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EDITORIAL.

"The cuckoo comes in April."

(OLD RIME.)



O too, does the need for another Editorial: and whether it be the shortness of the term or the lateness of the last issue, it seems but as yesterday that, to mix a metaphor, we sheathed our pen after having executed the March number. Be that as it may we must unsheath again, and plunging our trusty nib hilt-deep into the ink, we renew the task. As we predicted in the last number, with an oracular precision that is almost uncanny, events have lately been crowding thick and fast. Sports day, together with the joyful throng of parents and friends that always graces such red-letter occasions, has come and gone, leaving the Dormitory Flag still in the possession of the Cross. At the moment of writing the destinies of the Cups for the Dormitory Run and for the

Gymnastic and Boxing Competitions lie in the lap of the future, but by the time this reaches the light of publicity each should have taken up its stand for the ensuing year; the Aldershot boxing, with its tale of victory or of effort ~~un~~availing, will be a thing of the past; and thoughts will be straying towards the days of relaxation and leisure soon to be ours.

Despite the cheery assurance of our opening quotation, the mellow croak of the cuckoo has not yet made the neighbouring glades to tell the changing year; but even so Spring has not been without its heralds. Never before have so many poets been in evidence; scarce a day has dawned but the Editorial post-bag has held its lyric, its sonnet, or its ode. Were it not that the O.T.C. requirements necessitate a certain moderation in the length of our locks, we verily believe we should become a school of bards.

But although verse contributions have been so plentiful, there is a sad lack of more orthodox prose efforts. We are always delighted to receive contributions from the School, and we are sure there is no lack of talent, if only it could be brought to blossom. Many members of the school are interested in Natural History. Why should not one such sit down and write a chatty little account of "How I caught my first Bumble Bee," or "Pheasants' Eggs and how to Pinch Them?" The aeroplane enthusiast could send us an article on "How to Hold One's Hat on when Looping the Loop," and the railway fiend might describe "Why Six-Cylinder G. N. R.s are preferable to Perambulators." There is indeed no limit to the variety of subjects; perhaps some enterprising young author will, before our next number, decide to favour us with a contribution. And while on the subject, it may not be out of place to remind O.C.s, especially such as are abroad, that any account of their adventures is always eagerly welcomed.

A few years ago it seemed that hockey might become the popular game for the Easter Term, but it is now to be numbered with the pterodactyls and with "Soccer Sixes," and is seen no more. We do not mourn its decease, but venture a proposal. Would it not be possible to arrange one or two Rugger games during that dull period when everyone is tired of Soccer but has not yet begun serious training for the Sports. There would surely be no lack of keenness—a characteristic always worth the while to cultivate.

In the North Field rolling has been in progress since half-term. This is but another sign that "Summer is icumen in," and that merely a short three weeks divides us from the Cricket Season. Though we have only two old colours left for next term, most of last year's promising colts will be available, and should help to build up a respectable eleven. If only the weather will behave in a sane and gentlemanly manner, all should yet be well.

FOOTBALL.—RETROSPECT.

First XI. 6 won, 3 drawn, 1 lost. 31 goals for, 18 against.
Second XI. 2 won, 3 lost, 0 drawn. 6 goals for, 23 against.

As the above record shows, the First XI. had a very successful season. The only match actually lost was the first, and much may be forgiven a visiting team on the Sheffield ground. After an exciting game the return match with King Edward VII.'s was drawn. All the other school matches were won, and against the heavier club sides, very good form was shown. We believe that the best performance was against Sheffield University, who brought a full side and were defeated. The Old Boys had rather a weak side,—the half-backs were very poor,—and the school team hardly played up to its best form,

With eight of last year's side available, the only newcomers were Stephenson in goal, Griffiths at half, and W. F. T. Dixon forward. All of these did well. Stephenson is quite the best goal-keeper we have had for some time, though his clearances are sometimes careless. If he only becomes a little less casual he will develop into a really good player. Griffiths at half was rather slow, and his passing was poor, but he improved immensely, and proved quite a sound member of the side. Dixon lacks pace and is a poor shot, but he passes excellently, both to his outside and to his centre.

The defence was certainly the strongest part of the team. Jackman did excellently at back, and found in Lissett a safe partner. Both kicked well from any position and tackled splendidly. Jackman's returns were too strong as a rule, and he often "ballooned" the ball quite unnecessarily; Lissett's kicking lacked length. The half-backs were the soundest line in the team. But as we have indicated they were much more efficient in a defensive capacity than as an attacking force. Browne worked excellently with Jackman. His kicking and passing have greatly improved, and his pace was always a valuable asset. Alcock in the centre was a tower of strength, and in our opinion is the best centre-half the school has had since the days of Patrick. He lacks finesse, but is a magnificent tackler, and goes at top speed from start to finish. With advantage to the side he might have shot more often. This term, owing to Jackman's leaving, Griffiths went back and Armstrong came in at half. Naturally the side was weakened by the change, but Griffiths improved with each game he played. Armstrong is not a first team player as yet, but if he can only develop a little pace and some accuracy in placing he may be useful in the future.

The forwards were sometimes quite good, and sometimes just the reverse. They were evenly balanced with two outsides possessing pace and good control, and two insides who were neat and passed beautifully, and a centre-forward who could shoot goals,—with his left foot. L. Lissett and Williamson are both good wing forwards, but both sacrifice the shot to the centre, and might often have cut in and shot, but preferred to get to the corner flag and centre. This is a mistake, as it gives a beaten defence time to reform and clear. Williamson has improved greatly. The insides passed well, but were a little too neat to be really effective. Brown in the centre was not too well served by his insides who seemed to find it much easier to pass accurately to the wings. But he shoots and passes well. He is a little lacking in dash, and this made him just short of a highly successful centre.

The captaincy of Browne was excellent. He tackled a difficult job with zest, and was highly successful.

The second team was a poor one, and its lack of success hardly augurs well for the future. The backs were a weakness, but the halves did fairly well. Mackrell and Winn worked hard and may be useful. Furness and Sinkinson were the only forwards to show much promise. Various goal-keepers were tried with limited success. Possibly Piggford was the best.

Among the games, a fillip was given to the Easter Term football by the introduction of under sixteen dormitory matches. The most promising of the "unknowns" were Lord, Bridge, and Coates. These games should be useful in the future, as an insight into the possibilities of the coming season.

CRICKET PROSPECTS.

In many ways the season of 1913 was a most successful one, since the team, when once settled and in proper working order, was never again beaten. All the old members of that team must have gained considerable experience and confidence, and we expect great things of them this year. The batting of Walton and Rees will be hard to replace, but it should not be impossible. We hope to have six members of last year's team to build on. At present our great weakness would appear to be in bowling. Baldock and Walton, our first pair, have gone, but again, it should not be very hard to fill their places. There are vacancies for bowlers of all sorts and descriptions, and a wicket-keeper. The former are lucky, as they can teach themselves to a great extent, if only they would not put it off until they come out to the nets, when it is almost too late. One thing which must have struck any visitor to the North Field (and certainly the writer) is that the nets are regarded in the light of a glorified Aunt Sally show. From the weird and wonderful assortment of balls heaved down the pitch, often alas! too bumpy already, it would seem that the idea is not to teach the poor shrinking and quivering and padded form to bat, but to fill the infirmary in record time. Fortunately there are signs that this is dying out, and a most marked improvement and keenness to learn has been shown in places. To learn to bat one wants not assorted fireworks, but reasonable steady bowling. To bowl a decent length is a necessity of steady bowling, and to learn to bowl a decent length can only be done without a batsman, and is the foundation of all good bowling. It would not be necessary to make a ball break a thousandth part of a millimetre to get out any school team for 60, given a decent length. And bowling does not require elaborate paraphernalia. An old ball and a ploughed field will do so

long as 22 yards are marked out and a mark put up to aim at. Always take the same run at the same pace and bowl a decent length, and the batsman will get himself out before the scorer has got his pencil sharpened. With regard to the wicket-keeper, there appear to be two candidates. The place must be filled, and practice is absolutely essential. Here again in the early stages it is better to do without a batsman and learn how the ball comes off the pitch, and how to take it. Practice before the matches begin and the captain looks anxious; continue bowling and "keeping" practice in a quiet corner, and a very few weeks will work wonders.

Our fielding, which seems never to get any time devoted to it is usually quite good, an extraordinary thing, and one to be very thankful for. All that remains, with keenness in all branches, batting, bowling, and fielding, is unselfishness. Never mind the averages, which are anathema, and private opinions which are worse, so long as the school wins. A team which really works together, and plays the game as each particular moment demands, has a match half won, or at least loses without reproach. The heart and soul of cricket is not to make a century or win a cup, but to learn to play with ten others as a team, and do one's best for the side every time.

SPORTS.

These took place somewhat earlier than usual this year, on Saturday, March 28th. We should like to know if the G. P. C. in fixing the date had some preternatural warning as to the weather, for certainly, as the Headmaster expressed it in his speech at the prize-giving, though we broke no records, the weather did; there was no rain, no wind to speak of, no hot sun; it would be hard to find more ideal

conditions. The following was the order of events, winners, etc.:

Mile—Open. 1 A. B. Browne, 2 J. W. Lissett, 3 C. B. R. Rees, 4 C. E. Furness. Time, 5 mins. $7\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Senior. 1 A. B. Browne, 2 J. W. Lissett. Distance, 78 yds.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Junior. 1 G. W. Palmer, 2 A. Dunne. Distance, 73 yds., $10\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

100 Yards—Senior. 1 A. Williamson, 2 A. B. Browne. Time, $11\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

100 Yards—Junior. 1 G. M. Matthews, 2 G. W. Palmer. Time, $12\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

100 Yards—under 12. 1 E. Williamson, 2 J. B. Hall. Time, 14 secs.

Quarter Mile—Senior. 1 A. B. Browne, 2 J. W. Lissett, 3 N. S. Griffiths. Time, 60 secs.

Quarter Mile—under 16. 1 A. Williamson, 2 C. E. Furness, 3 A. C. P. Stephenson. Time, 61 secs.

220 Yards Handicap—under 12. 1 E. Williamson, 2 J. B. Hall, 3 G. N. Holloway. Time, $33\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

220 yards—Junior. 1 G. M. Matthews, 2 G. W. Palmer, 3 J. O. Jardine. Time $30\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

120 Yards Hurdles—Senior. 1 N. S. Griffiths, 2 L. Lissett. Time, 22 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles—Junior. 1 G. W. Palmer, 2 A. Dunne. Time, $22\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

High Jump—Senior. S. Ferry, N. S. Griffiths (Tie). Height,
4 ft. 9½ ins.

High Jump—Junior. C. A. Hall, T. G. S. Hall (Tie).

Half Mile—open. 1 A. B. Browne, 2 C. B. R. Rees, 3 J.
W. Lissett. Time, 2 mins. 21 secs.

Long Jump—Senior. 1 L. S. Winn, 2 S. Ferry. Distance,
16 ft. 7 in.

Long Jump—Junior. 1 A. Dunne, 2 C. A. Hall. Distance,
14 ft. 6½ in.

College Servants' Race (220 Yards). 1 Kirkham, 2 Gower.
Time, 29½ secs.

Steeplechase—Senior. 1 J. W. Lissett, 2 C. E. Furness, 3 A.
B. Browne, 4 C. B. R. Rees. Time 13 mins. 55 secs.

Steeplechase—Junior. 1 G. F. Shipp, 2, A. E. Wallis, 3 F.
G. Haagensen, 4 A. G. Ewing. Time, 13 mins. 15 secs.

Novices' Race—440 Yards' Handicap. 1 Taylor.

Tug of War. Fleur-de-Lys.

Judges. Rev. the Headmaster, Dr. G. L. Kemp, Rev.
F. B. Hawkins, W. H. Mason, Esq., Rev. H. Gray, J. S.
Keel, Esq., L. E. Smith, Esq., F. Peachey, Esq. *Referees.*
D. Ll. Evans, Esq., H. H. Rew, Esq. *Timekeeper.* B. M.
R. Denny, Esq. *Starter.* B. H. Whitley, Esq. *Marker.*
D. F. Coles, Esq. *Stewards.* Rev. B. M. Maynard, J. C.
Cowgill, Esq., F. W. Harris, Esq., H. M. Butler, Esq.
Committee. Rev. the Headmaster (President), B. H. Whitley,
Esq. (Chairman), E. Buckley, Esq., L. E. Smith, Esq., R.
Alcock, C. L. M. Brown, A. B. Browne, N. S. Griffiths,
J. W. Lissett.

The senior Victor Ludorum was A. B. Browne, the junior was G. W. Palmer. The Flag was retained by the Cross with 185 marks, the Lion coming second with 150.

After the events the prizes were given away by Miss Allen in the Gymnasium.

Thanks are due to the following for their generous presents or donations: His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Mrs. Allen, W. H. Allen, Esq., M. V. Armstrong, Esq., Mrs. Ashburner, H. Bealby, Esq., Mrs. Bertram, Miss Bingham, Mrs. Blake, J. A. Brooke, Esq., Rev. A. B. Browne, H. S. Cadman, Esq., Mrs. Charlton, Mrs. Cook, Rev. H. M. Corlett, O. J. Cotterill, Esq., E. B. Christmas, Esq., W. E. Denison, Esq., W. H. Drury, Esq., Mrs. Eastwood, Rev. J. B. Ferry, B. F. Firth, Esq., C. Furness, Esq., J. W. Goodreid, Esq., E. J. Gray, Esq., Rev. H. Gray, Rev. T. M. M. Griffiths, G. H. Hall, Esq., F. O. Harland, Esq., Rev. the Headmaster, Mrs. Hemingway, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Hutchby, J. C. Jackman, Esq., Dr. Kemp, Mrs. L'Amie, H. P. Lee, W. H. Mason, Esq., T. C. Mills, Esq., Mrs. Morrison, P. J. Mudie, Rev. J. B. Nicholson, Rev. C. A. Norris, Mrs. Oxley, J. Parkins, Esq., Robt. Ramsden, Esq., G. A. Ratcliff, Esq., R. Rodrigo, Esq., J. J. Sheppard, Esq., G. W. Sparrow, Esq., Mrs. Staniforth, Mrs. Staveley, T. Steemson, Esq., Rev. G. Thackeray, C. Towler, Esq., Rev. J. M. Walton, Mrs. Weldon-Kirby, J. S. Whall, Esq., G. White, Esq., E. B. Whyte, Esq., Mrs. Wildmore, T. Williamson, Esq., B. P. Wood, Esq., T. S. Wooler, Esq., Mrs. Wooler, W. Wragg, Esq., Mrs. Yeardley.

RUNNING.

Worksop College v. Mapperley Hare and Hounds.

The course for the first running match of the season was laid across the South Field to Carburton Road. From here a "bee line" was made for "Bulldog Lodge;" and once more crossing Carburton Road to the south of Scotland Farm, Clumber Drive was reached *via* the Gallop and the Chestnut Woods, and so home, about six miles in all.

There were only three of last year's colourmen left, and it was encouraging to see how well the rest of the team came up to the scratch. Our opponents had a good man in Sampson, whom we remembered from last year. He set a pace which was practically unattainable by the majority of the home team, and this was to a great extent responsible for the great gaps between the numbers.

Browne and Lissett arrived first of the VIII. and 4th in the run; followed by Rees. All three ran well, though it was obvious that with a little more practice over "ploughs" they would have bettered their positions considerably.

It must be borne in mind that in a match where school boys compete against men, the chief asset of the former must lie in training. The tail of the team ran pluckily. It was a physical impossibility for any of them to keep up the pace of the leaders. Furness was perhaps the strongest.

The match was lost by a majority of 48 to 30. The winning man performed the course in 35 min. 5 secs.

The order was as follows: Mapperley, T. B. Sampson 1, A. G. Bowring 2½, F. Hardwick 2½, W. E. G. Walker 4, F. R. Simon 8, W. Foster 12. Worksop College, J. W. Lissett 5½, A. B. Browne 5½, C. B. R. Rees 7, C. E. Furness 9, E. H. Lord 10, F. G. Haagensen 11.

King Edward VII. School.

This match was run in Sheffield on March 25th. The weather conditions at the time were very good, but owing to the recent downpour the ground was unusually heavy. The course was a much more difficult one than we can find here. It led steadily uphill over sodden fields divided by "Derbyshire" walls for some two or three miles, and a very stiff gradient had to be climbed before the summit was reached. The return was over very rough ground. The Sheffield team got the lead at once and won by 47 points to 89.

The whole course was between six and seven miles and was covered by the first man—the Sheffield captain—who ran remarkably well, in 35 minutes 23 seconds.

J. W. Lissett, the first of our team, finished third, and his running is worthy of special mention.

The result was as follows: 1 Sheffield, 2 Sheffield, 3 Worksop (J. W. Lissett), 4 Sheffield, 5 Sheffield, 6 Sheffield, 7 Sheffield, 8 Worksop (A. B. Browne), 9 Worksop (C. B. R. Rees), 10 Sheffield, 11 Worksop (C. E. Furness), 12 Sheffield, 13 Worksop (W. R. Robson), 17 Worksop (C. H. Lord), 15 Worksop (F. G. Haagensen), 16 Worksop (G. C. Rogerson).

We have had two Paperchases this term. The first took place on Shrove Tuesday, as usual. Hares were J. W. Lissett and C. B. R. Rees. The course led us down the side of Green Lane to the Manton Lodge, whence we struck across the Lime Tree Avenue towards Hardwick; then bearing suddenly down a glade to the right we went right across the Park to the Gallop, and from there home, about seven miles. First in was Goodreid, but of the first game Barker came in first, being second in the total order. Third was Robson.

Three weeks later another Paperchase was held in the opposite direction, round the Manor Woods to the Bulldog Lodge, and so home across the Carburton Road. The hares were the same as before, with A. B. Browne. First in was Robson.

THE SCOUTS.

We have learnt something during the term, that numbers are not everything, and that it is better to have a small and keen Troop rather than a large, unwieldy, and unenthusiastic collection of Scouts. With a view to increasing the general efficiency and keenness, we have gone through the process of weeding, with the result that we now number only 30 Scouts. In reducing the establishment of the Troop to five Patrols instead of eight, it was necessary for some Patrol Leaders and Seconds to lose their rank, and we keenly appreciate the way in which this loss of rank has been regarded by the Scouts concerned, as it shows the real spirit of loyalty to the Troop. We cannot but feel that what has been done will improve a great deal the general efficiency, discipline, and keenness of the Troop in the future, particularly as we have no intention of allowing the numbers to get above 40, *i.e.* five full Patrols. As the result of the re-organisation of the Troop, we have now the following Patrol Leaders and Seconds: *The Otter Patrol*, Wood and Strudwick; *The Beaver Patrol*, Smith v. and Clive-Smith; *The Ram Patrol*, Hall ma and Cross; *The Stag Patrol*, Ewing and Macturk ma; *The Lion Patrol*, Piggford ma and Smith vi.

This term we have also started a Wolf Cub Patrol for boys who are not old enough to join the Troop, but who are being trained to be Scouts, and this should prove of special value to us, as we work among the younger boys in School.

The Cubs are at present very promising, and are getting on well under the charge of Assistant Scoutmaster Butler. In future, Patrol Leader Handcock ma will help with the Wolf Cubs as Mr. Butler will be wanted more for the work of the Troop. The only dark cloud for us on the horizon is the contemplation of losing the help of Mr. Coles, who has been an Assistant Scoutmaster since 1911, and who is leaving the College this term. Only a very few of us can realize the tremendous amount of work Mr. Coles has done for the Troop, but his loss will be keenly felt by us all. We can only feel sure that the example and enthusiasm which Mr. Coles has inculcated into the Scouts will long remain as a standing memorial of his splendid work for the Troop, from whom he has the very sincere good wishes for his future work and vocation.

The following were invested as Tender-foots on Mar. 20. Best, Williamson mi, Revington-Jones ma, Blake, Firth, Taylor, and Sparrow, while on the same day Savill, Anderson ma, Christmas ma, Hall mi, Holloway, Sheppard, Whyte mi, and Bertram, were admitted to be Wolf Cubs.

We are already begining to think of arrangements for the Camp at the end of next term, and any suggestions as to a suitable place for the camp will be much appreciated by the Scoutmaster.

CHAPEL NOTES.

During Lent we have had addresses from the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney, Vicar of Harworth, and the Rev. E. H. Polehampton, Rector of Whitwell, to each of whom we tender our sincere thanks.

The voluntary daily Celebrations this Lent have been well attended, and we are very glad to see that so many boys have taken this opportunity of interceding for others.

Several of the older boys in the School have asked if it is not possible to continue these voluntary Celebrations next term. This suggestion will receive careful consideration.

As Easter falls in the holidays this year, the First Communion of the recently Confirmed boys are to be made at the 8 o'clock Celebration on Palm Sunday, the Headmaster being the Celebrant.

THE PREFECTS' CONCERT (*By a D.P.*).

Shrove Tuesday dawned, and yet no heavenly signs proclaimed this to be the day on which once more the Prefects, with gracious condescension, would enrapture the school with their annual concert. This day was a day of great events and at first we were foolish enough to imagine that even this long-suffering school would hardly endure the strain of the three P's: a Paper-chase, College Pancakes, and the Prefect's Concert. But we had not taken into account the soothing effect of music. In fact, we are ashamed to confess that we had not thought of associating the Concert with music, but we were forgetful of the exceptional merit of the performers, and our error was soon to be corrected. Such tuneful harmony, such melodious cadence has never been heard before, nor, in our humble opinion, ever will be.* Never did Orpheus with his lute charm the hearts of men † as did the musical seven on that memorable night. Now we may accept with confidence the statement of our great poet, that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," for it is reported on good authority that for once even the ferocious hearts of such arrant knaves as inhabit the Prep. Dorm. were tamed. Moreover, by careful enquiry we have

* Probably not, now. (ED.). † Wasn't it beasts? (ED.).

ascertained from the Matron that the surgery was no more frequented than usual after the performance. What better testimony of its quality can a concert desire? Having now relieved ourselves of the exuberant ecstasy that the memory of that never-to-be-forgotten night caused us, let us proceed to discuss the actual concert.

The first feature that met the eye (very forcibly in some cases), was the costumes, and these, unlike those of last year, were varied. Everyone dressed according to his taste. One wore a Spratt's Puppy Cake Bag! Some so successfully disguised the wearers that we had the greatest difficulty in recognising them, and every type of person was represented, from the long (about two yards and a half, we believe) Knut, spelt with a capital "K," to the graceful figure of a,—how shall we describe it?—a male lady. A cherubic kid in Etons turned out to be A. B. Browne, and the kitchen was ably represented by P. W. Maclagan.

As usual, the songs were of the best and were beautifully rendered by the singers. In one, N. S. Griffiths assured us in childlike language that "he couldn't help it," but nevertheless we still feel quite convinced that he is perfectly responsible for his actions. This song, and two of Lissett's, "Skipper Sardines," and "There's a girl in Havannah," were the successes of the evening. "Swanking" was another good song, sung by C. L. M. Brown, in which reference was made to a certain art-room tap. We believe that this song was greatly appreciated by the masters. The topical song was not remarkable so much for its wit as for its truth; it dealt with grease spots, certain animals possessed of long caudal appendages, and two individuals who are said to use greater quantities of a gas not generally dealt with in chemical text-books.

But what need have we to remind our readers of the programme? No one present at the concert can ever forget it, and as for those who were absent, well, they deserve all they missed.

Much as we object to pass any adverse criticism on the altogether creditable performance, yet perforce we must acknowledge that the use of copies tended to mar the effect of the comic songs. The farce was not really as good as that of last year,[†] but yet it can hardly be expected to come up to such a high standard every year, and we may safely assert that its lack of humour was completely atoned for by the histrionic ability of the performers. On the whole the concert was a decided success, and the Prefects are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.

[†] We hope that the actors of the highly pathetic "Emperor's Candlesticks," last year, will take this in the right spirit. (ED.)

LECTURE.

On S. Cuthbert's Day, Mrs. Crawford again favoured us with one of her interesting lectures. The country through which we were destined to travel was the "Land of the Moselle." The scenes depicted were exceptionally good, especially the castle scenes, with whose history and legendary lore our guide seemed well acquainted. A lecture as a rule is regarded by the average schoolboy as dry and formal, but the manner in which the lecturer blended geographical and legendary elements into the descriptions of the depicted scenes could not fail to arrest the attention of the most languid. We were shown the supposed place where the vision of the Cross appeared to the Emperor Constantine. St. Martin, whom the majority of us only associate with

stained windows became a living character. The fortifications of Metz and other smaller towns on the river were clearly shown and described. Space does not permit us to record the numerous points of interest which occurred in the lecture, but we all, in tendering our warmest thanks to our lecturer, express a sincere hope that we may in the near future again be travelling companions.

VERSES.

ON CERTAIN DEEDS HIDDEN FROM THE PUBLIC EYE.

*'Twas evening, and the lights were low ;
Stretched on the rack the victim lay.
He had not many words to say—
The one he mostly said was " Oh ! "*

*The torturers in fiendish glee
Moved round him as they plied their art.
They seemed to love to make him smart,
And gloated o'er him ghoulishly.*

*His back was bare unto the skin ;
Hard by the reeking pot did boil ;
The fiends prepared the burning oil
And fiendishly did rub it in.*

*They laughed aloud, did he but roar,
They mocked each awful strangled grunt ;
As the stern spearsman in a hunt,
Relentless, pricks the stifled boar.*

*Now one, in mad Satanic jest,
Would sieze the hapless wretch's knees
And fracture them by slow degrees :
Others would jump upon his chest,*

*And so the fearful work was wrought,
In spite of groan, in spite of plea :
A thing which never ought to be,
A deed with chilly horror fraught.*

*This is no dream of bygone age,
Of mediaeval dungeon dank,
No desp'rate Inquisition prank,
Amusement blent with vicious rage.*

*Nor think it but fictitious rot,
A wild phantasma of the brain.
It is the way that people train
Who go to fight at Aldershot.*

O.C. NEWS.

We have received visits this term from A. N. Broad, S. W. Curtis, J. McN. Davis.

J. E. Cowgill and E. H. Payne have joined the Durham 'Varsity O.T.C. Payne has been doing a week's training at Richmond Barracks and distinguishing himself in the musketry there.

ANNALS.

The following Football Colours have been awarded :—
1st XI., to N. S. Griffiths, J. W. Lissett, L. Lissett, C. B. R. Rees, A. Williamson; 2nd XI., to W. F. T. Dixon, W. J. Armstrong, C. E. Stephenson, C. Mackrel, F. G. Sinkinson.

Dormitory Fives Colours have been awarded to N. S. Griffiths (Cross), and L. Lissett (Lion).

THE LIBRARY. The tables, chairs, and stools which were on loan in the Common Room have been replaced in the Library. Book presented; *Quo Vadis* (Sienkiewicz), presented by C. Piggford. Statement of Accounts for Christmas Term, 1913. Receipts: Balance from Summer Term, £11 16s. 7½d.; Boys' Subscriptions, £3 8s. 3d.; Capitation Fee, £8 9s.; Total, £23 13s. 10½d. Expenditure: £13 2s. 9d.; Balance in hand, £10 11s. 1½d.; Total, £23 13s. 10½d. Audited, Roy M. Grier (Headmaster), March 23rd, 1914. J. S. Keel (Librarian).

THE COMMON ROOM. A new suite of furniture, consisting of eight armchairs, four stools, and two tables, has been placed in the Common Room. The cost of the furniture, including carriage, was £14 8s. 6d.

THE MUSEUM. Presentation. The first egg of the season (Missel Thrush) found by Bridge on March 28th.

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