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EDITORIAL.

" Warlike March cometh in, hoarse, with tempestuous breath."

W. D. HOWELLS.



STIRRING term and stirring times, therefore a quotation in keeping. Blow! thou wild North-Easter, keep firm our turf, make hard our cinder track—G.P.C. please note—sweep our fives court dry and be behind us in the "hundred" and we will not complain. Now for a little more of W. D. H.

" But in my heart I feel the life of the wood and the meadow."

Add these two lines together and we have the key to the term's characteristics. It is essentially a time of promise, so do not be beguiled by the lugubrious lamentations of our spring poet, who is suffering from acute melancholia—if his verses be believed.

It is certainly a warlike time, because before April 8th is finally consigned to history the Sports and Dorm. Run will have to write another name on the old flag, "Footer" has got to bow to the call of summer, Fives will engross a few industrious afternoons of concentrated energy, and the Public Schools' Boxing looms ahead, to be followed by gory contests for the two new cups in our own little show.

We are all men of action, and woe betide the "froust" in these days. He has no place in our curriculum; we will not tolerate him; so take warning *mes enfants*.

What shall we write of first? "Footer" claims prior place, but not for long. Even now its star is on the wane, and an energetic and not unsuccessful season is drawing to the inevitable end.

We notice with pleasure the prominent place Boxing is taking in the School. With about one exception every fellow of any size is trying to emulate the deeds of bygone heroes of the ring. Best of luck to the Aldershot contingent, and it may cheer them to call to mind the fact that an O.C. who was one of the School weights last year is boxing for Cambridge this term.

A few people are beginning to play Fives, and the Dorm. Matches should be productive of some interesting games. We would remind juniors that the ultimate destination of the cup lies as much in their hands as anyone's. Why doesn't someone revive the once popular Fives Tournament. [Time *could* be found. ED.] All this, however, must be more or less by the way when the Sports are considered. Even now the many splashes of white which zig-zag fitfully down Green Lane of an afternoon tell of that historic race which will soon be *the* topic, a race which few enjoy, but which none would EVER dream of cutting.

The Corps has undergone the terminal inspection, of which elsewhere. There are still about four people who are

owned neither by the O.T.C. nor the Scouts. We hope public opinion will soon show them the error of their ways.

In the meanwhile as the Editor has included himself among the men of action, he will not be accused of "words, words, words," by any budding Hamlet: let us be up and doing, for much remains to be done, and when we meet again, my readers, on the last night of term, may we rest contentedly on the knowledge of a term's work well done and of many races well won—or lost.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

King Edward VII. School, Sheffield.

Played at Worksop on February 1st, and lost 7—1. Sheffield were a better and heavier side than we were, but not nearly to such an extent as the score appears to indicate. Indeed we had almost as much of the game as our opponents, but while their forwards were fast and accurate in their shooting, ours were slow and rather timid. Sheffield were leading by two goals to one at half-time, but after the scoring of the third goal our backs played with little determination, and, thanks to the excellence of their centre-forward, they scored on almost every occasion on which they got near our goal.

In goal Lissett was excellent. The backs were very poor; Coulman played better than Jackman, but both hesitated badly and mis-kicked frequently. Browne was the best of the halves, who though putting up an excellent show in the first half, tired to nothing in the second period. The forwards were poor with Rees max far the best. Lissett and Rees ma were the only others to show any form at all.

Team.—J. W. Lissett (goal), H. C. Jackman and J. C. Coulman (backs), O. T. Walton, R. Alcock, A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, G. F. G. Rees, C. L. M. Brown, C. B. R. Rees, J. M. Harrison (forwards).

Notts. High School.

Played at Worksop on February 22nd, and won 5—3. With one exception the school side played really well for two-thirds of the game. But innumerable chances were lost, and it was owing to the slackness of our defence for a short period that Notts. got two goals in the second half. We won more easily than the score indicates.

In goal Harrison was good. The backs played in vastly improved form, Coulman particularly shaping well. Walton was the weakest spot in the team, and appears to have lost all form and keenness of late; he was hopelessly at sea from start to finish. Alcock and Browne both played well, especially the latter. The forwards were good on the whole. Rees max played very well indeed and shot splendidly. Brown was better than usual, and Lissett was very good the second half. Williamson and Rees ma both did well on the left-wing.

Team.—J. M. Harrison (goal), J. C. Coulman and H. C. Jackman (backs), O. T. Walton, R. Alcock, A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, G. F. G. Rees, C. L. M. Brown, C. B. R. Rees, A. Williamson (forwards).

Lincoln Hostel.

Played at home on March 1st, and resulted in a draw 2—2. The Hostel brought over an evenly balanced team, captained by S. E. W. Rees, O.C., and including another O.C. in A. F. Greeves.

The weather was not ideal for accurate footer, a strong cross wind being the reason. Nevertheless some keen play was seen, and the score is fairly representative, although we were in their half more than the other way about. The visitors were unfortunate in having their skipper rendered ineffective by a nasty but unavoidable accident early on in the game.

At first we defended, and by reason of a steady pair of backs rubbed the edge off the Hostel forwards. Some pretty combination then took the ball into its proper place—from our point of view—and the result of a desperate scrimmage was that G. F. G. Rees cleverly got it in somehow. Shortly after C. L. M. Brown added to our score. The ball dribbled off his foot between the two backs before it finally beat the goal-keeper. Before half-time the visitors scored, and from then till the end there was only one more goal, and that made the game a draw. The home team seemed inclined to rest on their laurels gleaned in the first half, but they can hardly be blamed for the visitors' equalising shot, which was well deserved.

Taken all round good football was played, and we are glad to see the improvement in combination amongst our forwards. Our skipper and L. Lissett put in a tremendous amount of work, and were never much troubled by the visitors' defence. Browne at half worked like a Trojan, and we feel sure that he never allowed his man to feel very happy. Walton at back was quite sound, although his various encounters with the visiting centre-forward are to be deplored. Harrison knew all about the shots he saved, which is not always the case with goal-keepers.

Team.—J. M. R. Harrison (goal), O. T. Walton, J. C. Coulman (backs), W. J. Armstrong, R. Alcock, A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, G. F. G. Rees, C. L. M. Brown, C. B. R. Rees, A. Williamson (forwards).

SECOND ELEVEN MATCH.

King Edward VII. School, Sheffield.

This match was played on the Sheffield ground, on Saturday, February 1st. The College team put up a good fight against a slightly heavier side, and worked hard all the time. At the beginning of play, Sheffield made a determined assault on our goal. Shortly after a run of our forwards took the ball back to their goal, but their backs proved too vigorous, and for the rest of the half the play was pretty even; when the whistle went, the score was 1—0 for the home team. The first quarter of an hour of the second half was the disastrous time for us, and they scored their next two goals then. This was followed by some good work on our left wing, which ended in a goal from Baldock. When the last whistle blew, the Sheffield score was 3 goals to our 1. Owing to the very uncertain surface of the field and the greasy nature of the ball, the match was not much test of skill in football, and individual criticism is deficient for that reason, but Stevenson deserves special mention for his very useful performance in goal.

Team.—A. Stephenson (goal), H. Crowther, F. A. Danby (backs), W. J. Armstrong, N. S. Griffiths, L. S. Winn (half-backs), W. H. Hall, W. Dixon, H. Baldock, A. Williamson, H. J. Evans (forwards).

CLUB MATCHES.

Fulwood.

Played at home, on February 8th. The game opened rather shakily, but early on a rush by the home forwards resulted in the ball being forced between the posts. A spell of even play followed, but gradually our opponents began to assume the offensive, and their goals were the result of steady pressure from the left wing. However, our forwards

at length broke away but their play as a whole, was erratic, and more opportunities were made than were accepted. From a scrimmage in front of the visitors' goal, we secured our second point. At half-time the score was 3—2 in favour of Fulwood.

After the interval the visitors attacked strongly, and two goals in quick succession were the result of the apparent inability of our team to find their feet. From this point onwards, however, considerable improvement was shown. The game was fast and vigourous, and confined itself mainly to the Fulwood half of the field. In spite of a sturdy resistance, the College broke through three times, making the scores level. Towards the end each side attacked in turn, and desperate attempts were made to gain the lead; neither, however, could add to their already heavy scores, and an interesting and strongly contested game resulted in a draw, 5—5.

We improved greatly in the second half, and maintained the game at a stiff pace up to the end. Alcock tackled well, and our right wing was good. Lack of inches in the goal-keeper accounted for several of our opponents' points.

Team.—J. W. Lissett (goal), L. E. Smith, Esq., H. C. Jackman (backs), O. T. Walton, R. Alcock, A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, E. Buckley, Esq., B. M. R. Denny, Esq., G. F. G. Rees, A. Williamson (forwards).

Sheffield Falcons.

Played at Worksop, on February 15th, in dismal weather. The result was 7—3 in favour of our opponents, all three goals being secured by G. F. G. Rees. Despite the score, the game was of a fairly even character; Sheffield offered a splendid defence, but on the otherhand the home forwards missed several golden opportunities through lack of combination. Our defence was decidedly weak at times, and a little

more activity on the part of the backs, might have averted disaster on more than one occasion. Walton max failed to mark his man, who was a dangerous forward and was instrumental in scoring most of the goals. The score does not in any way reflect on our goal-keeper, who was beaten every time by really excellent shots.

Team.—J. M. R. Harrison (goal), L. E. Smith, Esq., H. C. Jackman (backs), O. T. Walton, R. Alcock, A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, E. Buckley, Esq., B. M. R. Denny, Esq., G. F. G. Rees, C. L. M. Brown (forwards).

O.T.C.

On Friday, February 28th, the Adjutant, Capt. Wilmot, of the 3rd Yorks. and Lancs., inspected the Contingent. His report was most satisfactory and encouraging.

Captain Hall, of the National Service League, who so kindly offered a Cup for competition in the O.T.C., has been considering a scheme which aims at testing the efficiency of squads chosen from Dormitories. Under this scheme squads of 12 cadets, with an N.C.O., will act as representatives of their Dormitories in an annual Drill Competition, a competition very similar to the one at present contested by the non-representative Sections in the O.T.C.

We had hoped to furnish a contingent to take part in a Public Schools' Field Day at Knowsley Park, near Liverpool. It was found, however, that so many N.C.O.s would be absent taking Examinations and Boxing at Aldershot, and that the strength of the corps would not be adequately represented by the number going, so the idea had to be abandoned.

The Section Competition has been fixed, provisionally, for April 4th.

The written parts of Certificate A were held on March 3rd. The oral part will be held later on in the term.

BOXING AND FENCING CLUB.

The membership of the club shews a very healthy increase. A goodly number have excellent ability, and under the tuition of Instructor Wardle have already acquired a telling straight left, which will make a useful foundation for other accomplishments. The competition at the end of the term should provide some really first class contests, and the proficiency of the novices augurs well for the future. Our thanks are due to those Masters who have kindly given the medals for the winners in the boxing and fencing competitions. Congratulations to Davis on his victory for Cambridge in the 'Varsity Boxing.

THE GYMNASIUM.

The various classes are working hard at the exercises set for the Swedish Drill Competition for the Jackman Cup, and the squads from the various dormitories should give a very good account of themselves; they will be drilled in the free standing exercises by Sergt.-Instructor Ott, and in their apparatus work by Instructor Wardle. It is hoped that the keenness and efficiency displayed will warrant a further expenditure in apparatus, in order that the most advanced exercises may be included in next year's competition scheme. The judging in each series of exercises will be done by the disengaged instructor; Messrs Keel and Smith have kindly consented to act as referees. Our thanks are due to the former for his help in preparing the diagrams illustrating the exercises on the apparatus. The electric light installation was completed early in the term, and it is proving a great boon, now that so much of the work in the Gymnasium is done at night.

THE PREFECTS' CONCERT.

For many years now this Concert has been a prominent feature of the Christmas Term. It is usually an enjoyable function which has certain quaint characteristics. Some of these entertainments stand out more prominently than others. Some have been hardly worth the immense expenditure of vocal energy which has characterised the rehearsals. This last year's concert will long remain memorable. There were some good voices, and the Play was altogether delightful. The concert opened with the inevitable Topical Song, which has long been one of the characteristics of this entertainment. We can safely say that it was better than many we have heard. We must congratulate the Prefects on the possession of their own *spring poet*. As usual it met with an enthusiastic reception. The rest of the songs call for no particular mention. They were of the humorous type. We could wish that the Prefects would make the old English songs as characteristic of their concert as the topical song. The choice is large, the music is good, the words and choruses are familiar. If they keep up the standard of their acting to that of 1912, the first part of the programme would then be worthy of the last part. Some recitations were a novelty, and the ability shewn in their rendering prepared us for a better display than usual in the acting.

The piece chosen for presentment was *The Bishop's Candlesticks*, by Victor Hugo. It is a play which requires delicate handling, for there are elements in it which might jar on the susceptibilities, and, if acted carelessly, it might become ridiculous. But in this case there had been careful rehearsal and clever stage management. The effects attempted were not overstrained nor overdone. In fact it was the general restraint which struck us most favourably. Each character was distinctly portrayed. Rees in a very

small part displayed an unexpected ability, whilst Griffiths was excellent in his fussiness. A word of praise is due to the "make-up" of both these ladies. The burden of the play fell on Browne and Kirkbride. We expected them to be good and we were not disappointed. Browne looked well, moved well, and spoke well. His gravity of manner was an excellent foil to the more excitable nature of the escaped convict. Kirkbride as the convict was distinctly good. Both in his bluster as well as in the more tragic parts he acted with conviction. The whole piece was a most pleasant surprise, and we congratulate both actors and stage manager for this exceedingly pleasant ending of the term.

Programme: 1. Topical Song, The Prefects. 2. Song, *Back to the Land*, A. B. Browne. 3. Song, *Onions*, N. S. Griffiths. 4. Song, *Paper Bag Cookery*, G. F. G. Rees. 5. Song, *Far away in Australia*, E. H. Payne. 6. Song, *Sponge*, O. T. Walton. 7. Song, *Come and cut yourself a piece of cake*, N. S. Griffiths. 8. *The Village Pump*, The Prefects. 9. Recitation, *The Confession*, A. B. Browne. 10. Song, *O, Archibald*, G. F. G. Rees. 11. Song, *Ga-ga-good-bye*, E. H. Payne. 12. Song, *Shirts*, A. B. Browne. 13. Recitation, *Pagett, M.P.*, G. Kirkbride. 14. Song, *A quaint old bird*, O. T. Walton. (An Interval of Three Minutes.) 15. *The Bishop's Candlesticks*, a Play in two acts. *The Bishop*, A. B. Browne; *Sergeant of Gendarmes*, E. H. Payne; *Two Gendarmes*, O. T. Walton and G. F. G. Rees; *The Convict*, G. Kirkbride; *Persomé* (the Bishop's Sister), N. S. Griffiths; *Marie* (a Maid), G. F. G. Rees. Time: The beginning of the last century. Place: Thirty miles from Paris. The scenery is the same in both acts.

THE SCOUTS.

Our numbers this term are slightly more than last, viz., 69, three scouts having left us, and there are 6 new recruits. Instruction classes are in full swing, a new feature being courses of lectures, attendance at which is quite optional. We are in hopes at last of having some first-class scouts, as several have nearly completed the required tests.

They were inspected, with other troops belonging to the Worksop Association, on February 22nd, at the Drill Hall, Worksop, by Lieut.-Col. Sir Launcelot Rolleston, K.C.B., D.S.O., County Commissioner for Notts. Some of us took part in the display of scoutcraft which was part of the proceedings, and the Inspecting Officer won our hearts by his interest and helpful words. We must not forget the serious side of our scouting—that of equipping ourselves, in the fullest sense, for our duties as citizens.

We are all looking forward to the promised visit of The Chief Scout ("B.P."), on May 6th. There is to be a great Rally, probably at the College, of all the troops belonging to the Worksop Association. In view of this we do not wish to think that we come behind any other troop in efficiency and smartness, and we want every scout to feel that the credit of the troop is in his hands. It is only by the keenness of the individual that our smartness as a Troop will be attained.

The date of the Summer Camp is July 29th to Aug. 5th, and we hope that all will be able to attend.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

A debate was held on February 2nd, when A. N. Broad introduced a Bill "To empower doctors, under certain conditions, to relieve incurable sufferers from their distress by

the infliction of a painless death." He spoke with feeling and emotion of the agonies which some people, stricken with an incurable malady, are compelled to undergo, and advocated a system, under satisfactory State and legal supervision, by which they might, if their consent were obtained, be relieved from their suffering by a painless death. He scoffed at the idea that this might be a dangerous practice, and concluded his speech with a vivid description of the sufferings of an incurable.

T. P. A. Cross opposed the Bill, and speaking with lucidity and power, urged that such a measure would be bound to introduce the opportunity for shady tactics on the part of unscrupulous and impatient heirs.

H. L'Ami seconded the proposer, and supported his theories with forceful arguments. C. L. M. Brown seconded the opposition, condemning the Bill as justifying suicide, and urged its expulsion as the only course open.

G. Kirkbride next spoke for the Bill, and advanced the right of every man to decide whether or no he should live. "Liberty" he observed, "is everything." Other speakers were J. M. R. L. Harrison (for the Bill), N. S. Griffiths, R. A. Ker, and J. C. Cowgill, Esq. (against).

On a motion being taken, the Bill was declared lost by 8 votes to 3.

CHAPEL NOTES.

The panelling is now completed, except for the four stalls to be used by the Bishops of Lichfield and Southwell, the Headmaster and the Chaplain. The carving for these is now in hand. The improvement is extraordinary, and the oak seems to have improved the sound a good deal, and lessened the echo.

Good serviceable curtains have been hung across the entrance to the ante-chapel, and it is now possible to use the small altar for voluntary celebrations.

The Old Boys have very kindly given us a donation of £10 towards the Furnishing Fund. We are very grateful for this money, and are having a green frontal made, which will have the School arms and motto on it.

Also the large west end window is being filled with stained glass. This is a gift from the Fellows and others, in memory of the late Lord Mountgarret. It has been designed by C. E. Kempe & Sons.

We are realising increasingly our need of an Organ which we can hear. Mr. Harris gets wonderful results from the tiny one we have at present; but in a Chapel of this size and height a very much larger one is needed, if singing is to be kept under control.

Last term, Mr. Harris arranged a delightful Organ Recital, the programme of which is inserted. We thank everyone for the help they gave, and specially Mr. Van der Gucht for coming up from the town to sing; and the members of the Orchestra, who gave freely so much of their time to make the Recital the success it was. We hope this is the first of many.

S. Cuthbert's College Chapel, Worksop, Sunday, Nov. 17th, 1912, 8 p.m. Programme: 1. *Hymn* 302, A.M. 2. *The Heavens are telling* (Haydn), Orchestra and Chorus. 3. Song, *I know that my Redeemer liveth* (Handel), G. D. Coates. 4. Organ Solos, 1, 2. 5. Quartett, *God is a Spirit* (S. Bennett), Mrs. Grier, L. S. Winn, Mr. H. Van der Gucht, and Mr. Keel. 6. *War March of the Priests* (Mendelssohn). Orchestra. 7. Anthem, *Sun of my soul* (Newton), Organ and Chorus. 8. Song, *Holy City* (S. Adams),

L. S. Winn. 9. *The Lost Chord* (A. Sullivan), Mr. J. S. Keel.
 10. *Hallelujah* (Handel), Orchestra and Chorus. 11. *Hymn*
 379 A.M. F. W. Harris, Musical Director.

THE REW MEMORIAL WINDOW.—There is still a small debt of £4 10s. upon this window, which was placed in the Ante-Chapel to the memory of the late Charles Robert Rew. The cost of the window, which is by Messrs. C. E. Kempe & Co., was £65. By subscriptions of friends, Old Cuthbertians, Masters, and boys, the sum of £61 10s. was raised. £1 was spent in the postage and the printing of appeals. If there are still any Old Cuthbertians who would like to subscribe towards this fund, they should send their subscriptions to the Headmaster.

WORKSOP MISSION.

Nothing big has happened yet—nor will for some time yet. There was a School Meeting at the beginning of term to discuss the method of work. It was decided that as a School we should make ourselves responsible individually for *not less* than one shilling a term; and that we should try to send at the least £35 a year to Manchester.

In addition to this, the Chaplain will be glad to become the dumping ground for any and every kind of old clothing, boots, shoes, of all kinds. These things always fetch ready purchasers in the slums, especially as we cast off our things before they are really worn out.

If any of our readers will help the Mission by becoming annual subscribers, we shall be most grateful.

Extract from *S. Benedict's Church Magazine* :

“WORKSOP COLLEGE MISSION.—It has now been definitely decided that the College should take over the Boys' Club that has been so successfully initiated and sustained by

Mrs. Burrows and is at present known by the title of the Derby Lads' Club. The appointment of Professor Burrows to the headship of King's College, London, necessitates Mrs. Burrows giving up her great work in Manchester. It would be a sad thing indeed if her club had to be broken up, or had to be run upon undenominational lines. The College has come to a timely rescue. Premises will have to be found to accommodate some sixty boys, and the Rector is negotiating for the conversion of three houses in Marsland Street into club premises. The initial outlay will be fairly heavy. The cost of alterations will be about £20 and the annual rent about £35. Gas, heating and cleaning will be a biggish item as well. Many of the helpers will, I am glad to say, continue to give their services, and arrangements will be made to carry on the educational and technical classes, which form a special feature of the club. I am hoping that Mrs. Burrows may be able to induce some of her friends who have helped her with financial support to continue their subscriptions, and with the help of the College I hope the club may find itself on a fairly firm financial footing. I hope the club will be open about the middle of May. Meanwhile I commend the scheme to your prayers, and also to your generosity. Mrs. Burrows is most generously giving us all the club furniture, billiard table, games, etc. So a good deal of expense in starting our club in these directions will be saved."

PAPER-CHASES.

As in past years, the afternoon of Shrove Tuesday, February 4th, was devoted to a Paper-Chase. A. B. Browne and J. W. Lissett went as hares with 6 minutes start on the first game. They set an excellent course through Welbeck Park to the Manor Hills, returning across the foot of Sparken Hill to Green Lane. The first man in, J. S. Pearson, arrived two minutes after the hares.

The second Paper-Chase, which took place on Tuesday, February 25th, was restricted to the first 3 games. The hares, J. W. Lissett and B. V. R. Downman, with ten minutes' start, made straight for Clamcat Farm. From there the course bore to the right, and a mile or so further on there was a slight check. The trail was soon picked up however. It now led through Clumber Stream to the high road, which it followed to Normanton Inn. Here the four leaders of the pack—Rees max and ma, Harrison and Pearson—missed the trail and made for home. The others, however, picked it up again further down the road, and followed it to Apley Head. A short run through the wood on the left seems to have confused the hares, for on returning to the road, instead of bearing to the left towards Green Lane, they turned to the right and ran in the opposite direction! At Checker House Station they got their bearings again, and, guided by Manton Pit, made a bee-line for the College, covering some 16 miles instead of 9 as originally intended. Most of the pack followed the whole course, and considering the unexpected increase of distance, the running was very promising.

The first men home were R. A. Ker, F. G. Haagensen, W. Lester, and T. P. Cross.

The following day a short Paper-Chase was arranged for the junior games. The hares, E. Lord and P. A. Bapty, were accompanied by Mr. Rew. A four miles' course was set through Clumber woods.

"THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH."

I.

*WHEN the winter's snow is fleeting
'Fore the zephyrs soft and light,
And the crocuses are greeting
Everyone they know by sight ;
When the land awakes from slumber
And the world proceeds to crow,
Then I feel a something rising
In my breast (and just below).
Is it oceans of emotions
Which the vernal breezes blow
That so stir a Poet's fancy
That his hair begins to grow ?*

II.

*It is not. Though brier and blackthorn,
Pocked with green, are bursting out,
And no bush appears to lack thorn,
I have no desire to sprout.
When from ev'ry roving bramble,
From the roof-thatch and the tree,
Birds in wild harmonic chorus
Voice their gladsome melody.
Shall I chortle like some mortal
With intents "felo de se" ?
No, I won't. This birth of spring-tide
Wakens no response in me.*

III.

*Nature dons her new spring kirtle,
Not so I ; a modern bard
Has to think how long a shirt'll
Last at 1/2 a yard.
And in this inspiring season
Poets blossom out pell-mell,
For, though Spring brings forth its violets,
It brings something else as well ;
Empty purses, hordes of verses,
Which tired Editors expel.
With the land bret-ful of poems
My poor brain flow'rs will not sell.*

IV.

*Nay, that aching in my busom
Is no joy-chick, fain to hatch ;
Nor a tender bronchial tissue
Which the piercing west-winds catch.
Must I shout " Hip-pip for Springtime "
When the snows begin to melt ?
Must I gambol like a springbok
Struck with madness on the veldt ?
Will it lessen that impression
Of the season that I felt ?
No, to choke that empty longing,
To the tea-room, helter-skelter. C.L.M.B.*

A LETTER FROM INDIA.

The Conversion of S. Paul, 1913.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Last December's issue of the "Mag." contained a letter from the mission field—from China. Here's one from India and an O.C., can you spare room for its insertion in your next number? I dare say it would interest some of you to hear of this school full of Christian boys, just like yourselves excepting that their skin is two shades darker brown than all of yours at the end of Summer term and the swimming sports.

We number about 150, are situated bang in the middle of mighty Calcutta, and live in a beautiful open grass compound large enough to contain three junior footer grounds, two tennis and two badminton courts, besides the first game ground. Needless to say, such a situation is the envy of all the University Colleges in the city. We are walled in from the rumble and squeaks of the buffalo and bullock garys, by high walls covered with beautiful Indian creepers, with here and there a lanky cocoa-nut or stumpy palm tree growing out of the boys' gardens. The red-turbaned Dirwan (porter) at his lodge door salaams you as you drive in at the gates. True they don't burst open before you, worked by some mysterious subterranean power, but they form quite a noble entrance. The drive takes you up to a handsome building fronted by four massive Corinthian pillars and crowned by an elegant stone balustrade surrounding a flat roof, from which you get a wonderful view of the city. Well, so much for description. As I've just returned from a choir practice of the Sevenfold Amen, I'll tell you of our school services. Our Chapel, in the compound, is also the Parish Church. (The Vicar, a splendid type of the well educated Bengali Priest, would put it the other way round!). Here we have

daily Mattins, and every other Sunday our Choral Eucharist. The church is practically full every Sunday. On the Decani side sit the native women clad in their graceful sharis, and the little girls looking simply delicious in their gaudy colours, ear and nose ornaments. The school occupy the side aisle, and of course supply the choir—one of no mean ability I assure you—later in the term we are doing that ripping old anthem I learnt in the old Coll. choir, “Oh worship the King;” and you should have heard our carol service last Christmas! So pass on, we have this term divided the school into four houses. The names will be familiar. The Crown, Cross, Fleur-de-Lys, and Lion! Teams are now being busily discussed for the “Dorm. Cricket Matches” next week. I am busy painting 4 crests, and the boys all want their “colours” at once. The rivalry promises to be appalling. Besides cricket we have a first-rate soccer and hockey team, the former is very seldom beaten. I have just produced some boxing gloves, so there’ll be trouble for a day or two till they learn the art of hitting gently. Our Gym. is also well supplied, and we hope soon to give displays before admiring Pa’s and Ma’s on Speech Day. I can’t close without a word about the master’s life here. It is much the same as in England, but here a white man is a sahib, held in the highest respect, salaamed and nomuskad by everyone. [The lower school are being taught to salaam.—ED.] He has his own servant, clad in spotless white flowing robes and wearing his master’s crest on his turban. He is always smoking cigars [hear! hear!—ED.] which cost no more than cigarettes in England. He rises at 5-30 after taking “chota hagri” in bed, and after Chapel takes prep and has a swim in the bath with the boys. Breakfast at 6-30, then school till 4 o’clock, with breaks for Tiffin (lunch) and odd “quarter-breaks.” After tea, cricket and tennis till sundown, or training boys on the course. Dinner closes the day. I mustn’t enlarge upon this, but if ever you come out here

you'll remember the Indian fruits all your life. We then talk shop or enjoy our smokes to the strains of Gilbert and Sullivan from the school gramophone. It only remains to climb under a mosquito net and snore till the sun rises. Now just a word ere closing. What are you all going to do when you leave school? Read for Holy Orders many of you. Well if you want a really good preparation and a right royal time as well, come out here as I have done on the Short Service Scheme for two or three years—all exes. paid, return fare and all—and you'll have the time of your life. And lastly, if you want to support a mission in which you have a *personal* interest, bear in mind this school—so like dear old S. Cuthberts. By giving your mite you could save several young converts from the danger of relapsing again into the terrible toils of Hinduism or Mahommedanism.

BERNARD W. BEAN.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Cambridge, March 2nd, 1913.

Life here is always one of continual bustle and hurry as we vainly endeavour to find time to do all that we should like to do, and take part in all that interests us, but this term we would have required the assistance of a whirlwind to transport us from place to place, in order that we might attend all the events of the last two months.

Kirkbride's success at Magdalene came as splendid news, and we are looking forward to having him with us in October next. Let us hope he will not come alone, but bring with him more of that literary wealth of the VI.

Davis is now a full-fledged "Half Blue," and the rest of us have consequently been obliged to sink into insignificance owing to the prominent position that he now occupies in public eye. However, he richly deserves to be

chosen for the Varsity Boxing Team, for he boxed magnificently in the "Trials," and easily defeated his opponent in each of his two contests. He has not a particularly hard punch, but he is a very pretty boxer to watch, and has improved tremendously during the term.

He has been seen playing for Cats. II. at Hockey, and we are told breaks shins of opposing forwards at the rate of several a game. He himself, however, appears to have escaped uninjured. He wears pretty ties and looks as attractive as ever, and some times keeps appointments with a coach.

Malden is a most difficult person to write anything about more than once, as his life varies so little each term, and we always know that at a certain hour each day he will be doing precisely what he did the day before. We should like here, to give a time-table shewing how his time is spent, but on second thoughts it would perhaps be a little cruel to give away the poor man. He hopes soon to be elected Captain of the Emmanuel Hockey XI. A little time ago he is reported to have recited before a bevy of aged spinsters for the cause of charity, and tradition has it that he once sang at a similar gathering. That the latter is true, however, we really cannot believe.

Walton ever greets us with his smile when we meet him, and still poses as a specialist in neckwear. He is nothing if not optimistic, and he is a most refreshing person with whom to talk, in these days when everyone seems to be a pessimist. Rowing we understand he has entirely renounced, despite the fact that he was asked to stroke a Selwyn boat. Hockey, fortunately, still possesses an attraction for him, else we should begin to fear for his health owing to lack of exercise, and the Selwyn side generally shews him playing forward. It is a building not far from his rooms, however, which has a really magnetic influence upon him,

for he will enter its portals upon the merest excuse. To the uninitiated, the reason for this great interest is unknown, and we must not divulge it.

Concerning Curtis we hear practically nothing. We believe that he was seen being "tubbed," and we think that we saw him in K.P. one day, but all his actions seem shrouded in mystery. Everyone we ask says he isn't sure that it was Curtis who did such and such a thing, and so we are unable to give any authentic information about him.

Rogerson is still intoxicated with things Cambridge and daily grows more loquacious, and finds it hard to realise why he is almost alone in his blind worship of the Soccer Ball, and bitterly regrets the prominence given to Hockey this term. He hopes shortly to have some of his drawings reproduced in "The Granta," and in this we wish him all luck.

Cantab."

BY ANOTHER HAND.

Of Pickett, reports gradually filter through to us. His personal idiosyncrasies, we understand, are in no way modified through his sojourn at Peterhouse. He wears pink pyjamas, has grape-nuts for breakfast, and still remains the individual of whom Shakespeare's Tubal is a perfect caricature.

Some days ago, in consequence of a report as to his health, we had occasion to visit him, "Fama publica" credited him with a weak heart, but we were inclined to be sceptical—certainly we had seen him at Newnham. Anyhow we found him in bed.

He discoursed with his usual perspicacity on his fortunes good and bad. As secretary of hockey no doubt he had hopes of the captaincy in the near future, but what perturbed him most was the continued censure of the Musical Society

on his work as Secretary. If perchance he had been a little remiss in keeping the minutes, surely that was no reason why he should so narrowly escape further censure for producing a false balance sheet!

We hastened to console him, and incidentally to rejoice with him on his recent distinction in the hockey world: for be it known he has lately become a "Wanderer."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Knowing your hospitable way of offering your columns to all in doubt and perplexity, I take up my pen to open to you my woes. Perhaps you, sir, or one of your wide circle of learned readers, may be able to give me a little help.

You must know then that I am shortly to engage in a contest in the noble and manly art of self-defence, and I am to go down as a "tight"-weight. Unfortunately I was discovered to exceed the limit for this division by a good half-stone, and I may as well tell you, sir, that I am a growing lad. From this springs all my trouble. I, who in my day could regularly consume two gallons of porridge in the morning and a pound of meat at mid-day, am now put on a Lenten diet of oatmeal biscuits, apples, and a slice or two of lean beef. This, sir, is all to the intent of preventing increase (I said before I was a growing lad). But I must further effect a large decrease, and to this end the means are many, various, and uniformly painful. In the first place, in addition to my ordinary dress, I am to wear ten collar studs, a dozen sock suspenders, five pairs of braces, and a pair of spats, to promote perspiration. Then, I have to run eight miles a day in four pairs of shorts and five sweaters, spend two hours with a punch ball, and two hours in the gymnasium boxing pit-lads. Indeed, I hear that the supply of colliers in

neighbouring pits is already seriously curtailed, and a new panel of doctors has been framed to deal with the cases that have arisen.

As to food, I can assure you, with my hand upon my heart, that the Tea-Room has been to me as the snares of evil, and all such fleshly lures as pork pies or pikelets I have rigorously eschewed.*

Now I protest, sir, all this I might make shift to endure, if I were only sure of success by these means. But such are the vicissitudes of mortal existence, that I hardly know from one moment to another whether I am a welter weight or a bantam. For instance, the other day my hopes ran high; I dropped 3lbs. so violently, while standing in the orderly room, as to cause serious damage to my instructor's toe, and the sentiments he felt constrained to utter on the occurrence were such as to reduce my weight 3lbs. further. But all to no purpose. That same night I had a delightful dream of a breakfast consisting of porridge, sausages, and ham and eggs. I awoke with a violent start, to find myself on the floor. The bed had given way, and it was found next morning that my weight had increased by two stones. This, sir, is but a sample of what with me is a daily occurrence, and I am dying to know from someone in what weight I am finally to box.

Yours, etc.,

VARIUM ET MUTABILE.

O.C. NEWS.

We were pleased to receive a flying visit from W. H. F. Flowers, on his way to Montreal; also from B. Biggin, just returned from Canada.

* Is this a printer's rendering of "vigorously chewed"?

R. V. Patrick came to see us at the beginning of term, and S. E. W. Rees and A. F. Greeves came over with the Lincoln Hostel "Soccer" team, the former as captain.

C. L. J. Rees has gone into residence at S. Chad's Hall, Durham.

Our heartiest congratulations to J. W. F. McNaught Davis, of S. Catherine's, Cambridge, upon his victory in the Inter-'Varsity Boxing Contests.

ANNALS.

VALETE.—*E. H. Payne* (Fleur-de-Lys), Upper VI.th, Prefect, Captain of Swimming, 1911-12, Shooting VIII. Senior Colourman 1910-11-12, Winner of the Mellish Shooting Cup, 1912, Gym. VIII., 1911-12, 2nd XI. Football Captain, 1912. *A. K. Linton* (Fleur-de-Lys), 1st XI. Football, 1912, 2nd XI. Cricket Colourman, 1912. *E. Y. Wadeson* (Lion), Upper VI.

Congratulations to the two new Prefects, C. L. M. Brown and H. C. Jackman.

Congratulations to G. F. G. Rees on his election to be Captain of Cricket, and to A. B. Browne, the new Captain of Running.

G. Kirkbride has gained an Open Scholarship in Modern History at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

E. H. Payne has gained a Bursary at Hooton Pagnell.

Navy League Essay Prizes were awarded last term to G. Kirkbride (Senior), subject: "The influence of the Navy on English History, 1399—1603"; and to E. L. Thomas (Junior), subject: "The Elizabethan Seamen."

The Form Prizes last term went to C. J. Crawley, Upper VI.; C. H. Steemson, V^c.; R. H. McTurk, Upper IV^c.; C. Stent, Lower IV^c.; J. C. Hutchby, Upper IV^m.; C. R. Cowling, Lower IV^m.; N. S. Macdonald, III.; L. Gyles, II.

The Junior Dormitory Football League was won by the Crown, who were successful in all their matches.

New Boys :

Ainsworth, Hubert Gerald	Fleur-de-Lys
Burbank, John Henry	Fleur-de-Lys
Cooper, Edwin Marcus Lewis	Crown
Coulman, John Edward	Fleur-de-Lys
Foster, Leslie	Fleur-de-Lys
Greasley, Kenneth Henry	Fleur-de-Lys
Monkhouse, John Parry	Crown
Pallister, Arthur	Preparatory
Rodrigo, Robert	Preparatory
Thomas, Philip Ernest Jack	Crown
Yeardley, Thomas	Fleur-de-Lys

Dormitory (Lion) Football Colours have been awarded to J. W. Lissett, H. W. Crowther, A Williamson, and A. Panting.

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