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EDITORIAL.

*"Have me excused if i speke amis,
My wit is good*

*In feith, Squier, thou hast thee well y-quit,
And gentilly i preise wel thy wit."*



HIS number of the *Cuthbertian* witnesses a change not infrequent in the history of any school magazine; a new editor pens its "Editorial," and like all new editors since the first one, begins his régime sincerely regretting that his predecessor ever vacated his post. What a position that of the first editor of the *Cuthbertian* must have been, having no "able and brilliant" predecessor over whom he could shed his editorial tears! Happily, that situation can scarcely come to pass again, but future editors will perhaps not be as fortunate as the present one in his predecessor.

This term might be called the most energetic of the three which compose the school-year. The "Dorm.-Run" and Sports, although both are still far enough away, cast their shadows before them. Once already have the intelligent yokels beyond Manton been surprised out of their bucolic wits by the invasion of a long string of white-clad, perspiring youngsters, whose chief aim in life seems to be running through the thickest hedges and over the most uneven ploughed fields. It is beyond the understanding of these bystanders that the course has been planned by wily "hares," and that "the yoong gents from t' College" should find any enjoyment in a paper-chase. Yet there is no doubt that a paper-chase does arouse a feeling of good, inspiring keenness.

Where there is smoke, there is usually a fire, and where there are paper-chases and running, there is, or ought to be, training. Fearful rumours have been current lately; rumours of youngsters who render their "mouldies" devoid of butter for fear of over-corpulence and unfitness; and rumours of others who have forsworn the Tuck-shop and its deadly attractions, until the Sports are over.

The new Chapel, also, seems to have acquired some of the prevailing passion for energetic activity. No longer does it crouch down, a shapeless mass behind a pin-cushion of scaffolding-poles; its walls have grown skywards at a pace which, if not exactly alarming, is at least noticeable, and it gives distinct promise of being a handsome and graceful building, although there are numerous conjectures as to the ultimate length of the windows.

Boxing has monopolised much of our attention lately, and many interesting contests have taken place in the Gymnasium. It is essential that this School should send competent representatives to Aldershot as soon as possible: progress in that direction is now unusually promising, and it is to be hoped that before long our name will appear amongst

those of other Public Schools who have entered for the Public Schools' Boxing Competition.

Interest in Football must necessarily grow slack as the season draws to a close: let not those who seek fresh diversion despise Hockey. This game has become more and more popular of late years, and thoroughly deserves its good reputation. The tendency to regard it as effeminate, because "girls play it," has long since disappeared, and no game is worthier the attention of a Public School.

ON WRITING ESSAYS.

When I was at school I had to do a great many things that I disliked. I washed my morning face in icy water, and I hated it. I pulled the roller twice a week at 12-30, and I dreaded it. I had to sit in front of a Prefect every night for two whole terms; I had to do Greek and write a letter every Sunday. I was gated, learned music, had chicken-pox, wrote unlimited impots, consistently lost my allowances, and suffered from stingy parents.

And yet I can say with truth, that I was properly miserable once in a fortnight only; and that was not on account of any of these things. It was the lamentable practice of our Form Master to "foster our literary proclivities" (as he put it) by the imposition of an Essay to be written once in every two weeks. Now I have never been able to write an Essay, and I can back my antipathy to this particular form of torment with good substantial argument. This is not the place to dilate on the merits and demerits of modern education: be it sufficient to say here, that when everything that *can* be written about, *has* been written about by people whose business it is to write it, any effort on my part savours, to my thinking, of impertinence.

And then I never could write decent English. I never had an original idea in all my life, and as for "literary proclivities," I haven't got any. I glory in bad spelling and I am told that my grammar would make a ferret weep.

I believe the Lord Bacon says in one of his tedious disquisitions that writing makes a man exact. This may be, though, if I remember rightly, the Peers found, at his trial for bribery, that the great man had been none too careful, in spite of his fifty-eight Essays, and bundled him out of his high office without much regard for his books. But to return. Behold me, then, seated on a creaking bench; around me the hum of Prep.; beside me the dripping inkwell, and inside me a blank of which the stainless paper before me is but the shining reflex. I squirm, I perspire. Diligently I invoke the dumb Muses, my cold feet stir silently in the dust, and at last out of nothingness I evolve a beginning. I immediately forget it and evolve another, and a worse. This also goes and then, when I find I have at last fashioned a sentence, a voice cries from the dais, "Collect books—supper boys may go," and I know that it is all to do again, and that I shall spend two aching hours to-morrow night, and be no further.

I remember a boy in my Form named Rashleigh who shared my disapprobation of this kind of bullying, and I remember the day when his opportunity came. The title of the Essay for that fortnight was posted on the school board. "Do nothing rashly," to be shown up before Friday week. Of course Rashleigh did do nothing, and handed in a bundle of blank sheets at the appointed hour, observing by way of explanation that he was merely obeying orders.

I think that often the mischief lay in the character of the theses on which we were bidden to discourse. How is it possible to fill three pages on "The disadvantages of accumulated wealth." There are't any what remains to

be said ? "The influence of environment upon character" was a beast that always showed its head when everything else was exhausted. Sometimes it appeared under the thin disguise of another title. But it was the same unslaughtered Hydra, and was turned loose amongst us with unfailing regularity.

Why were we never allowed to choose our own subjects ? I could have done justice to "Football" or "Fast Days," but we were never consulted, and when I could have scribbled sheets on the best method of breeding canaries, I had to waste my afflatus on "The abolition of the House of Lords." Yes ! Essay writing is a great bore. I have known boys who could do it, though ; and a rare few who seemed to relish it.

I knew one fellow who was always quoting the Poets, and when he couldn't light on a verse to fit, he used to put in bits of his own. He started an Essay once on "Aeronautics" with these lines which he made up in chapel the night before.

*"What man is he shall mount the ethereal stair
And flout the Gods of the unconquered air ?"*

And he put in brackets underneath "Timon of Athens". When the master came to correct it, he said they were some of the sparkiest lines Shakespeare ever penned, and he had always been fond of them !

We used to be warned a great deal against introducing too much quotation into our work ; but I could never find any poet who had anything to say on such prosy topics. There was a man in my college Debating Society who was very happy in his quotations, and would always find a line from Browning or Tennyson or Shakespeare to meet the case. In one debate he was opposing a motion in favour of "Total Abstinence," and he ended an impassioned address

with these words of the late Laureate, "O let there be no moaning at the bar."

But it isn't everyone who can command the Poets to bow to them in this way.

"Write short sentences and don't use slang" was another monition intended to guide our erring feet along the high road of Letters. And so when I started an Essay on "Country Life" in this way, "One soon gets fed up when you are skooting about in the country although it bucks you up when you feel a bit mouldy, and you can have a dinky time and don't waste much oof." I found the blue pencil had trampled across my simple thought, and upon the other page written this:

"One experiences a sensation of ennui if one prolongs the delights of rural life beyond the prescribed limits. But a visit to the country is often a tonic for the worn out constitution: here one may find rest and enjoyment, and this mode of life has the additional attraction of not being expensive."

This is very nice, but I prefer my own. What do *you* think?

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

Unfortunately a school only in its sixteenth year can hardly be expected to boast any really old Old Boys. We have none of those hardy old veterans, the pride of so many schools, who turn up at the annual dinner and indulge in mysterious witticisms at each other's expense, that first saw the light no one knows how many years ago, with plenty of romance about the wild doings that took place when they were boys. Many years must necessarily pass away before the eyes of a younger generation can be gladdened by the sight of us who were present at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, at 7 p.m., on Monday, January 30th, 1911, A.D.,

behaving in that time-honoured fashion. For, of course, we shall all turn up year after year till our hair has contracted and our chests expanded and we become well versed in the approved obscurity.

After the real business of the day was over, we passed to the speeches. F. Edmond, Esq., who was in the chair, opened the proceedings with a speech, in which he told us that a chairman has to bear in mind three maxims, the first, get up, the second, speak up, the third, shut up. Unfortunately his third maxim cut in all too soon on his second, and he at once proposed the "Church and State." He then called upon J. C. Wooler, Esq., to propose the "School and Staff." Wooler made a short speech in which he thanked the College for the hospitality always extended to old boys. The Headmaster, in reply, dealt with the principal features of the past year, especially the unbeaten Cricket XI. of 1910, and the excellent report of the inspectors. He then passed on to the Chapel and other new buildings, which are expected to be finished before the end of the year, and he gave November as the approximate date of the Chapel's opening. He also referred to a proposal for holding the Old Boys' Dinner for the future in Worksop, after the football match, a proposal which was well received by the meeting. J. McN. Davis, Captain of School, also replied on behalf of the School, saying that one cause of the School's prosperity lay in its Headmaster. B. H. Whitley, Esq. then proposed the Old Cuthbertians. He referred to the number of the O.C.'s on the staff. The School was, he thought, though young in years, yet not young for its years. He concluded with an earnest request to all O.C.'s to support the *Cuthbertian*. The toast was answered by J. C. Cowgill, Esq. The last toast, that of the visitors, was proposed by Capt. H. G. McK. Rew, and as there was no reply, the speeches were brought to an end by

the chairman, who passed a well-deserved eulogy on the early pioneer work of the Rev. P. U. Henn, and mentioned the recent elevation of the Rev. T. Hedworth (one of the original staff) to the headmastership of Ellesmere, the new honours lately conferred on T. O. Bosworth, and the fact that an O.C. had been engaged in rescue work at Hulton pit. He also gently twitted the *Cuthbertian* with the absence of dates in its articles. He will no doubt have observed our practical penitence in the course of this article. Thus ended a most enjoyable evening. The attendance was well up to previous numbers, the following being present: Rev. the Headmaster, C. Arnold, E. Buckley, E. A. H. G. Cartmell, J. C. Cowgill, T. H. Dunning, J. McN. Davis (Captain of School), F. Edmond, J. R. Harvey, W. H. Holloway, S. Y. Holloway, B. Holt, N. T. K. Jordan, F. W. and J. Mozley, F. Peachey, Capt. H. G. McK. Rew, H. F. Rew, J. Tasker, J. A. Taylor, R. E. Taylor, S. A. Thorneley, E. Westall, B. H. Whitley, B. Wooler, J. C. Wooler, A. N. G. Wood, and three visitors.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Nottingham High School.

Played at Worksop on Feb. 11th. and drawn 1—1. A really good game, brimful of excitement and clever football. It was quite the best match played on our ground this season, and the life and dash shown by the whole side was quite refreshing. Kicking downhill in the first half, we were frequently dangerous, but there was always thrust and method about the Notts. attack, and our goal escaped luckily on one or two occasions. The chief features of the half were the really clever display of Stuart at outside-left, a tense moment when the ball slipped across the Notts. goal

with Walton a foot too far away to put it through, and a furious struggle in our goal mouth with the ball almost on the line. Half-time, however, arrived without any score. The second half opened with Notts. attacking. Indeed, for a short period we were quite outplayed. When things settled down however, the ball hovered very near the Notts. goal. It was as the result of a breakaway almost from the half-way line that the Notts. centre shot a really good goal. This point looked as though it would settle the game, but we rallied strongly, and Curtis, getting a perfect pass from Rees, dashed away on his own, and moving towards the Notts. goal at a great pace, scored the equaliser. The fun then waxed fast and furious, and when Brown dropped the ball on the goal line and Pickett failed to clear, a score seemed certain. Rees foolishly handled, and from the free kick there was regular scrum in the goal mouth. This was cleared, and time came with the teams still on an equality.

A draw was a perfectly equitable result, and the game reflects credit on both sides. Notts. had an advantage in the half-back line, but we had the pull at full-back. The forwards were quite good on either side, though our wings seemed too anxious to part with the ball, and Rees was obviously handicapped by his ankle. Notts. shot better, and the inside-left especially put in a glorious shot that only just missed. The Notts. centre-half gave a finished display, dribbling and passing beautifully. Pickett played a great game at back, and Rees was much better in the second half. The Notts. backs struck us as the weakest part of the team, but their goalkeeper was wonderfully safe. Brown played better than for some time past.

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

Norwood.

Played at Worksop on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Lost 0—3. The very strong wind completely spoilt the game. With the advantage of it in the first half, we had a considerable share of the game. That we did not score was due partly to the hesitancy of the forwards, and the overkicking of the backs, and also to the excellence of the defence opposed to us. Once or twice, notably when Walton hit the bar with a really good shot, we were unlucky, but generally speaking the team seemed unable to master the conditions. Naturally enough, in the second half we did little more than defend, and our forwards did not shew the least disposition to take an active part in the game, giving little or no assistance to the backs. Brown was not safe in goal; it is not often we see a goal given away like the second one. The backs were quite good, though Pickett kicked badly against the wind. Davis was perhaps the best of the halves, and forward, Rees and Walton were occasionally energetic and willing.

Team.—K. C. F. Brown (goal), F. L. A. Pickett and G. F. Rees (backs), G. Hayward, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), J. Christison, C. L. J. Rees, J. B. Walton, L. Wincott, F. S. Stuart (forwards).

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

Notts. Second XI.

This match was played on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Owing to some misunderstanding, the greater part of the afternoon was taken up in finding the ground, so that we were only able to play for half-an-hour each way. The game was very fast throughout, and was one of the best our team has played. Our opponents were much heavier, but in spite of this the neat combination of our forwards gave their backs some very anxious times. It would not be easy to specialize on any one player's merits, for the whole team played a very

sporting game and would probably have won had not the goal posts collapsed at two rather critical moments. Our opponents' first goal might have been saved had it not been for a mistake on the part of one of our backs. The game was very pleasing to watch and reflected great credit on the team.

Team.—J. R. M. Harrison (goal), C. S. Bott and T. Haddley (backs), A. B. Browne, 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.

Played on our ground on Saturday, Feb. 4th, and resulted in a win for our opponents by five goals to three. Although opposed to a much heavier and older team, our eleven had given us such great hopes in their last match, that we expected a win, and this we ought to have had if the side as a whole had been up to previous form. In the very beginning of the game, our forwards missed an obvious opening, and consequently our opponents were the first to score. The forwards worked well until they arrived within shooting range, and then, time after time they disappointed us by either failing to shoot or else by shooting feebly. Wincott alone made use of openings, and all three of our goals were scored by him, his last goal being a superb shot. The halves played well, both Christison and Thompson got through a great deal of work. Greeves, however, was unfortunately put out of action in the second half. The backs were not great, Rees was not up to his usual form, and Bott failed to recover himself when beaten by his man. Harrison in goal was weak, and we were very disappointed by the display he gave.

Team.—J. M. R. Harrison (goal), G. F. G. Rees, and C. S. Bott (backs), J. T. Christison, A. M. Thompson, and A. T. Greeves (half-backs), W. E. G. Walker, F. Eadon, O. F. Stuart, L. Wincott, and C. L. M. Brown (forwards).

CLUB MATCHES.

Fulwood.

Played at Worksop on Jan. 28th. Won 4—3. This was not a particularly interesting game. The sultry weather seemed to tell on the players, and there was little life or energy infused into the game. The first half was perhaps the better of the two. Quite early on Fulwood scored, and handicapped as we were by only having ten men, we were a goal down at half-time. The second half was dreadfully slow, but we managed to get two goals inside a couple of minutes, and so won the match. Considering that we were without an outside-left practically throughout the game, we did quite well to win. The forwards were generally fairly dangerous when the half-backs backed them up properly, but shooting was woefully weak. At half, Rogerson was quite good, and Pickett had the best ideas of feeding the forwards. The backs were rather ponderous and "ballooned" badly, but managed to get through some useful work. Both Brown and Shepherd played really well on the opposing side.

Team.—K. C. F. Brown (goal), L. E. Smith, Esq. and G. F. Rees (backs), F. L. A. Pickett, S. Rogerson, and J. M. Davis (half-backs), S. Curts, E. Buckley, Esq., H. P. G. Southwell, Esq., C. L. Rees, F. Peachey, Esq. (forwards).

Rotherham Bankers.

This fixture was brought off at Worksop, on Feb. 9th. The weather was bitterly cold, football rarely attained a high standard, and there was a deplorable lack of enthusiasm on the part of the spectators. At the interval the score was one all, but we were eventually beaten by 4—2. We infused plenty of life into the game, and our defeat was not due to the superiority of our opponents, but to our failure to take advantage of opportunities, especially in front of goal. Pickett scored a really brilliant goal in the first half; our

second point was the outcome of a slow shot by Walton. We cannot refrain from commenting once more upon the fact that the halves do not give sufficient support to the forward line; of course they must help in defensive work, but their chief duty is to pass to the forwards.

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

FIELD DAY.

An interesting and instructive field day was held on December 14th. The corps marched to the scene of action by way of Carburton Road and Clumber Drive with band playing and transport rumbling in the rear. At Trueman's Lodge the instruments were sent back in the cart and the corps divided. A Blue force was retiring on Worksop, *via* the College, hotly pursued by a Red force from Clumber.

Lieut. Buckley, having with him Second Lieuts. Smith and Rew with No. 3 section (Sergt. Brown) and the recruits under Col.-Sergt. Davis, acted as rearguard to the Blue army. Second Lieut. Whitley with sections 1, 2, and 4, under Sergts. Curtis, White, and Walker, and the Sergt.-Instructor, formed an advance guard to the Red. Captain McKenzie Rew, mounted, was umpire.

Lieut. Buckley and his rearguard lay along the rising ground S.W. of Clamcat Farm, covered by patrols in the Clumber direction. In the thickly wooded country with its close and tangled undergrowth of decayed bracken, it was difficult for the Red scouts to locate the exact position of the retreating enemy, and more difficult still for a rearguard to stay their opponents' advance.

Proceeding along Lime Tree Avenue, Red unconsciously pushed the Blue scouts back to their main position, but a keener observation followed by immediate reports on the part of the scouts would have given the Red commander most valuable information. However, Red did very well. Lieut. Whitley with half the force made straight at the enemy, while the Instructor with the remainder essayed to tour round the left of the rearguard with the object of flanking them in Green Lane. But a section of the rearguard under Lieut. Rew holding tenaciously to the high ground, drew Red's direct attack over to the right; this caused the instructor's party to abandon their flank march, and crossing in rear of the fight they fell upon Lieut. Buckley with the right of the rearguard as it was passing Keeper's Cottage. It was quite a spirited little action which ensued at this point and firing was fast and heavy. With Lieut. Whitley holding the section on the rise, the unexpected change of Red's flanking move from one side of the field to the other might have cut the rearguard in half and ended the day. However, Lieut. Buckley's men were not surprised. The section under the Sergt.-Instructor, issuing from a wood in close order, and viewing their foes from the bottom of a meadow, fixed bayonets and charged; but the stubbornness of the reserve, under good cover, prevented a disaster, and the attackers were told to fall back.

Meanwhile the remainder of the rearguard apparently lost touch with their commander and his men, and commenced to retire through a wood.

Now a rearguard action is one of the most difficult things in military life, and if there is not absolute cohesion, coolness and information, a force is liable to be cut up. That is exactly what happened. Following the rearguard through the wood, Lieut. Whitley's skirmishers suddenly appeared out of the denseness of larch and fir, and catching their foes

among the scrub in a state of bewilderment, captured or scattered the lot! Undoubtedly the intricateness of the country had much to do with this loss, and although this is just what might happen to any force under such circumstances, Red's men were the better handled.

With half the rearguard destroyed, Blue's main body was in immediate peril, but Lieut. Buckley's section remained stout and disputed every inch of the ground. On one occasion they held a gateway with a few picked shots; the pursuers came on apace, and one by one the defenders slipped warily away until but three were left. Carefully marshalling their whole array in that quarter, the enemy charged once more—only to find the post vacated.

Dusk ended the fight. It was a characteristic action, and a good deal was learnt of the difficulties of a rearguard. Blue's mainbody reached its destination, but with a loss of more than half their rearward men.

O.T.C.

The oral part of Certificate "A" was held on Feb. 3rd, commencing at 11-30, in the Orderly Room, and finishing on the Field at 3 p.m. There were nine candidates, and all were passed by the Examining Officer, Capt. G. F. Luther, Notts. and Derby Regiment.

It is unfortunate that we have no further successes to record in Certificate "A," but it is by no means discreditable. There is quite a long list of those who have passed the practical Drill, Tactics, and Musketry. The examination for the coveted certificate is recognised to be a stiff one, and is all the better for that.

The Corps will take part in a Field Day which is being arranged by the Adjutant of the Manchester University O.T.C. (Senior Division), to be held on March 11th, at

Wentworth Woodhouse. The following Schools are taking part : Repton, Nottingham University, Leeds, Bury, Manchester Grammar, King Edward VII., Sheffield, and Mansfield.

The strength of the Corps is over 100.

We note the following promotions : Lance-Corporals A. B. Browne, S. Rogerson, A. M. Thompson, to be Corporals. Cadets J. H. F. Clarke, E. H. Payne, G. Kirkbride, to be Lance-Corporals.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Debating Society still continues to flourish ;

*"Soft as the fleeces of descending snows
The copious accents fall with easy art"—*

or at least the art is growing easier, though there are hitches now and again. The last debate of the Autumn term was held on December 18th. The subject proposed was that "in the opinion of this house the lower classes receive too much education." The Chaplain opened the debate with a criticism on the character of the education given in elementary schools, with special reference to those of the L. C. C., and the turn thus given to the discussion remained throughout; he would like to see the education there given less literary and more technical. A. N. Broad opposed, seconded by A. M. Thompson, and the Chaplain was seconded by G. Kirkbride. Other speakers were A. Greeves, W. A. Silvester, F. M. Lewis, J. E. Lowe, and R. E. Jeffry. On a division the motion was lost. Those members who had never yet spoken then withdrew, and the remainder proceeded to private business. The Headmaster was re-elected President, and Mr. Cowgill Vice-President. Mr. H. H. Rew was also elected an additional Vice-President. G. Kirkbride was elected as Secretary. It was then proposed to form an

executive committee of three members, in addition to the other officials, and A. N. Broad, F. M. Lewis, and W. A. Silvester were elected on it. It was also decided to allow the two seconders seven minutes apiece instead of five, and to elect new members by the following method: that the candidate inform the committee of his desire to stand, that he then make a speech at the next meeting, and that he then be voted on by the society.

The first debate of this term was held on Sunday, January, 29th. S. Rogerson (who wished to qualify for membership) proposed that "in the opinion of this house, in view of recent disturbances, the police should be efficiently armed." He pointed out the helplessness of a policeman before an armed ruffian, and cited the example of Germany, where the police are all supplied with fire-arms. He thought that the English police were not excitable and might safely be entrusted with a more deadly weapon than a club.

Captain Rew, in replying, dwelt on the argument that it is better to rule by love than fear, and sketched the history of our police force and its equipment. He held that if the police were armed they would cease to become policemen and guardians, and would become soldiers. The proposal was seconded by W. E. G. Walker, and the opposition by F. M. Lewis. There also spoke for the motion Mr. C. M. Stewart and A. N. Broad, and against it Mr. Cowgill and W. A. Silvester. On a division it was found that there were seven adherents to either side, and the vice-president gave his casting vote against the motion, which was thus lost by one vote. S. Rogerson was then elected a member of the society.

On February 5th, the house was in a lighter vein. G. Kirkbride proposed that "in the opinion of this house country life is preferable to town life." He brought arguments to

prove that country life was the more preferable on the grounds of health, economy, society, and pleasure. This was opposed by Mr. H. H. Rew, who pointed out the inconveniences and dulness of country life; he complained of the water supply and sanitary failings.

J. F. Clarke, a candidate for election, seconded the motion, whilst Mr. H. H. Rew was supported by Mr. H. F. Rew. There also spoke A. N. Broad, S. W. Curtis, J. M. White, and Mr. Cowgill for the motion, and W. K. Woodward (another candidate for election), and Capt. Rew against it. On a division the motion was won by 10 votes to 7. J. F. Clarke and W. K. Woodward were elected members at the close of the meeting. On this occasion members of the upper school were admitted, without being permitted to speak or vote, and it was found that the debate gained greatly in quality through a larger and an appreciative audience.

On February 12th, the subject was propounded that "in the opinion of this house aviation is not worth the danger involved in it." F. M. Lewis opened the discussion by pointing to the number of deaths caused during the past year by this pursuit, and maintained that as it was practically useless for peace and war, these lives were wasted. We should never, he said, have an airship that would be safe in rough weather. W. E. G. Walker in replying denied these assertions. He said that all our great admirals acknowledged that future supremacy depended on command of the air. He compared the number of deaths favourably with those caused by the pursuit of other branches of science in their infancy. The proposition was seconded by G. Kirkbride, the opposition by J. M. White. A. N. Broad, W. A. Silvester, and Mr. Cowgill also spoke for the motion, and G. H. Salmon against it. When the proposer had made his usual reply to criticisms the house divided, and the motion was lost by 5 votes to 3.

CHAPEL NOTES.

We acknowledge with many thanks the gift of some alms-bags, which have been made for us by the sisters of one of the boys.

The following are the arrangements for our Patronal Festival :

S. Cuthbert's Eve, March 19th. Special Psalm, lxi., Hymns 452, 437. 1st Lesson, as set ; 2nd Lesson, 2 Timothy, iii. *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, Dykes in F.

S. Cuthbert's Day, March 20th. Celebration (voluntary) 8 p.m. Choral Eucharist, 10 a.m. Introit, 453 ; Offertory, "Christ's own Saints ; Communion, "Jesu, in Thy Blest Sacrament" ; Post Communion, "Laus Patrono" ; Communion Service, Merbecke and Bennett. The Preacher will be Rev. L. E. Day, S. Cuthbert's, Sheffield.

Evensong, 8 p.m. Special Psalm, lxi., Hymns 441, "Laus Patrono." 1st Lesson, as set ; 2nd Lesson, S. John vi., 35-60. *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, Dykes in F.

O.C. NEWS.

F. Edmond has been elected a member of the "North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers."

On Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 1910, F. O. Bosworth, F.G.S., read a paper before the Geological Society, on, "The Keuper Marls of the Charnwood District."

Workshop was represented in the rescue work at the Pretoria Pit, Hulton, disaster ; an O.C. was in charge as Captain of one of the many rescue teams who used the breathing apparatus.

S. F. Lawson wrote from Stuttgart on the 26th of Jan., 1911, wishing all success to the O.C. dinner on the 30th. He left Stuttgart for Austria on the 28th.

A telegram was also received at the dinner from "Worksop at Denstone," wishing all success.

C. B. and G. Bing sailed for Manitoba, Canada, on Friday, Feb. 17th.

J. C. Wooler sails next month for Rio Janiero, consequent upon his appointment as manager of a flour mill there.

F. Burgess has been ordained priest.

From Lackawana comes news of V. Alcock, who is enamoured of a sea life.

W. B. Allen obtained a 1st M.B., Part II., with Distinctions, at Sheffield University.

J. Reid, is articed to a firm of chartered accountants at Glasgow.

G. Hyndson has taken a commission in the 6th West Riding Regiment, T.F.

R. V. Patrick is in New York.

C. I. Rawson is at Lichfield Theological College.

W. O. Wellington, is Vicar of Roodeport, Transvaal, a large parish with seven mines in it, and the township of Heamburg to look after.

B. Holt has accepted an appointment in Spain.

E. Bolander is articed to a firm of solicitors in Birmingham, and has passed his Intermediate Law Exam.

G. H. Sibbring is in business in Scarborough.

A. C. Townend is assistant master in a Preparatory School in South Kensington.

E. W. Malden goes into residence at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in October.

O. Hancock is in the British South African Police, at Bulawayo.

A. F. Mullins rowed 3 in the S. Catharine's Lent Boat. He is also rowing bow in a Clinker Four.

THE GYMNASIUM.

The Gymnasium is flourishing in all its branches. A Competition was held at the beginning of term to select a Gym. VIII. Captain Rew acted as judge. The exercises were not very advanced, but there is no reason to cavil at the progress that is being made, and in some cases it is remarkable. The following were selected: J. B. Walton (Capt. of Gym.), G. F. G. Rees, G. H. Armstrong, F. Stuart, A. T. Greeves, H. P. Wood, C. Bott, and E. H. Payne.

Gymnasium Committee: J. McNaught Davis, J. B. Walton, G. F. G. Rees, E. H. Payne.

BOXING.—This branch is going strong, and the membership has reached 50. A Competition was held during the first fortnight of term to decide the champions of the various weights. The following was the result: Middle-weight, S. Rogerson; Light-weight, J. McNaught Davis; Feather-weight, G. F. G. Rees; Bantam-weight, C. L. J. Rees; Fly-weight, G. Armstrong and H. J. Evans, draw. Three competitors will be entered for the Public School Gymnastic and Boxing Competitions to be held at Aldershot, on April 7th. This is another new departure for the School, and Sergeant Ott is working very hard to ensure success. A parent of one of the competitors has generously arranged for a professional, the Champion Light-weight of Yorkshire, to assist in the training of his son. The sporting instinct of this gentleman is much appreciated.

FENCING.—This branch is quite in its infancy, but a good start has been made towards the practice of sword-play, as is proved by the demand for stout ash sticks to replace the quantities that are broken!

ANNALS.

At a meeting of the General Purposes Committee, held on January 29th, the officers of the past year were re-elected, with the exception of the Hon. Secretary (F. L. A. Pickett), who offered his resignation. This was accepted, and J. B. Walton elected in his place. A vote of thanks to Mr. Whitley was accorded for his services as Chairman and Treasurer. The Balance Sheet was then passed. It is published below.

Receipts : From Bursar, £67 3s. 9d.; Fives Subscriptions and Fines, £2 2s. 8d.; Sports, £28 12s. 3d.; Swimming Bath, £14 6s.; General, £2 1s. 6d; Tuck Shop balance from 1909, £44 8s. 7d.; Receipts, £365 14s. 8d. Total, £524 9s. 5d.

Expenditure : Football, £29 7s.; Cricket, £35 3s. 11d.; Cricket Ground, £11 7s. 6d.; Sports, £21 17s. 5d.; Swimming Bath, £9 18s. 8d.; General, £18 12s. 2d.; Tuck Shop Expenditure, £296 10s. 11d.; Furnishing Tuck Shop, £30 16s. 9d.; Grant to the Play, £1; General, £6 3s. 4d.; Balance in hand, £63 11s. 9d. Total, £524 9s. 5d.

Mr. Cowgill is now Dormitory Master of the Fleur-de-Lys, Mr. Keel having resigned.

We have had the pleasure of a visit this term from H. Chesterman, O.C.

We note the following promotions: J. M. Davis to be Captain of Cricket. G. Kirkbride, Dormitory Prefect.

The following dates have been arranged in connection with the Sports this term: Open Mile, March 30th; Dormitory Run, April 1st; Sports Day, April 6th.

The Sports Programme has been extended to include an Open Half-mile. The marks for the first three places will

be respectively 20, 15, 10. An alteration has also been made in the marks awarded for the Dormitory Run. They now read 50 marks Winning Dormitory; 30 marks Second; and 15 marks Third.

The draw for the Fives Cup resulted as follows: Fleur-de-Lys *v.* Cross; Crown *v.* Lion.

A Paperchase was run on Thursday, Feb. 16th. Mr. Southwell, J. B. Walton, and W. E. G. Walker were the hares. The course was laid through Manton and back by the Green Lane. Unfortunately the hounds lost the trail, and doubling back on their tracks, considerably prolonged the run. T. J. Elliott arrived first, followed by F. L. A. Pickett.

The table of the Junior Dormitory Football Competition of last term was as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals against	Points
1 Cross	3	3	0	0	15	5	6
2 Crown	3	2	1	0	15	8	4
3 Lion	3	1	2	0	12	5	2
4 Fleur-de-Lys	3	0	3	0	0	23	0

First XI. Colours have been awarded to A. G. Hayward, G. F. G. Rees, C. L. J. Rees, S. Rogerson.

Second XI. Colours have been awarded to K. C. Fisher-Brown, A. M. Thompson, F. O. Stuart, A. B. Browne, D. E. Sanderson.

Dormitory Football Colours have been awarded as follows: Cross—K. C. F. Brown, A. B. Brown, M. W. Cuckow; Crown—S. Rogerson, A. G. Hayward, A. M. Thompson, W. E. G. Walker, F. O. Stuart, E. Inman, D. Sanderson; Fleur-de-Lys—J. T. Christison, G. F. Rees, J. W. Greeves, A. F. Greeves, F. Eadon; Lion—L. Wincott, J. E. Lowe, T. Handley, C. S. Bott, O. T. Walton.

Cuthbertian Balance Sheet, 1910: *Assets*: Balance in hand, £2 4s.; from Bursar, £27 16s.; Masters, £1 8s.; O.C.s, £3 6s. 6d.; Balance owing to Printer, £32 2s. 6d. Total, £66 17s. *Liabilities*: Balance owing, £31 11s. 7d.; Printer, £30; due to Printer, £4 8s.; Postage, 17s. 5d. Total, £66 17s.

The following new boys have entered the School this term:

<i>Crown</i>	Wood, John Ireland
<i>Fleur-de-Lys</i>	Hunter, Walter Sydney
	Hunter, Robert Chadwick
<i>Lion</i>	McTurk, Ronald Busfield
	McTurk, Reginald Harcourt
	Robson, William Raymond
	Tomlinson, John Edward
<i>New</i>	Dewdney, Richard
<i>Matron's</i>	Samuel, Kenneth

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