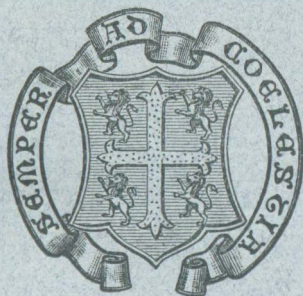


THE
CUTHBERTIAN

VOLUME XIX 1914
XXI 1916

Semper ad coelestia

WORKSOP
PRINTED BY R. WHITE & CO.



The Cuthbertian

The Magazine of Worksop College

March, 1914.

INDEX

	PAGE
Annals	22, 43, 69, 95, 119, 137
Boxing :	
Aldershot . . . . .	. 60
Dormitory . . . . .	. 62
Boys :	
New	24, 71, 118
Old	18, 20, 43, 67, 95, 109, 133
,, (at Cricket) . . . . .	. 51
,, (at Dinner)	18, 20
,, (at War)	109, 133
,, (University successes) . . . . .	. 95
Captains	22, 120
Chapel Notes	38, 66, 131
Choir . . . . .	. 66
Colours	43, 70, 95, 96, 139
Common Room	23, 44
Concerts	39, 107
Confirmation . . . . .	. 23
Contributed Article . . . . .	. 16
Cricket :	
Characters . . . . .	. 89
Matches	47, 80
Matches (Dormitory) . . . . .	. 55, 83, 96
Prospects . . . . .	. 30
Rewiew of the Season . . . . .	. 87
Deaths	20, 69, 115, 135
Debates	11, 106, 131
Dukes	22, 47, 70, 74
Editorial	1, 25, 45, 73, 97, 121
Examinations . . . . .	. 78
Fellow . . . . .	. 22
Fives . . . . .	. 70

	PAGE
Football :	
Characters	6, 129
Matches	3, 100, 124
Matches (Dormitory)	22, 126
Review of Season . . . . .	. 27
Gymnasium . . . . .	. 10
Lectures	14, 41, 106
Library	23, 44
Masters	47, 69, 120
Mission . . . . .	. 66
Museum	23, 44
Officers' Training Corps :	
Certificates . . . . .	. 10
Challenge Cup . . . . .	. 91
Field Day	9, 58
General items . . . . .	. 9, 59, 102
Inspection	10, 90
N.C.O.'s	10, 104
Shooting	60, 92
O.C. Club . . . . .	. 67
Poems	42, 93
Prizes . . . . .	. 77
Running :	
Dormitory Run . . . . .	. 64
Matches . . . . .	. 35
Paperchases . . . . .	. 36
Sports . . . . .	. 32
Scholarships	70, 95
School Officers	22, 43, 58, 120, 139
Scouts	37, 70, 131
Speech day . . . . .	. 76
Swimming	69, 96, 104
Valete	22, 71, 117



The Cuthbertian

Vol xix

March 1914

No I

EDITORIAL.

"Oh, that this too too solid flesh would melt!"

(HAMLET.)



NCE more into the running breech, dear friends, for the March winds are beginning to blow, the last footer match has been played, the first paper-chase run; and out of the dim twilight of the future visions of fives and boxing competitions, of Dorm. runs, and Sports, rise, grim spectres clad in shorts, to beckon us again into training. Already, quaint figures can be seen of an afternoon, surging up the East Fields after a scamper round the Dorm. run; daily the Fives Court echoes with merry laughter; and from the Gym. dull thuds and muttered oaths whisper of Aldershot and a 24-foot ring. We have an arduous half-term to come; but let us shed undismayed our superfluous tonnage and poundage, and welcome it with a bright smile and a sound wind,

As the match against the Sheffield University had to be scratched owing to the ravages of the influenza microbe amongst the 1st Eleven, the Football season ended on Saturday, February 21st, with a win against Nottingham High School. This has been the most successful season we have had since the days of the record team in 1904-5, as since the first match the team has not once suffered defeat. Congratulations to them and their captain.

But now the hurdles have appeared in the North Field, the Quarter Mile track has been roped off, and we turn our energies to the various events.

It is gratifying to notice the increased interest taken in Fives, the result, no doubt, of including junior games in the Dormitory Cup Competition. Indeed the greatly improved standard of play among the junior members has led to a rumour that in a few years the obsolete mediaeval custom of awarding Fives caps will be revived. Still it would never do to award caps until the proper standard be attained, even though its magic height be utterly beyond the reach of present day players.

It is always unpleasant to mention matters of dross, but duty urges us to the task. Though with a reluctant heart we are compelled to call the attention of subscribers (or perhaps of non-subscribers) to the wretched fact that at the present moment the *Cuthbertian* banking account might fairly be described as a "sinking fund." We might almost say it is sunken. We do not venture to suggest a remedy; we only mention the fact.

Shrove Tuesday, as usual, was a red letter day. In the afternoon the first paperchase of the season was run, and in the evening the prefects gave their annual concert, where musical ability and that fund of rich humour for which they are justly famous combined to produce most striking results.

There was indeed only one fly of discord in the sweet ointment of the day's pleasure, and that was that one unfortunate prefect failed to receive his pancake at lunch. We sympathize deeply with his rage and dismay at being thus deprived of one of those little treats which make life at School worth living.

But we must not stop here talking any longer; for the past week the printers have been clamouring for copy, like starving men after a roast sheep, and they can no longer be denied. So we will pass on, and leave you to prepare for the stern days ahead, for like our old friends the Oysters,

*"Most of us are out of breath,
And all of us are fat."*

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Fulwood.

Played at home on Saturday, February 7th. There was a strong wind blowing from corner to corner, and we started with it in our favour. The opening exchanges were fairly even, but with the aid of the wind we began to press, and only the apparent reluctance of the forwards to shoot too hard kept the score down. The defence was playing very well, especially the halves, and at last our attack bore fruit in the shape of a goal, resulting from a centre from the right. We managed to keep the upper hand until half-time, which arrived with the score 1—0 in our favour.

The second half, Fulwood had more of the game, and made several dangerous attacks; but for some time the defence held out nobly. At length, however, the opposing centre-forward made matters level with a low shot out of Stephenson's reach. Our forwards made several desperate

attempts to regain the lead, but always spoilt them by becoming entangled with each other at the critical moment. The game ended with a fierce scrimmage round a Fulwood goal post, but there was no addition to either score. It was not a brilliant game; our defence worked well, Alcock as usual being very much in evidence. The forwards spoilt good combination by huddling up in the centre when in sight of goal. Williamson was good on occasion, and L. Lissett made some good runs on the right.

Team.—C. P. Stephenson (goal), J. W. Lissett and N. S. Griffiths (backs), J. W. Armstrong, R. Alcock, and A. B. Browne (halves), L. Lissett, W. F. T. Dixon, C. L. M. Brown, C. B. R. Rees, and A. Williamson (forwards).

King Edward VII. School, Sheffield.

Played at Worksop, on February 14th. The visitors kicking down hill took some time to settle down, and we scored in the first ten minutes. After this Sheffield had rather the better of play until the interval. They were especially dangerous on the left wing, where our defence was shaky. Their centre scored a good goal, and at half-time the score stood 1—1. Down hill in the second half we had much the better of the play and should have won, thanks to the work of the half-backs. But the Sheffield forwards were always dangerous when they got away, being quick on the ball and very fast. They scored early in this half, but we scored again with a somewhat lucky goal, the ball entering the net off an opposing back's foot. Sheffield again scored, but practically on time we equalised matters, and a good game was left drawn 3—3.

Stephenson played well in goal. The backs, especially Griffiths, were none too safe at first, but improved as the game progressed. Armstrong was poor at half, but both

Browne and Alcock played splendidly, especially the latter. Forward, the insides were weak in shooting but did some good work, while Lissett and Williamson played excellently on the wings.

Team.—C. P. Stephenson (goal), N. S. Griffiths and J. W. Lissett (backs), W. J. Armstrong, R. Alcock, and A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, W. F. T. Dixon, C. L. M. Brown, C. B. R. Rees, A. Williamson (forwards).

Notts. High School.

Played at Worksop on February 21st. We were short of Griffiths, but won somewhat easily by 6—3. The first half was monotonous owing to the frequency with which the forwards missed chances. This was due to poor shooting and over-elaboration on the part of the insides. Lissett at outside-right played excellently in this half. The second half was more even, but only comparatively, as we were still considerably the superior team. However, thanks to their centre-forward, who got three excellent goals, the small margin in our favour considerably flattered our opponents.

Stephenson was not quite so good as usual in running out to clear. Both the backs played well, Mackrell making a promising first appearance. The halves were good, Armstrong playing a much improved game in the first half. Alcock shot splendidly. The inside forwards were weak, although Rees tried hard. Each of the outsides played well in different halves of the game. Williamson was rather poor the first half and excellent in the second, and Lissett was rather weak after an exceptionally good display before half-time.

Team.—C. P. Stephenson (goal), C. Mackrell and J. W. Lissett (backs), W. J. Armstrong, R. Alcock, and A. B. Browne (half-backs), L. Lissett, W. F. T. Dixon, C. L. M. Brown, C. B. R. Rees, and A. Williamson (forwards).

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

King Edward VII. School.

Played at Sheffield on February 14th. We lost by nine goals to one. The field was a regular quagmire, and the greasy condition of the ball was a serious hindrance to good football. We were handicapped as well by the superior weight of our opponents. The first half of the game was fairly evenly contested, but Worksop was hopelessly outplayed in the second half. Piggford who kept goal was rather weak, and did not make the slightest attempt to stop one or two of the goals. The back division tried hard, but indulged in a great deal of erratic kicking, do doubt partly due to the state of the ground. The halves worked moderately well, on the whole, but did not give nearly sufficient support to the attack, and with the exception of Winn, funkcd the opposing forwards in a most heart-rending fashion. The forwards were much too light, and rarely succeeded in breaking through the Sheffield defence. Sinkinson was the pick of the forwards, and at times was really good. Our only goal was scored by Matthews from a well placed corner by Sinkinson.

Team.—C. G. Piggford (goal), F. G. J. Longley and D. J. G. Dixon, Capt. (backs), C. Mackrell, L. S. Winn, and H. T. Shute (half-backs), A. C. Willis, C. A. Hall, C. E. Furness, G. M. Matthews, and F. G. Sinkinson.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

FIRST ELEVEN.

**A. B. Browne* (Captain, left-half). A sound and hard-working half-back, with plenty of pace and good tackling abilities. Passes well to his forwards. Has made an excellent Captain, having plenty of confidence and powers of control,

**R. Alcock* (centre-half). Has played consistently well throughout the season, and has been the mainstay of the team. His passing is sure and swift, his head-work excellent.

**H. C. Jackman* (left-back). Had a strong kick and was generally reliable. Used his head occasionally but was sometimes apt to misjudge both his kicks and his head-work. Has been missed during the latter part of the season.

**C. L. M. Brown* (centre-forward). Has been rather inconsistent, but has played very well at times. He must be more decided when dribbling, and above all must learn to shoot.

†*J. W. Lissett* (left-back). A useful and untiring back. Tackles well but is rather handicapped by his size. Makes full use of his head, but is inclined to come too far forward.

†*N. S. Griffiths* (right-back). Tackles well but is rather slow. Played well at right-half in the first part of the season. An excellent example of keenness.

†*C. B. R. Rees* (left-inside). Passes well and does good work with his head. Must learn to shoot and to shoot more often.

†*L. Lissett* (right-outside). Has been very useful in this position. Centres well and makes full use of his pace. Is rather inclined to come into the centre. Shoots well, and should prove a strong player.

†*W. F. J. Dixon* (right-inside). Works hard with his head. If he would only grow, and not pass behind his man, he would become a useful forward.

†*A. Williamson* (left-outside). Has played consistently well. Makes full use of his pace and weight. Knows how to dribble, and centres well,

A. C. P. Stephenson (goal-keeper). Has been slack occasionally, but improved towards the end of the season. Clears well and has learnt when to come out.

W. J. Armstrong (right-half). Tries hard, and is an excellent example of keenness, but is rather clumsy. Has played well latterly.

SECOND ELEVEN.

D. J. G. Dixon (left-back). Uses his weight well, but is rather clumsy. Must use his head more and learn to run. Tries hard and has improved a great deal during the last half of the season.

L. Winn (centre-half). Tries hard and is full of grit. Must learn some other way of tackling besides backwards. Shows great promise for next season.

F. A. J. Longley (right-back). Must learn to use his head more. Kicks well at times, but is apt to come too far forward.

C. E. Furness (centre-forward). Must learn to shoot. Played well to start with, but fell off sadly latterly. Has some sort of idea of headwork.

C. A. Hall (left-inside). A consistently good player. Tries hard and is an excellent example of keenness. Passes well.

F. G. Sinkinson (left-outside). Makes full use of his pace and can dribble well. Must get out of the habit of running back.

C. G. Pigford (goal). Has been very slack at times, and failed to realize what was required of him. Clears well but must use more judgement in coming out.

H. T. Shute (left-half). Uses his weight well. Is inclined to be rather clumsy, but tackles whole-heartedly. Marks his man well.

G. Matthews (right-inside). Is somewhat lacking in "push." He must learn to pass properly. He uses his head well at times.

C. Mackrell (right-half). Tries hard but is sometimes very erratic.

A. E. Wallis (right-outside). Uses his pace well and can dribble at times. Must learn to keep on his wing more. He centres well.

C. Whitaker. Played some good games at left-back for the Second Eleven. Did not shine as a forward.

S. Ferry (left-outside). Played consistently well at the beginning of the season, but fell off latterly. Centres well but is inclined to run back before doing so.

L. W. Kirby (goal-keeper). Started well but lost his place through slackness and lack of judgment. Clears well but is apt to lose his head when pressed.

* First team colours. † Second team colours.

The retrospect of the season is held over till the next issue.

O.T.C. NOTES.

A Field Day was held on the last day of the Christmas Term. It was fought over the White Deer Park. The scheme was an Outpost line, under the command of Col.-Sergt. A. B. Browne, which was attacked by sections under the command of Sergt. Jackman and Corpl. Griffiths. The

attack took place at dusk. The defence was too scattered, and the sentries not up to their work. The attack was not well-conceived, although attended by a success it did not deserve. The Band played exceptionally well, and the march, six miles in all, was well performed.

We note the following promotions. To be Sergeants, L.-Sergt. Brown, Corpl. Griffiths, and Corpl. Maclagan; to be L.-Sergts., Corpls. Lissett, Dixon, and Ker; to be Corpls., L.-Corpls. Alcock and Armstrong; to be L.-Corpls., Cadets Longley, Kirby, Piggford, Rees, and Lees.

Certificate A. A. N. Broad gained a certificate at the November Examination. R. Alcock also passed both papers, but as no oral examination was held, he will have to complete this term. There are 12 in the class this term.

An orthoptic sight for a new Miniature Range rifle, has been given by Mrs. Linton, to whom our best thanks are due.

The Section Competition is fixed, provisionally, for April 2nd, and Certificate A, oral, for March 31st.

The War Office Inspection next term will take place on July 2nd or 3rd.

An inspection of the Contingent was carried out by Captain Clark, of the 3rd Yorks. and Lancs. Battn., on February 6th.

GYMNASIUM AND BOXING.

The Dormitory Squads are hard at work preparing for their Competitions, and are making excellent progress under the instruction of Sergt. E. Higham, Sherwood Foresters. Now that all our efforts are concentrated on the Swedish system, a high standard should be reached. The membership of the Boxing Club has passed all previous records, and

Aldershot prospects are fairly bright. With one or two old hands to represent the School, the team should not come back empty handed. We feel justly proud of McNaught Davis, who has again scored a win for Cambridge in the Varsity boxing. We are not surprised that O. T. Walton has failed to appear in the ring at Oxford, his training troubles here will long remain green in our memory.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

On February 1st, C. L. M. Brown proposed that "In the opinion of this House the condition of the savage is preferable to that of the civilized man." He dwelt shortly on the beauty of the savage's life of nature, and deplored the existing state of civilization. He urged that the simple religion of the savage compared favourably with the modern worship of riches, ending with an allusion to man's original state in the Garden of Eden. A. B. Browne opposed, and declared that the condition of civilized man was undoubtedly an advance on savagery. It was the natural instinct of man, he said, to build huts and shelters as a protection against the elements, and thus step by step he went on to civilization. He sat down amidst loud applause, and was followed by R. A. Ker, who, in an able speech seconding the motion, dwelt lightly on the joys of a savage existence free from the cares and trammels of present day life. P. W. Maclagan seconded the opposition, and said that to his mind the Romans were not fully civilized, and then proceeded to mention the savagery and brutality practised under the Mogul Empire. For the motion, W. F. T. Dixon mentioned slums. N. S. Griffiths protested against the savage habit of the nocturnal splitting of skulls. D. J. G. Dixon warmly advocated a return to savagery, whilst R. E. Lees clamoured

for a feather bed and a dinner at the Ritz. The chairman, J. C. Cowgill, Esq., advocated the motion, he said, through fear of the forcible arguments the savages, or the supporters of savagery on his right had it in their power to bring forward. The proposer summed up, and on a division being taken the motion was lost by one vote, the figures being, for the motion 12 votes, against 13.

On February 8th, P. W. Maclagan proposed that "In the opinion of this House the execution of Charles I. was necessary for the safety of the nation." He dealt feelingly with the horrors of the Eleven Years' Tyranny, and urged that, however inexcusable from a moral and legal standpoint, from the nation's point of view the execution of Charles was a salutary and necessary measure. N. S. Griffiths, who opposed, affirmed that the necessity which led the King to impose irregular taxes was Parliamentary hostility. He thought that Parliament was the real cause of the Civil War, and did not hesitate to say so. C. H. Anderson seconded the proposition: he stated, amongst other equally illuminative remarks, that Charles was misguided. The opposition was ably seconded by H. M. Butler, Esq., who gave a graphic description of Cromwell's failure and of other shortcomings on the Parliamentary side. For the motion C. L. M. Brown next urged that the benefits derived from the Revolution of 1688 were in reality the fruits of Charles I.'s execution. J. Barker alleged, from the opposition benches, that Charles never had an opportunity of ruling well, but was perpetually labouring under the disadvantages to which Parliament subjected him. The Headmaster then spoke: he went over the details of the Rebellion, and showed that Charles by playing with all three parties who opposed him, had fully merited his death. He expressed an overpowering admiration for Cromwell and his model army. R. A. Ker, H. St. C. L'Amie, D. J. G. Dixon and C. H. Steemson also spoke

for the opposition, but their arguments were of no avail: on a division being taken the motion was declared carried by a majority of two votes, the figures being, for the motion 21 votes, against 19.

A Debate was held in the Art Room, Sunday, Feb. 22nd, J. C. Cowgill, Esq., occupying the chair. The subject for debate was the much-discussed question of Home Rule, and C. L. M. Brown rose to propose that "In the opinion of this House, Ireland's demand for Home Rule should be granted." He stood, he said, to speak a good word for Ireland, and then he proceeded with a moving account of the wrongs suffered by the Irish at English hands since the days of Henry II. He ended with a pathetic appeal to the House not always to associate Ireland with such unpleasant topics as potatoes, pigs, and Ulstermen.

R. A. Ker opposed. In violent and scathing terms he denounced the failings of the Nationalists—their disloyalty in the past and their incompetence at the present, and he left us with a fairly good idea of their ultimate destination in the future, if all his accusations were to be believed. W. F. T. Dixon seconded, and denounced the thought that Ulster had any claim to exclusion, except, we gathered it were from the face of the earth. Ireland, he remarked, had every right to Home Rule. J. W. Armstrong seconded the opposition in his maiden speech, which showed some promise. His main theme was the wrongs of Ulster. B. M. R. Denny, Esq., next addressed the house. He spoke with great volubility, and his statistics fairly held the House in thrall. The corruption of Parliament when the Union was effected was brought strongly into prominence, as also was the inherent ability of the Irishman to do anything required of him. N. S. Griffiths said he wanted to hear something about a Home Rule Bill, and seemed to think he had a grievance against

the Proposition for not telling him anything. H. St. C. L'Amie replied, and was quite sarcastic, though always polite. J. C. Cowgill, Esq., then spoke, upholding the Union. After the proposer had summed up, a division was taken, resulting in 21 votes for the opposition, against 20. However, before the result could be officially announced from the Chair, a re-count was demanded by the Proposition, together with the expulsion of several non-members from the room. After the re-count the result read: for the Proposition 19, against 13. Thereupon the motion was declared carried by 6 votes.

LECTURES.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at 8 p.m., a most instructive lecture was given by Mr. C. E. Byron, on the "Navy: Past and Present." Although we were unable to gather very much as to detail from the lantern slides, owing to some defect in the gas supply, the slides were rapidly run through, and Mr. Byron then talked to us about the Navy. He described to us in a very interesting manner a few of the various types of the old ships and, of course, the Navy can never be mentioned without some allusion to one of its greatest heroes, Lord Nelson, on whom Mr. Byron said a few words. We were then told quite a lot which we had never thought of before, on the subject of the present day types of battleships, cruisers, submarines, etc.; we were also told many interesting facts as to the expected condition of the Navy in years to come, if the much-debated "60%" superiority is kept up. The Headmaster then spoke a few words, and called upon the School to thank Mr. Byron in the usual way, and three hearty cheers were given and the lecture came to an end. Several members of the School have joined the Navy League, but there is certainly con-

siderable room for more support. Our numbers have not yet reached those of last year, but there is hope yet perhaps.

On Thursday, March 5th, Mr. J. Burt gave a lecture on Africa, which was illustrated by many interesting slides. Mr. Burt spoke first of the way in which Africa was divided geographically, and told us how Europeans had first found an interest in the Dark Continent owing to its stores of gold. He spoke of the varying degrees of civilization to be found in Africa, the greatest in Egypt, the least in the Central Tropical District. He mentioned the difficulties under which the poor savage laboured, the wild beasts, weather conditions, witchcraft and superstition, and last, not least, the slavery which up till a very short time ago had been supported by the white man. He spoke of the good qualities of the black, his constant cheerfulness, his bravery, and the industry shown by man and woman alike. The black man, he said, was looking to Europe, to England, to help him in his necessity, and surely such a people well deserved our help. He warmly praised the work that had been done by such men as Gordon and Livingstone, and he hoped it would be continued by boys from Worksop. In concluding, the hunter's natural instinct got the better of him, and we were much amused by some of his stories. He finally said that the great work the white man had to do in Africa was to remove the slavery, and he hoped there would be boys going out from here to help in the work: and even those who remained in England, he said, could find means of assisting in it. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for a most interesting description of Africa and the problems connected with it.

THE ART OF CONVERSATION.

How has the genteel art of conversation now fallen on evil days! Indeed there are few who realize that there can be any such art, or ever was any time when people did trouble not only about what they said but also how they said it. Ours are times contempt; we despise effort expended on what is not directly useful, and we think (to speak in modern dialect) that, provided what we want to say gets home somehow, it matters little whether it alights gracefully from a taxicab on to the doorstep or is ignominiously tipped down the area from a barrow. Perhaps on the whole the latter is the more popular process of the two; it costs less, and creates more notice, of a sort.

I once in a dream found myself in a room in the presence of eight generations of the Addison family, beginning with the illustrious editor of the *Spectator* himself, who stepping to the window looked out and said: "Bad weather!" His son followed him, remarking: "Horrid weather!" "Disgusting weather!" was the grandson's sentiment. This aroused the fourth Addison: "Beastly weather!" was his comment, accompanied by an ejaculation from his heir of "Simply rotten weather!" At this the sixth looked up: "Absolutely putrid weather!" he growled. The next in order stared long through the pane: "This weather is the bally limit!" he hissed. Then rose the eighth. The words came slowly through his clenched teeth: "Isn't this weather absolutely THE last word in putrescence?" No more: old Joseph drew the blind at this, and his face was not pleasant to see. It was still the same weather, and he considered that he had sufficiently expressed it himself. But each one desired to go a little further than the last, to say something original, to advertise his sentiment, instead of letting it stand or fall by its own merits.

In the courtly days of Queen Anne the language had but just formed itself; all the idioms of a copious and well-developed speech were there, still fresh and plastic and ready to command. An Englishman in those days had only to speak in order to talk well, and the commonest newspaper of the age was written with a distinction that is only achieved now by long perseverance. Gradually in the conventional Georgian era the language grew heavy, those fresh idioms staled, men craved for a relief from saying the same thing again and again as the same occasions recurred. Thus was slang born, and all those funny little farces, which remind us by turns of Dr. Johnson and *Bell's Life*, came into being to shew us how our great-grandfathers had already set foot on that broad and slippery path. The vicious competition was well-launched. Then was discovered the odious secret, that it does not matter how stupid a remark is, so it be expressed in an original, that is a noticeable and well-advertised way. Each generation has added its own peculiar atrocities to the vast pile of exaggerations, distortions, decaying metaphors, mouldy similes, terms from metaphysics, terms from football, combinations, contractions, contradictions, that we moderns twist into new guises and huddle together into would-be sentences. One man in order to express a moderate number says "Thousands," his fellow goes one better and says "Millions;" so it advances by natural strides through "Billions" "Trillions" to "Septuagintillions" or further. It is not sufficient nowadays to say "Enough;" we have to say "Crowds," or we are thought dissatisfied. The more advanced say "Tons," and no doubt by this time are answering "Shiploads" to the polite inquiry whether they have enough sugar in their tea.

For myself, I often think of being the most original of them all, and going back to straightforward English.

O.C. DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Lion Hotel, Worksop, on Saturday, December 6th, 1913. Considering that the Past v. Present Football Match took place in the afternoon, the attendance at the dinner was poor. Nevertheless, a very enjoyable evening was spent. J. C. Cowgill presided over a company composed of the Rev. the Headmaster, Rev. H. Gray, B. H. Whitley, J. S. Keel, B. M. R. Denny, N. A. Arnold, H. B. Buckley, S. and J. Macnaught Davis, F. Edmond, P. W. Ellis, S. Y. Holloway, F. Holdsworth, B. Ludgate, J. F. Newton, A. G. Slaney, J. Tasker, R. B. and J. C. Wooler, A. N. G. Wood, G. C. Williamson, A. B. Browne (Captain of School), and E. Buckley (Hon. Sec.). A telegram was received from E. W. Stiles, whose absence was much regretted, and to whom congratulatory reference was made during the course of the evening.

The Chairman, in proposing the Church and State, dwelt upon the need in which the Church stood of secular support, and more especially Church of England Schools. He deplored the tendency of modern educationalists,—to exclude all definite religious teaching. While taking a rather gloomy view of the outlook of affairs, he brightened up considerably in dealing with the short-comings of Non-conformists in general, and after five minutes of really hard work on the subject, he wound up by referring to the good work the School was doing. We must congratulate Cowgill, for once he got in touch with his topic, he spoke on subjects of interest in an entertaining manner, sincere feeling being happily intermixed with humorous comment.

Edmond, in proposing the "School and Staff," congratulated the headmaster upon the flourishing state of the School. One of the brightest features of the School when he was a

boy, was the close and cordial relationship between masters and boys. Although closely in touch with educational matters, he knew of no school in which the relationship was so close or so cordial.

The Headmaster, in his reply briefly surveyed the work of the school during the year. His remarks were of great interest, and dealt with every sphere of school life. He assured old boys of a hearty welcome whenever they might visit the College, and mentioned the cases of Stiles, Tasker, and Davis, as instances of old boys who had specially distinguished themselves during the past year. He was seconded by the Captain of School, who touched on the excellent game of that afternoon, and feelingly mentioned a comment, which had appeared in the *Cuthbertian*, on the sergeants in camp. From this he derived satisfaction as showing how excellent was the discipline.

B. M. R. Denny gave the toast "Old Cuthbertians." He always regarded the O.C.'s as the best advertisement of the school, and assured them that their doings were of the greatest interest to him and his colleagues on the staff.

S. Y. Holloway, in replying, dwelt at some length upon the delinquencies of the Hon. Sec. However, he admitted that there was method in his madness. As a sincere admirer of Stiles it had given him great pleasure to hear of his success, and he suggested that some expression of congratulation on his election to the position of Sheriff of Berwick, should be sent to him by the Hon. Sec. Holloway, who has done a great deal for the School Mission, went on to speak about the work which was going on in Manchester, and invited all O.C.'s who had the opportunity to come and see the Mission themselves.

A short business meeting took place after the Dinner.

O.C. NEWS.

O.C.'s have suffered a heavy loss in the death of Lionel Allshorn. He came to the School in May, 1900, and in 1905 went up to S. Catherine's College, Cambridge, as Senior History Scholar. He was soon recognized to possess no mean ability for his subject, but in his first year he had to retire in order to be treated for consumption. He returned later and completed his course, being extremely well placed in the first class in one of his "specials." In 1911 he published his first and only work, "*Stupor Mundi*," a history of the Emperor Frederick II., but his old disease returned upon him, and he passed away on Christmas Day, 1913. **Requiescat in pace.**

Congratulations to J. McN. Davis on his victorious bout in the Inter-'Varsity Competition, to F. L. A. Pickett for playing Hockey for Cambridge University, and to S. W. Curtis on rowing in S. Catherine's Lent Boat.

J. E. Cowgill and E. Payne have gone into residence at S. Chad's Hall, Durham, this term.

The Rev. the Headmaster presided over a small gathering of O.C.'s for dinner in town, at the Boulogne Restaurant, Gerrard Street, on December 23rd. There were present E. M. C. Denny, B. M. R. Denny, Rev. W. S. Malton, R. G. Thorp, C. Linay, G. Fenwick, S. N. Allnutt, S. Berkeley, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

It will be of interest to the older generation of Cuthbertians to learn that H. G. Lane is now editing the *Daily Sketch*. If this news comes rather late, we apologize for our previous sad ignorance. Hearty congratulations to our modest little contemporary on its acquisition.

Mr. C. D. Penn, formerly modern language master at this School, has recently brought out a work on the Navy in the earlier Stuart period, which is published by the "Faith Press," a press which reminds us of another old Worksop master, Rev. C. E. Douglas, who in conjunction with his brother founded it and carries it on. Mr. Penn is now a Master at the City of London School.

A letter has been received from R. C. Vernon. He is in the Chief Native Commissioner's Office, Salisbury, in Southern Rhodesia. He writes, "I deal chiefly with the correspondence. . . . There are over forty offices in correspondence with this, so you will see that my hands are full. I am remitting my subs. for the *Cuthbertian*, I always look forward to the next number's arrival."

J. M. R. L. Harrison is articled to Sharman & Trethewy, Solicitors, at Bedford.

J. Ledward is Surveyor to the Inland Revenue, at Birkenhead, under the Finance Act, 1909.

H. H. W. Bean has joined the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, and hopes shortly to be appointed to a ship as wireless operator.

H. W. Crowther is studying at Sheffield University.

We have received a verse contribution, presumably from an old boy, but as no name accompanies it we cannot use it.

ANNALS.

It gives great pleasure to record the election of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle to a Fellowship in the Society of SS. Mary and John, Lichfield.

Congratulations to P. W. Maclagan, R. L. Ker, and J. W. Lissett, on their promotion to be Prefects.

Also to R. Alcock on being elected Captain of Cricket.

The following dates have been fixed: Mile, March 26th; Sports, March 28th; Dormitory Run, April 4th; Dormitory Gymnastic Competition, April 6th. The rule forbidding the entry of Colourmen for the Quarter Mile under sixteen has been rescinded.

The Prefects' Annual Concert was held on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 24th.

This term a series of Middle (under 16) Dorm. Football Matches has been played. Result: Lion, won 3, lost 0; goals for 19, against 2. Crown, won 2, lost 1; goals for 9, against 6. Fleur-de-Lys, won 1, lost 2; goals for 5, against 18. Cross, won 0, lost 3; goals for 4, against 12. The winning team was as follows: L. H. T. Ashburner; F. H. Turner and E. H. Lord; W. R. Robson, A. Williamson (Capt.) and J. M. Peter: E. J. Sawtell, A. E. Wallis, C. Wragg, J. C. Hutchby and L. Williamson.

Boys left, Christmas, 1913.—*H. C. Jackman* (Fleur-de-Lys) came Jan. 1909; Prefect, 1913; 1st XI. Football, 1912-13; Colours, 1913; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1913 (Capt.); Sergeant in the O.T.C., 1913; Upper VI. *W. H. Baldock* (Crown) came May, 1910; 1st XI. Cricket, 1913; Corporal in the O.T.C., 1913; Lower VI. *B. V. R. Downman* (Fleur-de-Lys) came Jan. 1907; Running VIII., 1912-13; Colours, 1913; Swimming VIII., 1913; Lower VI. *H. W. Crowther* (Lion) came May, 1909; Upper VI.

The following boys were confirmed in Chapel on March 6th, by the Bishop of Derby. Armstrong ma, Browne mi, Brown mi, Bertram, Cowling, Cooper, Cross ma, Christmas max, Clive-Smith, Dronsfield, Ewing, Firth, Giffard max, Hall max, Hancock max, Hart, Holbrook, Houghton, Hunter max, Jardine, Kendrick max, Ker ma, Linton, Macturk ma, Macdonald, Monkhouse, Morrison, Mudie, Oxley, Pallister, Pennington, Peter, Proude, Read, Revington-Jones max, Revington-Jones ma, Robson, Rutter, Swaby, Smith max, Smith mi, Towler, White ma, Whiteley, Witham, Wooler, Wood, Yates.

THE LIBRARY. Books presented this term. *The Romance Empire—India* (SurrIDGE), presented by the Headmaster. *Lady Audley's Secret* (Mrs. Braddon); *Sherlock Holmes* (Doyle); *The Elusive Pimpernel* (D'OrCzy); *Pardners* (Beach); *The Silver Horde* (Beach); *The Paladin* (Vachell); *Un-named*; *Lady Betty across the water* (Williamson). The last 8 presented by Piggford. *Defender of the Faith* (Bowen); *Sunia* (Bowen); presented by Mr. Buckley.

THE MUSEUM. Series of old Roman Lamps from Actium, presented by Miss B. Hunter. A collection of polished Stones and Minerals. A collection of Egyptian antiques, presented by G. K. Milligan. Foreign Stamps, presented by Smith max.

THE COMMON ROOM. A suite of furniture has been specially designed and executed, and will be placed in the Common Room shortly.

The Matron is appealing for gifts of novels to form a library in connexion with the Infirmary. All contributions are welcome. It is thought that parents may like to see this and send some contributions.

New Boys :

Lewis, Alfred Douglas Murray	Cross
Nunn, George William	Fleur-de-Lys
Lee, Herbert Patrick	Cross
Mahon, Christopher Bernard	Prep.
Mahon, Kenneth George	Prep.
Barker, John	Lion
Maud, Raymond	Prep.
Bridge, Phillip Robert Alfred	Crown
Harland, Eric Robert	Crown
Best, Eric Roland	Prep.
Giffard, Henry Agnew	Cross
Charlton, Wilfred Halilton	Prep.
Wainwright, Robert Cecil	Day Boy
Stevenson, Harry	" "
Owston, Alfred Jack	" "

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following: *The Cadet*, *The Hurst Johnian* (2), *The Lancing College Magazine*, *The Laurentian*, *The Alleynian*, *The Dulwich College Magazine*, *The Ellesmerian*, *The Denstonian*, *The Swan*, *The Zonnebloem College Magazine*.

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

The Subscription to the *Cuthbertian* (3/6 a year, or 10/6 for three years) should be sent to J. C. Cowgill, S. Cuthbert's College, Worksop, Notts., to whom also any change in a subscriber's address should be notified.