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EDITORIAL.

*"Sumer is icumen in
Lhude sing cuccu."*

THERE is an indefinable glamour which characterises the Summer Term, by which the sharper edges of school routine become rounded, the harsh lines softened in perspective. The causes which contribute to bring this about are many and for the most part insignificant, but the chief of them all is undoubtedly the weather. It is not everyone who can "always be merry and bright." Dull skies and dampness are conducive to despondency and pessimism, for which sunshine is a good, wholesome tonic. But, although this may be set down as the primary factor in the popularity of the term, its crowning merit lies in its ability to provide pleasures to suit every divergency of taste. The epicure of the lower school dreams of ices and lemonade: the peculiar whims of the budding materialist

are gratified; whilst whole-day matches and good wickets delight the soul of the cricket enthusiast. In fact there is only one type whom it fails to please. The anxious individual who, in the dusty atmosphere of the class-room, wrestles with the "pius Aeneas" or the wily Euclid in the desperate effort to fulfil the requirements demanded by the Local Examiners, resents having his seclusion robbed of its merits by the penetrating glare of the sun. His brain refuses to work and he has to concentrate all his efforts on struggling to throw off the drowsiness which threatens to overcome him.

But, this year, contrary to almost all precedent, the sun has been an entire stranger, and we have been treated to a severe drenching, by which only the cricket-pitch has materially benefited. For nearly a fortnight the dreary spectacle of continuous rain has dulled our sense of vision, but hopes soon rise and a little sunshine of late has given birth to great expectations.

Swimming has not commenced yet, or, rather, it would be more correct to say that the bath has not been opened up to the time of going to press, for the aquatic nature of the weather has rendered outdoor bathing by no means impossible. But things seem to be "on the move." Rumours of new schemes are in the air, whilst the interior of the bath is receiving a belated spring-clean, and has already assumed a much more inviting appearance under a coat of white paint.

The doings of the Cricket Teams have been only fair. The First XI. has played five matches, out of which two have been won and the remaining three lost. The heaviest defeat came from a team of Old Boys, who, however, were assisted by some bad bowling and weak fielding.

The range is receiving the attention of past years, and "class-firing" claims its batch of victims every Wednesday. Talent for the VIII. seems lacking, and the scores have been

very poor as yet. However, "range-tea" with its flavour of "rifle-oil" and "pull-throughs" still continues in popularity.

Locals are drawing near, and already form an indigestible dinner-table topic. It has always seemed to us a pity that such an awful bogie should be allowed to mar the pleasures of the summer months, and they would, we feel sure, be much more in place in the Easter Term, when days are shorter and the weather worse.

The oak-panelling for the Chapel is to be in by October 30th, the anniversary of the opening. We shall be able to compliment ourselves now on the record speed with which our Chapel has been built and finished. But, at the same time, there is a suggestion which we should like to make in view of further building. That is that before more dormitories are built, all funds available should be directed towards equipping a good workshop, and putting a permanent school-room in place of our present structure.

For, after all, as Carlyle says, "Permanence, persistence, is the first condition of all fruitfulness in the ways of men."

THE DORMITORY RUN.

APRIL 6TH, 1912.

This event was, as usual, preceded by weeks of fearful anticipation, much discussion and conjecture, much talk of training. A mania for eggs and milk gripped large and small alike: the importance of the sports was in comparison quite dwarfed. But at length the fatal Saturday that was to witness the fulfilment of all our terrors, the realisation or disappointment of all our hopes, arrived. The very elements seemed to reflect the nature of the event on hand. There was no bright sunshine to soothe the runner's fears, no gentle breeze to waft him on his way. Instead a dull, leaden sky, a strong wind, and a general feeling of chill inclemency, lent an increased mournfulness to the proceedings.

The start was fixed for 2-30 p.m., but as early as two o'clock the "small, white-clad figures" of our spring poet, their lips parted in sickly smiles, might be seen shuffling in twos and threes across the North Field to the hundred yards track, which was once more to witness the start of the Run. The biting wind made a punctual start a necessity, and precisely at the time appointed the Dormitory Race of 1912 was set in motion by Mrs. Grier.

Rogerson was first away, a little ahead of the main group, and the pace down Green Lane with the wind was exceedingly fast. Once in the lane the stream of runners soon lengthened, and gaps were quickly apparent. At the first gates Rogerson was leading by a few yards from Browne, who was followed in turn by Inman and Bott. Just before the turn Inman passed Browne, and the course veered round into the face of the wind, though some shelter was afforded by the woods. Passing Keeper's Cottage the two leaders were far in front of Browne, who was separated by an even greater distance from Bott. Up the last fields in the full face of the gale the pace was appreciably diminished, and though the first two men still further increased their lead, no change took place in the order of the first four.

Although such large distances separated Rogerson and Inman from the rest, it was noteworthy that the school arrived in a more continuous stream than usual: there were few gaps, and the whole run was over in a phenomenally short time.

The winning dormitory was the Fleur-de-Lys, with 699 points, followed in order by the Lion, Crown, and Cross. Rogerson won by about 30 yards from Inman, covering the $4\frac{1}{8}$ mile, if we are to trust the watch, in the record time of 22 mins. $13\frac{1}{2}$ secs., thus beating Wooler's record of 1906 by nearly two minutes.

SPORTS DAY, 1912.

Of all the annual fixtures in the school calendar there is none which relies more for its success or failure on the behaviour of the weather than Sports Day. There is no time nor space here to lament the exhibitions to which the Clerk of the Weather has treated us in recent years: the wretchedness of Sports Day weather is proverbial. This year was no exception to the rule, but with all fairness it must be said that although the furious gale was all against the competitors, the absence of rain emboldened the spectators, who were present in large numbers.

The proceedings commenced as usual with the Throw, which was easily won by Davis with 84 yards. The Junior event went even more easily to Crowther.

The Senior Hundred went to Bott, but it was not a thrilling race; whilst the Junior resulted in a surprise win for Crowther. In the Under Twelve, Hall was easily victorious. The Quarter Mile Senior also went to Bott, with Rogerson and Browne second and third respectively. The time was bad, but it would have been much better under normal climatic conditions. Half way round the track the wind began to blow dense clouds of sand into the full face of the runners, who were forced to come almost to a standstill. Jeffery in the Under 16 event was unexpectedly beaten by Lissett max.

The 220 Yards under 12 was won by Haagensen, who received a fair start, and Longley max won the Junior race in excellent style, though a terrific gust completely stopped the runners in one place.

Despite a heavy cross-wind and the strain of two previous events, Bott managed to equal the school record in the Hurdles. He jumped in easy and attractive style, but had

some difficulty in keeping his step, owing to the wind. Longley max just managed to beat Armstrong in the Junior event.

Bott again did what was expected, and took the High Jump with 4 ft. 10 ins., whilst Stephenson won the Juniors with 4 ft. 5 ins. Rees max, who was second to Bott in the High Jump, turned the tables in the Long Jump, and won comfortably, though Wood beat both competitors in a "no jump." Longley max had little difficulty in putting the Junior event to his credit.

Browne romped home with the Half Mile, followed by Rogerson and Bott. The wind was again responsible for an apparently uncreditable time.

The Steeplechase as usual proved an exciting contest. A sharp struggle between Inman and Browne for first place resulted in the former's well-deserved success. Furness easily took the Junior race, and was followed by Pearson.

The Flag went to the Lion, with 285 points, and the Victor Ludorum to Bott, whose fine all-round prowess was the cause of his dormitory's success.

After the last event, the prizes were given away in the Gymnasium, by Miss Gray.

But, after all, viewed as a whole, the results of the Sports this year are especially gratifying. Two records, the Mile and the Dormitory Run, have been easily beaten, and one, the Hurdles, equalled under most unfavourable conditions; and if the times on Sports Day itself were not as good as might be wished for, then we have only the weather to blame.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Senior. 1 J. W. F. McN. Davis, 2 A. B. Browne. Distance, 84 yards. *Junior.* 1 H. Crowther, 2 C. Whitaker. 65 yards.

100 Yards, Senior. 1 C. S. Bott, 2 A. B. Browne.
Time, $11\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Junior. 1 H. Crowther, 2 F. A. J. Longley.
Time, $11\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

Under 12. 1 T. G. S. Hall, 2 F. Haagensen.
Time, $14\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Quarter Mile, Senior. 1 C. S. Bott, 2 S. Rogerson, 3,
G. B. Browne. Time, 63 secs.

Under 16. 1 J. W. Lissett, 2 R. S. Jeffery,
3 N. S. Griffiths. Time, 68 secs.

220 yards, Junior. 1 F. A. J. Longley, 2 H. Crowther,
3 C. E. Turner. Time $31\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

Under 12. 1 F. Haagensen, 2 K. Samuel, 3
C. H. W. Boldero. Time $31\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

120 Yards Hurdles, Senior. 1 C. S. Bott, 2 G. F. G.
Rees. Time, $19\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

Junior. 1 F. A. J. Longley, 2 W. J.
Armstrong. Time, $22\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

Half Mile Open. 1 A. B. Browne, 2 S. Rogerson, 3
C. S. Bott. Time, 2 mins. 30 secs.

High Jump, Senior. 1 C. S. Bott, 2 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{G. F. G. Rees.} \\ \text{S. Ferry.} \end{array} \right.$
Height, 4 feet $10\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Junior. 1 A. C. P. Stephenson, 2 F. A. J. Longley.
Height, 4 feet 5 ins.

Long Jump, Senior. 1 G. F. G. Rees, 2 C. S. Bott.

Junior. 1 F. A. J. Longley, 2 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{A. C. P. Stephenson.} \\ \text{C. E. Furness,} \end{array} \right.$

College Servants' Race. 1 Kirkham, 2 Jones. Time, 29
secs.

Steeplechase, Senior. 1 E. Inman, 2 A. B. Browne, 3 S. Rogerson, 4 J. W. Lissett.

Junior. 1 C. E. Furness, 2 J. S. Pearson, 3 L. Lissett, 4 A. C. P. Stephenson.

Novices' Race. E. H. Payne.

Tug of War. Lion.

Victor Ludorum, Senior. C. S. Bott. 90 marks.

Junior. F. A. J. Longley. 40 marks.

CRICKET.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

The Masters.

The College opened their season with the usual fixture against the Masters, and managed to win easily. The Masters batted first, and, with the exception of Mr. Evans, fared badly against the bowling of Spink and Rogerson. The School lost three wickets cheaply, but Christison and Spink made a determined stand and put on 40 runs. Score :

MASTERS.

J. S. Keel, Esq. b Spink	.	.	.	.	5
H. H. Rew, Esq. b Spink	.	.	.	.	3
Rev. the Headmaster c Rees b Spink	.	.	.	.	0
F. Peachey, Esq. b Spink	.	.	.	.	4
D. Ll. Evans, Esq. b Spink	.	.	.	.	12
B M. R. Denny, Esq. run out	.	.	.	.	0
E. Buckley, Esq. c Spink b Rogerson	.	.	.	.	0
L. E. Smith, Esq. c Bean b Spink	.	.	.	.	0
B. H. Whitley, Esq. b Rogerson	.	.	.	.	0
J. C. Cowgill, Esq. not out	.	.	.	.	0
D. F. Coles, Esq. b. Spink	.	.	.	.	2
Extras	.	.	.	.	0

THE SCHOOL.

G. F. G. Rees lbw b Evans	.	.	.	.	2
R. Alcock c Keel b Buckley	.	.	.	.	0
J. T. Christison lbw b Rew	.	.	.	.	26
J. W. F. McN. Davis b Buckley	.	.	.	.	4
A. J. Spink b Buckley	.	.	.	.	23
S. Rogerson not out	.	.	.	.	23
O. T. Walton run out	15
C. L. M. Brown not out	4
C. S. Bott	} Did not bat				
H. H. W. Bean					
J. H. F. Clarke					
Extras	13
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
A. J. Spink	9.1	2	11	7
S. Rogerson	9	1	15	2

Nottingham High School.

This, the first match of the season, took place at Nottingham, on Saturday, May 11. The weather was absolutely perfect. Our team won the toss and elected to bat first. We made a disastrous start, Christison, with his proverbial ill-luck, being run out owing to a misunderstanding with his partner, Clarke. The latter was clean bowled by Goddard in the next over. Alcock came to our aid; he hit out and made some really delightful strokes on the leg side, but after making an invaluable 17 was dismissed for obstruction. Rees was out for a similar offence. The remainder of the wickets fell very quickly, and the innings closed for the wretched total of 34.

Notts. opened their innings with Herrick and Taylor, who were opposed to the bowling of Rogerson and Spink, but the partnership soon came to an end. The next 3 wickets put on 41 runs. Altogether they managed to compile 88.

Rogerson and Spink bowled well; the former averaged 8·6 and the latter 9·2. The fielding was moderately good.

WORKSOP.

J. T. Christison run out	0
J. H. F. Clarke b Goddard	0
R. Alcock lbw b Goddard	17
G. F. G. Rees lbw b Goddard	5
J. W. F. McN. Davis c Grant b Towers	3
A. J. Spink run out	6
S. Rogerson b Towers	2
O. T. Walton b Towers	1
C. L. M. Brown b Goddard	0
C. S. Bott c Mann b Towers	0
H. H. W. Bean not out	0
Extras	0
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NOTTS.

R. R. W. Herrick b Spink	17
G. S. Taylor b Rogerson	4
A. R. S. Grant b Walton	10
C. G. Boyd b Spink	20
J. S. Mann run out	7
C. Towers b Spink	0
H. W. Ballamy b Rogerson	0
F. W. Goddard b Spink	0
C. E. Newham not out	9
S. O. Gray b Rogerson	5
J. Miles b Christison	10
Extras	6
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
S. Rogerson	14	4	26	3
A. J. Spink	12	0	37	4
O. T. Walton	2	0	14	1
J. T. Christison	2·5	1	5	1

Retford Grammar School.

Played at Retford, May 18th. Retford won the toss and batted first. The first four men put on runs quickly, but little was done after they left. The bowling was very steady in spite of a strong wind, while the fielding was quite sound; all the catches that were given were taken. Worksop made a much worse start, as four wickets were down for 25. Davis and Rogerson then made a very plucky stand, and with steady batting carried the score to 70 before Davis was bowled. Rogerson continued to hit well, and was unfortunate in being out. Score:

RETTFORD.

W. Honchin c Brown b Rogerson	11
T. S. Blundell run out	21
C. Montague b Rogerson	7
J. Fletcher b Rogerson	13
P. W. Newbould c Alcock b Rogerson	6
A. K. Clarke b Spink	2
J. Hopkinson b Spink	3
F. C. Robinson c Alcock b Rogerson	0
S. E. Short c and b Spink	0
F. Levers not out	3
H. Carpenter c Davis b Spink	2
Extras	7

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WORKSOP.

J. T. Christison b Fletcher	0
R. Alcock b Fletcher	4
A. J. Spink lbw b Honchin	8
J. W. F. McN. Davis b Honchin	18
G. F. G. Rees b Honchin	4
S. Rogerson hit wicket b Hopkinson	60
O. T. Walton lbw b Fletcher	0
C. L. M. Brown b Levers	20
J. H. F. Clarke run out	9
H. H. W. Bean c Honchin b Blundell	8
F. G. Danby not out	2
Extras	14

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
S. Rogerson . . .	10	1	30	5
A. J. Spink . . .	8.4	0	29	4
F. G. Danby . . .	2	0	9	0

Past and Present.

Played at Worksop on Whit-Monday. The Present batted first, but with the exception of Davis, never seemed likely to do well. Brown and Walton showed more enterprise and made some good hits. The Old Boys soon knocked off the runs, thanks to a good stand by E. Buckley and C. L. J. Rees. Buckley hit with great freedom and never seemed to be troubled by the bowling, while the latter played steadily, only scoring off loose balls. The fielding was satisfactory, and among the bowlers Harrison appeared to cause the batsmen most trouble. The batting at the beginning of the day was very poor, and the bowlers were treated with too much respect. It is to be hoped that experience will replace the lack of confidence. Score:

PRESENT.

J. T. Christison lbw b Martin	6
R. Alcock c Ludgate b Martin	18
A. J. Spink b C. L. J. Rees	20
J. W. F. McN. Davis b C. L. J. Rees . .	25
G. F. G. Rees b E. Buckley	2
S. Rogerson lbw b C. L. J. Rees	0
O. T. Walton c Styles b C. L. J. Rees .	20
C. L. M. Brown st Ellis b C. L. J. Rees	11
H. H. W. Bean c Whittell b Buckley . .	8
C. S. Bott not out	0
J. M. R. L. Harrison b C. L. J. Rees . .	0
Extras	3

PAST.

S. Y. Holloway c Harrison b Rogerson	11
C. R. Ellis c and b Spink	12
C. L. J. Rees retired	53
E. Buckley retired	51
E. W. Styles retired	3
N. Martin b Rogerson	5
J. F. Whittell b Christison	0
B. Ludgate not out	0
L. Holmes	} Did not bat
D. P. Harvey	
G. S. Shacklock	
Extras	6
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
S. Rogerson	10.1	2	34	2
A. J. Spink	14	2	46	1
J. M. R. L. Harrison	7	2	24	0
O. T. Walton	2	0	13	0
J. T. Christison	5	1	11	1
H. H. W. Bean	2	0	6	0

Sheffield Royal Grammar School Old Boys.

Played at Worksop, June 1, in wretchedly cold weather. The Old Boys batted first, and, thanks chiefly to Burton, compiled 109 for 8 wickets. Our fielding was not up to the usual standard, probably owing to the cold and miserable weather. Rogerson bowled steadily in spite of the wet ball, and deserved his wickets. The College were left with an hour and a half to bat, and in their efforts to get the runs some of the wickets were sacrificed. Christison again was unfortunate in playing on after he had become set. Alcock played a splendid innings and batted with great confidence. Rogerson and Walton hit well, but the latter was out to a very weak stroke. Brown should not have been given out, so that really we were very unfortunate to lose. Score:

SHEFFIELD.

E. L. Scott b Rogerson	0
J. W. Merryweather b Rogerson	6
J. Onspring run out	13
W. A. G. Burton run out	46
H. W. Mackenzie b Rogerson	0
J. Lean b Christison	3
J. H. Roberts b Rogerson	1
J. P. Hoyland b Rogerson	8
C. Haggie not out	22
H. Ellson not out	1
E. Nowill did not bat	0
Extras	9

Innings declared closed (for 8 wickets) . 109

WORKSOP.

J. T. Christison b Hoyland	7
R. Alcock b Burton	26
A. J. Spink b Burton	8
J. W. F. McN. Davis b Burton	0
C. S. Bott b Burton	8
S. Rogerson b Burton	19
O. T. Walton c Haggie b Burton	18
G. F. G. Rees c Merryweather b Burton	1
C. L. M. Brown st Merryweather b Burton	5
H. H. W. Bean b Hoyland	0
F. G. Danby not out	0
Extras	5
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
S. Rogerson	15	0	46	5
A. J. Spink	6	1	9	0
F. G. Danby	2	0	13	0
J. T. Christison	9	1	26	1
O. T. Walton	1	0	6	0

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

Retford Grammar School.

The Second Eleven opened their season on May 18th, with a sweeping victory over Retford Grammar School, on the College Ground. Kirkbride won the toss, and getting first knock on a fairly easy wicket, the School ran up 115, and then dismissed the visitors for 33, and 31 for 5 wickets in the "follow-on."

C. B. R. Rees and C. S. Bott were the most prominent batsmen for the School; both played sound cricket and shewed at times some really good strokes. Bott hit very freely and looked well set when he dragged a ball into his wicket; Rees also showed the makings of a good bat. H. P. Wood, J. W. Lissett, and G. Kirkbride also batted well and worked hard for their runs. True, the Retford bowling never appeared troublesome, but run-getting was no easy matter owing to the keenness and accuracy of their fielding, which on the whole reached a very high standard.

It is a pity that the same cannot be said of the School fielding; although the catches were well held, there is no doubt that more runs could have been saved had the ground fielding been smarter. Harrison took most of the wickets, and bowled very consistently right through the innings, while F. A. Longley managed to get a good deal of work on the ball. It is useless, however, to rely on batting and bowling alone, and unless it is backed up by thoroughly keen fielding, the success of the opening match will not be maintained.

WORKSOP.

C. S. Bott b Davison	.	.	.	.	.	23
H. P. Wood b Davison	.	.	.	.	.	14
C. B. R. Rees b Gladish	.	.	.	.	.	26
G. Kirkbride c Fletcher b Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	8
A. K. Linton b Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	2
F. A. Longley c Southall b Gladish	.	.	.	.	.	3
J. M. R. Harrison b Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	7

W. F. D. Dixon c and b Shaw	.	.	.	.	2
J. W. Lissett b Fletcher	12
C. Whitaker c and b Gladish	5
H. J. Evans not out	6
Extras	7
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RETTFORD.

Dransfield c Longley b Wood	.	.	.	5	
Shaw c Evans b Harrison	.	.	.	0	c Bott b Dixon . . . 6
Wheelhouse c Kirkbride b Harrison	.	.	.	4	
Ibbotson c Bott b Harrison	.	.	.	4	
Davison c Longley	.	.	.	2	c Evans b Wood . . . 0
Hale c Longley	.	.	.	0	not out 11
Southall c Wood b Harrison	.	.	.	1	c Longley b Wood . . . 0
Daffen c Lissett b Harrison	.	.	.	0	
Fletcher b Harrison	.	.	.	5	
Appleby c Dixon b Harrison	.	.	.	8	b Dixon 3
Gladish not out	.	.	.	2	b Wood 11
Extras	.	.	.	2	Extras 0
				<hr/> 33	For 5 wickets . . 31

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Retford 1st innings.					Retford 2nd innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Harrison	10	2	17	7	Rees	2	0	8	0
Wood	4	1	8	1	Dixon	2	0	3	2
Longley	5	2	6	2	Longley	5	1	13	0
					Harrison	3	0	7	0
					Wood	0.5	0	0	3

FIELD DAY.—O.T.C.

On Saturday, May 25th, the Contingent took part in some manoeuvres in the White Deer Park at Welbeck. The opposition was provided by the Worksop Company of the Sherwood Foresters, and some of the Mansfield and Retford Companies belonging to the same battalion. In all they were about 125 strong and had a Maxim gun. We numbered 95 all told.

The general idea was that the Contingent was a part of the rear guard of a retreating and defeated army, told off to occupy and hold a crossing on Welbeck Lake at Hancock's Lodge, while the main body crossed higher up the lake. The vanguard of the enemy had been seen somewhere in the vicinity of Hancock's Lodge, but, it was hoped, had not yet occupied the crossing. If they had done so, our duty was to retard the enemy's advance as much as possible—that is to fight a rear-guard action, with a line of retreat parallel, roughly, to the lake. The fight lost a good deal of its significance and interest by the late arrival of the enemy, for we had already got into position before the news of their tardy approach came. The consequence was that the whole body of the enemy occupied a position on the Worksop side of Welbeck Lake and our vanguard came into close contact with them a few minutes after the action began.

Lieut. Whitley was in charge of the advance guard—he himself being with the vanguard, and Lieut. Smith with the mainguard. Lieuts. Buckley and Denny were with the main body. As soon as the vanguard came into touch with the enemy the mainguard moved up to their support, and the main body made a rapid movement, under good cover, to occupy a knoll which quite commanded the enemy's position, and offered a very favourable opportunity for overhead fire and cover the advance of the two sections now forming the firing line. In view, however, of the strength of the enemy, our firing line was ordered to retire by the umpire. In the meantime Lieut. Denny with Section 4 seized a good position on the left flank. After this the manoeuvre developed largely on the lines of an exercise in supporting fire and retreating by squads, as the enemy made no attempt to force either of the flanks. However, a gallant band of Section 1 made an unsuccessful attempt to capture their Maxim.

It was a great pity that the manoeuvre, developing as it did, left little room for any tactical work. The Umpire (the Battalion Adjutant) in his criticism, pointed out as the chief faults the neglect of proper provision for the guarding of the flanks, and the standing up in the firing line of officers and N.C.O.s. The former hardly applied to us, as both flanks were well guarded, but the latter certainly did. However, it is almost necessary for instructional purposes, though, of course, absolutely wrong theoretically. Our chief fault appeared to be bunching in retreat and advance. This was particularly noticeable when Sections 1 and 2 retreated from their original position, though largely excusable for reasons mentioned above. Our front, too, almost ran into the arms of the enemy, but this was due to the scouts failing to go forward again after we had been told to stand fast until the enemy occupied their position.

But on the whole the manoeuvre was instructive and interesting, and the Contingent acquitted itself well. Col. Mellish very kindly spoke a few words after the "pow-wow," expressing his satisfaction that the O.T.C. and his Battalion were once again in the field together. Afterwards we had tea at a lodge on Welbeck Drive, the Matron very kindly doing everything for us in this direction. Then we marched back, headed by our band, which has greatly improved of late, and so ended an enjoyable day.

NOTES.

The date of the Inspection is July 4th, and the Inspecting Officer is Capt Hodgson, of the 4th Notts. and Derby.

Musketry on the full and miniature ranges is in full swing every Wednesday, and all boys shoot. The VIII. have had a premature and disastrous match, full details of which will be chronicled later. However, when it is settled down, the VIII. should be more than useful.

Camp this year is at Oxney Farm, Farnham, Aldershot, and begins on the 30th July. It lasts until the 8th of August, and we hope to take about fifty for the training.

THE SCOUTS.

On Saturday, May 25, we spent the whole afternoon in Clumber, going through various tests for the Second Class. These included firelighting, tracking, and signalling; those who already have their badges had some experience of tree-felling. There was also instruction in making a trestle bridge, which the Lion Patrol was practising for their display at Carlton-in-Lindrick. This display was held on Thursday, May 30, and was arranged in order to promote interest in the Scouts at Carlton, where a Troop is being raised. The Assistant Scoutmaster took charge of the display, which included bridging, signalling and ambulances, and was most successfully carried out.

The Troop goes into Camp on Monday, July 29, and by the kindness of the Duke of Newcastle, we are going to occupy the same spot in Clumber as last year. It is hoped that all Scouts will be able to attend the Camp, which is such a necessary part of the training.

Second Price has succeeded Webster—who has left—as Patrol Leader of the Kangaroos, and Scout Strudwick has been promoted to be Second of the Patrol. At present the Troop is practically at full strength, and despite the fact that 5 or 6 Scouts have left this Term, there are now 71 on the books.

CHAPEL NOTES.

The Bishop of Bunbury (Western Australia) paid us a visit on Sunday, Feb. 18th, and preached at Mattins. He afterwards held a sort of "free and easy" meeting in the big Schoolroom, and kept a large number of boys intensely amused and interested for about half-an-hour.

This term we have received from the boys two presents for the Chapel; a set of cream and white hangings for the Altar, and a beautifully bound book for the Altar. We have also to thank Mrs. Baldock for her further gift to the Chapel of a half-dozen lavabo towels.

A picture of the Chapel, as it will appear when the oak seating is finished, is in the Academy this year. We have received prints of the painting, and it has made us all very keen to get the work done. In all probability part of the seating will be in and ready for use by the time we come back from our Summer holidays.

St. Cuthbert's College Chapel.—Cash Accounts for the year ending April 30, 1912 (inclusive).

Dr. 1911, May 1, Balance in hand, £9 10s. 6d.; 1912, April 30, Collections during the year for Church Expenses, £21 8s. 5d.; Special Collections, Subscriptions, etc., £172 16s. 10d. Total, £203 15s. 9d.

Cr. 1912, April 30, Church Expenses during the year, £75 19s. 4d.; Special Subscriptions, etc., £113 7s. 5d.; Balance at Bankers, £14 9s. Total, £203 15s. 9d.

Balance Sheet for the year ending April 30, 1912.

Liabilities.—Sundry Accounts payable, £26 11s. 3d.; Balance in hand, £2 4s. 9d. Total, £28 16s.

Assets.—Donation promised for English Hymnals, £14 7s.; Cash at Bankers, £14 9s. Total, £28 16s.

RE-UNION OF THE MIDLAND SCHOOLS.

The link which binds the Woodard Schools together is no common one. Each school was founded for a definite and a similar object. In the early days of the Society of S. Nicolas, the novelty of its claims and the undeserved obloquy with which they were greeted, welded the Schools together into a compact brotherhood. But as the Society

grew, and the Midland, Western, and Northern branches developed, a feeling of separation was inevitable. Even in an individual group a slight rivalry might spring up. Much of this was caused by the distance of one School from another, and there was a slight danger that the Founder's ideal that all the Schools should realize their unity would never be realized.

But the efforts of this last year, July, 1911 to May, 1912, have gone far to dispel these fore-bodings. The opening of Lancing Chapel saw every School represented by its masters and boys. Each School felt then that it was part of a great organisation. In the autumn of the same year we, at Worksop, owing to Lord Mountgarret's generosity, were enabled to invite the Schools of our Midland Society to the dedication of our Chapel. Following close on this in May, 1912, came the invitation of Denstone that there should be another re-union of the Midland Schools. But though the occasion differed, the spirit was the same. This was to be as the correspondent of the *Church Times* aptly phrased it "purely a family gathering." The Schools were to meet not only to express a common fraternity, but to renew and make personal friendships.

Ten representatives went from Worksop, including the Headmaster, the Chaplain, the Captain of School, four prefects, three boys. Our hosts had carefully mapped out our time, and every minute was filled. On the evening of our arrival there was a concert, at which the efforts of Davis and Coates met with generous applause. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated the next morning at 11 a.m. It was preceded by a procession of the Choir, who were followed by the representatives of all the Schools. The scene was dignified and effective as the long procession wended its way round the quadrangle. The Headmaster of Denstone celebrated, assisted by the Headmaster of Worksop and the Chaplain of Ellesmere. The sermon was preached by the

Provost of Lancing. It was entirely apposite. The mention of the great names of the Woodard benefactors, brought back many memories to the older members of the Society, and further strengthened those links with the past which was one of the objects of the gathering. The setting of the service was familiar to all, and special mention must be made of the Sanctus, the Benedictus, and the Agnus. The last two were sung by the representatives of the Girls' Schools.

Luncheon was served in Hall after the service. Masters, mistresses, boys, and girls sat down together—an unusual but distinctly pleasant sight. After luncheon, cricket matches and tennis tournaments were played. The ladies batted first, and Davis' and Rogerson's lobs were no more successful than those of the other bowlers. Kirkbride was happy in his partner at tennis, and managed to win a prize. Tea was served in the Quadrangle, and the more distant Schools had then to leave.

The day was wholly successful. It was an idea happily conceived and well carried out. We cannot thank the Headmaster, the Masters, and Prefects enough for their hospitality.

TO A SARDINE.

On reading the Lawsuit concerning the identity thereof.

1.

*OH! wondrous, tiny creature of the deep!
 What sort of fish you are, I can't declare;
 I lie a-bed at night and cannot sleep;
 To keep us thus in ignorance, ain't fair.
 We want an explanation
 Of you, your tribe and nation,
 And what you are, and why, and when, and where.*

II.

*For all we know, you are a little tunny
 Or some gigantic offspring of a shrimp;
 Indeed, Sardine, it does seem very funny,
 That facts about your life should be so limp.
 In other words, you may be
 An octopus's baby,
 Or any other deep-sea dweller's imp.*

III.

*I say you may be anybody's nipper,
 Who, as a Sardine, wins tremendous fame;
 Perchance you would have grown into a kipper,
 We do not know how to assess the blame.
 But then, it's so exciting,
 To wonder what your biting,
 Perhaps 'tis better than to know your name.*

IV.

*And so I think "Sardine" I will still name you,
 Your mem'ries fill me with a vague delight,
 For what you would have been, I cannot blame you,
 Instead, I'll take you in a single bite,
 And be resolved that rather
 Than fuss about your father,
 I'll stick to you, because you taste all right.*

C. L. M. B.

THE BRACKEN-BUG'S FATE.

I.

*WHEN o'er fair Sherwood's budding oaks,
 The sun announced another dawn,
 Beneath a dew-kissed bracken leaf,
 A little bracken-bug was born.*

*And growing bolder by degrees,
 He nosed the moisture laden breeze,
 Then flew to greet the morn.
 Ah ! Bracken-bug, thy childhood's dreams,
 See only gladness, mirth, and glee ;
 Beware the pit-falls of the world,
 The soup tureen, the cup of tea*

II.

*But to our tale ! This bright young bug,
 His pow'rful pinions quick unfurl'd,
 And, casting off his useless shell,
 He launched himself to see the world.
 And, as his devious way he went,
 He was attracted by the scent
 Of breakfast butter, newly curled.
 Oh ! was it merely by a chance,
 Or by the guidance of the Fates,
 That led him to S. Cuthbert's Hall,
 So full of traps and sticky plates.*

III.

*But sailing slowly thro' the door,
 He sought whereby to quench his thirst ;
 Lo ! yonder stood a cup of milk,
 Of all his foes the very worst.
 He hover'd slowly o'er the cream,*
 Then, with a wild despairing scream,
 Straight in he dived, head first.
 They dragged him out, and mournful stood,
 With Scouts to render him " First Aid,"
 But all their efforts, all their tears
 Could ne'er recall his vanished shade. C.L.M.B.*

*This is doubtless an instance of our poet's exuberant fancy.—Ed.

O.C. NEWS.

'The Old Boys' match was played as usual on Whit-Monday, and we had our usual number of visitors, in spite of the threatening appearance of the sky. Fortunately the rain held off, but the College certainly did not put on its most friendly aspect; we should have liked the welcome and cheerful presence of the sun to take off the gloom for the benefit of those who came to refresh old memories. The match began at 11-30, and lunch was provided in the hall for the O.C.'s at 1-15, and afterwards a meeting of the O.C. Club was held. The Headmaster took the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read by E. Buckley (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer), as well as the following letter from Viscount Mountgarret, in acknowledgment of the vote of thanks proposed to him at the O.C. Dinner for his generosity towards the school:—

Nidd Hall, Ripley, Yorkshire.

"Dear Mr. Buckley.—Thank you very much for conveying to me the kind message from the Old Cuthbertians. I am quite sure that there are many amongst them who will always be glad to help forward the progress of their old School, so far as their means will allow. I am not surprised to hear that a chapel is a welcome addition to St. Cuthbert's. Really a Woodard School without a chapel is much crippled in a very important part of its work. We hope to train our boys to be worthy children of the Church of England, and a dignified school chapel with its services and teaching is an enormous aid to such an endeavour, and its influence may be felt all through a man's life. That at least is my experience as an old Public School Boy. Please thank the Old Boys from me—and thank you too, very much, for the newspaper cutting which you have sent to me, and which I shall always keep. Believe me, very truly yours,

Mountgarret."

E. Buckley was re-elected secretary; the following were elected members of the committee, besides the Headmaster and the Secretary: F. Edmond, E. W. Stiles, J. C. Cowgill, A. N. G. Wood, J. Tasker, S. Y. Holloway, R. B. Wooler, C. L. J. Rees. W. S. Malton was elected sub-secretary to the London O.C.'s. The meeting then constituted itself into a meeting of the Benefit Club, and the retiring committee was re-elected. E. W. Stiles was chosen as trustee.

An account of the match will be found elsewhere. The following O.C.'s and others were present: Rev. F. B. Hawkins, Rev. and Mrs. F. Burgess, M. Addy, Beecham, C. Breffitt, J. Edmond, C. Ellis, W. W. Ellis, W. T. Grant, A. T. Greeves, D. Harvey, A. H. Holmes, E. F. Knowles, J. E. Lowe, B. Ludgate, W. S. Malton, N. Martin, B. Melbourne and friend, C. L. J. Rees, G. S. Shacklock, W. A. Silvester, E. Soar, E. W. Stiles, R. G. Thorpe, R. C. Vernon, J. Whittell, L. Wincott, G. E. Worthy and friend.

A. Burrows was ordained Priest at Southwell on Trinity Sunday.

J. Tasker has been playing cricket regularly for Yorkshire this season.

W. B. Smith has also been asked more than once to play for Warwickshire, but has been unable to accept owing to his engagements. He is assistant manager to the Ansley Hall Coal and Iron Co., and is also lecturing on mining engineering for the Warwick County Council, at evening classes and in the County Mining School.

Congratulations to F. Edmond on his new position as Urban District Councillor at Aspull, Lancashire.

Congratulations also to W. B. Allen, who has gained the Bronze Medal in the Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Sheffield, and has been awarded the King's Scholarship.

J. Jones has won a 1st Class Colliery Manager's Certificate, and H. J. Watson has passed his final Solicitor's Examination.

We have received news of the marriage of the following O.C.'s: E. P. Roberts, C. Drury, R. G. Swanston, C. Howell, A. A. Richardson.

Among other O.C. news we hear that J. P. Ivens is private chaplain to Newstead Abbey and Colliery; H. J. MacPhail is learning engineering at the Derby Technical College; E. Soar has begun work at Dinnington Pit, with the ultimate aim of qualifying as a manager; C. G. Bateson is teaching at a private school at Huddersfield, and at the same time working for the Leeds Matriculation; T. Orton, we hear, is on the sea; so is G. Hodgson, of whom the last news was that he had put in at Bombay. J. S. Whitham is articled to a solicitor at Leeds. G. E. Worthey is in the Wakefield and Barnsley branch of the United Capital and Counties Bank.

We have had the pleasure of visits from J. Tasker, and A. K. Holmes and friend.

VALETE.

H. J. McPhail, Fl., VI. Modern, entered Feb. 1910, 2nd XI. Football.

C. G. Bateson, Fl., VI. Classical, entered Sept. 1910.

G. Dawson, Li., VI. Modern, entered May 1911.

P. R. S. Wild, Fl., VI. Modern, entered May 1904.

J. A. Cooper, Fl., entered May 1910; *B. F. Houghton*, Li., entered Sept. 1909; *D. Oxley*, Li., entered Sept. 1910; *D. J. Ross*, New, entered Sept. 1910; *A. E. Smith*, Li., entered May 1910; *G. A. Thwaites*, Li., entered Sept. 1909; *C. S. Webster*, Fl., entered May 1906.

AVETE.

Benson-Brown, Bevis, *Cs.*
 Dunham, Morton, *Cs.*
 Hancock, Frederick George, *Fl.*
 Hart, Andrew, *New.*
 Hawthorne, Noel Siegfried, *Cs.*
 Holloway, Geoffrey Norman, *New.*
 Hullah, Noel Woolcomb, *New.*
 Hutchby, John Clarence, *Li.*
 Macfadyen, Ronald Edwin, *Fl.*
 Oxley, Hector Dalrymple, *Li.*
 Share, Wilfrid Arthur Colbatch, *New.*
 Sissons, Henry, *New.*
 Slack, Reginald, *Cs.*
 Smith, William, *Li.*
 Wilks, Harold Goodwin, *Li.*
 Winn, Leonard Schofield, *Li.*
 White, George, *Cr.*
 Wooler, Clifford, *Fl.*

ANNALS.

The Ven. Archdeacon Burrows, of Birmingham, one of the Fellows of S.S. Mary and John, Lichfield, is Bishop-elect of Truro.

Mr. Denny has taken charge of the Swimming Bath this term. The season began on Sunday, June 9th.

The draws for the Dormitory Cricket Cup are as follows: Fleur-de-Lys *v.* Lion and Cross *v.* Crown.

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