbit show.  
Then when dinner's in the oven, or been placed upon the  
"Gryll,"

You'll be sure to find our "Teddyweg" from Harrow-on-the Hill,  
A' prowling round the kitchen with his little brother Jack,  
Or with Dick, a big St. Bernard dog, who takes him on his back.  
Then out upon the playground some funny sounds are heard;  
It's quite impossible to tell if they be beast or bird;  
But when you get to know them and their funny little ways,  
You will recognise the owners of the various sounds and "brays."  
When you hear the "Woosy-Woosy" cry resounding o'er the  
ground,  
You may bet your bottom dollar that the Bogel-bird's around;

And we have a little animal that's called a "Scottigill" ;  
 Its call is "era-era," and it simply makes you ill  
 To hear it make this horrid noise throughout the live long night,  
 While others try to imitate and never get it right.  
 But the weirdest of the boiling is the great big "Rousegenow,"  
 With his throaty, hoarse and raucous nutmeg-grater sort of row ;  
 Last, not least, we're bound to mention a peculiar little "mouse,"  
 And it won't be long before his little brother's in the House.  
 So we've got a good assortment within our school for boys,  
 For we've every sort of animal and every sort of noise ;  
 But although they're all so different, be they puppies, birds or  
 mice,  
 They're the jolliest little beings and they're all extremely nice.

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The following correspondence, though foolish and meaningless to the world at large, may possibly provide some amusement for "those in the know."—Editor.

In response to a request from the Headmaster to the boys for some suggestions as to possible alterations in the rules and methods at present in vogue at S. Ronan's, the following admirable and helpful letters were received.

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DEAR SIR,

I think one ought always to be allowed to sing at the top of one's voice in one's bath. It is good for the other chap—usually Pope—to have to put up with it. Also I think everyone in the School should stop grub in Lent. My favourite songs are "Don't tell Stories," "Woosy-Wrosy," and "Get yer 'air cut 'Arriet." Agrééz cher Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

F. W. V.

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DEAR S. S. H.

Why should'nt we keep chickens. I have a dear little baby one at home. When it grows up it will lay an egg for my breakfast every morning, only Theodore is sure to bag it ; he always does. That's the worst of having a big brother at a Public School.

Your loving little friend,

"VINCENT."

Mr. J. H. Gregson presents his compliments to the Head Master of S. Ronan's, and begs to announce that he has drawn up a list of rules for soldier games, and I hope fellows like Graham and Hale will jolly well keep them. It is very hard luck to have to be commanding officer, and I think—I mean he thinks a rule should be made by which Harry—I mean the Head Master should be responsible and take all abuse instead of me,—I mean him. Oh bother this indirect speech.

Yours affectionately,

“MOUSE.”

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DEAR MR. HARRIS.

Let me see, what was I going to say? Oh yes, I know. I think a rule should be made governing the soldier games. First, that no one except I.A. should have any guns or horses. Secondly, that no one in I.A. should be disqualified. Thirdly, that no one but I.A. should be allowed to win. That would make a ripping game, would'nt it. Must stop now as I have to look for something I have lost.

Yours affectionately,

“JOHN.”

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BY TELEGRAM,

Herrings should be abolished at breakfast and carrots at dinner.

“PHILIP.”

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DEAR SIR,

I really can't see the sense of getting up punctually at 7.30. Please don't think me rude, but it seems such rot. I am sure five minutes is quite enough both for dressing and washing, as far as *my* requirements go at any rate. Also I don't think long nick-names should be allowed. I don't mind “Picture of Innocence,” but I do object to “Imperfect Ablutioner.”

“BEAL.”

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DEER SUR,

I bileev it wood bea beta if wee lurnt spelin.

Yours affecshuntly,

“ALAN WILLIAMS.”

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DEAR MR. HARRIS,

What is the use of napkins. I never use mine.

“JAMMY.”

*Le 22 Mars, 1916.*

This letter was written by a French Tommy, and is a splendid example of phonetic spelling by an uneducated man.

Mon Cher Monsieur,

Je mon presse de répondre a votre lettre que je vien de recevoir a l'instant avoir un réel plaisir de vous savoir toujours en bonne santé tant qua moi sait toujours la même cbose qua vand, je vous remerci beaucoup de fois que vous mavait vez je suis très contant que sait reçu les photo je fois que je suis ment seul sur les photo joré bien voulu en navoir un peut plus qua je meut fais ment seul.

Cher Monsieur je vous dirait en je moment qui vait très pemts mes je vais voudir qu'annais toujours entsout terre qua en ne peut part sar montrés ou le charboches il dire sur nourit Envin nous les sauront les charboches.

Je fini ma saimentre lettre en vous sairont une bonne poigné de main le plus près vous pourrait prier bien le bonjours à touse de la sale de ma parre.

Cher Monsieur,

VANDECOSTELLE GASTON.

Recevez mes mellièurs salutation d'un chément poilu du front tévouer pour la France.

Vive la France et Vice Les Salliers.

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## The Term's Work.

The work of the past term has, on the whole, been very satisfactory. In the upper part of the School competition was keen, and both Scholarship Class and Shell were interesting Classes to take. I.A. was distinctly inferior as a Class to the other two, and did not appear to have the same keenness or enthusiasm. In the lower part, a great improvement was manifest in I.B. III., also, was a good little Class, but II. was, with one or two exceptions, not all that one would wish, and in this respect improvement must be shown.

In the Scholarship Class, Havers managed to wrest the leading place from Walsh. There was very little to choose between these two and Swettenham. Rouse made a great advance on the former term, especially in Examination work. Pope, also, made sound progress. The others achieved what was expected of them, without doing anything exceptional.

In I.A, Beal and Fulford, as expected, were the first two, and their work was sound throughout the Term. In coming out third, Stone made great progress, but Harrow-Bunn, ma., on

the other hand, from an all round point of view, scarcely did himself justice. The rest were satisfactory without being exciting.

Shell was a very good Form, and, whereas practically everyone showed interest and did well, MacGregor, ma. and Garrett deserve particular praise.

I.B., as has been mentioned, showed very great improvement. There are several boys in that Form who possess plenty of brains, but who are inclined to keep them concealed under an abundant flow of spirits. Griffith did very well for his first term, and the others all made considerable advance on the previous term's work, though this was in some cases achieved merely by the administration of stern discipline.

In Class II., Norwood and Mason were the best, though Norwood's work was somewhat patchy. Considerable promise was shown by Hoyle, mis.

In Class III. the greatest improvement was noticeable in Saffery.

Speaking generally, the work of the School, with very few exceptions, was very sound. It is curious that a Class, which may appear one term to be the most difficult to take and the least interesting to teach, is frequently exactly the reverse in the following term. On the whole, however, one finds that an uninteresting Class is the exception rather than the rule, and that most boys, whatever etiquette may demand of them out of School, do take an intelligent interest in their work during school time. Those who are endeavouring to teach them always feel instinctively the atmosphere of the Class, and a Master is rarely mistaken in his conclusion as to the interest really shown by those he is teaching.

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## The Past Rugby Season.

It is a doubtful point whether last terms team or that of 1912 is the best we have seen at S. Ronans. The fifteen of 1912 was full of brilliant individualists and met no one able to extend them. This year the team was not only exceedingly good collectively, but it had in Swettenham probably the most dangerous three-quarter we have seen. They also were far too good for any of their opponents. It would be a most interesting thing to see a match between the two sides. The strong point lay undoubtedly in the three-quarters, all of whom were very good players, though Barnes was not quite so reliable as the rest; the passing was always exceedingly good. The threes went straight without waste of time and there was no lobbing. Swettenham was of course the pick on account of his pace and weight, but he also has a very safe pair of hands and found touch well. Hoyle fielded and caught the ball beautifully, and after Swettenham was easily the best



tackler, but had not quite the pace of the others. Phipps and Barnes completed a really good line, the former being a most promising player. The team was well served by Havers and Beal at half-back, though Havers was easily the better of the two. In Grylls we possess a really good full-back; he found touch with great accuracy and fielded the ball well. The forwards turned out very much better than at the beginning of the season appeared possible. They had several really good players, and were at their best in shoving and loose play; their weak point was in the line out where they were not so conspicuous as at other times. The team as a whole was remarkable for its pace, combined with accuracy of play. One conceived the impression of great quickness and dash without any waste of time, and yet the whole thing went like clock-work. Although all the games were good contests, the S. Ronan's 15 was only on one occasion really extended, and that was in their first match when a combination of causes made victory hard to win. There was no one in the side so fast as Morris of 1912 fame, but on the other hand in other respects this team was superior, and the combined pace was undoubtedly greater. It was an interesting thing that during the past football season we produced a Rugby team, certainly as good if not better than any we have seen before, whereas in Soccer, although the team was certainly a very good one, it was by no means equal to those of 1910 to 1912. There is a great deal of good material amongst those coming on, and the more one plays Rugby the more one is impressed with the fact that it is a most admirable game by boys from every point of view.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIFTEEN.

N. A. M. Swettenham (centre three-quarter) Captain.—A first rate player, tackles well, and uses his pace and weight to the fullest advantage. A very safe pair of hands, and a good kick into touch.

H. C. P. Havers (half-back).—Works his scrum well, safe with his hands; a good pass and a first-rate tackler. A very useful member of the side.

R. I. Hoyle (centre three-quarter).—Very good hands, goes straight and passes accurately, fairly fast and collars splendidly.

A. F. Malcolmson (forward).—A very useful forward on account of his height and weight. Particularly good in the scrum and line out, but rather weak in collaring.

J. H. Boyd (forward).—A very sound and hard working player with plenty of weight and strength; always on the ball and particularly good in the loose, not a very good tackler.

J. W. Hale (forward).—Another most useful player, fast and strong, and goes hard the whole time; tackling weak.

J. S. Garrett (forward).—Though small a very useful member of the pack ; tackles beautifully, and is very quick on the ball.

J. A. B. Grylls (back).—Has turned into an exceedingly sound player. Has a safe pair of hands and finds touch beautifully, his pace also enables him to make a lot of ground.

J. V. Phipps (wing three-quarter).—Except for his tackling, which is very bad, he is a most promising player. He has now learnt to catch the ball well, and he is a very strong runner with an excellent swerve.

G. R. W. Beal (half back).—Quick and nippy. A very fair tackler and passes well, but apt to kick wildly.

H. V. Williams (forward).—Has turned into a very useful member of the pack. Puts plenty of vigour into his work, and has a good pair of hands.

C. H. Barnes (wing three-quarter).—Somewhat variable ; at times very good. On these occasions he tackles and runs excellently, and shows good judgment in falling on the ball ; at other times he is apt to hesitate.

F. W. Vogel (forward).—Though slow, works hard all the time. He is good in the scrum and also in the loose, but is weak in the line out.

S. J. Pope (forward).—Shoves well in the scrum, and makes full use of his weight and strength, but he does not do enough work in the loose or line out.

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## Football.

### S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played at Brighton on Saturday, February 19th. This the first match of the term produced a very strenuous and well contested game, which ended in a win for us by nine points to nil. Cottesmore, as in the Soccer Team, had a great majority of their team from last year, and had a very good side. On the day's play, however, we were clearly the better team, and had it not been for certain incidents might easily have increased our score considerably. The play was extremely hard, and even rough on occasions, but was conducted throughout with the best of good feeling. The Cottesmore boys played clever football, but in one or two cases flagrantly broke important rules from start to finish. For instance, they never thought of putting down the ball when they were tackled, and they were constantly awarded a drop out from the twenty-five, when it should have been a five yards scrum on their own goal line. This, however, was not the fault of the boys, as they evidently had not been told.

In spite of these disadvantages, which were considerable, the S. Ronan's team played very energetic football from start to finish. The forwards, considering that not one of them had been in the pack last year, did very well. They never eased off and in the scrums were always the better shovers. They were outplayed however by the Cottesmore forwards in the line outs from touch, and they were also not quite so good in getting the ball in the scrum. The pick of the pack were Hale, Boyd, and Garrett, all of whom received their colours, but Vogel and Williams, ma., both played a good hard game. Pope shoves well, but does not do enough in the loose. Havers played a fine defensive game at half, but both he and Beal were usually tackled by the Cottesmore halves before they got the ball away from the scrum. The latter, however, were not infrequently off-side. Of the three-quarters, Swettenham was easily the pick, and was a tower of strength to us. He played a very fine game both in defence and attack. Hoyle was also in extremely good form and did any number of good things. He goes very straight and never flinches. Phipps and Barnes, though each did fairly well, were not by any means in their best form. Phipps was too excited, and therefore in too much of a hurry for everything, and Barnes was not going in quite his hardest. Grylls, mi., played a very fair game at back, but lacks experience. His punting is quite good, but his drop kicks rather poor.

The game started with S. Ronan's pressing, but Cottesmore then had a turn, and Shaw who is a very clever player, only just failed to drop a goal. Good work by our forwards gradually brought the game back to the half-way line, when suddenly the ball came out to Barnes, who made a little run and passed to Hoyle at the right moment. Hoyle went by one man and gave the ball to Swettenham, who out-paced the remaining two defenders and scored the first try. At half-time, the score was three points to nil in our favour. After the kick off, Cottesmore again pressed, but Swettenham soon got the ball about mid-field, and made his way through quite a host of defenders, handing off some, dodging others and out-pacing the rest, till he scored a very good try which was unconverted. Shortly afterwards he scored another, off good work by Hoyle. The game was an excellent one in every way, and as remarked above, was played throughout with great vigour.

*S. Ronan's.*—J. A. B. Grylls, back; C. H. Barnes, R. I. Hoyle, N. A. M. Swettenham (Captain), and J. V. Phipps, three-quarters; H. C. P. Havers, and G. R. W. Beal, half-backs; and J. H. Boyd, J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, F. W. Vogel, H. L. Williams and S. J. Pope, forwards.

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

Played at Brighton on Thursday, March 9th. Owing to the bad weather neither side had had any practice for about a fortnight, and thus the play was somewhat ragged. There was a great deal of good football, but the passing for the most part was very wild. In spite of this, an excellent game resulted, which ended in a win for S. Ronan's by 13 points to 6.

During the first half play was extremely even, but S. Ronan's playing up hill, managed to secure the first try by means of Swettenham, Malcolmson failing to convert from a somewhat difficult angle. Shortly before half-time Windlesham House scored a good try, but also failed to kick the goal. After the interval, S. Ronan's playing down hill, began to press at once, and for a short time looked like having a runaway victory, as Swettenham and Garrett both scored tries in quick succession, both of which were converted by Malcolmson, with very good kicks. After that, however, although we pressed more than our opponents, we did not succeed in scoring again, while they, on the other hand, obtained one at the extreme corner, from which, however, no goal accrued. S. Ronan's was the heavier and faster team, but Windlesham House played very good football, and tackled fearlessly. The game was very hard and fast, and many good individual things were done but the passing on both sides was very wild. Swettenham played a good game both in attack and defence, though he did not find touch with so much accuracy as usual. Hoyle and Barnes both tackled beautifully, and also ran well, but their passing was very much at fault. The halves played a good defensive game, but did not get the ball out to the three-quarters. The forwards did good work in the scrum, but were not very good in the line out, and they threw the ball back much too wildly. All of them, however, played well, a great improvement being especially shown by Williams, ma. Grylls, mi. played an extremely good game at back; his tackling was very sound, and his kicking most accurate.

*S. Ronan's*.—J. A. B. Grylls, back; C. H. Barnes, R. I. Hoyle, N. A. M. Swettenham and J. V. Phipps, three-quarters; H. C. P. Havers and G. R. L. Beal, half-backs; and A. F. Malcolmson, J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, H. L. Williams, F. W. Vogel, S. J. Pope and R. C. Hoyle, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played at S. Ronan's on Saturday, March 11th. After the strenuous game in which we were successful on the Cottesmore ground, no one expected that this, the return match, would prove such a walk over. But so it was, for the Cottesmore team hardly

looked like scoring from the start to the finish of the game, and indeed were very rarely in the vicinity of our line. Our team played extremely good football from start to finish, and won by 29 points to nil. Swettenham was again the chief scorer, gaining no less than seven tries. But the prettiest try of the afternoon was that of Phipps, who ran half the length of the field, eluding about six opponents on the way, and scoring between the posts. Williams, ma., also got quite a good one. Malcolmson was scarcely so successful as usual in his place kicking, though he made several very good attempts from difficult angles. The feature of the game was the play of the S. Ronan's three-quarters, who were getting their passes in much more accurately than in the previous matches, and who went straight and hard. Barnes, however, does not even yet go quite the last yard, and Phipps though very good in several other particulars, is weak in his tackling. Swettenham again played a very fine game both in attack and defence, and Hoyle also was extremely good, his tackling being particularly effective. Both the half-backs played well, Havers showing considerable skill in working the scrum. Grylls was again very good at back, catching the ball smartly and making a lot of ground. His kicking was also most accurate. The forwards showed great improvement. They have always shoved well, but in this game they were successful in getting the ball on most occasions, and they all worked their hardest from start to finish. Their play in the line-out has improved, though it is not yet as good as it might be. Our opponents seemed rather demoralised, and did not put up the fight we expected.

*S. Ronan's.*—J. A. B. Grylls, back; C. H. Barnes, R. I. Hoyle, N. A. M. Swettenham, and J. V. Phipps, three-quarters; H. C. P. Havers, and G. R. L. Beal, half-backs; and A. F. Malcolmson, J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, H. L. Williams, F. W. Vogel, and S. J. Pope, forwards.

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

Played at S. Ronan's, on Saturday, March 25th.—As we expected after our recent form, and in spite of the close game in the first match, we proved much too strong for Windlesham, though the game was well contested throughout, and our opponents never stopped trying. We were, however, considerably the faster and cleverer side, and we defeated them by forty points to five. The S. Ronan's side dropped into their game at once, and showed first-rate form. The passing was quick and crisp amongst the three-quarters, and no ground was wasted; they ran straight and hard. Swettenham who was in excellent form,

scored most of the tries, but Hoyle got a very good one early in the game, and Williams, ma. was also successful during the second half. The forwards, well led by Malcolmson and Boyd, shoved Windlesham back and usually got the ball out. They were not too good however in the line out, and for ten minutes at the beginning of the second half allowed themselves to be considerably hustled before they took command of the game again. Malcolmson was much more successful with his place kicking than had been the case against Cottesmore. But in spite of the fact that we beat Windlesham more heavily, they struck us as a better side than Cottesmore had been. The game was a fast one throughout, and was characterised by great vigour and enthusiasm. Grylls again played a very good game at back, and is probably the best performer we have had in that position. Windlesham scored a good try, which they converted during the first quarter of an hour of the second half, at which time they were pressing hard. They are also to be congratulated on the pluck and skill with which they tackled Swettenham, who was playing in quite his best form. The whole team played well for S. Ronans, Havers doing particularly good work at half-back. All the three-quarters were good, and the forwards except in the line out played extremely well.

*S. Ronan's.*—J. A. B. Grylls, back; C. H. Barnes, R. I. Hoyle, N. A. M. Swettenham, and J. V. Phipps, three-quarters; H. C. P. Havers and G. R. W. Beal, half-backs; and A. F. Malcolmson, J. H. Boyd, J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, H. V. Williams, F. W. Vogel, and S. J. Pope, forwards.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at Rottingdean, on Saturday, April 1st.—As Rottingdean were without two or three of their players, including their Captain, we left out Swettenham and Malcolmson, thus giving the other members of the team an opportunity to show what they were worth; this in no way daunted them. They rose to the occasion in splendid style, and played a first-rate game from start to finish, winning comfortably by twenty-five points to nil. The forwards bereft of Malcolmson were for the first time this season held in the scrum, and if anything were shoved a little. This, however, did not prevent them from getting the ball on most occasions, and once the ball was in the hands of our halves and three-quarters we held all the cards. Phipps, Hoyle, and Barnes, particularly the first-named, played capital football. The passing was again quick and straight. There was no one on the Rottingdean side who could keep pace with either Phipps or Barnes. The former scored four tries by means of excellent runs. The place kicking was

rather weak, though Pope converted a very good goal towards the end. Havers was again very good at half-back, and Beal also showed good form. Helme, who was playing for the first time, did exceedingly well at three-quarters. The forwards were all good, though some of them were still a shade weak in the line out. Grylls although he kicked very well was not quite as safe as usual in fielding the ball. Our opponents had a good pack but were somewhat weak in other respects.

*S. Ronan's.*—J. A. B. Grylls, back ; C. H. Barnes, R. I. Hoyle, A. T. Helme, and J. V. Phipps, three-quarters ; H. C. P. Havers and G. R. W. Beal, half-backs ; W. W. Horne, J. H. Boyd, J. W. Hale, J. S. Garrett, H. V. Williams, F. W. Vogel, and S. J. Pope, forwards.

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#### THE OLD BOYS MATCH.

We were fortunately able to raise an Old Boys team again this year, in spite of the War, but it cannot be said that its strength was up to that of former years. With one or two exceptions, indeed they were a young lot. They were none the less welcome on that account, however, but it enabled us to win the match somewhat comfortably. Those who remember the strenuous struggles of the past two or three years will realize the relief this must have meant for some of the older participants. The first half was very well contested, and the score at half-time was 2—1 in our favour. After that, the School had on the whole the better of the game, and retired final winners by 5—1. On the Old Boys side Byass was distinctly the best player, but Hadley, Cameron, Coode-Adams, and Bennett all did sterling work, Coode-Adams and Cameron in particular bustling to great advantage and showing pace as well as skill. Garrett, who played sub for them, did very well at outside right, and Havers showed that he has lost none of his cunning in goal. The School side all played well, and the Old Boys found G. T. W. Horne, who in his capacity as Master was playing for us, a serious stumbling block at back. Grylls, mi., the other back, played one of the best games seen at S. Ronan's this season. He kicked beautifully and accurately throughout. Barnes and Havers were both very good indeed at half, but Boyd, though he worked hard, was by no means at his best. Beal and Hoyle made a very good right wing as usual, and Swettenham did a lot of good work in the centre, but Phipps was only moderate at outside-left. Malcolmson played very well in goal.

*S. Ronan's.*—A. F. Malcolmson, goal; G. T. W. Horne, and J. A. B. Grylls, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Barnes, half-backs; and G. R. W. Beal, R. I. Hoyle, N. A. M. Swettenham, S. S. Harris, and J. V. Phipps, forwards.

*Old Boys.*—R. H. Havers (Wellington) goal; J. D. Bennett (Winchester) and J. C. T. Crozier (Wellington) backs; H. B. Hoyle (Repton), B. O. Byass (Repton), and A. B. Garrett (Winchester) half-backs; and J. S. Garrett (sub.), G. Coode-Adams (Winchester), P. A. S. Hadley (Winchester), A. L. Cameron (Wellington), and C. M. Horne (Harrow), forwards,

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## An Account of a Zeppelin Raid.

The following is an extract from a letter written by the father of one of the boys with reference to his experience of a Zeppelin Raid:—

“Last night was a night of vast excitement, though perhaps excitement is scarcely the word; it was pretty awful. To start with, I had to go to B——— in the afternoon, taking a man in my car. I started to return at ten minutes to eight; it was pitch dark, and the lights were very low. I had to go very cautiously, and by the time I had gone half-way, I found that the glimmer of the street lamps had gone, and it was real darkness thence forward. There are two roads between —— and ——, one by —— and the other via ——, the latter being the longer, but more pleasant travelling. I went via —— to B——, but in returning chose———. Save the darkness, I saw and heard nothing. Once or twice, groups of men shouted to me, an not unusual incident from some over jovial gentlemen. Near —— I saw a great glare once near some works, which I took to be, and still believe, was merely a blast furnace. Arriving at the Garage at D——, I found wild excitement. What had I come through? What had I seen? What had I heard? Zeppelins were around, and had bombed T——, near D——, on —— road. I thought that they were chaffing me at first, but I soon found that they were in earnest. At the hotel, the maids were nervous and excited. I had some tea, and at about 10.45 went to bed. Doubtless, I fell asleep, when suddenly I was awakened (and in one jump was out of bed) with a tremendous roar and a flash. I slipped into trousers and coat over my pyjamas, but when I was half-way through this operation there was another huge roar and flash, the whole place shaking. The hum of the engines took up the report as it were and carried it on in a great buzz. I put on my coat, and on the



landing found the old manageress most plucky and cool, but she alone, of the women folk who were shrieking and crying. Meanwhile, there was report after report, some further off than the others. Then one or two closer and closer, and it was obvious the beast was as near as might be over us. Outside fires were beginning to blaze up, one on the top of the hill in the courtyard of the old Castle, where in cases there were stored huge quantities of ———. Another fire was just across the road by the Railway Station. I got an occasional glimpse outside, but did not see the Zeps. As a fact, there were three men and some nine maids and women, and we were trying in the airy depths of a considerable wine and beer cellar to calm them. The Zeps. sheered off and then seemed to drift back. The first bomb of the second raid was about 11.15, and by midnight it was all over here, although we could see the glare and flashes going further off. Bed for me at 2 a.m. The maids at 5 a.m. Altogether, I hear to-night from the police, there were 58 killed and wounded, 13 in one house at T———. How we escaped, I am blest if I know, except that owing to the absence of anti-aircraft guns, the brutes were so low that the policeman outside our Pub stated that a man with a rifle could have hit the men in her, so they could aim. Three big bombs (they got some relics to-day) fell within 60 to 100 yards of us and started fires, and two some 150 to 200 yards from us. To-night, there are rumours of more Zepps., but apparently, it is now 11.30 p.m., they have decided to leave us alone. Altogether there were seven circling round and round. They dropped twelve bombs I hear in one works near by. From the war point of view the damage was small, but the horrors of what happened to some poor folk, as the details drift in, are appalling. . . . The moral effect on the public may be gathered from the fact, that this evening, the Theatre across the road slightly up the hill, where "*Betty*" is on, was full."