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EDITORIAL.

TE are always given to understand that the Romans, above all things, were particularly fond of their Baths, and in the ruins still remaining of such massive structures, which we are told, were used for bathing purposes, we have practical evidence of the trouble and expense which they were at to be clean. According to our representation of *Julius Caesar*, however, our faith has been somewhat shaken with regard to the habits of a Roman citizen. If we are still to believe what we are told is true, the baths must either have been closed or else there must have been a drought upon the "Ides of March," for indeed the sight of our "mob" was enough to make anyone imagine that they had never seen water.

We have had quite an eventful term, for besides the Play, there has been All Saints' Day, with its scattering abroad of those in search of adventure, and the Boar's Head Supper; and the Dormitory Football Matches always help us along during the rather dismal three weeks after the Play. Our spirits are still further kept up by the thought of Christmas. To masters and boys alike these are perhaps by far the most enjoyable of all the holidays of the year, although they are not so long as those in the summer. But which of us does not become more excited every day as we gradually approach this grand season of the year? Skating and Pantomimes both give us pleasure, but that which appeals to all of us more than anything is the home-gathering, which we always associate with Christmas.

The chapel, we are glad to see, in spite of a week's frost and snow, is making good progress, and is reaching a great height, so that we can begin to judge a little, or at least to speculate, as to what it will look like. For a long time we thought that windows, perhaps in emulation of the ark, were going to be to all intents and purposes, absent, but now, on a clear day, with the assistance of a good pair of field glasses, we can faintly distinguish, right away in the sky, the rudimentary beginnings of quite a number.

The Editor would like to take this opportunity of asking all who are willing to support Hockey next term. All those of us who played last year know how well it helped us through the weary latter half of the Easter Term. Apart from the fact that it is a fine game, it is an admirable method of keeping in training, for a good game of Hockey is quite as good for training purposes as a long run, and gives infinitely more pleasure.

CAVALIER AND ROUNDHEAD.

The great intellectual and social changes of the Sixteenth century bore fruit in the Seventeenth, when the English King refused to change with the times. And the echo of that great struggle between King and Parliament has been handed down to the present generation. The time-honoured observances of Guy Fawkes' Day are falling into disuse owing to a change in popular opinion and the strictures of the schoolmaster. Still, however, the schoolboy wears *oak* on certain days, veils the portraits of a *martyr king*, whilst the Irish boy looks on with approval, muttering the "curse of Cromwell." For in youth principles count for little, fascinating personality and sentiment for much. So the glamour of the Cavalier in his satin, love-locks, and feathered hat lingers on, for he stands out in such bold relief beside the Puritan in his sombre attire and conical hat. And we are bound to say that the schoolboy is as historically right as the modern loud-voiced politician. For the latter in his enthusiasm has been drawing for the gaping elector strange pictures of a halcyon age when England was ruled by a single chamber. But he carefully omitted to mention the intolerance and the martial law imposed on Englishmen in those golden days by an unrepresentative body. Thus is history taught at the hustings. But let us leave the sentiment of youth, the inaccuracies of the orator, and the day-dreams of the voter, and notice a few incidents which took place in our neighbourhood during those stirring times.

And we can only notice a few incidents, for, if the whole local history of that time was worked out, it would fill many *Cuthbertians*. Nottinghamshire, owing to its central position, was bound to play a part in the war. Some of the chief men were Nottinghamshire men; Nottinghamshire towns were

not the least important in the struggle; Nottinghamshire fields saw many a skirmish. In fact this county saw the beginning of the war when Charles I. raised the Royal Standard at Nottingham; and it saw also the ending when Charles delivered himself to the Scotch at Newark.

For Newark remained throughout the war absolutely loyal to the King. Again and again she withstood the attacks of the Parliamentarians. Her horsemen became famous for their dash and daring. Perhaps they were inspired by the impetuous charge of Prince Rupert, who with characteristic dash raised the siege of the town when it was beset by 8,000 of the enemy. It was one of his most brilliant exploits, and gave little promise of that later day when in disgrace for the ceding of Bristol, he galloped away from Newark, dismissed from the King's service by his uncle. The townsmen held out to the bitter end, and only yielded when the Master bade them do so after his delivery to the Scots.

But the war came nearer to us at Worksop. There were many skirmishes between the Cavaliers who were in force at Welbeck and the Parliamentary troops. For in those days Newcastle, the King's great leader in the north, owned that estate. Few records of such skirmishes have come down to us, yet one has been preserved in an old Church Register. We will let it tell its own tale: "There were five men buried in the beginning of October, being slain in a fight on Thorpe Moor between the garrison of Welbeck on the King's part and Captain Rodes on the Parliamentary part. The manner of which skirmish was thus. A party of *Welbeck* horse were drawn out under the command of John Jametz, Major to Colonel ffretcnwell, to descry a party of the Parliament which had given an alarm at *Worksop*, where they had killed two of the king's party. Jametz drew up his party in the hollins

on the moor, meeting with the forlorn hope of the enemies. The latter fled unto their body, commanded by Captain Rodes of *Steetley*, which was divided into three companies to the number of 200. Jametz had advanced with but 18 men. His forlorn hope of some three scoring flying, the Parliament men pursued, killed five men and took forty, the most of which they wounded after quarter was given. One of them escaped, which was Thomas Battersbie, whose hand they cut off, which was buried in the Churchyard."

The above entry was probably made by some Royalist, who had small respect for his opponents' good word. If the account is accurate, Captain Rodes must have been a *stark* man, and this may account for the following story which was told at *Steetley*. It is said that a short time ago some coins of Charles I. reign were dug up in the churchyard, where they had been buried by a zealous, though nervous, Royalist partizan. With them was this brief inscription: *Rather the devil than Oliver*. At the same time we wonder why he chose a churchyard.

But space forbids more anecdotes of this period, yet there must be many. Newark can supply several, for traditions tell us that the mayor of that town only escaped death by burning, by paying attention to a dream; that a Royalist maid fell in love with a Puritan soldier, but the course of true love did not end as happily as was the case in a similar love-match at Haddon Hall. The last night of freedom which Charles spent at the Saracen's Head in Southwell, has inspired many a poet, and even Cuthbertians have been known to pay pilgrimages there. The names of Neton, Hutchinson, Byron, and Whalley recall many an episode of the Civil War. And those who take some real interest in history, cannot do better than re-study the history of their country in the annals of their county.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

King Edward VII. School.

Played at Worksop, on October 29th. The game was completely spoilt by the weather. A thick drizzle prevailed the whole afternoon, and made accurate football a practical impossibility. On the whole the team played a better game than usual, though the same faults were noticeable. The forwards hung on to the ball much too long, and dribbled aimlessly about across the front of goal mouth. The halves had not sufficient control of the ball, and while the centre-half should try to convince himself that he should never be found facing his own goal, and be compelled to take wild kicks into space. The kicking of the backs was faulty at times, though their tackling was very good. Lowe in goal was weak in gathering the ball, but managed to save one or two shots. The game towards the end developed into a scramble, and from a spectacular point of view was uninteresting. The score of 2—1 in our favour was perhaps a true index of the play on both sides.

Team.—J. E. Lowe (goal), F. L. A. Pickett and G. F. G. Rees (backs), A. G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, J. W. Greeves, J. B. Walton, C. L. J. Rees, and A. B. Browne (forwards).

Fulwood.

Played on November 5th, and lost 3—4. We were not at full strength, but even then should not have lost. The game proved exciting and well contested, but we were deplorably weak in front of goal. There is little doubt that a little more accuracy and decision on the part of our inside forwards would have resulted in a fairly easy win for us. Lowe was only moderate in goal, but the backs both played

soundly. Hayward was not so good as usual at half; and Rogerson spoilt an otherwise creditable display by poor passing. One of our forwards showed an obvious disinclination to do his best. Rees passed excellently, but as usual his work lacked incision. Walton played well, and Pickett worked hard and scored a good goal. Curtis seemed rather upset by the attentions of the opposing half-back, but managed to get through some useful work.

Team.—J. E. Lowe (goal), L. E. Smith, Esq. and G. F. Rees (backs), G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, F. L. A. Pickett, J. B. Walton, C. L. J. Rees, and F. Peachey, Esq. (forwards).

Old Cuthbertians.

Played on November 12th, and lost 3—7. Tasker had mustered a strong side, and we were pleasantly surprised by the even game which resulted. The score certainly did not represent the play, and up to a quarter of an hour from the end it was anybody's game. The Old Boys then added three rather lucky goals, two at least of which they should never have been allowed to score. The heavy adverse score notwithstanding, we may congratulate the team on putting up the best fight made in this particular match for some years.

Quite early on the Old Boys opened their account, in lucky fashion. But our forwards, particularly the inside ones, were combining prettily, and it was not long before Rees levelled matters with a particularly good goal. It was a really admirable effort, in which all the insides participated, Greeves' final pass to Rees being delightfully accurate and well timed. The O.C.'s then added two further goals, and we obtained a lucky one as the result of a long shot from the right wing and a mis-field by the visiting goalkeeper. Play continued fast and exciting, but both sides missed very obvious chances of scoring.

With only a goal separating the teams, the second half opened in lively fashion, both ends being visited in turn. A good goal by the Old Boys, was followed by an equally good one for the Present. There was no end of excitement, but our inside forwards did not show direction or power in front of goal, Walton in particular missing some "sitters." Hayward kept the dangerous left wing of the O.C.'s very quiet, and with the backs playing well up, we looked certain to equalise. There was always, however, a good deal of danger about the raids of the visiting forwards, and towards the end, aided by weakness on Lowe's part, they scored 3 goals in quick succession.

The inside forwards played better than we have seen them do this term, except in front of goal. Walton was always a source of danger, and C. L. J. Rees played an especially good game in the first half. Greeves gave Curtis some beautiful passes, of which, however, he did not make the best use. If he had cut straight for goal on several occasions in the second half, a score must have resulted. Walker did not play well or keenly. For two years now we have had no outside left worthy of the name, and it is deplorable that so many of the team should be able to use only the right foot with any degree of efficiency. The halves were not good on the whole. Hayward played a sterling game after the first few minutes, but Rogerson and Davis have played far better. Rogerson can kick in most positions, head and tackle well. But he apparently forgets that he has five forwards in front of him waiting for passes, and he balloons wildly and immoderately ahead. Davis is slow and given to fly-kicking badly. G. F. G. Rees played a very good game at back, kicking well on all occasions, but rather lacking in strength. He had an obvious pull over Pickett in having Hayward in front of him. Pickett did not play up to his usual standard, but covered any mistakes he made in

kicking, by his tackling and judicious heading. Lowe was probably as much responsible for our defeat as any member of the side. His mistakes cost us at least three goals, and appeared to be due, not to lack of ability, but lack of pluck.

Amongst the Old Boys we noticed that Webster is as good as ever, but all the halves played well. Wood was fast and enterprising; Chester and Ellis were always dangerous, and Tasker played well in the first half.

Team.—J. E. Lowe (goal), G. F. G. Rees and F. L. A. Pickett (backs), G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, J. W. Greeves, G. B. Walton, C. L. J. Rees, and W. E. G. Walker (forwards).

Newark Grammar School and Masters.

Played at Newark, on November 30th, and drawn 2—2. We should certainly have won this game, as we led by 2—0 until a quarter of an hour from the end, and then allowed them to equalise in the last few minutes. We also had about two-thirds of the play, and a number of golden opportunities of scoring were missed. We scored quite early in the game through Browne, and just on half-time managed to get another. In the second half we were pressing for the most part, and only in break-aways were our opponents dangerous. The ground rather militated against a good display, and to an onlooker the game seemed slow, and only interesting by fits and starts.

The forwards were fair, with Wincott the best. Browne did by no means badly, and bad shooting marred an otherwise good display by Walton. Greeves was slack, and not at all keen on tackling and playing up to the backs. Curtis did not use his pace sufficiently, and seemed too anxious to rid himself of the ball. Rogerson played a good game, kicking and heading especially well. Davis was a passenger through injury, and Hayward was hardly up to his best

standard. The backs played very well indeed, but considering the pace of the opposing forwards lay too far up the field, Rees especially. Brown was not great in goal and should certainly have saved the shot which scored the second goal.

Team.—K. Fisher-Brown (goal), G. F. G. Rees and F. L. A. Pickett (backs), G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, J. W. Greeves, J. B. Walton, C. L. J. Rees, and A. B. Browne (forwards).

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

King Edward VII. School.

Played at Sheffield. Lost 3—4. The School played a very good game, but the recent rain made the ground very wet, and this, together with a greasy ball, greatly handicapped them. For the first few minutes they did well, but some determined rushes by their opponents seemed to upset them, and four goals were scored against them in the first half.

After the interval, the School seemed to get more accustomed to the ground, and occasionally some good combination took place, but the forwards were not at their best. The ball was kept too much in the centre and was not passed out to the wings enough. After we had scored three goals, the game was very fast and exciting. Sanderson played splendidly, and showed good judgment in timing his kicks. The halves and the backs worked hard, and had the forwards kept in their places the result might have been in our favour.

Team.—K. C. Fisher-Brown (goal), C. S. Bott and T. Handley (backs), A. M. Thompson, J. T. Christison, and D. Sanderson (half-backs), A. F. Greeves, W. E. G. Walker, F. S. Stuart, L. Wincott, and F. Eadon (forwards).

Fulwood.

Although opposed by a team much older and heavier than themselves, our second eleven managed to effect a draw

and the display that they gave was perhaps the most creditable that has been given by them this season. Early in the game Fulwood opened the scoring, and later in the first half they added another. The commencement of the second half however, saw a marked improvement in our eleven. The passing was more accurate, and the backs cleared better. Following up a good centre from Walker, Wincott scored for us with a well placed shot, which gave the goalkeeper no chance of saving. A new life seemed now to instil itself into the team, and a little later, from an excellently timed pass from Stuart, Wincott again scored. Despite further strenuous efforts on both sides, the score was not increased on either side, and the game ended in a draw.

Our forwards were good and passed well, although Walker might have used his pace to greater advantage. The halves were excellent, both Thompson and Christison getting through a great deal of work, but Sanderson should have followed his forwards up more. The backs were safe, but Bott should learn not to dribble. Brown in goal did all that was required of him.

Team.—K. C. F. Brown (goal), A. B. Browne and C. S. Bott (backs), A. M. Thompson, J. T. Christison, and D. E. Sanderson (half-backs), W. E. G. Walker, J. W. Greeves, D. Stuart, L. Wincott, and F. Eadon (forwards).

CLUB MATCHES.

Nottinghamshire.

Played on November 17th, and drawn 3—3. Our opponents were not so strong as usual, but a fairly good and even game resulted from their visit. We were short of Mr. Southwell, Lowe, and Hayward, whilst Greeves played outside left for Nottingham.

The first half was fairly interesting, but we had more of the play, and should have led by two goals at least at the

interval. Nottingham were very well served by their centre-forward and centre-half, and it was chiefly due to their efforts that the team crossed over on an equality. Our first goal was a very lucky affair, being due to a bad miskick by their goal keeper. In the second half, although we again had a big portion of the game, their forwards were always dangerous, and it is pleasant to note that one of their goals was the direct result of a splendid centre by Greeves.

There is not much to be said by way of individual criticism. C. L. Rees was very useful forward; the halves were very fair, hard-working enough without rendering the forwards much assistance; while the backs were good at intervals. We noticed that two members of our side, C. L. and G. F. Rees, turned up after Notts. had scored their first goal. We don't quite know how to regard it—whether as showing an entirely unsuspected spirit of humility, seeming to suggest their presence was unnecessary to their side—or as a poor sort of compliment to the strength of the opposition. As a matter of fact it is questionable form, but of course that sort of thing does not appeal to some people.

Team.—K. C. Fisher-Brown (goal), L. E. Smith, Esq. and G. F. Rees (backs), F. L. A. Pickett, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, E. Buckley, Esq., J. B. Walton, C. L. J. Rees, and F. Peachey, Esq. (forwards).

Sheffield Club.

Played on November 19th, and lost 2—4. This was not altogether a pleasant game, but it was at least strenuous and well-contested. We were again at full strength. Matters opened a good deal in our favour, and for the first 15 minutes we looked like winning anyhow. Our opponents, however, adapted themselves to conditions better latter on, and eventually managed to score four times to our twice. The game was quite exciting up to the close, and if our inside forwards had shown more shooting ability we would undoubtedly have won.

The forwards were better than against Notts, though not nearly quick enough; the shooting was vile; the halves were only fair, Davis, in particular, not backing up his forwards at all well; Mr. Smith was a good back and was ably seconded by Pickett. Lowe has played far better.

J. E. Lowe (goal), F. L. A. Pickett and L. E. Smith, Esq. (backs), A. G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, E. Buckley, Esq., H. G. P. Southwell, Esq., J. B. Walton, and F. Peachey, Esq. (forwards).

Lincoln Hostel.

Played on December 3rd, and lost 0—3. A totally unsatisfactory game, the weather being poor, and the football poorer still. The team gave its worst display of the season, apparently being incapable of making any sustained effort. Every team has an off day; we make allowance for the fact that the opposition was heavier and more fortunate, and also that most of the team had participated in a hard Dormitory match two days before, and yet we must confess ourselves utterly disappointed in the team. The forwards, since the first few weeks of the season, have always looked like developing into something useful, and yet, here we are with three parts of the season over, still waiting for the promised development. Their combination is all right, their methods apparently sound, and there has not been wanting occasional individual brilliance. Yet they make little real headway, and then always at such a poor pace as to make it possible for the opposition to form and re-form. And on this occasion, as usual, they shot as seldom as possible, and then in execrable fashion. Wincott was again the best, and Browne was fair when he bethought himself to do some work. Walton was the worst sinner as regards shooting, and Greeves was very slack and futile. Rogerson and Davies were neither good nor particularly energetic; Hayward

played soundly. Rees and Pickett were really excellent at back and Lowe, though he had no chance with the shots that scored, was not at all convincing in goal.

Team.—J. E. Lowe (goal), G. F. G. Rees and F. L. A. Pickett (backs), G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curtis, J. W. Greeves, J. B. Walton, L. Wincott, and A. B. Browne (forwards).

DORMITORY MATCHES.

Cross v. Lion.

Although we never look for scientific football in Dormitory matches, we always expect to see a game with plenty of "go" in it, and in this match we were not disappointed. Although the Cross were by far the weaker side, they made a really sporting effort, and they have nothing of which to be ashamed of, in losing by 4 goals to 1. At half-time the score was 1—1, but in the second half the superiority of the Lion began to tell, and they added three more goals.

The chief feature of the game was the grand effort made by the smaller fellows of the Cross. Garvin and Rogers were especially good, and played a fine game. Dickenson also worked hard, and Cuckow, although handicapped by size, played a sound game. Oglesby was quite good in goal, and altogether the team played well.

For the Lion, Bott was easily the best. His kicking and tackling were both good, but he was rather apt to dribble. Walton max worked hard, but he missed numbers of chances of scoring.

Teams:

Cross.—C. Oglesby (goal), K. C. F. Brown and H. Rogers (backs), A. N. Spink, J. McN. Davis, and J. Garvin (half-backs), W. Booth, M. W. Cukow, A. B. Browne, G. H. Armstrong, and H. Dickenson (forwards).

Lion.—J. E. Lowe (goal), T. S. Handley and C. S. Bott (backs), D. Oxley, J. M. White, and R. C. Vernon (half-backs), O. T. Walton, J. B. Walton, J. F. Clarke, L. Wincott, and C. L. M. Brown (forwards).

Fleur-de-Lys v. Crown.

The struggle for supremacy between these Dormitories provided us with no less than 250 minutes of exciting and strenuous football. Both teams, throughout, played with pluck and dash, and it was typical of the keenness which inter-dormitory rivalry promotes, that there was hardly an uninteresting moment in the series. It was quite thrilling the way in which the Fleur-de-Lys threw all thoughts of defence aside in the first tie, in a grand effort to equalise and win the match; the rally of the Crown in the second game was just as great and praiseworthy. The third was perhaps the best of all, conspicuous as it was by sterling defence and fine individual effort forward. The Fleur-de-Lys were without C. L. Rees throughout the series; Curtis and Jackman were absent from the third game, their places being taken by Payne and Slaney. On the Crown side, Pickett, their captain, could not play in the last two games, Shepherd coming in to fill the gap.

When the Crown scored half-way through the second half of the first game, the result seemed certain. But Curtis came forward, and with the halves almost joining the forwards, and the backs pushing forward too, Curtis managed to level matters with a good goal. From then to the end play was fast and exciting, without any further scoring.

In the first re-play, Fleur-de-Lys scored first, only for the Crown to equalise matters by an excellent passing movement of the forwards. Both sides worked heroically, but here as throughout the defence on either side seemed to be just top dog, and despite an extra 10 minutes the score remained unaltered, 1—1.

The second replay, as already indicated, was perhaps the best game of all. Both sides were deprived of their great ones, but that only served as an incentive to further effort. The defence on both sides was gallant and unflinching, while the forwards did not forget to hustle and work as forwards seldom do. But time came with no score.

The third re-play, and fourth game, resulted in a win for the Fleur-de-Lys by two goals to one. The first we thought Sanderson should have saved, and the second was the result of a good shot by Curtis. The Crown goal was chiefly the deserved reward of vigorous and whole-hearted efforts by Stuart, and time came with the Crown striving every nerve to again get on even terms.

It is quite easy to generalize—in every case the spirit was the same, good, clean, and wholesome effort by each and every member of the sides. The Crown forwards disappointed us most, as they should surely have done better with such a defence behind. Stuart was quite the best, being fast and generally hard-working. The Fleur-de-Lys forwards were good and diligent, and it would be unfair to select individuals for special praise or censure. The Crown halves were stronger than the Fleur-de-Lys, Rogerson, Thompson, and Hayward working with will and ability. On the other side the halves were only weak by comparison, for all played hard and well. Pickett was great at back for the Crown, but not better than Rees and Christison. All the backs played magnificently. Harrison played brilliantly in goal, and Sanderson was safe throughout.

Teams:

Crown.—D. Sanderson (goal), F. L. A. Pickett and E. Inman (backs), A. M. Thompson, S. Rogerson, and G. Hayward (half-backs), H. P. Wood, W. E. G. Walker, C. S. Stuart, G. Arnold, and F. L. Pigott (forwards).

Fleur-de-Lys.—J. R. M. Harrison (goal), J. T. Christison and G. F. G. Rees (backs), H. C. Jackman, A. F. Greeves, and J. S. Cowgill (half-backs), S. Curtis, W. E. Muston, J. S. Evans, F. Eadon, and J. W. Greeves (forwards).

Lion v. Fleur-de-Lys.

There was quite a possibility that the effects of their exertions against the Crown would tell against the *Fleur-de-Lys*. This did not, however, turn out to be the case. For the first 20 minutes the Lion put up quite a good fight, but after that were held somewhat easily. Curtis, in the first half, missed a succession of easy goals, though credit must be given to Lowe for judiciously running out on each occasion. But there was not a great deal in it during this half, and indeed the Lion looked very dangerous on a number of occasions.

After the change of ends the *Fleur-de-Lys* had matters their own way. The Lion backs put up an exceedingly plucky resistance, but could not stop Eadon scoring on three occasions. Thanks to Wincott, the Lion occasionally attacked, but their efforts were largely spasmodic, and not well sustained or backed-up. The score, 3—nil for the *Fleur-de-lys*, just about represented the play.

Curtis' pace was a big factor in the *Fleur-de-Lys* forward five, but chief credit must be given to Eadon, who played quick attractive football throughout; the halves were hard-working and useful, and the backs and goal-keeper excellent. The Lion defence was quite good, Handley and Bott working magnificently; the halves were weak, and the forwards, though clever enough, did not assist the defence at all. Wincott was the pick, with J. B. Walton and Brown very fair.

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Fleur-de-Lys.—J. R. M. Harrison (goal), J. T. Christison and G. F. G. Rees (backs), H. C. Jackman, A. F. Greeves,

and J. S. Cowgill (half-backs), S. Curtis, W. E. Muston, J. S. Evans, F. Eadon, and J. W. Greeves (forwards).

Lion.—J. E. Lowe (goal), T. Handley and C. S. Bott (backs), R. C. Vernon, G. M. White, and D. Oxley (half-backs), O. T. Walton, J. F. Clarke, J. B. Walton, L. Wincott, and C. L. M. Brown (forwards).

THE PLAY.

Julius Caesar is unquestionably the finest of the Roman plays of Shakespeare, and the College made a wise choice in selecting it for this year's representation. The plan is symmetrical, the diction simple and forcible, free alike from Shakespeare's early conceits and the profound obscurity of his late style, while the characters are sharply contrasted and stand out in vivid relief against the classic background. It would be presumptuous for me here to do more than mention the wonderful way in which Shakespeare has worked up the material he takes from Plutarch, such as the evolution of the quarrel between Brutus and Cassius from a number of scattered hints, and the impression of awe and dread which he evokes from Plutarch's bald account of the storm which heralds Caesar's death.

The performance calls for a word of very emphatic praise as regards stage management. Nothing but the most painstaking and thorough rehearsing could have ensured such a smoothness of performance, such promptitude in the picking up of cues, and the punctuality of entrances and exits. The actors, one and all, appeared to be part-perfect, for so far as the present scribe's observations went, only once was there a very momentary falter. The byplay had not been forgotten, and various little dramatic touches were introduced, such as the different flowers which were scattered before Caesar—white roses marking his path to the Capitol, while on his return the unconscious populace strewed the

red roses of more sinister meaning. Both scenery and dresses were effective and a word of commendation must be bestowed on the invisible Jove who presided over the thunder-storm, while Mr. Golding's music was, as usual, a charming and sympathetic accompaniment to the play.

It is no easy task to wear the mantle of "mightiest Caesar," but Mr. Rew acquitted himself with dignity and impressiveness. His pallor was perhaps rather excessive, even for one afflicted with the falling sickness, but this stood him in good stead as a ghost. His suspicion of Cassius was well-suggested, but in the scene with Calpurnia more might have been made of the famous boast—

*"Danger knows full well
That Caesar is more dangerous than he," &c.*

words which, in spite of the touch of magnificent bombast, are yet surely calculated to send a thrill down the spine of the most hardened auditor. One felt again the sense of despairing exasperation as Caesar puts aside the warning scroll which would have revealed his danger, and the whole of the murder scene was very effectively played. Owing to the comparatively short appearance of the titular hero in the play, our attention is naturally soon diverted to the great trio—Brutus, Cassius, and Mark Antony. Nothing but praise can be awarded to Mr. Whitley for his impersonation of Brutus. He played with restraint and force, and there was a touch of genuine feeling in his account of Portia's death. We were able to follow the conflicting emotions of the great tribune as he is swept into the current of rebellion in the hope of attaining the ideal, and his bitter cry as he looks on the dead Cassius reveals his poignant sense of failure and disillusionment. One cannot help thinking that Dante metes out very severe judgment on the twain, whom we find in the lowest Inferno with only Judas Iscariot to bear them company.

Mr. Pickett as Cassius looked every inch the wily, insinuating conspirator, and his restlessness under the dominion of Caesar was well portrayed. He gathered dignity as the end drew near, and died as befitted the last of the Romans.

Mark Antony, as portrayed by Davis, was full of life and energy, and infused all the necessary vigour into his part, but it was played throughout rather *con fuoco e fortissimo*, and a slight gradation of tone would have set the great scene in the Forum (where he was at his best) in better relief.

There is not much scope for female impersonation in Julius Caesar, but the College has attained such a high standard in this respect that perhaps one waxes hypercritical. Portia was not quite up to the level of her charming predecessors, and Calpurnia succeeded better in representing the anxious, entreating wife.

The minor characters were well sustained. Casca's account of the offer of the crown to Caesar, familiar as it is, was rendered vivid and interesting; and Decius Brutus, in the person of Kirkbride, made an efficient messenger for luring Julius to his doom. The minor tragedy of the murder of the innocent Cinna is, as has been well remarked, the mob's interpretation of Cassius' theory that every name entitles its owner to equal privileges in the Commonwealth! In this, as during the rest of the scene, the rabble acted with evident gusto and enjoyment. Many a distracted housewife in the audience probably envied Brutus his gentle and willing servant Lucius. Pindarus' breathless account of the capture of Titinius was very well done, while soldiers and lictors were impassive or animated as the occasion demanded. To sum up in a word, "an excellent play, well digested in the scenes—set down with as much modesty as cunning."

But, of course, the success of the Play does not depend solely on the actors. There is a tremendous lot of work on

which is poured no limelight, but which nevertheless is of first-rate importance. Everyone knows how tedious are the delays between scenes, which so often mar amateur performances. That such tedium may be avoided requires not only a number of keen workers at the moment, but also much foresight and intelligent movement. So it is impossible not to admire the able supervision of the Headmaster in the setting of the scenes, the dexterity of Parkin, and the assistance rendered by Silvester and Lewis combined. Then, too, the work which "make-up" entails is arduous, and needful of the cleverest manipulation. Mr. Keel was more than ordinarily successful, and this is all the more laudable when the number of performers and "quick changes" are taken into consideration.

The work of the Matron, who provided for visitors and actors alike in such thoughtful manner, and of Captain Rew, the Secretary of the Play, should not be forgotten. As usual, Mr. Golding had arranged a capital musical programme, and enlisted an efficient orchestra. The decorations were the work of Sergeant Pilcher, and were artistic and tasteful. But indeed the army of helpers were all as useful and energetic as of yore, and must every one be included in a general congratulation.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

We always have had a more than casual liking for the Christmas term. Lent always seems to infect the whole length of the Easter term with its sober influence; besides there is a break between the Football and Cricket seasons, which is only inadequately filled by training for the Sports. The term seems to lag and languish. The Summer on the other hand is full to overflowing; there is really too much to do, and so we are carried along breathless to the unpleasant and sultry confines of the Examination Room. But we come

back in September, after a long rest, eager to be up and doing. So the first half is always bright and interesting, and we are surprised to find that the Festival of All Saints is already reached, none the less pleasant because we have been fully occupied in the mean time.

This year the whole was observed in the customary fashion. The weather was not too good to be unseasonable, not too bad to be unpleasant. A few—we were glad to notice that the numbers were smaller than usual—were allowed to extend the day into a week end spent at home. But the great majority celebrated the day in its most satisfying form, participating in the real *school* event.

The chief Chapel Service was at 9-30, early enough to let us have our Rugger match in the morning, and wander afield in the afternoon. The Chaplain preached, and the whole service went with that harmony and wholeheartedness which is seldom found elsewhere than in a School Chapel. Afterwards many adjourned to the football field where we contended in healthy and successful rivalry against a Rugger team brought from Lincoln Hostel. It was altogether a gratifying innovation—this real match against outsiders—arousing more general interest and more genuine football than our usual School game has done. Afterwards, players and spectators alike hastened to follow those who had gone ahead to the familiar haunts at Creswell, Edwinstowe, Southwell, and the like. The same old stories were recounted,—what had happened on former jaunts, with just the usual embellishments and glorification which time alone can impart. So we wandered and revelled, wandered in places of historic and personal interest, revelled in the freedom from restraint and the joy of living. Anon we dragged ourselves back churlishly accompanied by the rain which made an unpleasant appearance in the closing stages of the

day. But we had yet to enjoy another much appreciated item, the Prefects Concert, which took place after Evensong.

This was a wholly noteworthy performance. It lacked neither variety nor animation nor merit. The topical song was of course, much enjoyed, nor did it lose by being mainly composed on the old seasoned subjects. Walker and Brown quite "brought down the house" with their song and costume. Curtis played admirably; White's Scotch Song, Davis' "Veteran," and Pickett's humorous items were all deservedly applauded. While Walker was being transformed into a coy and bashful maiden, Clarke regaled the school with popular airs. The Farce was really funny, and evidently the performers had not left the learning of their parts to the last moment, as is so often the case. White was becomingly vociferous as the irate Vanderpump; Davis and Pickett were amorous to a legitimately ludicrous degree. The delicate handling of actual painless extraction was also much appreciated.

Programme: Topical Song (The Prefects); Song, *The Wedding of Sandy McNab* (J. M. White); Duet, *Since Poor Father joined the Territorials* (K. C. F. Browne and W. E. G. Walker); Song, *The Veteran's Song* (J. W. F. McNaught Davis); *The night when the old cow died* (F. L. A. Pickett); Violin Solo (S. W. Curtis); Song, *The Motor Car* (R. C. Vernon); Song, *For months and months and months* (J. W. F. McNaught Davis); Song, *The Dear Home Songs* (S. W. Curtis); Song, *Ship Ahoy* (R. C. Vernon); Song, *Signs and Indications* (F. L. A. Pickett); Song, *My Ain Folk* (J. B. Walton); Song, *Father's Photograph* (A. M. Thompson); Song, *My Home is far away* (J. M. White).

Farce—Painless Dentistry. Mr. Vanderpump, J. M. White. Philip Puller (Dentist), J. W. F. McNaught Davis. Jack Castleton (Doctor), S. W. Curtis. Peter Pimbags (victim), F. L. A. Pickett. Euphemia (Mr. Vanderpump's daughter), W. E. G. Walker.

The Strange Quest of the Blessed Vote, and how at a fair joust of parlance holden at the most noble and worshipful College of Saint Cuthbert all fair damosels did receive a share of the same.

The most worshipful Sir Thomas Malory in merry mood did worthily indite this.

Now upon the thirteenth day of November, which day was a Sunday, there was let cry a great joust of parlance, which joust was holden in the chamber of art, at the fair college of Cuthbert, the holy man. And there to that jousting did come the Headmaster of the fair College, and his fair lady, and the Matron, that had great skill of balms and herbs, and was well beseen in art magic, for the healing of all noyances of the flesh of man, by means of a seemly phial all of glass, wherein is a goodly potion and an wholesome; the same is called Mixture, which mixture is not of the black magic, but of the white. And ever she was followed by a little brachet, that went with her evermore, wheresomever she went, and barked and made great ado continually, that all they that went that way were ware thereof. And there did come the passing good knight, Sir F. Pickett, and Sir G. Kirkbride, a hardy man of war, and many moe, a passing fair fellowship, and did think well to win them great renown, and to deliver the ladies from the great shame and dismay that they were in. Then when two goodly sieges of comfort and great easement were set thereas the ladies might sit, the herald did set forth as meed of the tournament the Blessed Vote, the which the ladies were full fain to have, but that they never by no manner of means could come thereby, for ever as they would set hands upon it there came a Beast with a long tail, full foul and hideously favoured, right dishonourable and of two faces, which of the Paynims was yclept Ass-k'withe, but among them of the contrary party many names of strange import, and not to be

here set down; and the tail hight soothly Majority; this Beast therefore would not suffer them to have the vote for no treatise that they could treat. And there to uphold the cause of the Beast were set many Paynim knights; there was Sir J. White, a Pictish knight, passing hard and of great prowess; there was also Sir A. Thompson, a Paynim knight, of great worship, the which was also scribe, and did do call the jousts; and many other there were, that great marvel it was to see.

And now the noble knights on either hand did dress themselves every each to the tourney with many stout speeches and hardy assays of language. So then first did Sir F. Pickett dress himself to the recounter. Yet did he ride but lightly, and would not do all the damage that ever he might, for, said he, we would not that the Blessed Vote were parted among all womankind, but only unto such as be of great lands and worship, and them damosels; but, said he, that we would give them unto them of low degree, or unto such as wedded wives, that think ye never. Also he did aver that in a certain far country, Zealand, that is yclept the New, the land did suffer great hurt by reason of the many deaths, so that the rate thereof was exceeding haut and lofty, and all for that the ladies could not come by the Vote, so that in the end the men of that place were fain to accord with them; and that thereupon the ladies so presently wrought with that scarce men could die by any mean, yea, though they would many times so rather than live on land. Then did they of the Beast's party make great mock, for it seemed them he spake but japes.

Eftsoons thereafter did the noble knight of Pictland dress him to the battle for the Saracens, and feutring his spear, he rode a great wallop upon them of the adverse party. For ever he held that the Vote was for the man only, and villain thing were it that any woman should hold thereof,

were she never so great of worship; for an she had but one finger therein, then would she presently give a part thereof to every villain woman throughout all the land; and that were great scathe and damage. For an the women had the vote, then would they leave of buffeting their children with the shoe, to buffet their husbands with the Vote; and then should the hand not rule the world, for that it had left off from rocking the cradle; and, by Mahound, great pity were it, said he, that the hardy Sir John de Bull should suffer even that which a hen worketh for a cockerel that is a dastard, to wit, that he should be hen-pecked. Then did all the noble champions of the ladies raise a great cry, for them thought he too did but jape.

Then did the most worshipful Sir G. Kirkbride aventre great spear, to do battle upon the Paynims, and set on them of the other faction grimly, and did marvellously well, and passed to and fro with great slaughter, and made the foe to avoid the lists. That saw Sir A. Thompson, and fared wood as a lion, and rode a great wallop, and bore down upon him with many passing hard assays of utterance. Which, when the noble Matron espied, it grieved her sore for very dole and pity, so that waxing hardy she start up from her siege and with loud voice gan cry upon her champions, that they faint not, but do doughty feats of tongues upon the Saracens; then did she recount the many grievous hurts that the Saracens had put upon womankind through their keeping of the Vote, which, said she, they would not be so hardy to do, if but the Blessed Vote were yielded to us damosels.

Then did the medley wax passing hard on both sides, and great valiances and prowesses of parlance were there shewed, that it were more than wonder to tell. And upon the Paynim side was Sir F. Lewis, a knight of prowess and great worship, and Sir F. Brown, a Saracen knight full orgulous and of great quantity, and the right noble captain,

Sir McK. Rew, which was seneschal to the fair College; and upon the other side came the Headmaster of the fair College, the which smote many blows passing hard, and with the hardy knight of Pictland did bandy much parlance, that great marvel was it to hear the blows; for they hurtled together as it were two wild boars; and there was the Pictish knight hard bested so that he was fain to avoid the ground. Also there did dress him to the battle Sir W. Silvester, that hight He of the Smiling Countenance; for ever thereas he came he smiled full sweetly, so that all that went by were glad, and took great cheer thereat; and thus ever smiling did he also at that time lightly thrust in his spear.

Now when at last these noble jousts were ended, every man that was there present stood forth for his own cause; then was it found that every each of the ladies' champions was matched against one of the Beast's party, and yet was there one hardy gallant beside that wished well to the ladies. Then was it let cry that the ladies' champions were the victors in that jousting, and that henceforth none be so hardy as to let or withhold any damosel of any degree, but that she should have the Vote at all seasons thereas the men do exercise the same: and hereof let all take good heed. And when the doughty champions of the ladies heard this, then did they raise a great shout, that all the floor of the fair chamber of art trembled and dindled; but the Saracens had great dole thereat, and made moan out of measure. Then did they repair to the hall of the fair College, and there the worthy seneschal did make lusty cheer of meat and drink, whereof all were full fain.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

We have had several successful debates this term; excitement seems mainly to centre round political or semi-political themes. This is as it should be; but we could wish that a little more knowledge were sometimes united to the enthusiasm. The time for debate is 4.45 on Sunday evening, and the scene of conflict, by the kindness of Mr. Keel, is the Art room.

The first debate of the term was held on October 2nd. The subject for discussion was "That disarmament will best advance the interests of civilization." The motion was proposed by A. M. Thompson, who was seconded by A. N. Broad, and opposed by F. M. Lewis and G. Kirkbride; two others spoke for the motion and three against it. Here we saw the cleavage between the idealist, who scans the far future, and the practical man who lives in the present; whilst the one side painted pictures of the brutality and savage origin of war, the other pointed to the insecurity of the country and the loss to its trade if the army and navy were disbanded. In the end, only four were found still intent on scanning the future, whilst the rest, to the number of 19, elected to immerse themselves in the present, these being the numbers which voted for and against the motion.

The next debate was held on October 16th. This was a triumph for the British Constitution. The resolution proposed was "That the House of Lords is indispensable to the constitution of England." Here was an opening for the satirist to draw scornful pictures of an effete aristocracy lying across the path of progress, reform, etc. Mark the words: not *a* House, but *the* House, of Lords is, not useful, not tending to security, but actually indispensable to the constitution! However, the Tories led by Mr. H. H. Rew, seconded by A. N. Broad, won a sweeping victory of

20 votes to 4. The opposition was led by A. M. Thompson and W. A. Silvester, and there also spoke 3 others for the motion, and 2 against it.

The third debate of the term was held on October 23rd. The motion before the house was "That the introduction of Conscription is necessary to the safety of England." This was proposed by Mr. H. H. Rew, seconded by F. M. Lewis. The opposer was A. M. Thompson, who was seconded by J. W. Greeves, and these were followed by 4 more speakers, all on the same side. This was a chance to debate on national decadence, love of football, and the millions upon millions of men which it appears Germany is ready to pour into this country any minute. The meeting at the outset almost howled to be taken off and drilled on the spot. But under a flow of argument from the other side, we became alarmed at the ghastly pictures drawn of the methods of German drill-sergeants, and French N.C.O.'s shot in the back on the field of battle by their enraged victims, and at the same time we were fired by the noble image of every man shouldering his rifle for the mere love he bore his country, with which Capt. Rew brought up the rear of the attack, so that the motion in the end only mustered 5 supporters in a house of 36.

On October 30th, we had under consideration that hardy perennial, capital punishment; the motion proposed that it should be abolished. F. M. Lewis, supported by M. W. Cuckow, proposed, and A. N. Broad with G. H. Salmon as second opposed. This was a welcome change from the more contentious debates of previous Sundays. There was more argument in evidence and less wild assertion; and after one more member had spoken for the motion and two against it, the motion was lost by 18 votes to 9.

On November 13th, was held the debate of the term, the subject being one hitherto unaccountably unpopular, "That it is now time for the franchise to be extended to women." We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster, Mrs. Grier, and the Matron. The first blow of the debate was struck by F. L. A. Pickett, whose chief point was that the women's present demand was only for a limited extension of the franchise. The opposition was led by J. M. White, who roundly told the ladies that he did not believe they should have the vote, because it was not their place to have it. "Is John Bull to be henpecked?" he concluded amidst cheers. G. Kirkbride followed for the defence, and A. M. Thompson for the attack. We were glad to hear the ladies' case put before us by one of themselves, the Matron, who shewed us various disadvantages under which women still suffer. The Headmaster also spoke for the motion. One other speaker supported the motion, and three others attacked it, and on being put to the meeting, it was carried by 18 votes to 17, amidst great enthusiasm.

The next debate was held on November 27th, at which the motion before the house was, "That vivisection is in the interests of humanity." We were glad to see the ladies exercise their newly won franchise, for we were visited by Mrs. Grier and Mrs. Campbell. The motion was proposed by W. A. Silvester, who had decided that all that could, or need, be said for the motion, as worded, was comprised in one syllogism, with which having favoured us he sat down. He was opposed by A. N. Broad, who seemed to be a little thrown out of his stride by the novel methods of the proposer; G. Kirkbride followed, who after working up our feelings with the announcement of lurid and ghastly deeds wrought by vivisectionists, modestly drew a veil over all particulars. Silvester was seconded by E. Inman. One speaker followed on each side, and on a division there voted 17 for the motion and 6 against it.

We should here like to point out that the proper procedure, if a member dislikes the wording of a motion (and perhaps exception could be taken to the wording of this one), is, either to suggest an amendment before the debate, or not to speak at all, rather than to open a debate with an oration of some two sentences.

On December 4th, we had a pessimistic debate on the motion, "That the British Empire is rapidly declining." F. M. Lewis proposed, and was seconded by G. Kirkbride. The opposition was led by W. E. G. Walker and K. C. F. Brown, and they were supported by four other speakers in succession, whilst the motion could muster no further defenders. On a division 8 voted for the motion and 14 against it.

At the beginning of this debate, the president called the attention of the members to the fact that in accordance with a rule of the society, any member who fails to speak during the term, loses his membership.

On Sunday, December 17th, we had another scaring proposal, "That Europe is in danger from the development of the eastern nations." The motion was proposed by Mr. H. H. Rew, and opposed by Mr. Cowgill; it was seconded by G. Kirkbride, who was followed on the other side by A. N. Broad. We were very glad to hear speeches from two visitors, Mr. Linay, O.C., for the motion, and Mr. F. E. Southwell against it. Two others spoke on either side, and the motion was eventually carried by 31 votes to 8.

The debates on the whole show a distinct improvement on the Easter term, and our speakers are gradually acquiring greater readiness in taking up the points of an opponent, and improvising arguments. But although we cannot expect anyone at school to have made a thorough study of modern controversial topics, a little more general knowledge might fairly be expected than too often is displayed. It very often

happens too that a speaker wastes the short time at his disposal by following an opponent as it were down a rabbit hole—hammering out arguments about some minute detail, which even if disproved to the complete satisfaction of all present, very likely has only the smallest imaginable influence on the case. Speakers are also rather fond of asking rhetorical questions which are meant to crush their opponents for ever, and glaring round to observe the precise amount of devastation caused; and when the natural retorts come from their opponents, nowise put down, they are aggrieved because their speeches are interrupted. A really wily politician, if he asks a rhetorical question, knows better than to give anyone a chance of answering it, and proceeds with his speech as rapidly as he can.

These criticisms are made in no carping spirit, but in the hope that they may be of service to some budding orator. The debates have in general shown a very considerable advance, and we may hope that next term, when the membership is on a better defined basis, and members have got further into the ways of debating, they will continue to improve.

O.T.C.

There is not much to record beyond the ordinary routine of weekly parades for the company, daily drills for recruits, which have continued without cessation all the term; and much work in the orderly room.

On November 23rd and 24th, a Guard of Honour was formed, for the Visitors to the Play, under the command of the Sergeant Instructor. As so many of the Corps were taking part in the Play, the Guard did not compose the flower of the force, nevertheless they were deservedly praised for their smartness and efficiency.

The Examination for Certificate "A" was held on Nov. 21st, and the oral part will take place on Dec. 19th, when the Adjutant, Capt. E. C. Robertson, Yorks and Lancs. Regiment, will be the Examining Officer.

Thirty carbines have been obtained from the Government; these will be restricted for use at Recruit drill, and as they are lighter than the rifles, they will be useful for training small recruits before handling the full-sized arm used by the company.

Lieut. Buckley and Second Lieuts. Whitley and Smith will attend a course of instruction at York, from Jan. 2-16.

Section I., under Sergt. Curtis, at present leads the Section Competition, but there is remarkably little difference between sections at present. We notice that the following have lost marks for sections by absence: Greeves max, Wright, MacLagan, Townsley, Rees max, Bott, Lowe, and Hayward.

CHAPEL NOTES.

We acknowledge with many thanks the gift of a beautifully worked chalice veil from Mrs. Coates.

The nearer the Chapel grows to completion, the more do we realize how much we need better "fittings" for the use of the Altar.

We are very hard up indeed as regards Altar Linen; many things have been given in the past, but like everything else in the world, linen grows old.

We should be most grateful if some of our friends who are good at needlework would make us some of the following: 6 Burses, 5 Chalice Veils, 1 Altar Cloth.

The Statute Sermon on the Faithful Departed was preached by the Headmaster. The Chaplain preached the Statute Sermon on All Saints' Day.

During Advent, the Sermons on Sundays are being preached by the Headmaster; the Chaplain is giving three short addresses on Wednesday evenings.

The Holy Eucharist is being offered daily during Advent at 7 a.m. The Service is entirely optional.

LIBRARY NOTES.

We are glad to be able to state that the subscriptions of the boys this term towards the cost of papers and other expenses, are nearly double those of last term; also that greater care has been taken of the Library furniture. These and other signs are sufficient reward and appreciation for the trouble and care which the committee bestow upon the various sections connected with it.

We were able to start this term with a balance of £3 15s. 9½d., the receipts being £8 6s. 4½d., and the expenditure £4 10s. 7d. As a result of this balance we have been able to buy 25 new novels, and about ten shillings worth of indoor games which seem to have been much appreciated by the smaller boys. A fire has been provided on Sundays throughout the winter, and the room has acquired by these a look of comfort which would be difficult to find in any other part of the School where the boys are accustomed to congregate.

We wish to thank the Headmaster, Messrs. Whitley, Smith, Peachey, also Maclagan, Ferry, and the Sergeant-Instructor, for so kindly presenting papers to the library throughout the term. Our thanks are also due to Holloway, Greeves, and Gascoigne for presenting books; we are more than glad to see the custom coming into use of old boys who visit the School bringing with them a book to present to the Boys' Library.

The following papers were to be found in the Library throughout the term :—*The Daily Mail, The Daily Mirror, The Daily Sketch, The Standard, The Sheffield Daily Telegraph, The Retford and Gainsboro' Times, The Illustrated London News, The Graphic, The Sporting and Dramatic, The Sphere, The Sketch, The Field, The Bystander, T.P.s Weekly, Hobbies, The Model Engineer, The Amateur Photographer, Punch, Black and White, The Strand, Pearson's, The Captain.*

THE GYMNASIUM.

The Gymnasium is flourishing under Sergeant Ott, who divides his attention between this department and the Corps. Boxing has become well established, and forty-three have joined this branch. A good deal of equipment has been obtained for gymnastics, boxing, and fencing, so that very little is now required to make everything complete.

A Gymnastic and Boxing display will be given on the last evening of term. The following are the Gym. teams at present: First team, J. Walton (Captain of Gym.), G. Rees, E. H. Payne, H. Lindsell, C. Russell, J. Greeves, G. Armstrong, H. Wood, and H. Robinson (Reserve). Second Team: A. Greeves, K. Fisher-Brown, E. Inman, J. E. Lowe, C. Bott, O. Walton, T. Elliott, A. Tiffin (Reserves), F. Stuart and A. Thompson.

O.C. NEWS.

W. C. Linay has obtained honours in his Law Final.

R. Buckley, I. Griffiths, H. Bosworth, A. Oliver, and F. A. Davies were visitors at the Play.

The following team represented the O.C.'s in the Past v. Present match: E. W. Stiles (goal), J. Brown and S. M. Davis (backs), R. P. Marsh, C. S. Webster, and S. Y.

Holloway (half-backs), A. N. G. Wood, D. P. Harvey, R. P. Chester, C. R. Ellis, and J. Tasker (forwards). J. C. and R. B. Wooler, and P. W. Ellis were also present.

After the match the Committee of the Club met and decided that the Annual Dinner should be held at Manchester on January 23rd.

We regret to learn that P. W. Ellis broke his leg in a motor-cycle accident. We are glad to state that he is now on the high road to recovery.

G. E. Worthey and L. Burnett are aboard the Conway.

A. Graham is at Kelham.

P. E. Cuckow and F. C. Brown are at Mirfield, and not at Kelham as stated in our last number.

G. Hodgson is in Genoa.

C. P. C. Downman is teaching in Riesa, Germany.

H. C. Hicks is in London—working for the Life Association of Scotland.

J. B. Powell is a master at a School in the West Indies.

G. F. Dale has gone to Perth, Australia.

E. Reeves is in a bank at Bradford.

C. H. Hutchinson has left Durham, and is now at Bishop Jacob's Hostel, Newcastle.

E. W. Surtees has been captain of Hatfield Hall Association XI.

ANNALS.

A Boxing Club has now been formed, and we are glad to see that so many fellows are supporting it. Classes are held twice a week, and in connection with it, ball-punching is taught by the Sergeant-Instructor. Several fine sets of gloves have been bought, and a proper ring is to be erected,

so we hope that all those who are able will give it their full support. Tournaments are to be held at the end of each term, and medals for the winners in each weight, will be presented by the Sergt.-Instructor. The Headmaster has kindly consented to become President of the Club, and also an honorary member. Captain Rew is Chairman of Committee that has been formed, and W. E. G. Walker has been elected Secretary. It is hoped that we shall be able to send a representative of each weight to Aldershot next year, to compete in the Public Schools Competition.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, a creditable Gymnastic Display was given by the members of the gym. class, and considering the short time in which they had been in training their performance was excellent. They gave us an exhibition both of Swedish Drill and of exercises on the apparatus. Some exhibition boxing rounds were also given, and the afternoon was concluded by a three round contest between Davis and Walton, in which Davis won somewhat easily.

This year we again combined the Play and Choir Suppers. All the ritual of the Boar's Head Supper was observed; the procession was stately and impressive, the chanting good. The baker had provided an excellent supper, and needless to say we signified our appreciation of his efforts in no uncertain manner. Afterwards the Headmaster expressed his thanks to all who had participated in the performance of Julius Caesar, and laid emphasis on the work which was required and carried out, beyond the actual individual performances in the Play. The Chaplain was in critical humour, combining praise with a touch of censure. An impromptu concert took place in the Art room as a suitable finale to a very pleasant evening.

The evening was made more enjoyable by the presence of Mrs. Grier, the Matron, Mrs. Cameron, and the Misses Vera and Sybil St. John Hunt.

Last year a Play Book was introduced and much appreciated. This year, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Horace Rew, a distinct advance was made, and an exceedingly nice edition of Julius Ceasar produced. Its new features were its cloth binding, the reproduction of a photograph taken by Mr. Keel, of a scene in last year's Play, and a short introduction by the Headmaster.

On All Saints' Day a Rugger Match against Lincoln Theological College was played. It proved to be a distinct improvement on the usual game—two XV.s picked from the School—and should certainly be made an annual affair. We commenced with the diffidence which is born of lack of confidence, but soon realized that our opponents were novices too, and then began to pile up points. We scored 13 points in the first half, but in the second "35" only scored 6 points to our opponents' 8. So we won fairly comfortably by 19—8. The game was marked by keenness and effort on both sides, with not much to choose between the backs, except at scrum half, where we had an obvious pull. Forward we were superior, getting the ball out quicker and oftener than the opposing pack. The collaring all round was rather poor, being too high and not nearly hard enough. Of kicking there was little, a surprising fact considering the number of "soccer" men playing. But it was a very pleasant game, and the result quite creditable.

We notice the G. P. C. has been busying itself with the arrangements of colours. Scarfs of broad blue and white stripes, may be worn by any full colourman. There is to be a representative Dormitory blazer, in order to wear which, a boy must gain his Dormitory colours in sports, which combined, make up three full colours. Also the School Representative Blazer is to be changed to all white with blue edging, and the School crest worked in blue on the pocket.

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Fives Caps have been won by C. L. J. Rees and G. F. G. Rees.

The Junior Dormitory Competition this term practically resolved itself into a contest between the Cross and Crown. The Lion were a good deal stronger than the Fleur-de-Lys, whom they defeated 8—0, but could only put up a good fight against the other two teams, by whom they were beaten by the odd goal in each case. The Cross and Crown match was a really good game, every boy showing a keenness which even members of the School teams might easily copy. The Cross eventually won by 5 goals to 4, a result chiefly due to the work of Garvin, who proved himself the best Junior in the School. Dickinson was also good, while on the Crown side, Arnold and Knowles were clever forwards, and Baldock made a robust and convincing back. Robinson and Lissett have both played well for the Lion.

Though the Senior Dormitory matches were commenced much earlier in the term this year than last, through a number of reasons the games proved very difficult to fit in satisfactorily. In consequence some of the matches were not truly representative of the strength of the Dormitories. It is difficult to see how this could have been avoided this year, as circumstances, foreseen and unforeseen, proved particularly unkind. But it is a problem which ought to be faced, and solved at the earliest opportunity. Personally we consider that the responsibility of fixing dates and extra time in drawn matches should not rest on an individual, as it is a particularly ungrateful task, and in this case, at any rate, has proved satisfactory to neither side. The Dormitory matches over, interest in football for the term rapidly grows less, so it is doubtful if an earlier date would be advisable; nor can we see the desirability of playing the matches in the Easter term, when to a large extent football is a minor quantity, and the personnel of the teams has largely changed.

We would suggest that either the G. P. C. fix dates at the beginning of term, which would be unalterable, or that they appoint a committee to decide the delicate points which must inevitably arise.

We have had the pleasure of visits from the following this term: Mrs. Hibbert, B. R. M. Denny, Esq., Rev. H. S. Barber, and Rev. C. H. Blofeld.

Mr. Horace Rew took part in a farce, entitled "Second Thoughts," that was held in Worksop this term.

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