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Editorial.

Again we have to welcome quite a large number of new boys, and are all the more pleased to do so because they have come to us early. To change schools in the middle of one's school life must entail a break, with more or less retarded progress, while adjustment is taking place. We frequently get comparative veterans who have done no science, and are weak in subjects in which boys of their age, who have been with us some time, have made considerable progress. In other subjects they are normal, so we cannot put them in low forms. They join a class suited to their age and spend a year "catching up," a process painful alike to themselves and the Staff. And then they are lacking in grounding owing to this rush. The School provides a complete course for boys from the age of 10 to 16, culminating in London Matriculation. Below the age of 10 we can give as good an education as can be got elsewhere, and when London Matric. has been satisfactorily braved, special courses, according to requirements, are devised. We have now nine boys taking such advanced courses. Private tuition becomes the order of the day, and time is given to each boy which would cost at least 50s. a week if it came otherwise than through the School. This shows what an advantage may be reaped by extending a boy's school career as long as is possible, provided the boy is prepared to make the most of what is offered. The Board of Education, in a report based on the recent inspection, commented most favourably on the number of boys in the School who had stayed after passing the London Matriculation.

The Editor would be glad to hear of any Old Boys who have so far avoided joining the Old Boys' Club. Others of their time would like to hear what they are doing; besides, since they do not, as Members of the Club, receive a copy of this Magazine, the Editor might induce them to send 1s. 6d., this being one year's subscription. Failing this, he will hand their names to the recruiting office of the O.B.C., then nothing can save them!

The following dates are announced, and it is hoped that they, unlike all the dates in our last issue, will not be passed before this number appears.

End of Summer Term	-	-	July 28th.
Beginning of Autumn Term	-	-	Sept. 16th.
Half-Term	-	-	Nov. 2nd.
End of Autumn Term	-	-	Dec. 22nd.

Please send in matter for the next number to the Editor, W. H. Mainprize, at the School, by Sept. 26th. Contributions of interest to present or old boys, and from any who are, or have been, connected with the School, are heartily welcomed.

O.B.C. Notes.

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 21st, and was remarkable for two things—firstly, 25 Members attended (this being over three times the average attendance of Members at all the other functions); and secondly, as no one had a really long grumble, the Meeting was over by 10.30 p.m.!

We are very sorry to lose W. D. Malcomson and J. H. Mitchiner from the secretarial department, but as they felt that other duties prevented their devoting as much time as was desirable to Club work, they reluctantly resigned—the former after two, and the latter four years' service. We heartily thank them on the Club's behalf for the good work they have done.

Regrettable, also, is the fact that A. J. Malcomson found himself unable to accept the Chairmanship for the year.

To all these gentlemen the Members accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The Officers and Committee for the year were elected as follows:—

- President—The Head-master.
- Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Hall.
- Chairman—O. Kennard.
- Vice-Chairman—E. M. S. Glazbrook.
- Hon. Secs. { G. E. Cragg.
- (Joint) { P. H. Mitchiner.
- Committee—R. E. Caffyn, G. H. Ince, W. D. Malcomson, C. H. Rayner, E. W. Stedman, R. K. Woodhouse.
- Hon. Auditors { C. M. Duncan.
- (Joint) { H. Keasley.

It was resolved that a fund be opened, to which Members, especially Life-Members, be invited to subscribe towards the cost of "The Pilgrim." It was pointed out that *for eight years we have been taking money from the School Games Fund* because we have not paid for our "Pilgrims." This is most undesirable.

[The motion was carried unanimously by 25 Members. At present five have subscribed, and of these two were not at the Meeting!—75 per cent. Slackers.

Members expressed a wish (voiced unanimously) that their degrees and diplomas be published in the booklet.

[You have been duly notified by the Secretaries, who have had seven replies. Be sure to write when your degrees do not appear.]

Since the General Meeting the Committee has met, and will meet in future, at 8.30 p.m., on the second Monday in each month.

On February 7th Messrs. Caffyn, Cragg, S. and H. L. Marsh went to much trouble and expense to arrange an excellent programme for the Smoking Concert at the Warwick Hotel. There attended Six Members, including the Sub-Committee! Therefore, there will be no more Smoking Concerts. We offer our apologies to the artistes and Sub-Committee; but it is only a very fair example of how most of our functions are attended by those who vote for them at the General Meeting. It is, therefore, nothing to make a public outcry over; and, moreover, we believe we have heard of a proverb anent glass houses and stones.

The Invitation Concert had, unfortunately, to be postponed till March 7th, but there was a fair audience of Members, and a good one of the public. Those present enjoyed an excellent concert, and our best thanks are due to the artistes and Sub-Committee (Messrs. J. E. Hall and E. M. S. Glazbrook). Appended is the excellent account from the "Surrey Mirror":—

"A large and appreciative audience assembled in the Gymnasium at Reigate Grammar School on Saturday evening, when an invitation Concert was given by the Old Boys' Club connected with the School. The Club has a membership of about 100, Mr. G. E. Cragg being the Chairman, while other officers include Messrs. W. D. Malcomson and J. H. Mitchiner (Hon. Secretaries), and Mr. J. E. Hall (Hon. Treasurer). Some charming plants and flowers, kindly lent by Mr. R. P. Evans, J.P., were arranged on the platform. The programme, an admirable one, was arranged by Mr. J. E. Hall and Mr. E. M. S. Glazbrook, the latter, in addition to contributing a number of skilfully-executed piano-forte solos, playing the majority of the accompaniments. Encores were the order of the evening, and Mr. Glazbrook, warmly recalled for a clever interpretation of "Valse Brillante" (Op. 34, No. 1) (Chopin), favoured his audience with a selection of rag-time music which gained for him a further encore. The vocalists were Mrs. Frank Wickman, Mr. Malcolm L. Hume, and Master H. S. Verrells. The latter was encored for a nice rendering of "May Dew," and in response, with Master Blunden, joined in the duet, "Friendship," which evoked hearty applause. Later in the evening Master Verrells sang Handel's "Angels ever bright and fair," which was equally well received. Mrs. Frank Wickman, who made a welcome reappearance, was in capital voice, and

charmed her auditors with a delightful rendering of "The Flower Song" (Gounod). In response to an undeniable encore she gave in pleasing style, "Three Green Bonnets." Mrs. Wickman also sang "Little Grey Home in the West (Lohr), in which her richly modulated voice was heard to great advantage, and as an encore she was equally successful in her presentation of "Happy Song." Mr. Malcolm L. Hume was also encored on each appearance. He gave very fine renderings of "Youth" (Frances Allitsen), and "Paddy's Perplexity," and as encores, "Absent" and "The Little Irish Girl," the latter being one of his best numbers. The instrumentalists were Miss Enid Apperly, L.R.A.M., and Miss Ruth Willmott, and their clever instrumentation evoked warm applause. The 'cello solos of Miss Enid Apperly, who was accompanied by her sister, were brilliantly executed, and included "Romance" (Goltermann) and "Two Irish Melodies" (Esposito). As an encore to the latter she gave a clever rendering of "Drink to me only." Miss Ruth Willmott was accompanied in her violin solos by Miss E. Frost. She exhibited much skill in her presentation of "Nordische Sage" (Arabesken No. 7) (Bohn), and "Rosenlied" (W. H. Reed), and "Poème Hongroise No. 2" (Dezso Ledera) also received artistic treatment at her hands, and richly merited the encore she was compelled to give in response to marked manifestations of appreciation by the audience. Miss L. R. Brooks proved clever and entertaining in her musical monologues, which comprised "Christmas Bells" (Mayne Harris), "Johnnie, Me and You" (Corney Grain), and "His First Long Trousers" (Guest Mayer). The programme was completed by Mr. H. A. Silcock, whose humorous recitations were provocative of much mirth. He was very droll in his presentation of "The Two Coach Wheels" and "Who'll have a Blood Orange," and was encored on each occasion, bringing off a palpable hit with a clever skit on the modern young lady's mode of dress, entitled "It." The Concert went with a swing from beginning to end, and the Old Boys' Club may be congratulated upon its success."

Congratulations to A. J. Malcomson and H. L. Mitchiner on the very successful dance which they organised at the Small Market Hall. Everyone present agreed it was the best in every respect yet held. Needless to say, it was not well supported, and therefore not a financial success. Nevertheless, we look forward confidently to an extremely successful dance on exactly the same lines next year. The General Meeting have given us a mandate to do so, and to do nothing else.

The Football match—v. School—on March 21st, played in rainy weather, on the School ground, resulted in a draw, 0—0.

In the evening the Rifle Club held a spoon shoot, which was well attended and, we hope, resulted in the enrolment of many new Members of which it stands in need. When the Club started about 40 Old Boys promised to join—15 only joined!—75 per cent. slackers.

Sub-Committees for the year have been elected as under :—

Concerts—Messrs. J. E. Hall, R. E. Caffyn, E. S. Glazbrook,
H. Pook, E. W. Stedman, G. E. Cragg.

Dinner—J. E. Hall, O. Kennard, P. H. Mitchiner.

Dance—O. Kennard, W. D. Malcomson, P. H. Mitchiner.

Whist Drive—F. S. Orme, G. E. Cragg, G. H. Ince, C. H.
Rayner.

Any of the above will be pleased to receive suggestions from Members as to the arrangements of the various entertainments, and criticisms of their efforts to attract Members to attend the entertainments. But Members offering suggestions and criticisms will be expected to attend.

The programme for the year is :—

Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m.—Cricket Match v. School. Captain,
G. E. Cragg. 8.30 p.m.—Al Fresco Concert at School.

Saturday, October 24th, 3 p.m.—Football Match v. School.
Captain, E. W. Stedman. 8 p.m.—Bohemian Concert
at School.

November (late)—Dramatic Society's performance.

December 12th, 7.15 p.m.—ANNUAL DINNER at School (morn-
ing dress will be worn).

January 16th, 7 p.m.—Cinderella Dance at Small Market Hall.

Wednesday, February 10th, 7.30 p.m.—Whist Drive at School.

March 6th, 8 p.m.—Invitation Concert at School.

March 20th, 3 p.m.—Football Match v. School. Captain,
E. W. Stedman. 7.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting.

Note.—This programme is published in the hope (apparently
vain) that Members will keep the dates free and ATTEND
the various functions.

Especially is this the case with the Annual Dinner—every right-minded Old Boys' Club has its Annual Dinner, and every right-minded Old Boy should make a special point to attend it! 75 per cent. slackers.

The average attendance at the various functions last year was seven Members, and that out of a total of over a hundred! There was always good support from the Public, but the Committee feel that the Club balance is too low to allow of Club funds being spent for the Public. Therefore, unless the Members attend, they will advise curtailing the programme in future.

You are reminded—

- 1—The Members at the General Meeting (where you might have been) virtually arranged the programme.
 - 2—The Club has thriven, and stands well in the Borough, largely because of our entertainments and enterprise (this latter being limited to apparently few Members).
 - 3—That since the General Meeting nearly 30 new and enthusiastic Members have joined the Club. Don't damp their ardour!
 - 4—Those attending the Dinner are asked to wear morning dress, because then our younger Members won't feel out of it, and will have no excuse to stay away.
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The following new Members have been elected :—

Honorary—Temple Newell (Vice-President), A. E. Jones, G. J. Lamb, and G. T. Mackay.

Old Boys—F. Aldridge, C. Ashdown, C. Brooks, S. Gilbert, E. Grice, J. Hammond, R. Hood, G. James, H. Keen, C. Kennard, E. Kenyon, J. Kenyon, J. Knapman, T. B. Lees, W. Martin, G. Mew, R. Mew, J. Nicol, E. Pike, J. Pooley, M. Pratt, W. Robertson, B. Smith, C. Smith, E. Taylerson, H. Verrall, and S. Weeks.

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Makovski, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Meier, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mollison, a son.

MARRIAGE.

On February 25th, Mr. John E. Hall, B.A., to Mrs. de Mangel, widow of the late Captain de Mangel.

We have, in the past month, written over a hundred letters to Old Boys, pointing out the advantages of joining the O.B.C. We have, so far, had thirty answers. Where are the other seventy?—75 per cent. Slackers.

J. H. S. Kenyon is Curate at St. Augustine's, Brighton, and we wish him all success in his forthcoming final examination.

This reprint from the "Surrey Mirror" is of interest:—

"Mr. G. H. Ince, son of the Mayor of Reigate, who will be familiar to followers of the Reigate Priory Football Club, in whose ranks he has figured a number of times, has had the distinction of captaining a football team representative of London University, which has recently been on tour to Moscow. In the 'Daily Express,' on Tuesday, appeared a column article by 'One of the Players,' who, I believe, was none other than Mr. G. H. Ince, who is to be congratulated upon a literary contribution of more than ordinary merit and interest. This was the first visit of an English football side to Moscow, and Mr. Ince is loud in his praises of the 'Sporting Russians.' The Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. Lefebure (London University) was prevented by indisposition from accompanying the team, and Mr. Ince, in addition to acting as Captain, took upon himself the burdens of the secretarial duties. It appears that there is a flourishing football league in Moscow. The first match was against Orechovo (for four years winners of the League). Before the game was commenced the English players witnessed the extraordinary sight of a religious service on the field, the ground being consecrated by the priests, holy water being scattered over it. The occasion was the opening of a new ground, the first football ground in Russia that has been recognised by and received the blessing of the priests. London University won the match by five goals to one. The three remaining matches were also won. Mr. Ince writes: "The smallest crowd we played before was 4,000, and the largest 10,000, but the spectators are different from an English crowd. They cheer only when one of the players does something particularly, while the man who makes a mistake is treated to shouts of derision. The goalkeepers have the best time. Whenever they make a save there is always hearty applause. The referee also comes in for plenty of attention, especially when his decision does not please. Compared with an English crowd they are quiet, but when the Russians scored their goal in the third match there was a really great yell. They were always very fair to us, and when we came on the field we always got a good reception.

The prices of admission may surprise some people. For standing only the price was 80 copecks (1s. 8d.), and for a seat one rouble 60 copecks (3s. 4d.)." Mr. Ince is confident that next season London University will be able to place in the field a regular side that will be capable of holding a place in the football world worthy of the University.

We congratulate Mr. Hall on his marriage, and Mrs. Hall on her husband.

We are sorry to hear of the serious accident to C. Brooks, who is at present in St. Thomas's Hospital, but are glad to be able to state he is on the road to recovery.

Congratulations to C. S. Shaw on his further successes in the fields of dentistry; dental scholarships are not easy to come by.

The following are extracts from a letter of S. F. Weeks, who is engineering in Vancouver:—

"I am very pleased to join the O.B.C. and enclose my subscription. [Other members please copy!] Naturally, one likes to keep in touch with the School, and I hope to visit it next winter."

"Everything out here has been very bad for some time—in engineering particularly—and thousands are out of work and penniless throughout the winter; so, if any Old Boys show signs of wanting to come here, they would be well advised to stay away for a year or two. I believe conditions in Eastern Canada are better."

We are glad to hear that F. E. Apted is on his way home from Persia, where he has been surveying. He is expected here about Whitsuntide.

F. H. Smith is still in Germany.

We were pleased to see Mr. T. J. Barford at the School the other night; it is some years since he was in Reigate. He has promised to attend the dinner and will, undoubtedly, be a great draw.

We are sorry to hear of the accident to H. L. Marsh at the point-to-point meeting. We wish him patience and a sound mend to his broken leg.

Congratulations to E. W. Stedman on passing the examinations for the Fellowship of the Surveyors' and Auctioneers' Institutes. Both are stiff, and to bring them off together, and that, moreover, when still too young to hold the diplomas, is indeed a triumph.

Stedman, feeling strong after this feat, is attempting to gather together an Old Boys' Football team—we wish him all success. It is time, indeed, that an Old Reigateian team took the field, especially in view of the School's footballing reputation.

We trust all Old Boys who join (may they be many!) will endeavour to play regularly. This may mean some small self-sacrifice at first, but remember the honour of representing the old School—and the future, when we are the well-known club we assuredly must be.

We would remind members that the fall in the Club balance is mainly due to the fact that nearly HALF the annual members FORGOT TO PAY their subscriptions last year!—and many others had to be reminded many times. Please try and lighten this unpleasant part of the secretarial duty. 75 per cent. slackers.

FOR SALE.—An excellent cyclostyle duplicator. Any offer from £2 10s. upwards seriously considered. This unique offer open to all members, who should apply for full particulars to the secretaries any day before Sunday. BUY! BUY!! BUY!!!

DON'T FORGET THE ALFRESCO CONCERT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13th. All Old Boys, School Boys, Parents, and Friends will be welcome.

Can any member please give the addresses of V. M. Colton, J. C. Holm, G. E. Scollick, C. E. Birdseye, and any old boys whom they know are not members of the Club?

The Club has invited the School Captain and Second Prefect (D. Parsons and H. C. Burtenshaw) to attend committee meetings, and we were very pleased to see them on April 20th, and thank them for the help they gave in arranging fixtures.

By the kindness of Mr. Orme we have now a desk at school wherein are kept all secretarial impedimenta, including that white elephant—the duplicator; we are, therefore, enabled to have our headquarters at the School, and members are asked to address communications there to

G. E. CRAGG,
P. H. MITCHNER.



Football.

PROPOSED FORMATION OF AN OLD REIGATEIAN CLUB.

It is proposed to form a Football Club in conjunction with the Old Boys' Club, and we think that all Old Boys will agree that, in view of the fact of the School having for many years maintained a reputation gained by the high standard of its football, no difficulty ought to be experienced in turning out a regular Old Boys' team capable of maintaining that reputation.

Will any member who was unable to attend the Meeting on June 3rd, when the matter was fully discussed, please let E. W. Stedman, Brownlow Road, Redhill, know whether he is in favour of the formation of the Club, and if he would become a playing member (one willing to play regularly) in the event of its being established?

We may thus estimate what support we may expect. Now, you chaps, all pull together, and make a great and special effort to assemble a team worthy of the old School.

E. W. STEDMAN.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD AND
SUB-COMMITTEE, 1913-1914.

The Scholarship having been held for three years by R. A. Brown, fell vacant last July. It was duly advertised, but no eligible candidate coming forward, has lapsed until July, 1914.

The Committee has under consideration a scheme whereby to endow the Scholarship in memory of two past Headmasters of the School, now unfortunately deceased—Messrs. Johnson and Ragg.

Full details of this scheme will be submitted to you in the course of the next month or two; suffice it for the present that the Committee propose to hold the Johnson-Ragg Scholarship in abeyance until the whole sum needed for its endowment is forthcoming.

This entails the collection among Old Boys of £350, about £100 of which is already promised, in the event of the rest of the sum being forthcoming.

The Scholarship Board and Sub-Committee rely confidently on all Old Boys' generous support in completing a scheme which will perpetuate the memory of two men who have done so much for the School as Messrs. Johnson and R. S. Ragg.

R. EDGAR CAFFYN, } Hon. Secs.
PHILIP H. MITCHNER, }
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Reigate Grammar School Old Boys' Club.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 14TH MARCH, 1914.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To balance in hand	7 18 3	By Fees—R. A. Brown, 1 Term, 3 13 4	
„ Subscriptions	7 13 0	„ Books, ditto	3 10
		„ Holmesdale Press—Advertising ..	3 17 2
		„ Balance in hand	10 10 1
	£15 11 3		£15 11 3

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I have examined the above Accounts with the Books and Vouchers and found same correct.

HARRY KEASLEY, A.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

J. E. HALL, Hon. Treasurer.

March 18th, 1914.

Reigate Grammar School Old Boys' Club
(Dramatic Section). Season 1913.

This Season the Dramatic Section of the Club undertook the performance of "Twelfth Night." The attempt was somewhat ambitious, more especially as the Market Hall, Redhill, had been hired for two successive performances, but we have good reasons to feel that our ambition was fully justified.

The entertainment was fixed for the end of November, and rehearsals began early in consequence.

We were fortunate in procuring the services of Miss Ivy Clifton, who filled the rôle of Viola, and the Misses May Barry and Ivy Silcock, who helped last year, very kindly consented to take the respective parts of Olivia and Maria. Luckily for us, Glazbrook happened to be available this year, and naturally stepped into the part of Malvolio. We had one master (Mr. Jones) in the cast, and we are grateful to him for his efficient help.

The rest of the cast was provided from the majority of those who took part in the performance of 1912, and a criticism of the production itself appeared in our local journal, the "Surrey Mirror." We cannot sufficiently appreciate our good fortune in having had provided for us such a fine orchestra as Miss Brooks so kindly got together. The success of the performance was greatly enhanced by the entr'acte music; there were many changes of scenery but the waits were made delightful and we may say that there did not exist a dull moment during the whole entertainment.

Mr. Worley again came forward with his accustomed generosity and provided us with excellent stage furniture.

Mr. Orme once more undertook the arduous duties of stage manager, and we believe he felt that the success of the performance was an ample reward for the work involved.

Cragg as stage prompter and curtain supervisor achieved wonders, whilst Mr. and Mrs. Eade were once more prevailed upon to perform the delicate task of making up, and came out of the ordeal in flying colours.

It is worth while emphasizing the fact that the work of selling tickets fell mainly upon the shoulders of those who took part in the play or who helped in its organization, although one or two old boys, not in the Dramatic Section, together with some very good friends from outside, also helped.

We had a fairly large hall on both nights, the audience being composed of everybody excepting old and present boys.

The results are that we feel emboldened to achieve greater things and incidentally greater profits, but we want the loyal co-operation of the Old Boys' Club. We are at present sustained by the general public, and solicit help and backing up of our endeavours from amongst fellow members.

Reigate Grammar School Old Boys' Club Dramatic Section.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR SEASON 1913-1914. (Performance of "Twelfth Night.")

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand from 1912-1913	3	17	0
„ Subscriptions		14	0
„ Sale of Tickets for "Twelfth Night" Performances	52	7	0
Sale of Programmes	2	8	8
	£59 6 8		

PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.
By Advertising			9 15 0
„ Hire of Scenery	12	15	0
„ „ „ Costumes	10	10	0
„ Carriage upon same		16	4
		24	1 4
„ Hire of Market Hall, Redhill		7	17 6
„ Refreshments on Performance Nights..			18 6
„ Attendance including gratuities		2	1 0
„ Music, Stationery, Secretarial Expenses		1	3 7
„ Balance in hand		13	9 9
		£59	6 8

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I have examined the above Accounts with the books and vouchers and found same correct.

E. M. S. GLAZBROOK, Hon. Treasurer.

C. HOOD RAYNER, Hon. Secretary.

14th March, 1914.

HARRY KEASLEY, A.C.A.,

Hon. Auditor.

Disposition of Balance in hand accruing from the Performance of "Twelfth Night" as passed by the Committee of the Dramatic Section and sanctioned by the Committee of the Old Boys' Club.

	£	s.	d.
School Cadet Corps	2	17	6
Old Boys' Scholarship Scheme	2	17	6
Old Boys' Invitation Concert Fund, 1914			
Performance	2	15	0
Reserve Fund for Dramatic Club	4	19	9
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	£13	9	9

C. HOOD RAYNER,
Secretary Dramatic Section.

An Appeal to All Old Boys.

Johnson—Ragg MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

This, the Old Boys' Scholarship Scheme, has now been revised, and is

(1) to perpetuate the memory of Messrs. Johnson & Ragg, headmasters of the school lately deceased.

(2) Open to the sons of Old Boys and Masters of the School only.

The Scholarship Board has resolved that as the present way of running the scholarship on annual subscriptions, is very unsatisfactory, the scholarship shall lapse until such time as it is endowed.

In order to endow the Scholarship, a further sum of at least £350 must be collected and that moreover from amongst Old Boys and masters of the School.

Some dozen Old Boys have guaranteed £100 in the event of the other £250 being forthcoming by Xmas next.

Now if twelve Old Boys can raise £100 surely the rest, who number hundreds can raise £250?

The objects of the Club are to benefit the School and the Old Boys; the fulfilment of this scheme does both.

The scheme moreover aims at perpetuating the memory of two headmasters to whom the School owes much, and the Old Boys who worked under them yet more.

Mr. Johnson's Old Boys know now how much they owe to the careful teaching and sympathy he gave them in their school-

days and we confidently appeal to their generous support of the scheme, a support they can well give from the riches, accrued largely as a result of their school training.

Mr. Ragg's Old Boys are mostly beginning to realise what they owe to his untiring care, example and teaching, but they are not so far on in the world as those that have been longer in the race. Therefore to many of them it means a considerable sacrifice, but we count on them to make this sacrifice, and that in the same cheerful manner that Mr. Ragg made his for them and the school. We ask them to give up their cigarettes and other small things for a short while, and what are these compared to life Mr. Ragg gave cheerfully and knowingly, that they might be better men!

To those Old Boys who were at School under neither of these headmasters, we would say that the scholarship is endowed to Messrs. Johnson & Ragg because they are recently deceased, were headmasters over long periods, and took an active interest in starting the O.B.C. Therefore, and because by so doing you benefit your old school and would thus please your headmasters and shew your esprit de corps, it is your duty, as much as it is the duty of us who studied at the School under Messrs. Johnson & Ragg, to use your utmost efforts to carry the endowment of this Scholarship scheme to its fulfilment.

In order to do so it will be necessary for many of us to make pecuniary sacrifices, but surely for such an object sacrifices will be cheerfully made?

Remember you are asked to give once, and once only; that when the scholarship is endowed you will be worried no more about it, and can feel you have benefited the School and yourself, but that until the Scholarship is endowed we shall worry you and that incessantly.

R. E. CAFFYN,
P. H. MITCHINER, } Hon. Secs. Scholarship Board.



Reigate Grammar School Old Boys' Rifle Club.

IN THE INGLE LOWE CUP COMPETITION THE CLUB
STANDS 5TH.

	Matches	Won	Lost	Points	Aver.
1 Croydon High School Old Boys	12	12	0	24	742.0
2 Anerley College	12	10	2	20	702.2
3 Croydon High School	12	7	5	14	696.3
4 Reigate G. S.	12	7	5	14	655.8
5 Reigate G.S.O. Boys	12	2	10	4	623.1
6 Old Tollingtonians	12	2	10	4	579.7
7 Tollington School	12	2	10	4	533.8

Our position would have been higher but for the fact that two matches had to be abandoned near the end of the season owing to sufficient members not turning up to shoot!

Next season it is proposed to divide the schools competing for this cup into two divisions. This will lessen the number of matches and give more time for practice and other competitions.

The General Secretary Mr. L. E. Hall, and his committee are to be congratulated on the way the competition was carried through under somewhat difficult conditions. Those members who were present at the Presentation and Supper have also to thank them for a very pleasant and encouraging evening.

It is nothing less than the duty of every man to learn to be an efficient shot and it is earnestly hoped that more Old Boys will support this section of their club next season. More members mean more efficiency and better equipment.

Three "Spoon Shoots" were fired during the season and we congratulate the winners—W. B. Dare, C. Rayner, and G. T. McKay.

The new Scheme for the Ingle Lowe Cup is expected early in June and on its arrival a Committee meeting will be called to consider it and to arrange next season's details and competitions.

S. G. EADE, Hon. Sec.



O.T.C. Notes.

The Spring term was uneventful, so that there is nothing outside ordinary routine on which to comment. We have suffered further diminution in numbers, three boys having left, while so far, only two have enrolled this term. The apathy of some of the senior boys in the "Awkward Squad" is disheartening to us and discreditable to them.

Congratulations to Corpl. Pash on having gained Certificate A. Sergeant Whiting and Cadet Lambert missed it by only a few marks.

Section IV. retains the Old Boys' Shield, the marks will be found below.

On March 5th we took part in field operations with the Whitgift School Contingent on Headley Heath. The idea was that the Whitgift Companies represented a section of the outpost line of a defeated army—their picket-line enclosing the northern portion of Headley Heath. We represented a portion of the advance guard of a Southern army and our instructions were to reconnoitre the enemy's outpost line with a view to driving an attack through it.

We left Reigate by the 10-30 train and detrained at Betch-

worth where we had to wait nearly half-an-hour. We expected the Pebblecombe-Boxhill Road to be well patrolled by hostile cyclists so that our advanced party under Sergeant McKay was ordered to proceed by the footpath up the face of the hill and get on to the Heath either at the Hand-in-Hand, or at Bullenwood. The main body followed by the same route and reached Bullenwood without being observed, or seeing any hostile patrols. Here we waited over an hour while our Scouts were endeavouring to find out the enemy's dispositions. In this they were only partially successful, chiefly because they were not sufficiently enterprising. The O.C. did learn the approximate position of the enemy's left, while he was able to see for himself where their right was posted. The enemy, relying on the wide field of view obtainable from his position, did not use patrols, so that our scouts should have pushed right up to the hostile sentry groups, all along his line. When we decided to move, the first step was to get into the western ravine, if possible without being seen. This afforded us a covered approach to within 500 yards of the enemy's right picket. Sergeant McKay's party covered our right during this movement. On reaching the head of the ravine the left half Company, under Mr. Eade, deployed and made a frontal attack upon the enemy. The left half company were able to keep under cover and work right round the enemy's flank so that the umpires ordered their right to retire. So far we had been successful but the enemy had not used his reserves at all and we could not possibly have held on to what we had gained. We were now told by the umpires that the enemy had been heavily reinforced and that we must retire, five minutes start being given us. In order to make the most of this start the retirement was begun at once and we went right back to the middle ridge. Here flanking parties under Colour Sergeant Parsons and Sergeant McKay, were posted while the remainder retired in the direction of Pebblecombe. As soon as the retiring sections had reached the cover of the valley, direction was changed to the right and the gate at Bullenwood was reached, thus securing our retreat on Betchworth Station. The weather was not altogether propitious, but everyone enjoyed the day.

We are now organized on the double company system, as two platoons. Captain McNamara, the Queen's Regiment, visited us on May 8th.

The Annual Inspection took place on Thursday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m.

Camp opens on Tuesday, July 28th and closes on Thursday, Aug. 6th, we go to Tidworth this year and we hope to have a good muster.

After the examinations arrangements will be made for the

Brodie Cup Competition, and for the shoots for the Hall and Smith Challenge Cups.

It is probable that signalling will prove to be an important part of this year's inspection.

SHIELD MARKS.

Section II	Sergt.	Lillywhite	..	1485.
„	III	„ Silcock	..	1428.
„	I	„ McKay	..	1395.
„	II	„ Whiting	..	1363.



Sport Notes.

CRICKET PROSPECTS.

At the time of writing it wants a couple of days to the first school match, so that to prophesy would be a difficult task. J. Pooley and Morrison have both gone, and each was a tower of strength; yet we hope to build a successful team out of what is still with us. We are glad our captain, last year as well as this by far our best all-round man, will be able to be with us practically all the season. He and Faulkner will of course be the chief bowling strength, and Risbridger will probably find a permanent place as first change. As in past years, it appears that our bowling, through lack of change bowlers, may prove our weakness. Of batsmen we have plenty: mighty hitters like Sutton, Lillywhite and Faulkner, the first two probably forming the backbone of our batting strength, steady bats like Pash and Pooley, with Burtenshaw and Silcock at their best, ought to get a lot of runs. Then Risbridger is good for runs too, and Mattock, who will probably play, has a very sound defence. Finally, Spearing (i) may get a place, and if he can learn to pick the right ball to hit will put up a lot of good scores, with his great natural advantages. But what we want is practice, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. The Lodge Ground is now available, and there is no excuse for any boy failing through lack of familiarity with the feel of the bat or other impedimenta. Two things must be remembered: first, that the very best of natural cricketers can never perform well unless he is in thorough practice, and secondly, that in cricket, more than any other game, the mere average player can rise to the first rank by diligence and keen and steady application.

It may be stated that the old "colours" still with us are Lillywhite, Silcock, Faulkner and Sutton. Who will be those to gain this proud distinction this season?

FOOTBALL

In the brief space placed at our disposal by the Editor this term, owing to pressure from several special items, it is impossible to give more than a short review of football. Since the last notes were penned, we have accomplished several good performances, of which the defeat of the redoubtable Battersea by the considerable but by no means flattering margin of four goals to nil must rank first. It is true that we also defeated Guildford by the enormous score of fourteen goals to one, but they were without their crack forward and played ten men throughout. This was still admittedly a good performance, but the other must have pride of place. As was the case last season, the best goal of the season was scored against Battersea, this time by Lillywhite, with a marvellous cross drive from fully thirty-five yards range, which gave the goalkeeper no chance at all.

Besides the above-mentioned games, we have beaten Horsham 5-1 and a very heavy if not over skilful team representing St. Mark's Bible Class by four goals to three. We have also (the writer fancies this game is fully reported elsewhere in this issue) drawn with a very strong team of Old Reigatonians, one all, which latter score has not been recorded for a very long time in a school match.

The team which finished the season was as foretold in these notes last term. Spearing retained his place in goal, performing very creditably indeed, and Francis played left half. The fortunate though deserving recipients of "colours" after the Old Boys' match were Francis and Knight.

G.J.L.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1914.

We are glad to be able to report another successful year of the Club's existence. The programme arranged by the Committee has been duly carried out. The functions arranged by the Club for the benefit of Members have, in no case, been well supported by them. There is, we fear, a disposition on the part of a certain number of Members to support only those functions in which they themselves are particularly interested. This is very unfair to the Sub-Committees responsible for their respective entertainments, as they have not only the trouble of arranging the programme, but also of getting a good audience together.

It is, also, not very complimentary to the artistes who kindly give their services.

The CRICKET MATCH against the School was held this year at "Ivanhoe," by the kind permission of Mr. J. Powell. The game resulted in a win for the School, but was close enough to be quite interesting. It is worthy of note that there were only one or two Members of the Club present as spectators.

The AL FRESCO CONCERT was held in the School playground on July 12th. The following gentlemen served on the Sub-Committee:—Messrs. E. M. S. Glazbrook, C. H. Rayner, and E. W. Stedman, and they are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts.

The Concert was well attended, and the generous applause given to the kind friends who took part in the programme showed that it was greatly enjoyed.

There was a good muster of Old Boys at the SCHOOL SPORTS, and the entries for the 220 yards race must have created a record. There was not quite as good a turnout for the Members' race, but the entries were well up to the average. Congratulations to H. L. Marsh for winning both events.

The FOOTBALL MATCH, *v.* School, resulted in a fairly easy win for our team, captained by C. H. Rayner. Our forwards were in particularly good form, scoring 10 goals. The defence was somewhat shaky in the earlier part of the game, but improved considerably in the second half.

The BOHEMIAN CONCERT, held at the School, on Oct. 25th, was a new venture for the Club, and was so successful that the Committee recommend it as a regular fixture for the Club Programme. Messrs. G. E. Cragg and E. M. S. Glazbrook are to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements. We are glad to note that there was a small balance in hand after paying the expenses of the Concert. The success of this fixture is chiefly attributable to the kind support of the general public.

The DRAMATIC SECTION gave two performances of "Twelfth Night," at the Market Hall, Redhill, on November 28th and 29th. A detailed report is given elsewhere.

The DINNER was held at the School, on December 6th, when we were favoured with the company of a number of distinguished visitors. Our chief regret was that out of 43 persons present only 15 were Members of the Club. The Committee feel that the Annual Dinner is an event which Members should make a special effort to attend. They have considered carefully the reasons which might possibly explain the absence of the vast majority of Members, and in the result recommend that, as an experiment, Morning Dress be worn at the next Dinner.

The arrangements for the Dinner were well carried out by Messrs. J. E. Hall, G. E. Cragg, and J. H. Mitchiner.

The DANCE was held on January 31st. The Committee decided that the deficit, if any, on the working should be met from the Club funds, and as the previous dances held at the King's Hall had not paid their way, it was decided to hold it at the Small Market Hall, and that it be a Cinderella Dance.

Apparently the alterations made by the Committee did not meet with the views of all those who had hitherto supported the Dance, and the result was that there was a comparatively small attendance, and consequently a loss to the Club funds of £1 13s. 7d.

The programme, directed by Messrs. H. L. Mitchiner and A. J. L. Malcomson, was well carried out, and those present spent a very enjoyable evening.

The SMOKING CONCERT was held at the Warwick Hotel, on Saturday, February 14th. An excellent entertainment had been arranged by the Sub-Committee, but the attendance was very poor. There were only ten Old Boys present, of whom three were the Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Committee recommend that in next year's programme a Bohemian Concert be substituted for the Smoking Concert.

The INVITATION CONCERT was held at the School, on Saturday, March 7th. The excellent programme had been arranged by Messrs. J. E. Hall and E. M. S. Glazbrook, and was enjoyed by a fairly large audience. The Committee note with regret that, although the audience was considerably larger than last year, the increase was not due to the additional support of Members, but of present boys and their relations.

We offer our congratulations to the Members of the Club who recently joined the local Territorials, and who have all been promoted. It is a matter of regret that this example has not been followed, and we hope that Members of the School Corps will transfer their services, on leaving School, to "The Queen's."

The Rifle Club is now in full working order, and is showing its benefit in the marked improvement of the shooting of those who attend regularly. It is in need of the active support of more Members of the Old Boys' Club. Several Members have not carried out their promises of support given before the Club was started, and we trust that they will join without further delay.

W. D. MALCOMSON,

Hon. Sec.



Cottage Notes.

DOODS.

The past Football season has not been a successful one from the number of matches won, for we have lost every match, but we have had the satisfaction of making good fights against much heavier and older teams than ourselves. The forwards particularly combined well, and their only faults were hesitation in front of goal and a tendency to leave the defence to look after itself. Next season, with most of the older players still available, we may look forward to a more successful programme.

H. G. BURTENSHAW.



House Notes.

PRIORY.

We won both our outstanding matches of last term, viz: those against Doods and Redstone. The Redstone match was an excellent one in every respect. Priory scored their winning goal half an hour from the end, and managed to hold the lead until the whistle sounded for time, in spite of the desperate efforts made by Redstone to equalise. It was rather unfortunate that Wray were unable to beat Redstone, as then the three Houses would have been equal. In the match v. Doods, Doods had quite the best of the first half but failed to last during the second, and in the end we won quite easily. We have not yet played a match this season but our prospects are not very hopeful.

J. H. G. LILLYWHITE.

REDSTONE.

At football this season we were very successful. Both 1st and 2nd XI's succeeded in winning the Cups, and during the whole season we won eleven matches and lost one, the 1st XI against Priory, when they won 3-2. This was, like the first match, a very close game, Priory gaining the victory by their better shooting.

At cricket we have so far played one match against Wray, when we won by 99 runs to 44. We batted first, and thanks chiefly to Sutton and some free hitting by Faulkner and Wallis, we knocked up 99. Wray, except Silcock, did not make much of a show and were all dismissed for 44.

Our numbers have been steadily increasing so that now there are fifty boys in Redstone. With so large a number we ought to make a better show at the Sports this year. We beat the other Houses at football and have one of the strongest cricket teams, so I don't see why we should be content to be last at Athletic Sports. Since we haven't any brilliant runners, the only way for this to be prevented is for every boy in Redstone to do his share and to enter for at least, say, three events and to train for them. Remember that seconds and thirds are almost as good as firsts, and that even if you don't win as is often the case when you play football and cricket, you have done your best and are not a slacker.

A. L. PASH.

WRAY.

The football season was not a tremendous success but if the form shown by the younger members of the team during the second term can be reproduced next season, Wray should win the cup.

With the advent of the cricket season we feel and regret the loss of Morrison, but in spite of this loss we have been able to avenge our defeat by Doods last year, for this year we beat them by more than an innings. We lost to Redstone by 53 runs.

C. G. J. SILCOCK.



Form Notes.

VIA.

Motto—*Pro Deo, Rege et Schola.*

No members of the Form have left us this term nor have we had to welcome any new members.

The breadth of the line between the Science and Arts Sections of the Form has been considerably lessened and one of the Science people and two of the Arts' intend to try for Major Schols. May they be successful! Eggy alone will attempt to obtain an "Inter" of London University. Donald hopes to go into training to be fattened up for a Cannibals' Dinner Party but the rest of the form are preparing for Civil Service Exams.

Congratulations to Eggy on getting his Footer Colours and to Buttons on taking over the command of Section 1. We are also glad to congratulate Pash (VIB's only prefect) on obtaining Certificate "A."

We were all very sorry to hear of Soapy's illness and are much relieved to know that he is getting on well. May he have

a speedy recovery and return to Reigate better in health than ever before!

Definition of a (k)nut:—"A big (k)nob on a small screw."
(Hold out your hand. Ed.)

A POEM.

(Dedicated to P.J.F.M. and W.B.D.)

When you are frightened of barbers,
Though you may have the siller,
Think of the germs that hair harbours,
And try some Weed Killer.

Things we should like to know:—

Why D - - c - ck has been buying gunpowder, electric batteries, etc., etc. lately, and if it be true that he is on the staff of the "Suffragette."

Who cut D - r - 's hair and if it spoilt the lawn-mower.

If any of the chanting Friars of the Pilgrims' Fayre have secured engagements yet.

If the Sweet Stall was well patronised

What charge the Police preferred against Mr. J - n - s' dog.

If it be true that the Fifth are going to alter their motto to "Baa-aa,"

If it be true that the King lunched at the Hôtel Fr - nc - s and that - ggy returned on the royal yacht.

P. B. L. S.

VIB.

Motto—"Non pro nobis, sed pro Schola."

Owing to the hard work of THE FORM this term, e.g., three periods of History in one day, we find it impossible to produce satisfactory Form Notes till after the exams. But as the next "Pilgrim" is produced next term, different persons will probably write notes for this Form then and we cannot promise that they will be really good next time.

FRANK E. POTTER.

V.

Motto—*Excelsior* or "*Huppards*"

Howlers in Form V. are, like Maths. geniuses (or is it *genii*?), conspicuous by their absence.

We have no time to dilate at any great length on the virtues or un-virtues of our select assembly, enough to say that our glorious reputation has been maintained, nay enhanced, during

the past term and we look to the younger generation to look up to and endeavour to follow the grand example which we have shown them.

The end of last term was celebrated by the manufacture of a most obnoxious and entirely unpleasant effluvium; in fact the odour was what we have heard described as "beastly rank."

A certain quantity was placed in the ink-wells and *in(k) case* that was not enough, one enterprising little fellow, who, in the words of the sage, shall be nameless, secreted some in the desk as well. The scent was a centre of great attraction, and was much too awful for the pen to *desk-cribe*.

We learn that Spearing is still appearing to be fearing the nearing of the inspection. How cheering! The inevitable has happened, Doods were licked by Priory. What else could be expected when the mainstay of the team was—but let us be modest.

We hear that Nel—our mistake, Inky has been making great strides in such small matters as Maths. and Science, in fact it is rumoured that he intends taking up work as a hobby. Great Scot! To our young friends D--e and L-mb--t:—We suggest one long plait or perhaps it would create a better effect with just a plain ribbon to match complexion and socks if possible.

Please tell us

Who made the stink?

Whether D--c-c-k's answer would have been somewhat different if the question had been constructed more sensibly?

In conclusion we hope that exams. will be thick as leaves in Vallambrosa this term, as we are determined to go in for some real hard work.

In con-conclusion we should not object to a few Wednesday afternoons devoted to the most edifying and instructive pastime of swotting History, just to give a keener edge to the work. What do you say boys?

D. ROY TURNER.
R. A. POOLEY.

IVA.

Motto:—" *Sans Peur et sans Reproche.*"

N-rth-v-r left us last term and thereby reduced the weight of the Form by a third.

Best on record:—

B-ll took five minutes to divide .5 by 2.

S-mm-ns made his first answer in Scripture on May 11th,

Kn - ght, who has kept quiet for some time, tells us that in England the people use horse-power but in France they use donkey power. (It is a good thing he gets on so well at French.)

W - tk - ns has invented a new time table: Friday morning begins at 1 o'clock after 12 o'clock on Thursday night.

W - ll - - ms, alias Euclid II, has invented a new axiom:—If two lines are unequal they must be either equal to one another or one smaller than the other.

W. A. BENNETT.
B. WELLS.

IVB.

We have not had a very eventful term, the only quarrel being between the two noted scientists, Simmons and Bishop.

R - sb - - dger evidently does not like Mr. McKay's geometrical drawings, for he said "Join the lines A B and C D respectably."

Gooda says a eudiometer is used to find the goodness of a substance. *In fact to see which is the Gooda.*

Another feather in our own cap, we have nine members of the form going in for the "Junior" to pass. IVA can only muster four.

In the exams, Overington describes a journey from London to Brighton:—

"We start from Victoria and go by the L.B. & S.C.R. or *perhaps* the S.E. & C.R. The next station is Dorking, we call at Sevenoaks and then go straight on to Brighton.

LEONARD B. KENDRICK.
PERCY ALEXANDER.



School Notes.

"It was a special picture, sir," has again shone. This time "It was a special piece of homework that I was doing on the Common, sir." And this recalls a similar thought. The Maths.' master reports that Brainy always finds inspiration in figures in Geometry where lines are lettered E D or L C or both. Y?

Keks,* Korps, Kricket, Kenneth—and all adopted at same time too.

* *Lancashire dialect for long trousers.*

Well might the tourist ask, "Où est Cook's homme?"

Alas our Droy has departed and with him much of the buffoonery even of the Fifth form.

There is something very healthy about a tanned cheek.

Any member of a university—and passing London Matric makes you one—is legally entitled to be called esquire. In later life he will have the privilege of serving on a grand jury, however much he doesn't want to.



A Day in the Life of a Head Prefect.

Some terms ago a House Captain wrote a short article on "The Worries of a House Captain,"—they were very real. Now I claim that these worries were only occasional, whereas the daily life of the Head Prefect is full of innumerable troubles. Further, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. he has numbers of difficult tasks to perform, not always uninteresting nor even unpalatable.

Let us take Friday as an average day. We arrive at school at nine o'clock for Signalling Drill. The Company falls in and has to be "told off." Then a number of cadets discover that their flags are missing, which necessitates an examination of all flags. When this is happily or unhappily finished, we note that some N.C.O., who was marked present on parade, is not to be seen signalling. A search reveals the delinquent finishing French Prep. in the Library, and several other Cadets and civilians doing likewise, here or elsewhere. These being duly routed, one returns to the playground and finds that signalling is not proceeding as well as it might. The majority seem to be having a pleasant conversazione in various corners. While correcting these sinners, one hears the School bell ringing, telling us it is time for Prayers.

It is now hard work to see that everybody is in his place in the Gym. in four minutes, so that prayers may be read as soon as the second bell is rung. If one is not careful, one or two from IVA, or some other enterprising form, spend prayer-time in their class-room learning Geometry by heart. After prayers some Section Commander may report that Robinson and Tomkins, instead of coming to Signalling Parade, had spent half an hour on the "Lodge" Ground practising footer. This is a serious offence as Robinson and his friend have already been warned of the wickedness of so doing. Well I must interview them in the Library. Meantime we must get to work. For an hour and a half, work goes steadily on, with perhaps a visit from a boy who desires to get a book out of the "Pound," and a message from a

Master that he has not yet received a full list of missing flags, or defaulters. Eventually, Break arrives, one might now reasonably expect a quiet ten minutes, but, No! After distributing various articles from Pound and noting what fines are paid or unpaid, a Master will arrive with "Oh! would you be so good as to go down to the town to get this week's 'Our Cats,' as it is a special number and I want to see it." On returning, Break is over.

It is work again till 12.45, when Morning School ends. A deputation from the Thirds may then arrive and state, "Oh, you are a good chap we know you'll ref' for us to-morrow." Having disposed of this, I set off for home, on the way correcting some urchin for riding out of the front gate and forbidding two others from riding two on one bike. Then someone remembers that there will be an History Exam., in the afternoon, and that his history book is missing. Evidently I am expected to provide a book, and as I do not remember having done a particularly "good turn" up to the present, I decide to return and do so. At last, I am off and reach home late. In a little while I am once more returning. On the way I meet a Master, he calls out that he has found the rabbit that he had lost and would be delighted if I would go to the Police and relieve them of their anxiety concerning the aforesaid rabbit. After this I *do* really get back to School. Some boy from the Third Form asks that he may have a new peg as, at present, in wet weather his coat drips into a puddle. This is quite reasonable and the boy is very grateful when something is done for him. The bell rings and Afternoon School commences.

Before we really start work, there are a few enquiries concerning articles in Pound, and some boy in the Lower Latin Set wants help in a sentence from Caesar I. Probably he doesn't get it for more reasons than one! Work starts and continues pretty steadily till 4.30. Then there is a rush to know what the Prep. is. Is French prepared to-night? Is there any set? Is it words or prose? Is there any Latin to-morrow? There is probably much Prep. to be copied from the Notice Board. A few arrive from Forms I and II as it is their Library night. After recommending books for them to read, we lock up the Library and turn to interview Robinson and Tomkins. After a good lecture they are duly punished either by "D" or more forcibly by other means, which usually has more lasting results. During the interview, there has been a crowd outside the window, which has to be driven away from time to time, not without its reward. One thinks then of tea, but the Form Notes have not yet been before the Prefects for their consideration. A quarter of an hour of careful deliberation follows trying to make somebody's funny remarks fit for publication.

At last one is free and turns homeward for tea and a hard evening's work.

In writing this, I have tried to show that the job of Head Prefect is not all honey and silver badges, but do not wish it to be understood that I have any desire for a change. With less to do, I should not be nearly as happy nor should I like it half as well.

D. P.



Pilgrims and Pilgrimages.

It has been suggested that an article, or even a series of articles, dealing with men and things ignored by the ordinary history text-book would be sufficiently interesting to justify inclusion in this magazine. At one time the writer hoped that articles dealing with local history might be possible, but examination has shown that the district is not sufficiently rich in historical associations to afford material for a closely-associated series of articles. For this reason it is proposed to deal with subjects of general interest, which will include local history whenever local history is possible.

The idea of pilgrimage originated in the 4th century, A. D., and the object of all the earliest pilgrimages was the Holy Land—the country in which Our Lord lived, laboured, and died. There is no time to speak here of the manifold dangers which beset the traveller to the Holy Land, and it must suffice to remind the reader of the founding of the Order of the Knights of the Temple to escort pilgrims from one to another of the Holy places, and of the meaning and purpose of the Crusades. Disinclination to face danger compelled the devout Christian to cast about for other places which could be visited with safety. Two places especially commended themselves to his attention. These were:—Rome, the centre of Western Christianity, a city teeming with churches and relics, and the Shrine of St. James at Compostella in Spain. But here again there were difficulties in the way. These places were so distant from Britain that the journey thither could be afforded by none but the wealthy, so that ordinary people could not hope to reap the spiritual and physical benefits harvested by the pious pilgrim. Necessity again became the parent of investigation, and then, gradually, Englishmen seem to have realized that the way to Heaven was as short from Britain as it was from Jerusalem and Rome, and that, moreover, they had in their own land a number of shrines, roads, and holy wells to which they might advantageously repair.

Of these English shrines the most popular was that of St. Thomas of Canterbury. Even foreigners considered a visit to the tomb of our "holy blissful martir" so efficacious that they came annually, during the spring and summer, and especially during

Lent, to pay their dues and kiss the relics of the Saint. After landing at Southampton, these foreign pilgrims congregated at Winchester, where they gained a little preliminary practice by visiting the shrine of St. Swithin, after which they set out in companies on the journey of a hundred and twenty odd miles to Canterbury. To record the route followed would be to waste pen, ink, and paper!

Next in importance was the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. This shrine was the object of a visit by Erasmus the scholar and cynic, which visit he describes with some traces of humour in his "*Perigrinatio Religionis ergo.*" Besides these there were numerous others; indeed shrines were dotted all over the country. Norfolk itself contained no fewer than seventy, and there were several along the Pilgrims Way. It would probably be true to say that nearly every cathedral and great monastery, besides many a parish church had its saint to whom people resorted. A few names suggest themselves at once! There was St. Edward the Confessor at Westminster, St. Hugh at Lincoln, St. William at York, little St. William at Norwich, St. Wulstan at Worcester, and St. Swithin at Winchester. By praying at the shrine of a saint some hoped to obtain remission of their time in purgatory; others sought to be cured of disease by touching a relic, while others again went to return thanks for the intercession of the saint on their behalf in some way or other.

Before setting out on his pilgrimage the pilgrim repaired to his church, where in a special service his pious enterprise received the blessing of the Church, while prayers were also offered for his safe return. Then, after his special insignia—the scrip and the staff—had likewise been blessed, he set out. If the pilgrimage was a compulsory one, undertaken as an act of penance, the unfortunate individual had to make the journey with bare feet. In this case the staff would be of real assistance. If, on the other hand, the pilgrimage was voluntary, the pilgrim might ride if he so chose. But to return to our unfortunate friend whom we left at the very outset of his journey! A close inspection of this object of our pity will show that enveloping him from head to foot is a long cloak, made of coarse grey cloth, and apparently meant to represent St. John the Baptist's robe of camel's hair, which furthermore is girt about him by an iron chain. His unkempt locks sweep unshorn over his shoulders, but his head is protected from the heat of the noon-day by a wide-brimmed hat of felt. A peep into the scrip strapped on his spare shoulders will reveal little besides a hard crust or two. Altogether he looks what he is—very penitent.

Here we must leave our friend, leave him trudging painfully yet patiently, borne down for the most part by the heavy burden of his sins, and gaining but brief respite in some wayside shrine,

leave him with the hope that at the journey's end he will find healing balm for soul and body.

Such was the penitential pilgrim—the ideal pilgrim. Most people who have read Chaucer's "Prologue to the Canterbury Tales" will probably suggest that the foregoing description does not tally with that of the "nyne and twenty sondry folk that toward Canterbury wolden ride." It does not. Chaucer's pilgrims were voluntary pilgrims, ordinary people determined to make their pilgrimage a pleasant excursion. They started off with well-filled purses, wore their ordinary clothes, ambled along the green roads, and stayed at comfortable inns. These particular pilgrims it may be remembered, took special pains to make the journey a pleasant one, for as their leader argued "comfort and worth is none, to riden by the way dumb as a stone." Thus we can easily picture some such motley company riding gaily along, beguiling the journey by hearkening to the merry song and careless jest of the musicians who accompanied them. To the conduct of such pilgrims one writer takes violent objection because "they make more noise than if the King came there away with all his clarions." Moreover, continues the ancient scribe, after such people have been a "moneth" on pilgrimage, "many of them shall be in half-year after great janglers, tale-tellers, and liars." But this need not concern us. What we have to notice particularly is that to the ordinary pilgrim—the voluntary pilgrim—his journey was, while it lasted, a pleasant excursion, from which serious thought might be banished.

To enable us to understand what happened when at last the shrine was reached, Erasmus very happily comes to our aid. The shrine, it may be noted, was the tomb of the saint, and contained the greater part of what was left of him. Covering the tomb was a wooden canopy which could be raised by pulleys. Beneath this outer covering the tomb itself was generally a mass of gold and precious stones. A priest was stationed at the shrine, which in some cases had a little chapel all to itself, and with a white wand pointed out each jewel, at the same time furnishing particulars of the gift and of the giver. Pilgrims were confessedly weak, and so to keep them from temptation, and incidentally to prevent their undoing all the good work of their pilgrimage, an iron girdle of stout dimensions separated their hands from the jewels. This feast for the eyes however was only spread when the pilgrim had said his prayers and kissed the relics. These were exposed in another part of the church, perhaps before the altar, or even in the crypt. In some cases too the relics might be exceedingly numerous. Erasmus unhesitatingly and reverently kissed St. Thomas's skull, the point of the sword which "stirred his brain," his hair shirt and the bandages with which he had subdued the flesh, and even a promiscuous collection of skulls, jawbones, teeth, hands, fingers, and entire

arms, but he appears to have grown suspicious of the genuineness of an arm-bone which had some flesh still adhering to it. Here I am reminded of an old Welsh healing cup which was supposed by contact with people to cure them of everything and anything; (so said the good Monks of Strata Florida Abbey, who held the cup in high esteem). The Welshmen of the hills, however, seem to have had their doubts. In any case they were not content with merely kissing the cup, for from the small piece which is left to-day, and from the teeth-marks upon it, most people infer that the rest has been bitten off and eaten. Yet here and there genuine relics existed. The little church of Charing in Kent, which would be visited by the individual over whom we lately poured the oil of pity, contained the block of wood on which St. John the Baptist lost his head. This relic was the gift of Richard I., and as it survived until 1552, it had obviously evaded Cromwell's lynx-eyed spies. After this date there was no trace of it, so it was probably lost in the fire which destroyed the church in that year.

The proof that the pilgrim had completed his pilgrimage was to be found in the sign which he wore on his shoulder, in his hat, on his scrip, or else hanging round his neck. As every shrine had its own sign, one could learn by looking at the decorated pilgrim exactly where he had been. Two strips of cloth sewn on his shoulder in the form of a cross were a sign that he had visited the Holy Land. If the cloth was white the pilgrim was English, if red, a Frenchman, and if green, a Fleming. Some such pilgrim might be seen carrying a palm-branch in his hand. This was an extra sign and was meant to show that the pious man had gone the round of all the holy places in the Holy Land. The chief signs of the pilgrimage to Rome were the pewter effigies of St. Peter and St. Paul, the cross-keys, and the vernicle, which was a copy of the kerchief of Veronica with which she wiped the brow of the Saviour when he fainted under the weight of His Cross in the Via Dolorosa, and which received very miraculously an imprint of the sacred countenance. If a pilgrim had scallop shells on his hat he had obviously been to Compostella. Pilgrims returning from Canterbury might be recognised by the little bells sewn on their clothing, and more particularly by the "ampullae" worn round their necks. The ampul, as its name implies, was a little flask of pewter and lead. Its importance lay in the fact that it contained some of the martyr's blood, much diluted of course, but still sufficiently strong to make the fluid a sure protection against illness. For the sake of its precious contents then the ampul was carefully preserved for the day of need. Even in 1748 it was believed that an ampul had been the means of preserving a notorious criminal from paying the extreme penalty of the law. During the Middle Ages the fame of the marvellous qualities of the ampul spread so

extensively that the guardians of the shrines copied it, and even manufactured "waters"—"aquae reliquarum"—of their own.

When the pilgrim returned home it was only fitting and proper that he should go again to his church and return thanks for the preservation, which had enabled him to make the pilgrimage and return again to his kin. When this had been done the pilgrimage was at an end.

Such were the beliefs of the mediaeval pilgrim, and such were his practices. To us living in this enlightened twentieth century both appear to teem with inconsistencies and fallacies. But before we sit in judgment on these old pilgrims, let us look closely into our own creeds, remembering too that after all a pilgrimage was but an attempt on the part of an individual to live up to his religion, and that truth is not the monopoly of any one age.

A. E. J.



A Trip to the Continent.—(continued).

The morning I entered Germany was a wasted one. The train was slow and we had a long wait on the frontier for formalities and baggage examination. The latter presented no terrors, for German customs officers are, like all others I have met except English ones, most courteous and careful to cause no more inconvenience than the performance of their duty demands. Then the hour was lost in the change from West to Mid-European time. This is most disappointing for it does not give you even a few seconds to look out trains, etc., as an ordinary stop does. Yet in this indescribably ugly part of Germany you do not miss much by consulting guides and forming plans while the train is in motion. At Köln I got out to see the Bridge of Boats, the Cathedral and other stock sights. I would have sent friends picture postcards but the difficulties with which I had to cope were too much for me. I got the cards with comparative ease but stamps were not sold at the post office as I expected they might be. Instead there were machines outside such as were recently introduced as an experiment in parts of London. These return your money because the machine is empty or because your coin is light or bent or for no reason at all. Sometimes you get stamps but only two halfpenny ones at a time. On this occasion I got eight and then gave way to an impatient queue behind. I did not hurry away and was gratified to find the machine had no greater trust in Germans than in me for it shot out their money on the pavement as quickly as they could put it in.

Thus comforted I went for a meal. I had heard Köln was dear and I was hungry. Prices for midday meal ranged from

8opf. to 1m. 50, so I went fairly high and decided on 1.20, a course I was soon to regret. I ordered Schweinebraten though it was a hot summer day. The natives eat this fare at all seasons in any quantity and without hurt, so why should not an Englishman be able to do so. They say pork is the only Fleisch which is juicy. The pig is highly esteemed in the Fatherland. The laws do not permit its being "rung" so it can dig anywhere and as deep as it likes without fear of hurting its nose. Yet trouble comes to it at last, and periodically you see a notice up in restaurants "Heute Schlachtfest," which means they are killing a pig that day and celebrating the occasion by drinking much beer. But to return to my pig. The waiter brought a basin of thick heavy soup and a sausage. As this seemed enough for any ordinary meal I felt I had not made myself quite clear but fearing further efforts might involve me more I accepted it. The empty vessel was removed and I found what I had had was not the meal at all but only an appetiser. The real work I was to accomplish consisted of quite a pound of pork, a dish of potatoes, one of cabbage boiled in fat, and another containing a mixture of macaroni, peas, turnips and carrots, with bread *ad lib.* And this cost but $\frac{1}{3}$ of our money in a country where we are told the native is compelled to live on black bread, potatoes and horse-flesh. Determined not to be beaten I gasped for beer which cost another penny, and set to work. I did not clean the bones as neatly as did others, but I tried my best with knife and fork. I do not like to see Germans eat. They first cut off what meat they can with knife and fork, then they take up one end of the bone in the fingers to scrape off more with a knife but this being ineffective they commence to gnaw the bone. I listened in vain when anyone went near for the accompanying growl which I almost expected. In a way it was well for me I had had my soup before I took stock of the other patrons.

The Cathedral looked very striking from outside but the interior, coming just after many visits to Flemish churches, proved most disappointing.

I decided to take train to Coblenz as I had been warned against the tediousness of the lower Rhine. Thus I might pass the prettier part without having been sent to sleep by the other, for sailing up stream even in the express steamers is slow owing to the speed with which the river flows. In fact I consider its speed its principal charm. I spent a night at Coblenz and was very pleased with what I saw of the town which is handsome and clean. I also had a most satisfactory hotel where, though the place looked quite pretentious, I got a bedroom for 2m. 50 and was agreeably surprised to find a notice in my bedroom to the effect that "bed" included a meat breakfast. I look forward to the time when I shall be able to spend a few days in Coblenz and devote to it some of the attention it deserves.

From here I took boat to Bingen. There is a splendid service between Köln and Mainz and if one is not pressed for time a boat trip should not be missed. It is most enjoyable on a summer day and cheaper than the train, but owing to the swiftness of the river it is wise to travel down stream rather than up if one has time to use the boat only one way.

Perhaps one has heard speak so highly of the Rhine that one expects too much. Personally I was most disappointed with what I saw and can almost understand the feelings of the slumberer on a boat when they tried to rouse him to enjoy the scenery. He said he had seen it much better on the Cinema at home. "Our film was a *coloured* one," he added. I found the banks very dull. The vines are small, the cliffs a dull brown and the ruined castles of the old robber barons are crowded on every point of vantage till they become positively monotonous. But if you think beyond the scenery and picture the part that this magnificent waterway must have played in history you cannot help being moved. The point which struck me most as to the modern river was the pains cultivators must have taken to plant their vineyards where they had. In any cranny where the cliffs are less steep soil has been piled and vines planted. This soil has been carried up the cliffs on the backs of the peasants and from the boat the gardens look inaccessible.

W. H. M.

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Life on a "Windjammer."—(continued).

About an hour afterwards I looked round again and the sailor was still sitting there in the same position. I thought that looked queer, so I crawled across to him and touched him, and he was quite dead. The awful stare on his face I shall never forget, and as he was the first dead person I had seen at close quarters it gave me a big shock. One of the doctors came along soon after, but he would take no notice of him. They left him there for three hours before they took him out.

The place after that gave me the creeps and the captain sent for me next day and took me on board and we went to sea the next day bound for Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., but I was three weeks at sea before I was fit to work again, and the horrors of Santa Rosalia I shall never forget.

When I was taken aboard the ship from the hospital, a bed was made up for me under a life-boat on the skids, i.e. a small deck under the life-boats, and about eight feet off the deck. By that time all the cargo was discharged, the ballast taken in, and the sails rebent. The day after I rejoined, a tug towed us out

of the harbour, and we set our sails and headed out into the middle of the Gulf bound for Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. Such wind as there was was right ahead and for three days we were in sight of Santa Rosalia. The second night out in the middle watch (12 midnight to 4 a.m.) a heavy squall caught the ship aback and laid her on her beam ends. I was shot out of my bed by the angle at which the ship was lying and fell on the main deck, but luckily I did not hurt myself. The chief officer went to the captain for orders, but the captain thought the ship was about to capsize, so he said, "Let her go mister, we can't do anything." Luckily for us she righted herself, and the men were able to shorten sail. Two nights afterwards the same thing happened again, though not quite so bad. From Santa Rosalia to the mouth of the Gulf of California is only three hundred miles, but through head winds and calms we took eleven days to get clear of it, and as soon as we got outside the Gulf the wind went right round to the N.W., which was another head wind. Nothing of importance happened on the passage north which took us forty-five days. The crew were employed in painting out the holds ready for the cargo of grain. We were three weeks at sea before I was able to do any work, and then I was not allowed to go aloft for a fortnight afterwards. One Sunday we were lying becalmed and the ship was rolling and the sails were banging about aloft, when suddenly the mizzen upper-topsail halliards carried away. The halliards consist of a heavy chain attached to the topsail yard, rove through a sheave-hole in the top-mast head and made fast to a heavy rope tackle on deck. The halliards are used for hoisting the yard when we set the sail. Under, and a little abaft the mizzen mast, is the after house, in the fore end of which is the galley in which there is a large skylight, and next door to the galley is the "bo'sun's" room. The cook and "bo'sun" were sitting outside on their respective doorsteps when the halliards carried away, and the heavy chain weighing over a ton came thundering down over their heads. They did not look up to see what was the matter, but they both tumbled backwards, the cook into the galley and the "bo'sun" into his room, and the next second the chain dropped just where they had been sitting, and made marks in the deck an inch deep, and smashed the cook's skylight to smithereens. If it had hit them it would have killed them instantly, but the only damage it did was to fill up our tea, which was cooking on the stove, with glass. Up aloft the steel yard weighing three tons fell right down on the lower topsail yard, but the wire lifts held. If they had not done so the yard would have dropped on deck and made an awful mess. The yard was damaged but after a little repairing we were able to set the sail again. On Sunday, October 1st, 1911, we arrived about fifty miles off the River Columbia. Several American steamers passed quite close to us, and as they were fitted with "wireless" it

seems that they reported us to a Columbia River tug which was also fitted with "wireless," because in the middle of the day she found us about thirty-eight miles off the river, and there was great excitement when she came alongside us, as then we knew that another passage was finished. We made all sail fast and in the evening we towed into the River Columbia over the Astoria bar. At the mouth of the river a breakwater is in course of construction, and even now it is five miles long. Running along the top of this breakwater is a railway which is used for carrying the materials to the end of the breakwater. A rather curious thing we noticed about the engines, was that they each carried several life-buoys. Rather strange to see engines with life-buoys. We dropped our anchor just below the town of Astoria.

H. MOLYNEUX.

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