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Editorial.

A new school year has commenced and promises to show excellent results. Numbers have "gone up" greatly, and most of our last-year Matriculants have decided to remain for another year to seek higher things. We have now in VIA. an exclusively Intermediate Form, for all are undergraduates of London University, and as such, so say the regulations drawn up by that majestic body, the Senate, are entitled to wear academic costume. If this year's work be crowned with success—and we expect it will be in several cases—there only remains one more examination for the full degree of B.A. and B.Sc. We suggest that at the Prize Distribution, which comes on us this term as we begin to recover from the exhaustive inspection by the Board of Education, the aforesaid academic costume be substituted for the usual prizes. Think how this would spur the younger generation to greater efforts! Could they help saying to themselves, "If we work hard we may, one day, look like that!" Increased numbers and older boys mean heavier work for the Staff, but as this has been adequately dealt with in the Common Room, little need be said here.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McKay. We were all sorry not to have been present at the ceremony, but a distant town was chosen, so we could only let our thoughts run to our colleague on Sept. 3rd.

It is rumoured from Bridlington that an ex-member of the Staff utilised the services of a present member when he went to choose a pretty ring. More will probably be heard of this, and we will continue when events justify it.

We have ceased to whine about subscriptions, having, at last, got an annual subscriber.

Please send matter for the next number to the Editor, W. H. Mainprize, at the School, by January 31st. Contributions of interest to present or old boys, and from any who are, or have been, connected with the School are heartily welcomed.



Old Boys' Club Notes.

We have not very much to record in the way of Club functions during the past three months, as the holiday season is a time when it is difficult to arrange them and get the people together for them.

We were fortunate in obtaining the kind permission of Mr. J. Powell to use the ground at "Ivanhoe" for the cricket match against the School. The game was quite interesting, and although we were beaten we had the satisfaction of having put up a good fight.

The *al fresco* Concert was held on the School play-ground, in the evening, after the cricket match. The weather was all that could be desired, and, judging from the applause given by the audience to the various items of the programme, we can safely congratulate ourselves on the success of the Concert. We are greatly indebted to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted us in the programme.

The Rifle Club has now been well started, and the Old Boys' Section meets every Monday evening at 8.15. So far, only a few members have turned up with any regularity, but we hope and expect to see it become a popular evening.

We would remind members that the Competition for the Lowe Cup will be coming along soon, and we want a good team of ten men to represent us in it.

We are glad to be able to record a number of successes of our Old Boys in recent examinations.

F. H. Smith won a Scholarship of £175 for one year, to be spent in education abroad, and we understand that he is now studying in Germany.

N. A. Worley obtained his B.A. degree at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, by passing the second part of his History Tripos.

G. H. Ince scored a number of "bulls" at the University College examinations. He won the "Mayer de Rothschild" Scholarship; the second year Honours prize in Pure Mathematics; the "Ellen Watson" Scholarship; and the Honours prize in Applied Mathematics; in addition to several First Class Certificates. We wish him the best of luck in his "Finals,"

which, we understand, he will be taking in the course of a few weeks.

S. C. Shaw has won the Senior Entrance Scholarship of £100 for the year, at the Middlesex Hospital; a Prize of £25 for Mechanics, and several Class Prizes at the Royal Dental Hospital.

E. Havinden obtained a Second Class in his History "Mays," at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

D. Green passed the first part of the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge.

H. Budden is doing well at the Agricultural College at Wye, where his Major Scholarship has been extended for another year.

We should like to offer our hearty congratulations to all the above, and we hope that these successes will only be a part of a long list of the achievements of our Old Boys.

W. D. MALCOMSON,

Hon. Sec.

R.G.S. OLD BOYS' RIFLE CLUB.

A Club has recently been formed, under the above title, in connection with the O.B.C., and it is hoped that Old Boys and present pupils of the School will give it their heartiest support.

An efficient lighting arrangement for the School Range has been provided. Mr. F. Ingle Lowe has kindly promised the use of a rifle, and other new rifles and targets are being purchased, so that the equipment should leave little to be desired.

The thanks of the Club are specially due to Capt. N. H. Wade, who has taken a prominent part in its the formation and given valuable advice, particularly on the technical details. The Range is open on Monday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. Several members of the O.B.C. are voluntarily giving their services as Range-officers, and if others will follow their example it will assist in the organisation.

The fees (strictly payable in advance!) are:—

3/- per ann. for members of the O.B.C.

6d. „ term „ „ „ R.G.S. O.T.C., and

1/- „ „ „ „ R.G.S. boys who are not in the O.T.C.

The Club is under the Presidency of F. S. Orme, Esq., and several other gentlemen in the neighbourhood have signified their willingness to become Vice-Presidents. With such an auspicious start the Club ought to be a real success, financially and otherwise, if pupils, past and present, will come forward and take their share in its pleasures and responsibilities. Various Competitions are under discussion, and with the new rifles available we hope some record scores will be made.

S. G. E., Hon. Sec.



School Notes.

On Saturday, October 11th, we received souvenirs of the celebrations which have been taking place in Reigate because of its—shall we say?—coming of middle age. A Corporation dinner was held in the Municipal Buildings, but we had nothing to do with that. There was also an exhibition of pictures showing what Reigate was in 1863, and the one most interesting to us was supplied by the Head Master. It was the Grammar School 50 years ago, and, with another taken this year for purposes of comparison, will be presented to the School.

The souvenirs were presented by the Mayor, representing the Corporation, accompanied by Sir B. Brodie, Bart., the Chairman of the Governors. The medals, apart from their value on account of historical association, are most beautifully and artistically finished, and we nearly all unite in thanking the Mayor for his generosity. We do not say *all* because some were unfortunate enough to have to wait. The order was given for 140 before the sudden increase in our numbers, so some of us could only have our names entered in a list of “futurists.”

W-l-l-s and the other mops! Yes, the barber's shop will be open on the morning of each inspection day in future.

'Ercules was a 'appy 'untsman, an' 'e 'unted 'ares on 'ams-tead 'eath, an' w'en 'e 'ad 'em 'e 'it 'em on the 'ead with a 'eavy 'ammer w'ich 'e 'appened to 'ave 'andy an' they 'owled 'orrible.

“Pan curat oves oviumque magistros — Pan furnishes masters with sheep and eggs.”—Cl--t-n. [The masters are much indebted to Pan, but wish he did a little also for the boys.]

When certain Royal persons visited the town last term the boys went out to cheer the Princess as her carriage passed. The noise was lusty but ill-timed, and greatness was thrust on some who did not expect it. Anyway, if the boys did not see the Princess she saw the boys. She would, doubtless, take the wish for the deed.

President Wilson once said he didn't mind if his face was ugly. He was behind it and other people got the shock. Yet all are not so callous about the feelings of their fellows. When Br-w'n got his nice new uniform he was even concerned to know if it fitted behind!

When a master was explaining all the things the Germans did heavily, did he expect a boy to ask if they slept heavily?

J-p- likes the change in the time table, which puts games in the middle instead of at the end of the afternoon, because “You are not so hot and tired to go home.” What thinks the master with whom he takes his nice refreshing rest during the last period?

“‘A bolt from the blue’ is when somebody is running away from a policeman.” A-r-s should not be allowed to soak himself in comic papers.

“Deceased: With, or having, a disease; an illness, in which germs live and eat away the flesh, or are round about so that another may catch the disease.” Ugh! what a death!

THE TRUTH ABOUT MEXICO.

“Mexico is a place rather like Canada, because there is not many people, and what they have are like Italians, especially the

men, because they wear trousers with bell-bottoms, buttons all down the sides, and chiefly *velvate* trousers; their hats are made of straw, with tin coins all sewn round the sides; and they just wear a shirt with a scarf, and they sometimes wear ear-rings; they are dark race of people."—W-r-.

Henry VIII. was brave, corpulent, and cruel; he was frequently married to a widow; had an ulcer on his leg, and great decision of character.

The crocks considered seven goals to four sufficient to demonstrate their unacknowledged superiority without making themselves stiff. They get neither practice nor training, but holding these things good they did not wish to shake the team's faith in them. One of the Staff has confessed that his heavy charging was due to the pork which his landlady supplied for his dinner!



Form Notes.

VIA.

Motto: "*Always merry and bright.*"

The new VIA. is composed of last year's VIB. with the addition of sundry benevolent and malevolent persons from the old VIA. The form is divided into two sections—the Inter-arts and the Inter-science, and many were the lamentations of the former on finding that their bill of fare was vegetarian, whilst the latter were overcome on finding that their's wasn't. The two parties are easily distinguishable. The Inter-science people wear green aprons and a melancholy smile owing to their hard work (office hours 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., and 3 a.m. to 8 a.m.), whilst the Inter-arts people go about carrying Latin cribs and striking attitudes (result of learning speeches from Julius Cæsar). Owing to the green aprons, and the fact that a small boy found some yeast in the store-room, it was rumoured that the Inter-stinks were setting up as amateur brewers, but this is entirely without foundation as all of them wear the blue ribbon.

Miller, who, although a Science man, has the making of an artist, positively asserts that $(2 \times 1) + 18 = 16$. No doubt, this is the new contracted method.

Whilst wishing the new VIB. joy of $P=m-f$ let us put them up to a tip. When working a problem in which forces are acting on a body, and keep it in equilibrium, the proof is as follows:—

"If three forces, acting on a body, keep it in equilibrium, they must pass through a point and the rest is purely geometrical."

As can be seen, this shortens the working considerably and will be extremely useful in examinations.

Before concluding, Lillywhite and Silcock must be congratulated on being elected Captain and Vice- of footer respectively. Players might kindly observe that, although slashed skirts are the fashion, slashed football knickers are quite unnecessary!

H. G. BURTENSHAW.

VIB.

Motto: "*Non pro nobis sed pro schola.*"

We are a sadly depleted form this year as far as numbers go, but as for energy—well, we shall not be beaten easily? We know we have only three members of the First XI., but where, oh! where would that team be without those three stalwarts from the very first line of attack?

Our small form can only boast of ten members, seven of us being "ex-fifthformers," and three of us "six-beeites" of yore. The latter, we understand from authority, are to "set the pace," and put the remainder up to every trick and dodge known to Room I.

The following are THE FORM, going round the tables from left to right: Professor, Spikey, Scatty, Sigger, Lamby (pronounced Lamme), Soapy, Percival, Silly Button, Strawberry, and Shrimp.

Noticing a certain boy's initials were A. L. P. someone said that if a certain Monsieur, known to us all as the owner of a big blue pencil, knocked down and rolled on top of the inside right of the First XI. during the match v. the Masters, it would be yet another case of Napoleon crossing the Alps. During the match the Alps were only half crossed.

We understand that VIA. have been told that if they talk so much they will be like certain members of our community, "who shall be nameless," who cannot possibly stop talking now.

The Maths. Master is still set against the use of "unconscious humour," and countless fierce arguments over the advantages and disadvantages, the uses and abuses of it, take place between him and a certain member of the form, who shall be nameless.

H. HUDSON.

F. E. POTTER.

V.

Motto: *Excelsior* or "*Huppards*."

On the first day of the term it was noticeable that a deep gloom was cast over everybody and everything. A curious spectator, asking the reason for this, was told by a boy, who, with a voice quivering with emotion, explained that it was the loss of the idol of the school—the foremost in study as well as sport—namely, B. . B. . Bristles. Here he broke down entirely, and there was hardly a dry eye among those who revived him (!)

To return to the present, another miracle has happened—the Second XI., with half its team fifth-formers, won its first match against the redoubtable Caterham (one to us!)

Be it known, to whomsoever it may concern, that the fifth issue a football challenge to the rest of the upper and lower school.

Mr. Hall said "Patience is bitter but its fruit is sweet," whereupon B-nw-ck suggested an example—viz, "Waiting in the office"—perhaps from painful remembrances!

Original research work is carried on in Science periods. One professor supplied us with the astounding information that an inclined plane slopes!

P-nz-t-a and F--lkn-r have each invented amazing problems:—

(1) If the front way is the left way, and the back way the right way, which is the rail-way? ("Oh, I say!")

(2) If a man walks a mile in 'a' minutes, how many minutes will he walk in an hour?

Other 'howlerists' have 'howled' the following:—

B--nd-n: Ireland is a little small piece of land having its towns on the east coast, because that side is most thickly populated.

Sp--r-ng II.: A penny is point-two-five of the pound.

(Perhaps he meant the other pound, but surely they've taken more than fourpence because the prefects have patronised the tuck-shop quite a lot lately).

Wetherfield, our "weaver of weird witticisms," affords constant amusement, while his desk looks like a miniature jumble-sale.

It has been suggested that each room should have a portrait of the chief form-correspondent. One bad boy said that we had ours, and further deduced that it must be his colleague with him.

D. R. TURNER.

R. A. POOLEY.

IVA.

Motto : *Sans Peur et sans Reproche.*

Information wanted : William's age. Born 1900. He does not know his age.

W-lch has made a discovery that when it rains the ground gets wet !

We think that the spelling of form IVB. is disgraceful. Two members of this form said that when glaziers melt rivers are sometimes formed.

Pr-tt, our great mathematician (?) informs us that—

$$-1^2 = -2 \quad 2 \times -1 = -3, \text{ and } -1^2 = 0.$$

J--l and N-rth-v-r wish to thank their German master for their reward of $\frac{1}{8}$ d., received for getting full marks.

Pr-tt tells us that the distance from the North Pole to the Equator is $\frac{1}{10000}$ part of the earth's circumference.

W. A. BENNETT.

B. WELLS.

IVB.

Motto : "*Roo stwi thon ee yeopen.*"

G--d- (whose name shows that he is best) calculated by graphs that if a person stands still for 12 hours he moves 120 miles.

S-v-g-, who is wild in his utterances, says there are four farthings in 2d.

Mathematics, is perhaps, our best subject, but in Science we have our great men in Ov-r-ngt-n and G-lb-rt.

The former, among his great researches, took some carbon-dioxide and put it in a saucer. We wonder how he will keep it there ; will he sit on its head, or tie it up with a dog chain ? G-lb-rt says that water must be electrocuted to separate the hydrogen from the oxygen.

There is a rumour that our Form-master has become a sailor. Has he not " tied a knot " during his holidays ?

Room II. has absorbed the rubbish of the School, much to the improvement of our Form.

We hear from IVA. that Bennett is still watching for the draught chambers.

We are earnestly told to be accurate above all things, and straightway he leads off with 2 into 6 goes 4 !

L. B. KENDRICK.

P. A. ALEXANDER.

Houses.

REDSTONE HOUSE.

We met Doods in the final for the House Cricket Cup, on the afternoon after the Inspection. Doods batted first, and, owing to Faulkner's good bowling, were dismissed for about 50. We began our innings very badly, losing 5 wickets for 16 runs. Then Wallis did some hitting so that when our innings closed we were only about 10 behind. After a small shower of rain, Doods began their second innings in a way which made victory certain for them, the two Pooleys knocking up 50 in about half an hour before tea. After tea we were a little more successful, but, on going in to bat a second time, we lost 3 wickets without a run being scored. After this our position was hopeless, though the batting of Gower and Faulkner made our second innings last quite as long as the first.

Doods were really the better side, but, if all the catches they gave had been held, and Barnard had managed to hit his four without knocking down his wicket, the match would have been much more closely contested. A word of praise is due to Faulkner, who bowled throughout both our innings without being changed.

Football.

After a very exciting match, our Second XI. beat Wray Second XI. by 3—2. We scored our three first, then Wray scored two in quick succession, and tried hard to get a third, but our defence kept them out until the whistle blew.

A. L. PASH.

PRIORY HOUSE.

Our first House match has been played, resulting in the defeat of Doods by 22—0. We are looking forward to a successful season, both as regards First XI. and Second XI. matches. It is to be hoped that this year boys, more especially those of the Second XI., will always endeavour to play when asked to do so, and will take more interest in the doings of the House. As there is never a Second XI. match on when the First XI. is playing, and vice-versa, boys should consider it their duty to turn up to cheer on their House.

J. H. G. LILLYWHITE.

WRAY HOUSE.

Wray House welcomes its new boys and expresses a desire that they may become hard workers, both in school and on the football field. There are several House Cups now to be won, and Wray House *must* win, at least, one of them. The First XI. is not much altered from last year, while the Second XI. is good, but it gave a very disappointing display against Redstone Second XI. We ought to have won, but, still, that was the first match of the season, and in the future we hope for better things.

C. G. J. SILCOCK.

DOODS HOUSE.

The past School year has been a very successful one for the House, three of the four House Cups being won.

At football, the First XI. finished second to Priory House, and the Second XI. won the Junior Football Cup, not losing a match. The House also proved good at cricket, winning the Cup presented by Miss Morrison; and in the Sports, although placed third, the House obtained individually more points than any other House. The House has shown itself good at both work and play, however, and succeeded in winning the splendid Cup presented by Mr. Calistri for the hardest-working House. Unfortunately, the House has lost many of the boys who helped to win these Cups, and we must hope that the juniors who take their places will work and play as hard as they did.

H. G. BURTENSHAW.

MATCHES.

Oct. 1st—Priory 22 ; Doods 0
 „ „ —Redstone II. 3 ; Wray II. 2
 „ 15th—Redstone 5 ; Priory 4
 „ „ —Wray II. 3 ; Doods II. 2



O.T.C. Notes.

Last term was distinctly eventful. We have to report on the Annual Inspection, Camp, the Competitions for the Brodie and Hall Cups, the Gill Prize, and last, but not least, the renovation of our equipment.

The School Corps was founded seven years ago, and, perhaps because it was something new, at once became very popular. After two years or so interest in "soldiering" declined; the number on the roll shrank considerably, and the number on parade dwindled even more perceptibly. There were times when we thought the School Corps would die of "weariness." We do not wish to rejoice prematurely, but we are glad to see evidences that matters have now taken a turn for the better. Our numbers are increasing again, slowly, it is true, but none the less steadily; Cadets are more willing to attend Camp, and there are more candidates for certificate "A."

We have to record the loss of Sergt. J. W. Pooley and Col.-Sergt. Thompson, both of whom have done good work for the Contingent in the past. We understand that they intend to keep in touch with matters military, and wish them every success. Corporal Rayner left us rather unexpectedly, but he hopes to be able to complete his certificate. Sergt. Ryall is now an occasional visitor, and therefore becomes supernumerary.

Sergt. Parsons becomes Colour-Sergeant, and if he looks after the Company in the same way as he controlled Section I. we shall be able to congratulate ourselves. It will be noted that Section I. won three out of the last four Shield Competitions.

Corporal McKay becomes Sergeant and commands Section I. Corpl. Whiting is now Lance-Sergeant and commands Section II. Sergt. Silcock is confirmed in his rank and commands Section III.; while Corpl. Lillywhite is promoted to Sergeant and succeeds Sergt. Ryall in command of Section IV.

We hope that all Section Commanders will realise that the efficiency of a Section depends almost entirely on the keenness of its commander.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The Inspection took place on Thursday, July 10th, and, by permission of the Town-planning Committee of the Borough Council, we were able to make use of the Reigate Lodge grounds for the occasion. The Inspecting Officer was Captain Weatherley, of the General Staff, and a considerable number of parents and friends were present. After the ceremonial parade and the inspection of arms, equipment, and drill, the Company was

ordered to attack a skeleton enemy. Captain Weatherley then addressed the Company and said he was, on the whole, well pleased with the inspection. He made several very useful criticisms which, he hoped, would be specially noted by all ranks. The official report has been received, accompanied by the certificate of efficiency.

SIR B. V. S. BRODIE'S CHALLENGE CUP.

The Competition for this Cup took place at the end of the term, and comprised the solving of two or three simple tactical problems, and an exercise in fire-direction and control.

The paper work was on the whole fairly well done, but the standard attained in fire-direction and control was not very high. The Cup was won by Sergt. C. J. Ryall.

"HALL" CUP FOR MUSKETRY.

This was decided on some of the practices in the Classification Test fired at the end of the term. There was a distinct improvement in the shooting this year, the number of first-class shots being exceptionally high. Corporal Rayner and Corporal Lillywhite tied, and, on shooting-off, Corporal Rayner won.

"GILL" PRIZE.

Sergeant Parsons is the winner of the Gill Prize for 1912-13. As Section I. also holds the Old Boys' Shield, it will be seen that Sergeant Parsons fully deserves all the congratulations we can offer him.

Owing to the kindness of some of our Governors and one or two other friends, we have been able to renew our clothing and equipment. We hope that all ranks will join in endeavouring to make uniforms, etc., last as long as possible. As the kit can now be kept at the school, the matter should be made somewhat less difficult. The number of lockers is not yet quite complete, but the new ones are expected daily, and the re-organisation will then be completed. Our hearty thanks are due to the ladies who renovated the tunics.

CAMP.

Twenty-seven Cadets, two Officers, one Sergeant-Instructor attended Camp, from July 29th to August 7th inclusive. This

year the Camp was pitched on the banks of Mychetts Lake, near Aldershot, and in some respects it was the best Camp we have ever attended. The weather was perfect—not a drop of rain and no great heat. If we must find a drawback, we might mention dust, but no one minded it. The work was most interesting, and although we did not get much “fighting” at first, we made up for this during the last two or three days. We formed part of No. 5 Company of the 2nd Battalion, the other part being formed by King’s School, Canterbury. Next year we go to Tidworth Pennings again, and we hope that at least thirty Cadets will be able to go. Begin to make arrangements now.

Since our last issue we have to record the death of Major Meiklejohn, V.C., which occurred early in July. Major Meiklejohn inspected this contingent in 1909 and 1911, and his kindness and consideration made a great impression on all of us. The contingent was represented at the funeral by Mr. Hall, Sergt. Parsons, and Corpl. Francis. A memorial fund is being raised, which will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the education of Major Meiklejohn’s children. The Contingent Fund will contribute to this, but Section Commanders are asked to raise additional subscriptions, which should be handed to the O.C. as soon as possible.

SHIELD RESULTS.

I.	1912.—III., Sergt. Thompson	..	..	1,976
	I., „ Parsons	..	..	1,902
	III., Corpl. Reeve ..	..	..	1,894
	IV., Sergt. Pooley ..	..	..	1,872
II.	1912.—I., Sergt. Parsons	..	..	1,763
	III., „ Thompson	..	..	1,751
	II., Corpl. Reeve ..	..	..	1,728
	IV., Sergt. Pooley ..	..	..	1,694
III.	1912.—IV., Sergt. Ryall	..	..	1,842
	I., Sergt. Parsons	..	..	1,768
	III., Sergt. Thompson	..	..	1,735
	II., Corpl. Reeve ..	..	..	1,641
I.	1913.—I., Sergt. Parsons	..	..	2,103
	IV., Sergt. Ryall	..	..	1,998
	III., Sergt. Thompson	..	..	1,964
	II., Corpl. Whiting ..	..	..	1,821

II. 1913.—I., Sergt. Parsons	1,952
III., Sergt. Silcock	1,921
IV., Sergt. Ryall	1,842
II., Corpl. Whiting	1,751

Brodie Cup : Sergt. C. J. Ryall.

Gill Prize : Sergt. Parsons.

Hall Cup : Corpl. Rayner, after a tie with Corpl. Lillywhite.



Cricket.

R.G.S. *v.* ALLEYN'S SCHOOL.

Played at Dulwich, on Saturday June 14th, and resulted in a win for Alleen's.

R.G.S. scored 107 for 10 wickets, including Morrison, 23; Lillywhite, 16; and Faulkner, 12.

Alleen's scored 147 for 5 wickets, including Lunnon, 75, not out; Anderson, 34; Booth, 27, not out.

Lillywhite took 2 wickets, and Silcock and Rayner, 1 each; Morrison and Faulkner each secured a good catch.

R.G.S. *v.* HORLEY.

Played at Reigate, on Wednesday, June 18th, and resulted in a win for Horley by 4 runs.

R.G.S. scored 72, including Mr. Jones, 10; Pooley, J. W., 15; Pooley, R.A., 17; and Silcock, 12.

Horley, scored 76, including J. Reed, 20; and J. Edwards, 14.

Lillywhite took 5 wickets for 28 runs; Faulkner, 2 for 22; and Mr. Jones, 3 for 18.

R.G.S. *v.* EARLSWOOD ASYLUM.

Played at Earlswood, on Saturday, June 21st, and resulted in a win for Earlswood.

R.G.S. only scored 16, while Earlswood scored 103.

Sutton's fielding was particularly fine, and Morrison was very good behind wicket.

Wells (Earlswood) did the "hat trick."

R.G.S. v. THE OLD BOYS.

Played at Ivanhoe, Reigate, on Saturday, July 12th, and resulted in a win for the School by 40 runs.

R.G.S. scored 76, of which Silcock scored 37 and Risbridger 13.

The Old Boys scored 36.

For R.G.S., Lillywhite took 6 wickets for 23 runs and Faulkner took 4 for 12.

For the Old Boys, Scollick took 6 for 37 and Ince, 2 for 21.

R.G.S. v. HORLEY.

Played at Horley, on Wednesday, July 16th, and resulted in a win for R.G.S., by 7 wickets and 25 runs.

R.G.S. scored 111 for 3 wickets. Silcock scored 32; Lillywhite 50, not out; and Pash 19.

Horley scored 86 for 10 wickets.

Lillywhite took 5 wickets for 31 runs and Faulkner 5 for 39.

R.G.S. v. CATERHAM SCHOOL.

Played at Caterham, on Wednesday, July 23rd, and resulted in a win for Caterham.

R.G.S. scored 64 (including Sutton, 17) while Caterham scored 122 for 8 wickets.

Lillywhite took 5 for 27 and Faulkner 4 for 57.

FINAL HOUSE MATCH.

Doods beat Redstone by 162 to 92 in this match, so that Doods holds the Championship for Cricket.

Doods scored 52 in the first innings, Burtenshaw scoring 14 and Brown 12. Faulkner took 7 wickets for 20 runs while Pash took 2 for 29.

Redstone scored 42 in their first innings, of which Wallis scored 17. Turner took 5 wickets for 13 and Risbridger took 2 for 22.

In the Second Innings, Doods scored 110, including Risbridger, 32; Pooley, J., 22; Pooley, R., 19; and Brown, 15. This time Pash took 3 for 20; Faulkner 5 for 44; and Sutton 2 for 44.

Redstone second score was 50, the only three who scored anything at all being Gower, (18); Faulkner, (18) and Pash (14).

For Doods, Jeal's fielding was excellent, while Spence T. was also good for Redstone.

D. G. P.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

BATTING.	Total.	Highest.	Average.
J. H. G. Lillywhite ..	163	58	13.67
B. H. Morrison ..	92	23	9.2
J. W. Pooley ..	106	38	8.83
C. G. J. Silcock ..	96	37	8.
W. G. Sutton ..	71	14*	7.89
R. A. Pooley ..	48	17	6.86
C. Rayner ..	54	16	6.
A. L. Pash ..	70	19	5.4
G. W. Faulkner ..	25	12	4.16
H. G. Burtenshaw ..	16	9*	4.
J. Knight ..	4	3*	.66

The following also played :

C. Risbridger ..	31	17	10.33
G. Mattock ..	18	7	3.6
W. J. Blackman ..	12	5	3.

BOWLING.	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
G. W. Faulkner ..	49	364	7.43
C. Rayner ..	8	87	10.88
J. H. G. Lillywhite ..	37	488	13.18
C. G. J. Silcock ..	6	96	16.

The following also bowled :

W. J. Blackman ..	3	21	7.
A. L. Pash ..	2	39	19.5
C. Risbridger ..	1	41	41.

NUMBER OF CATCHES.

J. H. G. Lillywhite ..	7	G. W. Faulkner ..	3
W. G. Sutton ..	6	C. Rayner ..	3
B. H. Morrison ..	5	J. Knight ..	3
A. L. Pash ..	4	H. G. Burtenshaw ..	1
C. G. J. Silcock ..	3	R. A. Pooley ..	1
J. W. Pooley ..	3	G. Mattock ..	1

D. PARSONS.

Football Prospects.

Since we have still eight of last season's team, it would seem as though a highly successful season were before us. There are two dangers of which we must steer clear: the first is slackness and the second is over-confidence, both very much in evidence during the masters' match, over which as partisans of the boys we should like to draw a veil. On the other hand, it was not a

bad performance to defeat the Priory Reserves, even though they had only a very weak team out, by the substantial margin of eight goals to two, and we refused also to allow Caterham to go away unbeaten, though our victory was of the slenderest. It is the shooting of the forwards which has been so lamentably inefficient so far: they won't shoot when they have a chance, and when they do so the shots are either wide or feeble in the extreme. We are glad to record that two members of the forward line take a ball down to the Lodge Ground for shooting practice during the mid-day interval: they need it. Let us hope that on Saturday, before these lines are in print, they will each have scored a trio of goals against our redoubtable rivals at Guildford in the League match. Which reminds us: We want that cup this year: look to it, members of the team.

The following reports are taken from "The Surrey Mirror."

REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL v REIGATE PRIORY RESERVES.

With eight of last year's team, the Grammar School F.C. are hoping for a very successful season, and last Saturday they began well by defeating the Priory Reserves on the Priory ground by the substantial margin of eight goals to two. In hot sunshine, Lillywhite won the toss, and elected to kick up the slope, but the school were soon moving, and early on Silcock opened the scoring with a pretty cross shot from the left. The same player soon added another goal. The Priory pressed considerably, but many efforts were spoilt by bad shooting. After a time however, a corner beautifully placed from the left resulted in the home team obtaining their first goal from a scramble in the goal mouth. Half-time arrived with the score at 2-1 for the school. The second half was much less evenly contested. Kicking down the slope, the boys had much the better of the game, and in a quarter of an hour had added five goals, all through Silcock. The same player got through again, but shot weakly. However it was reserved for him to score the eighth goal, thereby obtaining all of them for his side. After this the school appeared content with their lead, and played rather slackly. Soon, however, this lead was reduced, the home inside-right getting away and scoring somewhat easily. The final score was as stated. For the visitors special mention should be made of Burtenshaw at full back.

Reigate Grammar School Team—Francis; Burtenshaw, Faulkner; Dare, Lillywhite, Mattock; Potter, Pash, Silcock, Sutton, Knight.

R.G.S. v. CATERHAM SCHOOL.

In the first match this season, on the Lodge ground, the School managed to bring off a very creditable win.

Caterham won the toss, and very shortly after the start they scored a surprise goal. Pash then equalised, and after further mid-field play and some pressing by the Caterham forwards, especially the centre, who was too heavy for Lillywhite, Silcock got away and scored; and, soon after, repeated his performance. Caterham next scored, and at half-time the score stood: Reigate, 3; Caterham, 2.

In the second half, Pash and Potter worked very hard, but this was all spoilt by their rather poor shooting, that of the inside men being particularly off the mark. Francis, the Reigate custodian, brought off some very fine saves and, towards the end, was very hard pressed. He did very creditably, saving all but two rather warm shots. Knight scored the fifth and last goal for the Reigate School with a cannon off the Caterham back, and when the whistle blew, the score was: Reigate, 5; Caterham, 4.

The play of the backs, Faulkner and Alexander, and of the defence in general was very good. Alexander made a very good substitute for Burtenshaw who was suffering from foot trouble.

The Reigate team lined up as follows:—Francis, goal; Faulkner and Alexander, backs; Dare, Lillywhite (captain), and Mattock, half-backs; Potter, Pash, Silcock, Sutton, and Knight, forwards. Referee: Mr. Eade.

G. J. LAMB, Hon. Sec.

*The Sports.*

Our Annual Athletic Sports were held on Friday, July 18th, on the Priory Cricket ground. There was a large attendance of parents of scholars and friends of the school. Reigate Town Band gave an interesting programme of music. At the conclusion of the races the prizes were distributed by Lady Morris, to whom Nicholson, on behalf of the School, presented a beautiful bouquet. Results:—

Open Steeplechase—1, Silcock; 2, Davies; 3, Burtenshaw.
Time 12 minutes 18 1-5 seconds.

Junior Steeplechase—1, Brewer; 2, Hayllar; 3, Gilbert.
Time 13 minutes 52 seconds, breaking the School record.

Broad Jump (open)—1, Pooley; 2, Silcock; 3, Lillywhite.
Distance 18 feet 5½ inches.

Broad Jump (under 16)—1, Sutton; 2, Hall; 3, Potter.
Distance 16 feet.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open)—1, Lillywhite; 2, Blackman; 3, Knight i. Distance 84 yards 2 feet 1 inch.

100 yards Race (under 15)—First heat—1, Pratt; 2, Jeal; 3, Farrington. Time 12 1-5 seconds. Second heat—1, Mattock; 2, Wetherfield i.; 3, Morrison. Time 11 4-5 seconds. Third heat—1, Ayres; 2, Gooda; 3, E. Turner. Time 12 4-5 seconds. Fourth heat—1, Wallis; 2, C. Spearing; 3, Hayllar. Time 12 seconds. Final—1, Wallis; 2, Pratt; 3, Mattock. Time 12 seconds.

100 yards Race (open)—First heat—1, Davies; 2, Lillywhite; 3, Sutton and Blackman (tied). Time 10 4-5 seconds. Second heat—1, Pooley i.; 2, Silcock; 3, Francis. Time 11 seconds. Final—1, Pooley; 2, Davies; 3, Silcock. Time 10 4-5 seconds.

100 yards Race, under 14.—First heat: 1, Verrells; 2, Sandiford. Time 13 seconds. Second heat: 1, Overington; 2, Spence ii. Time 14 seconds. Third heat: 1, Jeal; 2, Northover ii. Time 12 4-5 seconds. Fourth heat: 1, Blunden; 2, Nicholson. Time 15 seconds. Fifth heat: 1, Farrington; 2, Wells. Time 12 4-5 seconds. Final: 1, Blunden; 2, Verrells; 3, Jeal. Time 13 1-5 seconds.

100 yards race under 12.—First heat: 1, Nicholson; 2, Knight ii.; 3, Brex. Time 13 seconds. Second heat: 1, Ballantyne; 2, Wetherfield ii.; 3, Bowden. Time 13 4-5 seconds. Final: 1, Nicholson; 2, Ballantyne; 3, Wetherfield ii. Time 13 seconds.

High Jump, open.—1, Burtenshaw; 2, Blackman; 3, Lillywhite. Height 4-ft 8-in.

Sack race.—1, Woodroffe; 2, Hall.

Quarter mile Handicap, open—1, Silcock (scr.); 2, Davies (scr.); 3, Lillywhite (scr.). Time 59 4-5 seconds.

Hurdles, under 16—First heat: 1, Potter; 2, Sutton. Time 19 2-5 seconds. Second heat: 1, Pratt; 2, Risbridger. Time 21 2-5 seconds. Final: 1, Potter; 2, Pratt; 3, Sutton. Time 19 seconds.

220 yards Handicap, open.—First heat: 1, Sutton (3 yards); 2, Davies, (scr.); 3, Silcock, (scr.). Time 27 3-5 seconds. Second heat: 1, Hayllar, (15 yards); 2, Pooley i. (scr.); 3, Knight i. (5 yards), Pash and Bushby (5 yards) (tied). Time 27 3-5 seconds. Final: 1, Pooley; 2, Sutton; 3, Davies. Time 27 2-5 seconds.

Three-legged Race.—1, Mattock and Nicholson; 2, Bishop and Hall.

Half-mile Relay-Race—1, Priory House (Potter, Blackman, Francis and Lillywhite); 2, Dood's House (Pooley i., Davies, Pooley ii. and Burtenshaw). Time 1 minute 57 seconds.

220 yards Handicap Race, under 14.—First heat: 1, Ballantyne (15 yards); 2, Knight ii. (18 yards); 3, G. Marsh (10 yards). Time 31 seconds. Second Heat: 1, Verrells, (7 yards); 2, Nicholson (10 yards); 3, Farrington, (scr). Time 32 seconds. Third heat: 1, Wetherfield ii. (10 yards); 2, Blunden (scr.); 3, Wetherfield iii. (15 yards). Time 31 2-5 second. Final: 1, Wetherfield; 2, Knight; 3, Verrells. Time 32 2-5 seconds.

Tug of War.—Priory House beat Wray House.

Sisters' Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Dorothy Hudson; 2, Beryl Lambert; 3, Nellie Brewer.

Half-mile Race, open—1, Silcock (scr.); 2, Pash (5 yards); 3, Burtenshaw (scr.). Time 2 minutes 28 seconds.

220 yards Old Boys' Race—1, H. L. Marsh; 2, G. E. Scollick 3, A. J. L. Malcomson. Time 25 3-5 seconds.

Hurdle race, open for the "Kenneth Powell" Challenge Cup.—1, Silcock; 2, Pratt; 3, Francis. Time 20 3-5 seconds.

Quarter-mile Race, under 15.—1, Wetherfield i. (10 yards); 2, Selmes (25 yards); 3, Pooley ii. (5 yards). Time 67 1-5 seconds.

High Jump, under 15.—1, Pratt; 2, Mattock and Faulkner (tied). Height 4-ft. 7-in.

100 yards Race, open to members of the Old Boys' Club.—1, H. L. Marsh; 2, A. J. L. Malcomson; 3, G. H. Ince. Time 10 3-5 seconds.

Open Mile Race.—1, Silcock (scr); 2, Brewer (60 yards); 3, Blackman (scr.). Time 5 minutes 33 4-5 seconds.

Challenge Cup presented by Sir John Watney.—1, Silcock, 18 points; 2, Pooley, i., 9 points.

The Football Cups went to Priory House (first XI.) and Doods House (second XI.), and the Cricket Cup to Doods House.

For the House "Sports" Championship, Priory gained 70 points; Wray, 62; Doods, 43; and Redstone, 21.



Stamp Exchange.

The Stamp Exchange still flourishes, several boys having joined this term. Unfortunately, Davies left at the end of last term, and Wade is carrying on in his place. The Exchange is now open to the whole School, not, as some people fancy, only to the Scientific Society, and the book can be examined in the break, dinner-hour, and at 4.30 p.m., on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Members are reminded that stamps may be bought at half catalogue value. Boys wishing to sell stamps should apply to

the Secretary. It will be a great help if Members will keep the book as well stocked as possible, for if all do this they will, in turn, have a better selection to choose from.

C. H. WADE, Hon. Sec.



Colonel Cody, Airman.

Cody, a name we had all learnt respect for ;
 Learnt to believe that the man would succeed,
 Though handicapped sorely by want of supporters,
 And lacking the money inventors all need.
 Many parts played he, and played them successfully.
 Crack-shot and showman, he travelled the land ;
 Later, his man-lifting kites he perfected ;
 Still none his talent could well understand.
 Then the idea of a " power-kite " struck him,
 But though he laboured, yet failure still came ;
 Each time he tried some small accident stayed him ;
 Dauntless, he started again just the same.
 Never was airman beset so with scoffers ;
 Never such scorn on inventor was poured,
 Yet the " Cathedral " a prize-winner proved to be.
 " He who laughs last "—ah, t'was then Cody scored !
 " Colonel " 'twas once the King's pleasure to call him
 " Colonel," and well he that honour deserved ;
 He, who through great disappointments and dangers,
 Bravely his land of adoption had served.
 Now had his fortune apparently altered ;
 Victories now were just coming his way ;
 Still for fresh conquests he kept on preparing,
 Slowly surmounting each petty delay.
 Just in the height of his fame has he left us ;
 Just when the scorers their jeering had hushed ;
 Just when, once more, of success he was hopeful,
 Then were his hopes, and ours, finally crushed.
 Now unto us does his noble example
 Call out in accents so stirring and true,
 " See what a Yankee-born Briton accomplished ;
 What will you English-born Britishers do ? "

REGAC.



Saturday, July 19th ; (An Impression).

If by duties you're not oppressed,
Spare a moment to read my lay :
Take my word that it isn't long ;
If you don't like it—throw it away.

'Twas in the midst of summer
A day in fair July ;
Which should have been so cheerful 'neath
A bright and smiling sky ;
Alas ! no sun appeared in state,
But showers hailed the "Garden Fête."

Thus the company adjourned
To King's Hall at Redhill
Where organizers of the fête
Set to with right good will ;
And ere th' appointed hour of three
Had all prepared so fair to see.

The orchestra first held the field
And made the rafters ring
While visitors their places took
And waited wondering ;
A palmist too, behind a screen,
Held sway, but was not often seen.

And flower-sellers dainty
Did quite a roaring trade,
For no man might resist the smile
Of each persistent maid,
Who deftly would her flowers arrange,
Then murmur soft : "We give no change."

The Hoop-Là great attraction
For many folk possessed ;
And thither crowds so gaily went
Their money to invest ;
Where cigarettes, and choc'late too
Were won by some—a lucky few.

When cigarettes some ladies
Had won, they seemed dismayed,
And so for sweets they changed them,
Till last came one fair maid
Who seemed to like the "weeds" and so
When asked if she would change, said : "No."

But these were small attractions
 Compared with that which made
 The greatest figure on the bills
 Which were outside displayed ;
 Yes! to the dancers I allude,
 I'll speak of them ere I conclude.

No words of mine can fitly tell
 Nor praises be too strong
 Of Valse Caprice, Danse Russe or Jigge,
 Esp'rano or Spring Song ;
 They truly did the comment earn :
 " Upon my soul, Sehr wunderschön ! "

REGAC.



A Trip to the Continent.

This summer I spent my holiday abroad with a view to obtaining matter for the Pilgrim, though I expected to get a little pleasure and profit for myself thereby.

Ostend was my port of arrival. Here the hotel touts are a funny sight. They pestered travellers much in the past so now they are compelled to toe a line when the boat arrives from England. As the travellers pass, all the touts—probably fifty—shout loudly the names and attractions of their respective hotels.

The Belgian customs examination has few terrors, for the officers are the most indulgent I have ever passed. To underestimate what one is introducing into the country seems like taking a mean advantage. I chose one I considered had a kind face and was not deceived in him for he scribbled the magic symbols on my belongings without any examination.

A large troop of English Boy Scouts was much in evidence in the town and seemed to be enjoying it whenever I saw them, except on one occasion when a whole cohort was lost. They were trying to get details of their whereabouts from a boy who spoke only Flemish, so it was small wonder their scanty French was of little use to them. I often wonder what happened but had no time to take the matter in hand.

On the whole I was disappointed with the place. A stay there is expensive, there is little to interest one, and it seems to exist only for the English tripper who makes use of one of the cheap excursions arranged by the Belgian State Railways. Possibly the rise of other resorts along the coast is responsible for a loss of popularity as they are so easy to reach by the electric cars which follow

the coast, though one does not see the sea on account of the high dykes which are built to keep the sea and sand from the wind-swept land. Blankenberghe, the one I visited, is pretty and a town such as one might choose either for rest or enjoyment. Yet to me the most interesting was the ride to it along the sand dunes. At one side of the road is the high artificial bank of sand, while at the other the country extends level as far as the eye can reach. The direction of the main roads can be followed by rows of trees peculiar to this type of landscape. Their trunks are long and slender while branches and leaves form tufts at the top. They give a pleasing relief as do the many windmills used to pump water to high levels so that it can flow to the sea. Nearer the shore a great number of smaller trees have been planted and one wonders how they thrive in what seems to be only sand. The most is made of the land which only makes a return to a more assiduous culture than is met with in England. The farmer would regard the use of any but the poorest land for pasture as a sinful waste. "Why!" he tells you, "what is left of the beet which has been crushed for sugar is the best fodder the cattle can have."

Here and there we see the house of a small owner. His garden is boarded round to keep out the sand when the winds blow. But the "soil" inside his garden seems such that a little added sand will take nothing from its quality. The war he wages with the soil, however, is, on the whole, a successful one. He gets several crops a year and the fulness of his plot would astonish the average Englishman. In the fields, no sooner are the shocks of corn erected than the land between them is ploughed to prepare the soil for something else. To travel over this land the peasant must use a cart differing much from ours. It has two wheels behind and a single flat one in front, reminding one of the small steam roller without any works.

On roads dogs are used to draw small carts. They are specially bred and trained for the purpose, being big and tough creatures. Stringent rules for their treatment have been drawn up but are of course disregarded, as are most regulations in Belgium. The strength of the animal is wonderful, for I have seen a single dog weighing perhaps 70-lbs. drawing a cart full of market produce and on which was seated a full-grown man, and this over roads which are probably the worst to be found in any civilized country. Smaller dogs are yoked to the axles of hand carts and do an appreciable amount of the pulling, so the animal does not play the same useless, pampered part it does with us.

The town which pleased me most was the old-world city of

Bruges, the Venice of the North, which once boasted 150,000 inhabitants, but has now less than 50,000. The warehouses of the Merchant Guilds, now empty, deserted, and falling, with grass growing in their courts, still bear witness of the former splendour of the city. In the poorer streets are to be found, sitting at their doors, the old lace-makers with their dancing bobbins. All has still the aspect of a 16th century town, and the churches still maintain all their ancient splendour.

Brussels proved somewhat disappointing, as it is but a small edition of Paris. From what I have seen I take it that the most interesting holiday one could pass in Belgium would be spent partly in some of the coast resorts other than Ostend, and partly in the old Flemish cities. Land, say, at Ostend or Antwerp. The journey from London to the port of embarkation is the costliest part of the trip, but one can go by boat direct from London, if time be not limited. Then take a ticket to one of the coast resorts, there to spend a few days. Next, one can buy a five-day season ticket, over the whole of the Belgian railways, at 10s. 5d. (3rd class). Travel is cheap, for 2nd is cheaper than our 3rd, but if one uses the latter it cannot be called comfortable, except in the long-distance trains. Other trains are dirty, and the jolting is very wearying, for the seats are of wood only. Fellow-travellers do not like fresh air, so the windows are shut, and if the sun dares to shine in, wooden shutters are pulled up inside, with a result that reminds one of a voyage in a box. The engines burn dirty, evil-smelling briquettes, so one suffers in another way if a window is open, and to put one's head out is to be blinded with smuts. Yet, this is the worst side, and travel is much better than in England, when we consider the cost.—[To be continued].

W. H. M.



Life on a "Windjammer."

In October, 1910, I signed indentures, in which I agreed to serve A. Mackay & Co., Shipowners, of Glasgow, for four years. I paid a premium of thirty guineas, and in return I was to be taught seamanship and navigation. They were going to put me on a four-masted barque, called the "Pinmore," but, after waiting until the middle of January, 1911, they eventually sent me to Hamburg, to join one of their ships, called the "Iverna." I bade my people a fond farewell and left home on January 18th, which happened to be my 16th Birthday. On Liverpool Street Station I happened to meet two of the apprentices rejoining the

ship so of course we travelled together. They had both been some time at sea so I gained a good deal of information from them before we got far. At Harwich we met another apprentice and our 2nd mate so we were a lively party. We crossed to Hamburg on the G.S.N.C. Co's. passenger steamer "Hirondelle," and we were 36 hours getting across. On arrival in Hamburg we were supposed to have our luggage examined by the Customs, but my new chums were not going to pay duty if they could help it, so as it was still dark we grabbed our boxes and sent them down on a rope into a motor launch which was lying alongside and we slipped down too. We went ashore until daylight and then joined the ship. The ship was loading coke and all I could see when I climbed over the rail was coke everywhere.

The place where we live is in a deck house on the after-part of the main deck. Our part of the house is a room 12 feet long by 10 feet wide. In this small space six apprentices have to live, sleep and eat their meals. The bunks are placed, four on one side and two on the other, and the house is high enough to allow having one bunk above the other in pairs, i.e. there are three lower bunks and three top ones.

The "Iverna" is a four-masted steel Barque. Her registered tonnage is 2,220 tons and she carries 3,700 tons of cargo. She is 300 feet long and her masts are 180 feet high.

We had ten days stay in Hamburg, and we had a very gay time on the whole. When the ship had finished loading, and was ready for sea, we signed on the crew. A lovely crew it was too. When we had our full complement of men we found we were 28 or 30 all told on board, of which 21 of the men were foreigners and the only Britishers aboard were the six apprentices and two mates. Even the captain was a German, but he had sailed in English ships most of his life. The crew consisted of Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Russians, Fins, an Austrian and a Japanese Steward. Well, we left Hamburg on Sunday, 29th of January, bound for Santa Rosalia in Mexico, 300 miles up the California Gulf. A tug towed us as far as Heligoland and as we had a strong fair wind we let the tug go, set sail and away we went down the North Sea. The wind increased and with all sail set we reached a speed of 14 knots an hour which we retained for some hours. Large tramp steamers going down the Channel we overtook and passed, as they on an average rarely go at a greater speed than from 10 to 12 knots per hour. But I did not see much of that. For the first two or three days I was undergoing the horrors of sea-sickness, and wishing I had never left my old home.

The last I saw of England was the lights of Dover which we

passed at midnight. We had very dirty weather going down the Bay of Biscay. The captain said I should never get well if I stopped in my bunk so he made me put on my oilskins and go out on deck. I sat down on a hatch, but before I had been there 10 minutes a heavy sea came over the rail, and I got my first ducking, and it was cold too. In the Bay the vessel "pooped" i.e. she shipped a heavy sea over the poop right aft and washed the Captain and the mate right on top of the rail within an inch of going overboard and the captain received several injuries. The water also got into our room and the floor was awash and my bunk got wet through. But I soon got used to that. However we soon got into finer weather and I began to make myself useful up aloft. I had to keep my watch with the rest of them. Four hours on and four off day and night, I was the only apprentice doing my first voyage so I had to be general servant for the rest of the boys. I began to make objections, but after they had finished with me and I could see straight again, I began to think that discretion was the better part of valour. So I had to turn to in my watch below and wash up all the plates and different things used at meal times, and sweep up the floor and tidy up generally and every few days I had to scrub the floor, and more often than not I got more kicks than praise until sometimes I wished I was dead. But as soon as they saw that I was trying to do my best, they gave me a better time. On deck too, I had all the dirty work to do, and if anything went wrong the blame usually seemed to settle on me. Often during my watch on deck when I thought I deserved a rest I would sit down in some dark corner, but along would come the second mate with a knotted ropes end, and I did not sit down any more that day. The mate had a great idea (I did not think so) how to teach me the ropes. On a Saturday afternoon he would take me to one of the masts where there were 30 or 40 different ropes with all kinds of queer names, and name them in turn. Then on the following Saturday he would take me to the same mast, but this time I had to name them and every time I made a mistake I received a touch up with a rope's end he carried. But I soon knew all the ropes. One Sunday I went up to the wheel with one of the sailors to learn to steer. Well, I think I ran her three points off her course to start with and I went off the poop at double quick time with the second mate close behind. But after a few tries I got on better and later in the voyage I took my "trick" at the wheel with the rest of the sailors. We ran down through the N.E. Trades and then we got becalmed in the Doldrums. The heat was killing, and rain, rain, day and night. The rain was useful to us in one way and that

was for washing clothes. We have to wash and mend our own clothes and we have to wash them in cold water which is rather difficult. My clothes did not seem to come very clean for the first few times.

As we had such a mixed crew we had no ceremonies when we crossed the line. In the half-deck however (we call our room the half-deck) I was the only one who had never crossed the line so the boys had a celebration on their own, with me as the victim. I was stripped, and all kinds of pretty pictures were painted on different parts of my person, and they finished up by ducking me in a tub of water. After being several days becalmed near the line we picked up the S.E. Trade wind which took us to about 25° South latitude and then we got variable winds. Off the River Plate we had some very bad weather. A very strong wind often blows down the river from the Pampas with hurricane force, from which it derives its name of Pampero. These blows come on very suddenly and without much warning, and many a ship has been dismasted through being caught with everything set. It began to get colder as we got farther down. After being 66 days out from Hamburg we sighted Staten Island close to Cape Horn. Then started the miserable beating round "Cape Stiff." No sooner had we passed Staten Island than it began to blow. We shortened sail right down to 3 Lower Top-sails and lay hove-to. The fore Lower Top-Sail blew to ribbons and also a Stay-Sail and all hands were called out on deck to bend a new one. It was a difficult job with such a gale blowing, and tremendous seas were constantly sweeping the decks. Many a narrow escape we had from being washed overboard. Day after day we were beating to and fro but we always seem to sight Cape Horn and then get driven back again. The bad weather and the sundry setbacks we had made me awfully homesick. We never had a dry stitch of clothes for days on end. We always seem to be taking in sail, and it was like trying to bend a board when rolling them up on to the yards. My finger nails were broken and worn down to the quick and my hands I could hardly close for corns and cuts. When we got a spell of frost the spray use to freeze until the rigging was covered with ice. Nearly every day we were called out from our hard earned watch below to shorten sail or for one thing or another until we seemed to be more dead than alive. One evening we were sitting in the half-deck wondering what was going to happen next, when the other fellows thought they would like to have some fun to cheer them up, so what did they do but strip all my clothes off and chase me all round the decks with a rope's end. It seemed to be funny to them, but I did not see the joke as it was raining and icy cold. It took us ten days to

beat round Cape Horn, which was rather quick, as some ships I have known have been as long as ten weeks before they got round; some never get round at all. Fine weather soon set in and we ran up the Pacific. In the Tropics we had some fine fishing, catching bonita, dolphin, yellowtail and others, and flying fish used to fly at the lights at night and drop on board where we caught them; they are lovely fish to eat. We sighted Juan Fernandez Island, known to most boys as Robinson Crusoe's Island. I forgot to mention that we caught a large albatross off the Horn, measuring 10ft. 6ins. from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. Nothing much happened going up the Pacific. We sighted Cape San Lucas at the mouth of the Californian Gulf, and the Captain "spliced the main brace," or, rather, he served out rum to the crew, as that was the first sight of the land we were going to. Going up the Gulf we were five days before we reached Santa Rosalia, owing to light winds. We dropped anchor in the bay, after being 139 days at sea, and very glad I was when I saw the anchor drop and knew that I had a good night's sleep in front of me. Our letters were sent off to us, and we spent most of the night reading all the news from home. We arrived on June 16th.

H. MOLYNEUX.

(To be continued.)

