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## EDITORIAL.

*"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we  
but knew what to do with it."*

EMERSON.

**I**T has always been customary to regard the month of March as a period barren of all incident or amusement. Comprising roughly the last half of what is undoubtedly the least enjoyable term of the school year, it comes as a monotonous and featureless prelude to a much dreaded finale; a time when the early warmth and the spring gales render all orthodox outdoor exercise impossible, over which the fearful anticipation of the Sports and the Dormitory Run hangs as a cloud. In former years our listless inactivity at this time has borne out the truth of "old man Emerson's" above remark: we have not known what to do with our time. When football ceased, the energetic had perforce to make their choice between hockey or that awful alternative running; the "slacker" usually managed to do nothing with consummate ease.

This term has witnessed yet another departure from the old order, and we have found ourselves curiously busy. The new system of fives matches, the building-up of the Running VIII., and the heats, have all demanded more time than heretofore, and the spare moments that remain have been snapped up by the claims of the Morris Tube, the O.T.C., and the Gymnasium. Everything militates against the "slacker." He has found his hours of ease sadly curtailed; yet were the weather inclement, he might still find ample excuse for tiding over this joyless season indoors. At present blue skies and sunshine defeat his hopes day after day.

"Honour to whom honour is due," and we must congratulate the battered heroes who did battle at Aldershot, on their plucky effort. A detailed account of their various doings will be found elsewhere, yet we feel sure that this editorial would be incomplete without a reference to the person who, in his eagerness for the fray, went away in blissful ignorance, minus his pyjamas. They experienced very bad luck indeed in their rounds, in being drawn in two cases against the ultimate winners, and in the other against the finalist.

The term has been busy, and in this it has at once fulfilled our prediction and gratified the wish of our previous number. Now it is fast drawing to its appointed end, and we are dreaming once more of home and the holidays. Yet vague apprehensions flit before our longing eyes, for has it not been whispered abroad that the Coal Strike will mean either walking home or remaining here? Let us console ourselves in striving to agree with Ruskin that "railway travelling is no travelling at all," and hope for the best. Meanwhile, while there is yet someone reading our editorial, we will wish all and sundry the best of holidays, wherever they are spent.

## FOOTBALL.

## FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

*Notts. High School.*

Played at Worksop, on Saturday, March 9th. Losing this match by the substantial margin of 5 goals to none, the 1st XI. wound up their season in no very creditable manner. What should have furnished an excellent game, "fizzled out" into the merest scramble, chiefly owing to the fact that the team gave their worst exhibition of the season.

The day was bright and warm, but a fitful and uncertain breeze was blowing. According to the usual perversity of fortune, therefore the ball provided was the veriest feather-weight. The home forwards began strongly, and the opposing citadel was immediately stormed, Bott narrowly missing heading in from a good centre by Browne. Play was then transferred to the Worksop half, and Rees brought down their centre-forward heavily close to goal. From the ensuing free-kick, Alcock had the misfortune to put through for them. Almost immediately Harrison allowed them to score again by failing to "come out." The play was now entirely confined to College quarters, and the Notts forwards added 3 more goals to their score.

Few who witnessed the second-half would recognise the game played as football. On the Worksop side, at least, combination was a negligible quantity, and the forwards' chief desire when in possession of the ball was to get rid of it with the greatest possible speed. This generosity was entirely mistaken, as the opposing backs almost invariably profited by it. The halves were too occupied in defensive work to find time or opportunity for passing. Notts. still kept the upper hand, but owing to the eccentricities of the ball, rather than the Worksop defence, they were unable to add to their score.

Davis acquitted himself tolerably, and Rees, although bad, played pluckily. Walton kicked strongly but was inclined to be rash. Harrison after a very shaky beginning, was seen to more advantage towards the close of the game.

*Team.*—J. M. R. L. Harrison (goal), G. F. G. Rees and O. T. Walton (backs), J. M. Davis, S. Rogerson, and R. Alcock (half-backs), E. Inman, H. P. Wood, J. T. Christison, C. S. Bott, and A. B. Browne (forwards).

#### CLUB MATCH.

##### *Northern Amateurs.*

Played at Worksop, on March 2nd, and the result of a rather unsatisfactory game was a win for us by 5 goals to 3. The visitors had rather a weak side, and at no time did it appear likely that we should be beaten; in addition, the strong wind rather spoilt the game, as it confined play to one side of the field. In goal Clarke was fairly safe, and the backs were quite useful. The halves were good and bad by turns, and spoilt a great many of their efforts by passing wildly to the wing, which had to return the ball to the centre against the wind. This was especially noticeable in the second half, which was in consequence very slow and uninteresting. The wing forwards were fair, and the insides had an object lesson in the danger of dallying with the ball in front of goal, in the vigorous efforts of the visitors' left-back.

*Team.*—J. H. F. Clarke (goal), B. M. R. Denny, Esq. and L. E. Smith, Esq. (backs), J. M. Davis, S. Rogerson, and R. Alcock (half-backs), A. B. Browne, E. Buckley, Esq., J. T. Christison, C. S. Bott, F. Peachey, Esq. (forwards).

#### REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Agst.
First XI.	11	5	6	0	29	35
Second XI.	9	4	4	1	44	40

A most disappointing season, the worst experienced for some years. The practically new team did not develop into a good side, although it showed some promise in the early part of the year. We began unfortunately, as we played some weak school teams on our own ground, and naturally won comfortably, and so were quite unprepared for the débacle which occurred at Sheffield. The Notts. match away was lost, but not badly, but after that things went from bad to worse. We were a trifle unlucky to lose to Sheffield at home, but were sadly disgraced by a beating at Retford. We hoped for better things when the team played quite well against Lincoln Hostel, but our only match this term was lost, and lost badly.

Undoubtedly the least satisfactory feature so far as the results are concerned, has been the lack of success in school matches. To lose five games against schools in one season is almost unprecedented. But this was really foreshadowed in the games, for the football on the first club ground has rarely been so poor as during this season. There was always a lack of real spirit, and honest endeavour to build up a good combined side. Real effort was seldom evident, and the junior members followed the example of their seniors, playing in haphazard, futile, manner.

In goal Harrison occasionally did well but was very inconsistent. The backs were slow and rather ponderous, but were by no means the weakest part of the team. Their kicking was generally fairly good, but their lack of pace was responsible for any failure. Their tackling was excellent. The halves were good and bad by turns. In the centre Rogerson did not improve as he should have done, but was generally pretty useful. His worst faults were a decided disinclination to persevere in pursuit of forwards when once beaten, and an obvious wish to score from 30 yards range. Only a really good shot can do that. Alcock was excellent

and improved wonderfully. Thompson was erratic. For the forwards it can only be said they played one good game against Lincoln Hostel. Perhaps they are not to be blamed for there were two full-backs and one half-back amongst them. But what was wanted in the team, were real forwards with dash, pace, and shooting ability. Perhaps Bott was the best.

The Second team was not a good side. The backs were fair, the halves the best part of the team, and the forwards small and lacking in pace. Lissett was quite the best forward discovered, but there are possibilities about Arnold. Against Mansfield at Worksop the team played really well.

The lower games have been fairly good, and there has certainly been more football this term amongst these clubs than for some years past. The Junior Dormitory matches were as usual, excellently contested and the source of much keenness. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Whitley for his able control of the junior matches, which he has so unselfishly managed for some years past.

#### FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

##### FIRST ELEVEN.

\**J. W. F. McNaught Davis*. Left-back. Captain. A very fair back, who tackles and heads well, but is rather unsure in his kicking, and on the slow side. Always plays keenly and intelligently. Has captained the team well, though perhaps rather lacking in confidence.

\**S. Rogerson*. Centre-half. A keen player and tries hard; is rather rash in his kicking, but has improved considerably in his passing. Tackles well and hard, but is apt to wander from his position. A useful man for his side.

\**G. F. G. Rees*. Right-back. A steady and reliable back, very sure in his kicking. Tackles well but is inclined to be slow. Kicks a good length and surely from any position.

*J. T. Christison.* Inside-right. Has improved more than anyone in the team, and become a very good forward. Although slow he "makes up" for it in his head-work and passing. Appears to know the game well, and is very keen. His shooting lacks power.

\**C. S. Bott.* Inside-left. An excellent forward, full of dash and vigour. A good shot. Very fast, but is inclined to forget that there is an outside-left, and passes too hard for a forward.

\**A. M. Thompson.* Right-half. A good half and tackles excellently, his passing is wild, and apt to overkick the forwards. He marks his man well and very rarely allows him to break away. A useful man for a school team.

\**F. O. Stuart.* Outside-right. A useful forward, and has played some excellent games: he is too fond of dribbling, and should pass quicker and more often. Fast, and should become a strong player.

\**R. Alcock.* Left-half. An excellent half, quick and reliable. Tackles splendidly and his head-work is worthy of much praise. His passing is sure and swift. A very neat player and pretty to watch.

†*C. L. M. Brown.* Outside-left. Improved considerably towards the end of last term, and played some very good games, centres well, and should learn to go straight in and not hesitate.

†*J. F. Shute.* Centre-forward. Played some useful games and improved considerably. Passed and fed his wings well. Full of dash but a very poor shot.

†*A. B. Browne.* Outside-left. Played occasionally for the 1st team, but is very rash. Tries hard and is an excellent example of keenness. Was rather unfortunate in being moved to a number of positions, but he played some excellent games at outside-left and right.

†*J. M. R. L. Harrison.* Goal-keeper. A good player, though rather short-sighted. Has played some excellent games and is very keen, but is not quite so reliable as he might be.

†*O. T. Walton.* Inside-right. Started off well but gradually deteriorated in his forward play, his shooting being hopeless. Has played some very good games at half and full back. Should be very useful at back next year.

\* First XI. Colourmen. † Second XI. Colourmen.

#### SECOND ELEFEN.

†*J. H. F. Clarke.* Centre-half. A very energetic half who tackles well, but is slow. Improved considerably towards the end of last term, his passes and head-work being much better. Played in goal with great success, and is very useful in that position. As captain has shown great keenness and set a good example.

†*E. Inman.* Right full-back. Has played some very good games, but is erratic and uncertain in his kicking. Tries hard, should be very useful for next season. Tackles well and does some useful work with his head.

†*K. Arnold.* Centre-forward. At first gave promise of developing into an excellent forward, but gradually deteriorated, spoiling his play by selfishness. Passes well, and may become a good player with more serious effort.

†*H. C. Jackman.* Half-back. Rather slow and uncertain in his kicking, possesses a strong kick, should be very useful in the future. Tackles fairly well but should learn not to hesitate.

†*E. H. Payne.* Right-half. A very keen and hardworking half, who sets a splendid example of keenness. Though clumsy and erratic, he is a useful man for the team. Tackles well but should learn to control the ball more.



*F. M. Lewis.* Played some fair games, but is very slow; very weak in gathering the ball, but is very energetic and tries hard.

*R. E. Jeffery.* Inside-right. Shows great promise of becoming an excellent forward. Is inclined to dribble too much. Passes well and is fast, but spoils his play by lack of energy.

*H. Rogers.* Outside-left. Played some good games, and is a good worker. Centres well and ought to be very useful in the future.

*J. M. White.* Right-half. A keen player. Tries hard, but is erratic both in his tackling and passing.

*A. K. Linton.* Left-half. A very good half, and played some excellent games. Tackles hard and well, passes neatly and accurately. Should be very useful next season.

*L. Lissett.* Outside-right. Should become an excellent player. Centres and passes well. Goes straight in and gets through a lot of work. Although small he has played some splendid games.

*H. P. Wood.* Inside-right. Improved a great deal towards the end of the season. Passes well but is inclined to be slow. His shooting lacks power.

*H. T. Macphail.* Right-half. A fair half, and who tackles well. Rather clumsy and erratic. Passes well and does good work with his head.

*H. H. W. Bean.* Left-back. A strong kick, but very uncertain. Tackles well and hard. Rather slow and clumsy. Should be good for next season.

*D. Orley.* Inside-left and half. Has played some good games. Tries hard. Very neat in all he does, and passes well.

† Second XI. Colourmen.

## O.T.C.

The Section Drill Competition took place on Friday, March 29th. Despite the fact that a number of N.C.O.s were absent through the Aldershot Boxing, etc., the programme was successfully carried out. As a result, Section IV. obtained most marks in the competition, but the details are not to hand, and will be given more fully in our next number.

The Shooting Match between Sections in connection with the above competition, is gradually being worked off, and a number of good scores have been obtained.

It is doubtful whether a Field Day will take place this term, as there are so many events taking place in the last few weeks, but we hope to have two or three before Camp. One has already been arranged for the Saturday before Whit-Sunday. The opposition will be provided by the local Territorial Company—G Company of the Sherwood Foresters—and will commence early in the day, to allow of manoeuvres on a fairly large scale.

Nine candidates sat for Certificate A on March 19th.

## THE SCOUTS.

"Breakfast and Chapel in uniform" was the order on S. Cuthbert's Day. Although attendance at the outing was not compulsory we paraded just over 50 strong, and having received our rations, marched straight off through Clumber Park to Normanton, which was reached about one o'clock. Here we had the chief event of the day—dinner—which we got in due course, although the strong wind made fire-lighting no easy matter. But it is wonderful what can be done when the comfort of the "inner man" is at stake, and although many of the scouts had never dreamt of cooking before, they all managed to fry their own dinners—consisting of two sausages—in the regulation billy-can. What is

perhaps more, they all ate it, and at the time of writing, ten days after the event, they are all still in existence !

By the time we had finished dinner, cleared up, and put out the fires, it was nearly 3-30, and we started off back to the Hardwick end of the Lake. Here we divided up for a game of despatch running on an extended scale, half the troop acting as a defence over a front of some three quarters of a mile, while the remainder had to get through to Lime Tree Avenue with their despatches. In the end eleven despatches got through, and ten were captured, although most of the scouts who escaped the vigilance of the defenders should have been caught.

At six o'clock we started back to the College, after a very delightful and instructive day, the only possible drawback being the clerk of the weather ; he favoured us with a somewhat strong and cold wind, which, however, did no damage to the scouts.

The County Commissioner, Col. Sir Lancelot Rolleston, K.C.B., has postponed his inspection until next term, which will suit us better.

The following have passed all the tests required for their Second Class Badge : *Patrol Leaders*, Webster, Wood, Furness ; *Seconds*, Price, Linton, Peter, Bapty ; and *Scout* Hancock ma. So we now have thirteen scouts qualifying for their First Class Badges.

On Friday, March 29, we had an Investiture, and formally admitted twenty-one new Tenderfoots to the Troop. We are already thinking about the Camp at the end of next term, but beyond the fact that the date will probably be from July 31 to Aug. 6, nothing definite is fixed. It is hoped that by having the Camp during the first week of the holidays, every scout will be able to attend.

## BOXING.

This year the School again sent three boys to box at the Public Schools' Boxing Competition. In the Light Weights, J. W. F. McN. Davis, after a bye in the 1st Series, beat Heald of Charterhouse fairly easily in the next bout. In the Semi-Final, Davis was unlucky to lose to Burt of Felsted, after three rounds of very even boxing. Burt ran out an easy winner in the Final.

In the Feathers, J. T. Christison lost to Stuart of Eastbourne by a narrow margin of points, after three closely contested rounds. Christison had suffered much at the eleventh hour in a weight-reducing process, and was scarcely fit to box.

In the Bantams, G. F. G. Rees, who had been originally selected, was too ill to go, and H. P. Wood was substituted at the last moment. He boxed his bye in excellent style, but lost in the second round of the Second Series to Gow of Malvern, who after a well contested first round, adopted rushing tactics, and using his extra weight well, won the bout.

## RUNNING.

SHROVE TUESDAY.—The Annual Paperchase was run on a short course. Strangely enough, the weather was all in favour of a good run. Starting across Carburton Road, and just skirting Bull-dog Lodge the course turned in a sharp circle across Welbeck Drive and round the Manor Hills. The ground became very rough here, but opened out in a stretch of plough, and crossing Lower Sparken, the run finished over the North Field to the front door. Distance about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Hares, C. S. Bott and S. Rogerson. First E. Inman, 2nd A. B. Browne, 3rd G. F. G. Rees.

MARCH 16TH, 1912.—It was decided to hold a longer run on this date than the previous one. Accordingly the track was laid in the opposite direction. The start was from the back door, and this first mile was composed of plough and bracken, until the course emerged in the grass fields near Clamcat Farm. On through the woods, it crossed Lime Tree Avenue, skirted the Hardwick end of Clumber Lake and swung round in front of Clumber House. Following the lake almost to its further end, it then turned off on to the Gallop, and so home along the Steeplechase course, finishing across the South Field to the front door. Distance about 8 miles. Hares, E. Inman and S. Rogerson. First A. B. Browne, 2nd J. W. Lissett, 3rd J. W. F. McN. Davis.

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH. With the shadow of the running match looming big in the near future, it was decided to have one more paperchase. The course lay over that taken in last year's match, across the Newark road and through the Welbeck woods round to the "Bulldog" lodge, whence we travelled back past Scotland farm to the Gallop, and home across the Clumber drive. The number of ploughed fields and a steady drizzle rendered the going very heavy. Nevertheless we were not altogether ungrateful to the rain for its gentle refreshment. The time was very good, being only one minute behind Rees' time of last year. Hares, E. Inman and C. S. Bott. 1st A. B. Browne, 2nd J. W. Lissett, 3rd B. V. R. Downman.

#### RUNNING MATCH.

##### *King Edward VII. School.*

Run at Sheffield, on Saturday, March 30th, 1912, under most unfavourable conditions.

Knowing the usual heaviness of Sheffield ground, and the hilly nature of the surrounding country, a stiff run was

anticipated by all. The course itself far exceeded our most extravagantly pessimistic expectations. It represented a delightful succession of quagmires, mountains and ditches, freely interspersed with rickety stone walls and roads. There was little "plough," and the grass fields were all more or less under water.

For the first half-mile, the Worksop representatives managed to keep fairly well in the van, but after that distance, with the exception of Inman and Browne, they gradually dropped behind. At this point the run developed into a limp procession, the wearied competitors toiling up most intimidating hillsides against a boisterous wind. The Sheffield men had here an obvious advantage in their knowledge of the land, and took the muddy fields with comparative ease. The track swung round the village of Ringinglow and over a heather-covered, dangerously uneven slope, which made necessary the most cautious going on the part of those ignorant of the country, Inman coming down heavily. Through steep fields, it ran down across a valley and up through a long, thick-set wood by the most slippery paths. Once out into the open, the pace became faster. The difficulties decreased, and the broken ground gave place to the usual wet meadows and hard roads. Up a long lane Worksop gained two places, Browne and Rogerson both passing an opponent. Inman was still leading, but fell again and lost two places which he never recovered. Down hill with the wind in the rear, the pace became a regular cracker. Rogerson passed Browne, but with this exception there was no further alteration in the order.

We were badly beaten, more perhaps by adverse conditions than by our legitimate opponents. Had we been on a home course, we do not hesitate to venture the opinion that in all probability the result would have been reversed. It was

essentially a light man's course. Inman in particular is to be congratulated on a whole-hearted and plucky performance. Distance, about  $5\frac{3}{4}$  miles. Time, 37 minutes. Result:

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| 1. G. J. Payne (Sheffield)     | 9. S. Rogerson (Worksop)     |
| 2. J. L. Thorpe       ,,       | 10. A. B. Brown       ,,     |
| 3. E. Inman (Worksop)          | 11. J. M. Brooks (Sheffield) |
| 4. R.H.B. Matthews (Sheffield) | 12. J. W. Lissett (Worksop)  |
| 5. H. C. Arndge       ,,       | 13. C. S. Bott       ,,      |
| 6. E. A. Bramall       ,,      | 14. E. H. Payne       ,,     |
| 7. H. Burkett       ,,         | 15. B. V. R. Downman   ,,    |
| 8. A. C. Lindsay       ,,      | 16. F. G. Danby       ,,     |

## THE MILE.

Run on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1912, in perfect weather. Hitherto it has been usual to run in a young tornado, and when this year we were for once favoured with perfect calm and sunny tranquillity, it was confidently expected that the time would be good.

The race began at 2-30 and there were eleven starters. Browne went away from the first, closely followed by Inman. The others remained bunched up for the first lap. In the second lap gaps gradually widened out and Rogerson passed Inman. The pace was fast all the way, and Rogerson gradually worked up to Browne at the end of the third time round. The two kept fairly close in the first half of the fourth, but in the finish Browne drew ahead again and won by about ten yards in the record time of 5 mins.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  secs. Inman was third home, followed at some distance by Bott and Lissett.

Considering the unevenness and general roughness of our course, the time is most creditable, and beat Bean's former record by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  seconds.

## THE GYMNASIUM.

## DORMITORY GYMNASIUM COMPETITION.

The Annual Dormitory Gym. Competition took place on Thursday. April 4th. The general standard displayed was good. Wood was conspicuous for a really first-rate effort, which was marked by good style and finish. Rees was good in some exercises but weak in others. Bott was mediocre. Some of Payne's contortions were comical, and Lissett, Lees, and Ferry all showed promise and should do well later on.

The winning Dormitory was the Lion; the Cross and Fleur-de-Lys being bracketed second. Wood had the greatest aggregate number of marks.

## THE UNION SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 2nd, the Rev. D. Jenks, Director of Kelham Training College, gave us an interesting lecture on the "Aims and Objects of Kelham," in which he described the daily life and routine of those who join the Society of the Sacred Mission.

On Saturday, March 23rd, we had a visit from the well-known Hampshire and England cricketer, Captain Wynyard, who lectured on "Giants of the Game." The Lecturer threw on the screen a number of excellent photographs of some of the celebrated cricketers of England, Australia, and South Africa, many of the pictures illustrating what to do, and a few which were perhaps more useful, showing us what *not* to do. We are most grateful to Captain Wynyard for his very instructive lecture, in the course of which he demonstrated how some of the more difficult strokes are done, and we hope that his excellent advice will be remembered and carried out next term.

The sequel to Lieut. H. T. C. Knox's lecture on the Navy—reported in our last issue—is that we now have



a strong branch of the Navy League established, of which the Headmaster is President, G Kirkbride Hon. Secretary, the other members of the Committee being J. McN. Davis and J. H. F. Clark.

#### CHESS CLUB.

A trophy has been purchased this term to be played for by open competition every Lent Term. The trophy consists of a stained oak shield, with gold lettering, on which will be painted yearly the name of the winner. It will be hung on the wall of the Boys' Common Room.

This year's competition has just been finished as follows: First Round, Jackman beat Dickenson. Second Round, Harrison scr. to Jackman, Christison beat Spink, Jeffery beat Inman, Broad beat Maclagan. Semi-final, Jeffery beat Jackman, Broad scr. to Christison. Final, Jeffery beat Christison (2—0).

#### DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Minister for War (J. McN. Davis) brought in a bill for the introduction of Conscription. He showed the failure of the Territorial scheme, and urged that a strong army was the only way of ensuring certain peace. G. Kirkbride, in leading the Opposition, shewed what the huge cost of such a scheme would be, and declared that the country would never stand it. The navy, in his opinion, if it were only kept up to the proper standard, was sufficient. The bill was supported by S. Rogerson, J. H. F. Clarke, O. T. Walton, and N. S. Griffiths, opposed by A. B. Browne, and Mr. D. F. Coles, and carried by 13 votes to 6.

The next Sunday, March 10th, was a private members' day. P. R. S. Wild proposed the motion that "owing to the proverbial pig-headedness of the British farmer, the Government ought to do something to insure him a better education." He lamented the decay of the yeoman farmer, and the growth of foreign trade, such as that of Denmark,

in the country. He wished to remove Mr. Runciman from the Board of Agriculture, and to cut down the forests and plough them. J. Dawson, in his reply, lamented the application of such strong epithets as "pig-headed" to the British farmer. It was the checks and hindrances to which he was subjected that made him appear so. What the farmer required was the abolition of game-preserves, and more practical classes in agricultural shows to encourage better stock. The motion was supported by Mr. Stewart, who pleaded for better education, and Mr. Cowgill, and opposed by S. Rogerson, O. T. Walton, and J. H. F. Clarke. On a division being taken the motion was found to be lost by 9 to 4.

We are glad to notice the interest and support that the society has received this term, which is far in advance of that displayed during the same period of last year. The "School Parliament" has been a great success in stimulating oratory, and we shall look forward to a good start next autumn when we re-open our next "session."

#### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The following meetings have been held:

*Sunday, March 3rd.* J. Dawson gave a lecture on "Coleoptera," in which he dealt with the British species of Beetles and Weevils, explaining their constructions and life histories.

*Sunday, March 31st.* Mr. J. T. Houghton delivered an address on "Collectors and Collecting." He explained the true modern motive of collecting, and contrasted it with the motives of the ancients. Passing on to the methods of collecting and mounting specimens, he finally concluded his address; giving some examples of the utility of the Naturalist to farming and domestic life.

On S. Cuthbert's Day (March 20th) a party, consisting chiefly of members of the Natural History Society, visited the House of the Sacred Mission at Kelham. A very

enjoyable day was spent, owing to the hospitality of the Brothers, and everyone returned to the College filled with pleasant memories.

### CHAPEL NOTES.

On March 14, the Bishop of Southwell held a Confirmation in the Chapel, when the following were confirmed:—Armstrong, Arnold, Earl, Ellis, Ferguson, Furness, Hall max, Hardy, Harrop, Kirby, Knowles, Lester, Linton max, Macturk max, Marshall max, Marshall ma, Mogridge, Panting, Pearson, Pond, Ready, Rogerson ma, Rushton, Shute, Wallis, White, and two servitors, Godley and Latham. After the service the Bishop visited the Sick Room and confirmed Hargest, who was not well enough to attend in Chapel.

On S. Cuthbert's Day, March 20, there was a Voluntary Celebration at 7-30, and a full Choral Celebration at 9, when the preacher was the Headmaster of Ardingly.

On Sunday, March 24, the collections, amounting to £2 10s. 8d., were given to the Worksop Children's Distress Fund, for the feeding of school-children during the Strike.

### S. CUTHBERT'S DAY.

In Chaucer's day the arrival of "Aprille" was the signal for countless pilgrimages; but then he was a south-country man. Here on the borders of the north we do not wait for the "tendre croppes," the "yonge sonne," and the "small fowles," but burst forth in the midst of the "droghte of March," and our "palmeres" "seken straunge strondes" in in the teeth of the full terror of the equinoctial gales. So it was last S. Cuthbert's Day. The north-country saint woke us with a true north-country blizzard, and we passed into chapel that morning with hail and snow rattling against the windows. But he's quite a sportsman at bottom, is the old Bishop, and when we returned the wind had gone and the clouds with it, and we found fine crisp weather with

which to celebrate his holiday. What did we do? A hard question to answer.

Ask of the scouts who strewed the woods  
With sausages and tea.

(Or else ginger-beer.)

Ask of the Chaplain's party, who set off with joyous hearts for Southwell, on bicycles, and returned at irregular intervals in milk-carts. Ask of Ollerton, Cresswell, Normanton, or any other spot which combined a good walk with good lunching facilities. We hear of a select crew of hierophants, true "palmers" they, who sought the sanctuary of Kelham. Was it some "holy blisful martir" that drew them, or the attractions of "Nones," or the wide-spread renown of the worthy fathers' hospitality? We wonder. We heard of no miracles being performed among them at this "ferne halwe," but could it have been a miracle by which the sandwiches and oranges disappeared on the homeward journey? Or was it rather some malicious prank of the Evil One, fuming at the thought of a day spent amidst such supreme sanctity? Or was it some other cause? Again, we wonder.

"Sunt quos curriculo pulverem Olympicum  
Collegisse juvat."

That is to say, there were ardent souls who toiled laboriously round the dusty circle of the "quarter," or found the true delight of their lives in the high jump.

Last of all, there was the small band of imprisoned wretches, suffering from divers afflictions, who glued their noses to the sick-room windows, and saw all these things passing under their wistful gaze,

"Sighed and looked, sighed and looked,  
Sighed and looked, and sighed again."

Enough to say, it was a St. Cuthbert's Day of the best, worthy of the old gentleman's best traditions.

## THE INSECT'S LAMENT.

*Gone are the days of old, of staid propriety,  
 Gone are the days of rest and sweet content,  
 Since someone started here a strange Society  
 Which ev'ry well-bred insect doth resent.*

*Since, leaving "Props" and "Riders,"  
 Boys started hunting spiders,  
 Our lives in ceaseless scurryings are spent.*

*No more may happy frog or blithesome cricket  
 "Pursue the even tenour of its way,"  
 For someone with a pin would neatly stick it,  
 Claiming it proudly as his lawful prey;  
 And anything detected  
 Is quickly vivisected.  
 We insects go in terror night and day.*

*No longer may we think of quiet leisure,  
 For in a match-box soon we'd lie, because  
 The aim of ev'ry student is to measure  
 Our eye-brows, vertebrae, or upper jaws;  
 Or else, the more to vex us,  
 They probe our solar plexus,  
 Answ'ring our frantic kicks with wild guffaws.*

*It seems that never more shall we have quiet  
 Until they know us all, our lives and ways,  
 Our length of leg, our habits and our diet,  
 How many eggs each trilling songster lays.  
 Then, when they've solved these myst'ries  
 (By reading Natural Hist'ries),  
 Perhaps we'll find the peace of former days.*

"THE SNAIL,"

## O.C. NEWS.

R. H. Palmer is now a Commissioner in North East Rhodesia.

MARRIAGES.—The Rev. A. C. H. Hall, B.A. to Miss Phyllis Margery Franklin, at Fleetwood Parish Church.

V. H. Alcock to Miss Violet Charlton, at S. Anne's Church, Wandsworth.

The Rev. A. C. H. Hall has been appointed Chaplain to the Missions of Seamen, Port of Rotterdam.

A. Neave has been elected an Associate Member of the A.M.I.C.E. He has lately been appointed Assistant Civil Engineer to the Admiralty. His work seems interesting and varied. It includes the construction of docks and railways. the draining and dredging of ports, etc.

C. R. A. Goatly is going out Eastwards to act as Accountant to one of the largest merchants whose trade lies chiefly in Penang, Singapore, and Malacca.

C. Wellington is in a bank at Sleaford.

A. Mullins won the mile at the S. Catherine's College Sports this term.

S. Curtis ran in the final of the 100 yds. of the 'Varsity Trial Sports. He also ran in the quarter. He won the 100 yds., and A. F. Mullins the Mile at S. Catherine's College Sports, Cambridge.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Cambridge, March, 1912.

"Terms, we thought, slipped by at school, but here they literally fly, and hardly have we come up when an Editor's request for a Cambridge letter reminds us that the time is near for going down. The Lent Term traditionally is the most dull, but the majority of us this year have found it rather the opposite. Of Mullins, the third year man, whom

the rest of us as Freshers worship from afar, little news is forthcoming. Despite the fact that he is generally regarded as a "blood," that he is disguised in a Homburg hat and wears a spotless coat, his "natural gait" for which he was so famous at Worksop, remains unchanged, and we are always happily reminded of his days as Captain of School, when we chance to see him parading K. P.

Curtis the future "nut" would supply us with sufficient matter for a letter to fill volumes, and his exploits at Fenners alone might well be worked up as a series of articles in the "Daily Mail." "S. W. Curtis with his powerful legs and clenched teeth was a gasping fourth." We can well imagine such a sentence describing his efforts in the Varsity Trials when the third man only beat him in the Quarter by a foot. He has, however, done great things and many are expecting him eventually to prove a first rate sprinter. At present he does not sufficiently reduce his weight when training, and this season he has nearly always run much heavier than necessary. He was seen on the ice in the beginning of term, but looked hardly as attractive as we are wont to see him.

Walton, whose nickname at Selwyn we will not make public here, is quite a feature at the Hostel. He has played both Soccer and Hockey, and also rowed in the Lents in his college second boat. In the latter he was a great sight, gamely struggling to prevent being bumped, but fate was not kind to him on the river, and we hear that his energies will no longer be turned in that direction. Apart from sport we have almost come to regard him as a modern Puck. Without any warning, and at any moment of the day, he is likely to dash into our rooms, fly madly round, generally upset everything, and hastily depart, evidently from his expression, quite satisfied with the amount of disorder and wreckage he has left in his train. He is quite a connoisseur of clothes, and every time we see him is clad in a different garb, each

being equally startling in colour and cut. His bow ties are wonderfully horrible, but they seem to suit his morbid taste.

Malden daily becomes more corpulent, and in a corresponding ratio his appetite increases. Strangely enough, however, he shines at Hockey for Emmanuel and has his Colours, although how he manages to run we fail to see. Rumours reach us that much of his time is devoted to Billiards, but we cannot vouch for their truth. During the week of frost he was daily seen on the ice, and the Og on skates is by no means a figure to be despised. He has quite a commanding appearance, and much sensation was caused by his amazing performances. Work does not seem to trouble him very much, for his delightful casual manner prevents him from ever being worried. The essays he writes are extremely short, but he never was a man of many words, and we always attribute any shortcomings of this kind to his characteristic coyness.

Pickett seems happy, and has managed to assist Peterhouse in losing half their hockey matches. One day he was seen on the river rowing in a scratch eight at "two," but the drenched state of those on the stroke side, testified to his brilliant work. The impression he created was not a favourable one, and the boat club have not since asked him to row regularly.

It came as splendid news to all of us to hear that Lord Mountgarret had promised a further gift to provide stalls for the Chapel, and our only regret is that all the late innovations had not been in our time. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Head for the illustrations of the chapel and new cloisters. We appreciated his kindness greatly.

All of us are anxiously awaiting to hear the result of the School Sports, and some hope to be able to be present to see them run.

Yours, Cantab."



## FIVES.

## DORMITORY MATCHES.—SENIORS.

*Wednesday, March 6th.* Fleur-de-Lys v. Crown.

This match was easily won by the Fleur-de-Lys by 15—7, 15—4. The losers although the weaker pair should have done much better.

Fleur-de-Lys: G. F. G. Rees and J. T. Christison.

Crown: S. Rogerson and W. H. Baldock.

*Tuesday, March 12th.* Cross v. Lion.

The latter dormitory were quite outclassed by their opponents, but Lisset is to be congratulated on his plucky effort. Walton was very rash, and Browne did not show to very much advantage. The Cross won the first two games, 15—8, 15—6.

Cross: J. W. F. McN. Davis and A. B. Browne.

Lion: J. W. Lissett and O. T. Walton.

*Thursday, March 14th.* Crown v. Cross.

After two excellent games the Cross came out victorious by the small margin of 15—12, 15—13. The Crown should certainly have won the first game. Davis was excellent and won the match for his side by his fine play in the second game.

Cross: J. W. F. McN. Davis and G. Kirkbride.

Crown: S. Rogerson and W. H. Baldock.

*Wednesday, March 27th.* Crown v. Lion.

After a very poor, badly contested game the Crown won by 15—3, 15—12. The winners were markedly superior throughout, and won easier than the score suggests.

Crown: W. H. Baldock and S. Rogerson.

Lion: J. W. Lissett and O. T. Walton.

## JUNIORS.

*Wednesday, March 6th.* Fleur-de-Lys v. Crown.

This match was won by the Crown, who, showing more

consistent scoring ability than their opponents, deserved their victory. Dixon's efforts were occasionally curious, Arnold was good without being brilliant; Baldock fell to pieces in the second game. Result, 15—10, 15—11.

Fleur-de-Lys: W. F. T. Dixon and C. Kelk.

Crown: K. Arnold and M. Baldock.

*Wednesday, March 13th.* Cross v. Lion.

After a defeat 15—13 in the first game, the Lion improved to the extent of winning the next two 15—6, 15—8, Lissett was good for the Lion, and Hall for the Cross.

Cross: W. H. Hall and J. Fish.

Lion: L. Lissett and C. Wragg.

*Thursday, March 28th.* Crown v. Lion.

Won by the Lion. Arnold was good, but his partner was very poor indeed. The Lion pair played quite well together and won the second game easily. Result, 15—12, 15—5.

Lion: L. Lissett and C. Wragg.

Crown: K. Arnold and F. J. Longley.

*Thursday, March 28th.* Cross v. Fleur-de-Lys.

After a curiously uneven match, the Cross gained an unflattering victory. They managed to win the first game, were badly beaten in the second, and appeared in a hopeless position in the third, when the Fleur-de-Lys absolutely threw their chance away. Result, Cross 15—9, 1—15, 15—13.

Fleur-de-Lys: W. F. T. Dixon and C. Kelk.

Cross: C. E. Furness and J. Fish.

*Saturday, March 30th.* Fleur-de-Lys v. Lion.

The first game was very even, but the players were bothered by the wind. In the second game the Lion won more easily than the score suggests. Result, Lion 17—14, 15—12.

Lion: L. Lissett and C. Wragg.

Fleur-de-Lys: W. F. T. Dixon and C. Kelk.

*Tuesday, April 2nd.* Fleur-de-Lys v. Lion.

Although Rees was not quite recovered from his recent indisposition, the Fleur-de-Lys managed to reap an easy victory, 15—6, 15—4. The game was listless and uninteresting, but amidst the general low standard of play, Walton stood out as especially weak and clumsy.

Fleur-de-Lys: G. F. G. Rees and J. T. Christison.

Lion: O. T. Walton and J. W. Lissett.

*Thursday, April 4th.* Fleur-de-Lys v. Cross.

This match, which was at once the final and deciding one of the series, naturally provoked the keenest enthusiasm. In the first game the Fleur-de-Lys began very shakily, and the Cross led for some time, but some good play by Rees gave the upper dormitory the first game by five points. The second game was very similar, and the Cross again began better than their opponents. They were left behind at five, however, but a superb effort by Davis enabled them to get level at nine. But the end came soon, and the Fleur-de-Lys rapidly got to "game-ball." The Cross then managed to put on two points, but luck was against them, and the victory went to the Fleur-de-Lys.

Christison was very weak in the first game, but with a very considerable share of luck in the getting of buttresses, improved in the second. Rees was good, but has played much better. Davis' grand effort was the outstanding feature of the match. In the first game at least he played the Fleur-de-Lys pair almost alone. His partner was good at times, but was not too careful.

Fleur-de-Lys: G. F. G. Rees and J. T. Christison.

Cross: J. M. Davis and A. B. Browne.

### ANNALS.

The greater part of the two East Fields will soon, if all goes well, present the appearance of flourishing cornfields. Last term the greater part of the furze was stubbed up by

the G.P.C., and the land has been ploughed and sown with rye and oats, preparatory to being turned into playing fields.

In Memoriam.



Cecil Herbert Jones.

Died Sunday. March 10th. 1912.

Requiescat in pace.

1st XI. Football Colours have been awarded to R. Alcock. 2nd XI. Colours to E. H. Payne. Running Colours to E. Inman, A. B. Browne, C. S. Bott, J. W. Lissett.

*Errata.* The list of new boys in our last issue should have included Bryan Smith (Cross). Sydney Sussex College, Oxford, should have been Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

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