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## EDITORIAL.

**A**N eminent modern writer has told us that "there is no such thing as an uninteresting subject," an epigram with which we who are responsible for an editorial heartily concur. To us there is nothing more fiendishly exciting than the concoction of "a few well chosen words" upon the events of a term, and if our readers persist in getting no further than the second paragraph we don't condemn ourselves as bores, but put them down as uninterested.

Could any carping critic witness—Puck-like—our frenzied efforts to get the results of forty-two days into half as many lines, he could not fail to be interested in the mingled flow of ink and rhetoric which is expended in the production thereof. So many and various are the things we ought to harp upon that, as much learning makes some

people mad (no one here need fear this), so excess of material causes the little rift in the lute which makes our music dumb. Well might the unseen onlooker imagine in this place of wrath and tears, an editorial chorus to emerge from the maze of rejected MSS. and blotting paper, chanting dolefully

*"And every tongue, through utter drought,  
Was withered at the root ;  
We could not speak, no more than if  
We had been choked with soot."*

So, O reader, we will proceed to choke you, but with something even more unpalatable than grime, with things which you know far more about than do we.

The last half of the Easter Term is always dominated by Running, Boxing, and Sports, excellent things in themselves and altogether desirable so long as we don't take them too seriously.

The Running VIII. has come up against one very excellent club, and the defeat was quite as honourable to us as the battle of Fontenoy. Congratulations to our Running Captain upon a team which is so evenly balanced and which evinces such ardent energy.

Now it is that the editorial becomes exciting, because, unless we are very circumspect we may be "right hooked" for our delinquencies. To come to the point, boxing enthusiasts have had their last fling—and a jolly good one too—in the final dorm. competitions. Pluck and skill were by no means in abeyance, and we felt that we were witnessing some really good fighting, though mere outsiders are ignorant alike of "side-steps" and "clinches," and all the other jargon of the ring which has become so familiar of late.

Hearty congratulations to the Aldershot people, who maintained our reputation among our peers: it could scarcely have been in safer hands as events turned out.

The Sports promise to be quite up to the level of former years, but we will not commit ourselves by any premature prophecies.

Fives has made some progress of late, and though better management might have been shown in the arrangement of matches, the games have been most interesting and have provided unpleasant surprises for some people.

Now for some "grousing." We pride ourselves on our all round energy in sport, and cite boxing, fives, gym., etc., as examples: but Hockey is unknown here. It is quite one of the spot things at the 'Varsity this term, yet a School which is continually sending men up to Cambridge cannot produce even one game a term. Why so? We invite correspondence on the subject.

This is comparatively—but only comparatively—an off term for the O.T.C. It is a time of quiet preparation for the first week of August. Certificate "A" results are awaited with eagerness by many, and by some with the knowledge that "hope deferred . . ." etc.

Congratulations to Section One of A Company on their well deserved position.

Finally, ere we go our several ways for a well earned rest, we would quote you a few of Robert Browning's charming lines on this month of promise, to give a fillip to holiday air and to remind you that soon we shall be full in the joys of the Summer Term; for now that April's here—

" . . . . *Whoever wakes in England  
Sees some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England—now !*"

## FOOTBALL.

## CLUB MATCH.

*Sheffield Municipal Officers.*

This, the last match of the season, was played at home on March 8th. A strong wind favoured the visitors in the first half and enabled them to get through twice. We seemed unable to settle down properly and an unusual lack of combination was evident in the forward line. At half-time Sheffield appeared to be in winning vein. Resumption of play, however, found the home team much improved, and the visitors' goal underwent a severe but ineffectual bombardment. Ten minutes after half time the wind dropped and the game became very fast, while some delightful passing in midfield sent our forward line into the penalty area. We then scored twice in quick succession and soon after went in front with a long low shot which gave their goalkeeper no chance.

Over confidence, however, nearly proved our undoing, for two unexpected and brilliant shots sent them ahead again. In the ten minutes of desperate play remaining we managed to equalise, and thus staved off what would have been an inexcusable defeat.

The halves played prettily and with confidence, and Alcock's brilliance more than counterbalanced the occasional mistakes of the wings. The forwards improved just in time to be useful, and Coulman at back was quite sound. Final score 4—4.

*Team.*—J. M. R. Harrison (goal), J. Coulman, 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).

## REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

Our prospects at the beginning of the season were most dismal. With two colourmen left and only about four others who had even played in the second team, we were faced with the possibility of a succession of humiliating disasters. The possibility materialised at first in three successive defeats. Sheffield beat us very badly and it was a most unfortunate first fixture. Against Notts. the team did splendidly, but a defeat by Retford on our own ground—absolutely unprecedented, we believe—gave us the impression that after all the Notts. showing was a mere flash in the pan. Happily the impression was not confirmed, for the team gradually righted itself and the remainder of the season produced eminently satisfactory results, with the exception of a very bad second half display against Sheffield. The defeat of Notts. on our own ground was particularly welcome, coming as it did after some years of complete lack of success against them.

Personally, we have little hesitation in assigning the improvement to Rees, who captained the team. During the last few seasons we have been handicapped by captains who, whatever their merits as players, have not been sufficiently interested to exert themselves in the production of a good side. Rees was not of this type, and he called for more general keenness and effort, and the response was most gratifying. From a purely playing point of view, too, he was considerably in advance of his immediate predecessors, and perhaps that gave his side more confidence.

In goal Harrison could have been of tremendous value to the side, if he had been fit to turn out more often. After a number of experiments, J. W. Lissett became the usual goalkeeper, and he improved a lot and was fairly safe towards the end of the season. But there is no doubt that in goal we have been badly let down on a number of occasions. The backs were very inconsistent. With Rees as his partner, Jackman was developing into a sound and

almost dashing back. But when Rees went forward he seemed to lose confidence and his hesitation in tackling cost goals. Rees, as a back, was excellent, and probably the best we have had since the days of Pratt. Coulman should be very useful, with a little more dash and knowledge of the game. The halves were the best part of the team. Alcock was really good and a splendid worker. The same remarks apply to Browne, whose pace served him splendidly. Walton did well at first but fell off later. He is vigorous and passes well to his outside man, but is lacking in pace and judgment. The forwards were unsatisfactory at first, but Rees, coming up from back, put new life and hope into them. Lissett and Rees ma. are both neat, fairly speedy, and fair shots. Brown was very good occasionally, but very often seemed hopelessly at sea. He would do better at inside left, as his tendency is to move on to that wing from the centre. Evans was too slow to be of much use as outside left, but Williamson should be very useful indeed. Rees max. passes too much to a wing, but shoots well, moves quickly and straight ahead.

The second team was a very bad one, the worst we have ever had. For the last match of the season we had a goalkeeper who knew something about the game, and Stephenson should be of use in the future. The backs were very poor indeed, and the halves too slow to be of much use. Griffiths and Armstrong have improved. The forwards were the best part of the team, but had few chances. Panting and Dixon were the best; Baldock should have done better.

Amongst the Juniors the Crown were a really good side, Coates and Stephenson being especially good. The Cross had also a good side, with Furness and Hall ma. very useful. Wallis, of the Lion, accomplished good work for a rather weak side.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Whitley for again taking over the control of these games.

## FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

## FIRST ELEVEN.

\**G. F. G. Rees* (Captain) (full-back and inside-right). Playing back at the beginning of the season, he accomplished excellent work; in this position he kicked cleanly and surely, and tackled soundly, but was a trifle slow. As a forward he improved immensely, pulling the line together and shooting excellently. As captain he has been most successful.

\**R Alcock* (centre-half). Quite the best centre-half we have had for some time. He has played most consistently throughout the season; his kicking, tackling, and heading are excellent. His passing, although very good, is apt to be placed too far forward.

\**A. B. Browne* (left-half). A good energetic half; makes excellent use of his weight. His passing and tackling are good; but he is inclined to hang too far back.

\**O. T. Walton* (right-half). Played an excellent game for the first half of the season, then for some reason, seemed to lose all interest in the game. Does not mark his out-side properly, and continually spoils good work by over-kicking his forwards in attempts to score from long range.

\**C. L. M. Brown* (centre-forward). A good forward who makes use of his speed. Is a very good shot with his left foot. Does not go straight enough, and should play with more determination.

\**H. C. Jackman* (left-back). Has improved considerably since last year. A reliable back, kicking well with both feet. His tackling is very good, although sometimes he hesitates too long.

†*L. Lissett* (outside-right). Although greatly handicapped by his size, has played some excellent games this season. He places his centres with good judgment, but is inclined to dribble back with the ball. A good shot.

*A. K. Linton* (right-outside). A useful forward. Centres well and is a fair shot. Also occasionally played right back and met with fair success.

†*J. M. R. L. Harrison* (goal). An excellent goal-keeper in all respects. Has been of great use to the team when he thought himself fit to turn out—which has been very occasionally.

†*C. B. R. Rees* (inside-left). Improved greatly as the season went on. Passes very well and is a fair shot; should be very useful next year.

†*H. J. Evans* (outside-left). Started well but fell off towards the end of the season. Centres well with his left foot, but is very slow, and often fails to keep the ball in play.

†*H. Coulman* (right back). Came as a pleasant surprise this term. Is a strong and safe kick. His tackling is very good, but like his partner, is inclined to hesitate too long, and to hang too far back.

#### SECOND ELEVEN.

†*E. H. Payne* (centre-half). Rather an erratic half. Works hard and tackles well, but his passing is weak.

†*N. S. Griffiths* (right-back and centre-half). Tackles well and has a strong kick. As centre-half, keeps his forwards well together, but is too clumsy for the position.

†*A. Williamson* (outside-left). When he exerts himself is a very useful forward. Is an excellent shot and centres well.

†*J. W. Lissett* (inside-left). Has good control of the ball, but lacks pace. Has kept goal very well on occasion.

†*W. F. T. Dixon* (inside-right). Would be a good forward, but is handicapped by his lack of size. Controls and passes the ball well, but is a weak shot.



†*H. Baldock* (centre-forward). At times plays very well. Should learn to get his passes more forward. Is a fair shot.

†*W. J. Armstrong* (left-half). A good half, who works hard and feeds his forwards well, but has the common fault of lying too far back.

*L. S. Winn* (right-half). An energetic half. His tackling is good, but must learn to keep the ball on the ground when passing.

*F. G. Danby* (right-half). Has not been a great success. Has a strong kick with his left, but is not sure. Should learn to "go in" more.

*H. Crowther* (right-back). Tries hard but is too erratic.

*W. B. Rushton* (goal). Can play well when he tries; but is not consistent enough to be of much use.

*A. Stephenson* (goal). A promising goal-keeper who should be very useful next year.

*A. Panting* (outside-right). Centres well and has plenty of dash. Should be a lot of use when he has more confidence in himself.

*W. H. Hall* (outside-right). Too small to be of any great use at present, but has the makings of a good forward.

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

### O.T.C.

The conditions of the Competition for the Challenge Cup presented by Captain Hall are given below :

1. Period. The Competition will be held annually, during the Summer Term.

2. Teams. Teams to consist of one N.C.O. and 12 men selected from each Dormitory.

3. Marks. Marks to be allocated or deducted at the discretion of the Examining Officer. The maximum to be 400, and to be apportioned as follows:—A. Turn Out and General Smartness: 100. B. Close Order Drill including Manual: 100. C. Field Work. 1. Extended Order Drill. 2. Fire Control. 3. Fire Discipline. 4. Intelligence of N.C.O. and capacity for command. 5. Judging Distance. 6. Indication of Targets: 150. D. Movement of Squads from point to point. 1. Distance: Two Miles. 2. Dress: Marching Order, *i.e.*, Rifle, Belt and Sidearms, Water-bottle, Haversack and 50 rounds Ammunition. 3. Formation: Any Military. 4. Deciding Factor: Time. 1st, 50; 2nd, 30; 3rd, 15. Maximum number of Marks: 400.

N.B.—With regard to “D.,” it is not intended that this exercise should be taken as a Field or Tactical test, as the deciding factor is TIME only.

The Section Drill Competition took place on Tuesday, April 1st. Details will be given in the next number of the Magazine.

The Section Shooting Competition, Miniature Range, took place on Friday, April 4th.

The Oral Examination of Certificate A candidates took place on Monday, April 7th. After the Examination the proficiency of Drummers and Buglers for the Section Competition was tested.

Some Field Operations took place on Saturday, March 22nd, in conjunction with King Edward VII.'s School, Sheffield. The scheme worked fairly satisfactorily, but the day was spoilt by the rain.

Orthoptic Sights have been purchased for the use of the Shooting VIII.

The Annual Inspection by the War Office is fixed for Thursday, July 3rd.

Camp begins this year on Tuesday, July 29th. The Contingent will be in Camp on Salisbury Plain.

## THE SCOUTS.

We are really making a desperate effort to ensure our share of the Chief Scout's Rally on May 6 being a success. The Rally will be at the College, and as it is so soon after our return to School the various selected squads are putting in every available minute at practice.

We are to be responsible for erecting a double lock trestle bridge, and this squad will, we feel confident, do itself and the Troop credit, provided that the lashings are kept in practice during the holidays. We have also to give a display of Morse code signalling, and here again, as also in the Semaphore signalling, we must keep our hands in while we are away from School. In fact, at present, the prospects of the Troop doing itself full justice and rising to the occasion are most hopeful. The holidays would be a drawback if we were not confident of the keenness of the individual Scouts responsible for the display.

The Summer Camp will be in Welbeck Park this year, thanks to the kindness of the Duke of Portland, and the date, as announced in our last issue, will be July 29—Aug. 5. Full particulars will be announced early next term, and it is hoped that every Scout will endeavour to attend the Camp.

## PAPER-CHASES.

On Thursday, March 13th, the third and last Paper-chase was run. A. B. Browne and C. B. R. Rees set a really excellent course of about six miles. It went past the Bulldog Lodge and through Welbeck Park to Scotland Farm, returning along the Gallop and through the Chestnut Woods. J. W. Lissett, the first man home, ran splendidly. He was followed by Downman, Harrison, and Danby.

The previous day Mr. Rew, E. H. Lord, and P. Bapty had run as hares in a Junior Paper-chase. When within sight of the College the leaders left the trail and were disqualified, making Macdonald and Hall mi first to come in.

### RUNNING MATCHES.

The Running Match against King Edward VII. School was held on March 19, and resulted in a very close contest, the visitors winning by only two points. The course, about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles, started down Green Lane and returned through Clumber Woods. The result was as follows:

<i>Sheffield.</i>		<i>Worksof.</i>	
1	Matthews	4	A. B. Browne
2	Arridge	5	J. W. Lissett
3	Baldwin	6	C. B. V. Downman
7	Flint	8	G. F. G. Rees
12	Battersby	9	J. M. R. Harrison
13	Brooks	10	F. G. Danby
14	Harrow	11	C. B. R. Rees
15	Farrar	16	J. S. Pearson
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Time: 42 minutes 24 seconds.

A second Running Match took place on March 29th, against W. E. G. Walker's team. The same course was followed as against Sheffield, but each team ran only six men. We lost by 30 points to 48.

Our order was: 5 J. W. Lissett, 6 A. B. Browne, 7 B. V. R. Downman, 9 C. B. R. Rees, 10 J. M. R. Harrison, 11 G. F. G. Rees. Time: 41 minutes.

### THE MILE.

This race was won by Browne max in  $5-14\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, on April 2nd. It was perfect weather for the event except for a stiffish cross wind, which may account for only an average time.

Browne got away at once, intent on making the pace, with Lissett max, Rees max, and Downman about five yards behind. At the end of the first lap the order was the same, the whole field going easily. Soon, however, the pace became too hot for the two latter men of the leading four, and in the second lap Rees ma and Danby took their places. Browne was now well ahead, going strong, and seemingly as fresh as paint, while Lissett was quite happy. In the third lap the order was as before, except that Rees ma and Danby changed places. These positions were maintained to the end. Browne romped home easily, with Lissett a safe second, and Danby beat Rees ma on the tape with a foot to spare after a thrilling sprint. The rest of the field came up in good style with Downman quite the best.

### THE DORMITORY RACE.

This year the race entered upon a new phase of its existence, for with a cup of its own it has become an independent event, contributing no marks towards the Sports Flag. Accordingly those who assembled in the North Field on April 5th did so with the knowledge that they were out to win or lose; the "runner-up" would glean nothing except honour.

When at long last the hands of the clock had crept round to 2-30 it was the Headmaster's signal which broke up the thin dazzling line of straggling colour and sent the school in two long streams to the green lane, that historic path which breaks the back of the race. Very soon many groups of white became distinct, and ere the Keeper's Cottage turn is reached, the tangled crush has resolved itself into a successive stream of panting humanity. Far away in front a few leaders are slowly creeping ahead, led by one in whom a panting junior recognises the familiar stride of the captain of Running.

As yet the pace is not fast; each runner knows instinctively that the worst is yet to come, and then the trained and untrained men will separate. So the bend is reached, and dimly through the trees one may see the probable "first thirty," among whom the dark red stripe of the Lion is significantly predominant, although the very first are chiefly Fleur-de-Lys.

And now the hardest part of the race begins down the long stretch leading to the Keeper's Cottage. Some are running easily, confident in the security of perfect physical fitness. Others gasp and roll and gaze wildly around, feeling the retribution of many pleasant hours in the tea-room. But still the red forges ahead, and right at the back there are few colours except the black and yellow of the Cross and Crown: but all these are running themselves to a standstill, kept going by sheer will-power rather than mere capability of the body.

Just in front of the Chapel a little group of watchers gaze anxiously down the East Fields where the race will end. Suddenly a cry breaks from one of them, and the excitement becomes general as one dot of white bursts into view. It is Browne max. seventy yards ahead of the "runner-up," winning the race in 24 minutes 15½ seconds. He comes in easily, but little the worse for wear. Harrison is the second man, the dark-horse of the race; with him it is more a case of "will," for he is obviously done as he passes between the flags down the well-known gangway. And now a little group of Fleur-de-Lys men raise the hopes of their supporters but they are followed by runner after runner of the Lion, and it seems ages ere the blues and reds give way to the blacks and yellows.

Near the Keeper's Cottage the bulk of the runners are calling up their final reserve, and the steady patter of many feet tells how quick the pace is getting in this last frenzied effort. Up those never-to-be-forgotten fields the long stream passes, filtering through the gates, and the red and the black, the yellow and the blue are intermingled in indescribable confusion. At last the leaders of the van can see the end, and as the familiar sights burst into view a few make a last despairing effort, and sink happily on the turf with the sure knowledge that, however good or bad their place may be, they have given their best for the honour of their dorm.

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An hour after the race was over I met a small boy near the big notice board. He was making funny noises in his throat; his eyes glistened with unusual glee; his face was red with much shouting—! his badge was also red . . . . .

That was how I knew the Lion had won.

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The dorms. were placed as follows: Lion, Fleur-de-Lys, Cross, Crown.

## BOXING AND FENCING CLUB.

The School was represented at Aldershot by W. J. Armstrong, bantam; G. F. G. Rees (Captain) feather; O. T. Walton, light; R. Alcock, welter. Sergt.-Instr. J. Ott and Instr. C. Wardle acted as their seconds.

### BANTAMS.

Armstrong met Earle (Tonbridge). A capital bout. Earle was the heavier by 6 lbs. They exchanged punch for punch for the first four minutes. Very little separated them in the third round; Earle showed himself to be a little the stronger with both hands, and was given the verdict by a narrow margin of points.

## FEATHERS.

Rees met Walters (Bedford). The first round was hotly contested. Rees scored well with some clever double handed hitting. In the second round Rees was dropped for 5 seconds by a right-cross counter, but he came up well and later with two similar punches put his opponent down for the full count.

Rees met Rogers (St. Paul's) in the Semi-final, and won this bout on points by good all-round work; his side-stepping was particularly successful.

Rees met Sheldon (Hailebury) in the final, and the subsequent fight was perhaps the star bout of the competition. Both men were very clever, and fought at a great pace. Little divided them at the end of the second round, and early in the third round Sheldon nearly fell a victim to a smart side-step by Rees, but kept in at the Worksop man, and after a very hard fought round was declared champion feather by a very narrow margin. Rees was awarded the silver medal.

## LIGHTS.

Walton met Elliot (Clifton). The pace set by the Clifton man was very hard, but Walton was by no means idle, and plied both hands with some success. At the beginning of the third round points were level, but Elliot started well, and after a very vigorous and plucky round was declared the winner on points. It is interesting to note that the Clifton man went through to the final and annexed the light-weight championship without much opposition.

## WELTERS.

Alcock met Anderton (Repton). Both men turned the scale at 10 st. 6 lbs. In the first round Alcock was twice floored by Anderton's heavy right. In the remaining rounds Alcock settled down to make up his arrears of points, and fought at a great pace. He did very well, and at the call of time was not far behind. The Repton man had the harder



punch, which stood him in good stead. He reached the final where he lost to Kirkwood (Clifton) after a level fight.

#### DORMITORY BOXING COMPETITIONS.

The semi-finals and challenges were fought on March 24th and 25th, and the finals on March 27th before a large and enthusiastic gathering.

#### JUNIORS.

Fly-weight. Shipp (Fl.) beat Cotterell (Cs.). Piggford ma (Ln.) beat Strudwick (Cn.).

In the final Shipp beat Piggford ma on points; both showed excellent form, but the winner had the larger reach and a useful double punch.

Bantam-weight. Wallis (L.) beat Matthews (Cn.) after a very close contest. Hall ma (Cs.) beat Kirk (Fl.) easily.

Challenge. Hall ma beat Matthews after two extra rounds; both were completely played out.

Final. Hall ma beat Wallace after a brisk encounter in which Hall set the pace. Hall used his right with good effect, and his superior foot-work put him ahead.

Feather-weight. Coates (Cn.) beat Furness (Cs.) on points after a level fight. Houghton (L.) beat Palmer (Fl.) after giving away a lot in reach and weight.

Challenge. Furness beat Houghton easily on points.

Final. Coates beat Furness. Coates had the harder punch but Furness was very quick. Coates led on the first two rounds, but adopted rushing tactics in the third, and after a close extra round won by a narrow margin.

Silver Medals: Fly-weight, Shipp (Fl.); Bantam-weight, Hall ma (Cs.); Feather-weight, Coates (Cn.).

Junior Cup. Cross 15 points, Lion 10, Crown 10, Fleur-de-Lys 10. Judges' Points, Cross 46, Lion 36, Crown 25, Fleur-de-Lys 23.

## SENIORS.

Feather-weight. Lissett max (L.) beat Knowles (Cn.) on points after a close fight. Hall max (Cs.) beat Dixon ma (Fl.) on points.

Challenge. Lissett max beat Dixon ma on points.

Final. Lissett max beat Hall max on points after a stiff fight. Hall gave away a lot in weight and reach.

Light-weight. Armstrong max (Cs.) beat Baldock ma (Cn.) on points after a well contested bout. Richardson (Fl.) beat Piggford max (L.) after two extra rounds, gaining the referee's casting vote.

Challenge. Armstrong max beat Piggford max on points; the winner monopolised the leading throughout.

Final. Armstrong beat Richardson on points after a rough fight. The Aldershot man was erratic and a little disappointing; the loser put up a very good fight.

Middle-weights. Rees max (Fl.) a bye. Walton max (L.) beat Browne max (Cs.) on points after a magnificent display of pluck and stamina by the loser.

Final. Rees max beat Walton max on points. Both men boxed at their very best, and the bout was splendidly contested. They used either hand freely, but Rees was the quicker, and cleverly avoided Walton's hard punch. This was quite the best bout of the competition; both winner and loser had a tremendous round of applause.

Silver Medals: Feather-weight, Lissett max (L.); Light-weight, Armstrong max (Cs.); Middle-weight, Rees max (Fl.).

Senior Cup. Fleur-de-Lys, 15 points, Cross 15, Crown 15. Judges points, Fleur-de-Lys,  $43\frac{1}{2}$ , Cross  $40\frac{3}{4}$ , Lion  $40\frac{3}{4}$ .

## FENCING.

In the absence of Ker max, Fish won the silver medal by easily beating R. S. Macfadyen.

J. McN. Davis, O.C., the Cambridge Light-weight, boxed an exhibition bout with Alcock, the school welter; both were very quick and gave a spirited display.

The Officials were: Referee, B. M. R. Denny; Judges, J. McN. Davis, Instr. Wardle, A.G.C. Timekeepers, J. S. Keel. M.C., Sergt.-Instr. Ott, A.G.C.

At the close of the evening, the cups and medals were presented by A. E. Elliott, Esq., who complimented the school on their boxing successes at Cambridge and Aldershot, and impressed upon them the value of boxing in the training of a man's character.

## LECTURES.

On Thursday, March 15th, Mr. Whitley gave a most interesting lecture on Explorations in the Antarctic. He began with a short summary of the geographical ideas of the ancient world with regard to the southern regions, and gradually traced the dawn of modern discovery, through the Portuguese King Henry the Navigator, Vasco da Gama, Magellan, Drake, and so on, till through Captain Cook he passed into modern times. He told us of Sir J. Clarke Ross, the discoverer of the Great Barrier Reef, and the insuperable difficulties which this gigantic glacier, for so it is, then presented. Finally, arriving at our own generation, he described the magnificent march of Lieut. Shackleton and his comrades, and gave us a brief chronicle of Captain Amundsen's successful conquest of the Pole, and the tragic expedition of Captain Scott. The latter part of the lecture, greatly to our disappointment, was unavoidably cut short, owing to the failure of the acetylene in the lantern apparatus. The whole lecture was illustrated by an admirable series of slides, drawn from photographs in the *Sphere* and other sources, which brought before us the excitements and perils of Polar exploration in the most delightful fashion.

It was no light task to cover so much ground in the short space of one lecture, but we venture to think that Mr. Whitley's clear and lucid statement left not one ambiguous point, and that not a boy in the room could have failed to appreciate the whole story.

On S. Cuthbert's day, which we observed on April 3, Mrs. Crawford gave us a most interesting and instructive lecture on the Balkan States, drawn entirely from her personal experiences and impressions. The lecturer had travelled in the peninsula prior to the outbreak of the war, a fact which lent additional interest to the subject.

In the course of the evening, Mrs. Crawford took us to all those places of which we had hitherto known little more than the mere names, but under her versatile management, they assumed newer, and more definite shapes, and we were made to realise the picturesque beauty of the land of the Serb, and the mediæval grandeur of his habitations. Prague, Vienna, Buda-Pesth, Belgrade—immortalised by that "Awful Austrian Army"—Semlin, the great fort of Semendria and Orsova were in turn discussed, and presented to us in a novel and living light. Again and again, like "the old familiar faces," we were confronted with names learnt in early childhood, and it was pleasant to be reminded that in these wondrous cities with their strangely chequered histories, there lived and worked such people as Trajan, Mattyas Corvinus, and Maria Theresa, and that—to cite but one instance—here one daily encountered living relics of the past, such as the Hungarian horsemen, round whom still lingers the memory of the terrible Hunnish tribes of fifth century fame.

Once only were we disillusioned and never again, we fear, can we wax sentimental in a dimly lit conservatory to the strains of the "Blue Danube," now that we have been assured that the usual colour of the great European waterway is light gray, with an occasional variation of dirty brown.

The lecturer concluded with a masterly summary of the political horrors which have been perpetrated in the Peninsula, and with a prophecy of the passing away of the great Turkish Empire. "It would seem that the vultures which have gathered to prey on the carcase have turned to pecking and clawing one another." With these ominous words Mrs. Crawford concluded a lecture for which we have to thank her most heartily, since it was both interesting and instructive—two virtues which do not always go together in lectures.

### LIBRARY NOTES.

We regret to say that the subscriptions towards the buying of papers and periodicals gets less and less every term. We wish to thank those boys who still regularly subscribe.

Of the new books put in the Library this term, 11 were bought from Library Funds, 3 were presented by Miss St. John Hunt, 6 by the Chaplain, and 8 were presented anonymously. Our thanks are due to those who have so kindly presented them.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The workings of the undergraduate mind are truly marvellous. The two ancient Universities are often cited, and sometimes condemned, as beyond all other places the homes of tradition; the old boys of most schools, when they find their way to the 'Varsity, usually take a pride in maintaining some tradition by which they may be kept in touch with their old school, and give it some assistance. It has been left for this latter age, and Old Cuthbertians, to devise and openly avow a new and astonishing kind of "tradition," that of boycotting the Old Boys' Club and the School Magazine. I should like to know, sir, when and how this "tradition," neither old nor venerable, arose. It certainly

was unknown to the older generations of O.C.s, neither was it known to the more recent generation, which has just gone down; at least they took, as you, sir, can bear me out, the seemingly revolutionary step of becoming regular subscribers. I am left with only one explanation: that the present handful of second year men and freshmen have by their own unaided effort inaugurated and launched this precious triumph of public school tone. I am intensely curious to know the motives for this spirited achievement, and whence springs this sudden distaste for any connexion with their old school. Can it be that amid the gay life of one of the world's chief Universities, of which we are sometimes almost given to understand they form the centre, amid their engaging companions from Eton, Harrow, Winchester, and the other splendid foundations of the past, they are apt to forget the less glorious place of their intellectual origin, a mere modern growth of no present fame? Or is it that when they have completed their expenses for the year, and settled up for the socks, bows, and pyjamas of which we hear so much, they can no longer find so much money as they might in a generous moment give as a tip to a cabman, in order to keep in touch with what goes on at the school to which a few terms ago they belonged? Or has the *Cuthbertian*, perchance, so much degenerated since some of them gave up the charge of it, that it no longer, in the expressive parlance of Sheffield, "gives value for cost." But enough of this miserable business. I trust that I have said enough to make some of our "tradition"-mongers ashamed of this vinegary extract of gooseberry that goes down with them as fine old crusted Toryism, or at least to warn future freshmen, who may go up from here, against this latest phase of the jackass flaunting the lion's hide.

I remain, Sir, yours, "STICKLER."

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for any of the opinions expressed in these columns.]

## O.C. NEWS.

This term we have had the pleasure of visits from J. W. F. Mc Naught Davis, H. L. Jackson, J. Kirkwood, on his way to Valencia, Spain; A. N. G. Wood, B. Wooler, and H. H. W. Bean.

R. C. Vernon sailed for South Africa on April 5th.

B. Biggin has returned to Canada after a short visit home.

Rew Memorial Window. The Headmaster begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions since the last issue of the *Cuthbertian*, £2, £1 1s., 17s. 6d., 5s., total £3 13s. 6d. There now only remains 17s. 6d. to wipe off the deficit.

We were pleased to see W. E. G. Walker with a cross country team this term.

H. Chesterman's hasty visit from town was an unexpected pleasure. We were also delighted to welcome H. Cadman from Denstone.

The annual dinner for Old Cuthbertians in London took place on Thursday, January 16. Possibly the change of rendezvous and the horrible weather had something to do with the poor attendance. In addition to the Headmaster and Mr. Rew there were present, H. A. Burrows, H. G. Fenwick, S. Malton, and L. Horner. This must not be taken as any discouragement, for compared with other Old Boys' Clubs with large memberships, the proportion who attend this annual festival is really very good indeed. After a very enjoyable dinner, cooked as only "Gourmets" can do it, we adjourned to the Palladium, where we found the irrepressible Follies, Walter Passmore & Co., and other stars of the variety world whiled away the time till, before we knew it, midnight was upon us, and the party broke up after a really delightful evening.

## ANNALS.

Congratulations to the following in obtaining their First XI. Football Colours, A. B. Browne, O. T. Walton, C. L. M. Brown, H. C. Jackman.

Second XI. Football Colours have been re-awarded to J. M. R. Harrison, and awarded to L. Lissett, C. B. R. Rees, J. W. Lissett, H. J. Evans, J. C. Coulman, A. Williamson, N. S. Griffiths, W. J. Armstrong, W. F. Dixon, H. Baldock.

We congratulate the new Boxing Colourmen, O. T. Walton, R. Alcock, W. J. Armstrong.

Mr. R. Staniforth has most kindly given a silver cup to be held by the winning dormitory in the dormitory run. In consequence of this, the G. P. C. have decided that the event shall henceforth be quite separate from the Sports as far as marks to the challenge flag are concerned.

G. Kirkbride was successful in Part II. and the additional subjects of the previous examination in March.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following School Magazines: *The Alleynian*, *The Bloxhamist* (2), *The Denstonian*, *The Hurst Johnian*, *The Lancing College Magazine* (2), *The Olavian*.

All MSS. for insertion should be written on one side of the paper only, and sent to the Editor, G. Kirkbride. Contributions, especially from Old Boys, are always welcome, but should not be too long.

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