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Editorial.

Now that another term has come to a successful conclusion we wish, in the words of our erstwhile critic, "to congratulate everybody on everything." The health, the weather and the work of the term have all been good. Sports day was as usual an unqualified success, and if the XI. lost all their matches, they had ample revenge on their critics, the staff, by giving them a sound beating on the last Monday of term.

The term has been noticeable for its lack of a term craze. We remember a term when knitting was the hobby of all, when everyone worked comforters and ties in colours rivalling those of a Neapolitan ice; in another term no one counted unless he could majestically stalk the playground balanced on a pair of stilts; while one reads in an ancient number of the Record of a time when, of all things, a crop of beans was a passport to the best society, and a title to the honorary membership of the sixth form yard. These crazes are generally harmless, but quite often useless; they are taken up not from any interest the boys have in them, but rather because for no apparent reason they are, at the time "the thing to do." It is to be hoped that the absence of a prevalent "craze" (always as distinct from "hobby") is to be regarded as the sign of a wider and more intelligent outlook on the amusements of life. It must, however,

be confessed that hobbies nowadays are treated with singularly little enthusiasm. We cannot think of a member of the School who has a hobby in which his interest is anything more than casual, be that hobby stamp collecting, photography or what it may. We see on Sunday evenings many engines and a few sets of Meccano, but nobody seems to make any effort to grasp the simplest problems of mechanics, nor attempts even in the clumsiest way to construct or repair for himself. There was a time when boys would take up a hobby and study it in all its branches until they became miniature experts on the subject. Nowadays keenness and enthusiasm are almost voted "bad form," and one potters with a hobby in languid boredom,—until a new fashion in amusements sets in. Surely there is room and opportunity for improvement in this respect.

In conclusion it is our pleasant task to wish everybody the best of holidays—and Summer Holidays can be among the best things in schoolday life.

Sports Day.

There is not much doubt about the fact that Sports Day is the best day of the school year; I would exchange three Prizegivings for one Sports Day—and throw in a Gym display or two to round off the bargain. In the first place there are the preparation and training which make the day a thing to be looked forward to; and secondly the day occurs in the summer, which alone would balance many disadvantages.

Sports Day this year was held on July 7th, and for some days beforehand we had been very nervous about the weather. The actual day began with showers, but the afternoon was all that could be desired until the conclusion of the programme when a perfect deluge set in. It would seem that Sports Day is fated to be a lucky day in the matter of weather.

A large number of people assembled to watch the Sports despite the unfortunate fact that the event clashed with two other important social functions. The spectators were rewarded for their attendance by witnessing some very exciting finishes, and an obstacle race of unusual interest and severity. The final heat of the open 100 yards resulted in a dead heat among three persons and had to be run off again, when Harvey won by a foot from Picken i., winning by a great effort almost on the rope. There was also some very keen and close competition in the high jump, which was won by Picken i. with a leap of 3ft. 11in. Picken i. was again a winner in the quarter mile, in which race he ran with great judgment and thoroughly deserved his victory. Lillingston's performance in this event was also noteworthy; he ran with pluck and judgment, and has an easy swinging stride which will make it worth while to keep an eye on him as a runner in the future.

The Obstacle Race was this year unusually strenuous, and it was very gratifying to see the way in which those stuck to it, who had obviously no chance of finishing anywhere but among the "also rans." Harvey's victory in this event was well deserved and very popular.

The Ashby Challenge Cup was won by Picken i. whose performances throughout the Sports were very good; it is very pleasant to be able to congratulate Picken i. on winning this trophy before he leaves the School. A special prize was offered this year by Mr. H. M. Elliott to the boy, apart from the winner of the Ashby Cup, who showed the most keenness and the best sporting spirit. This prize was won by Harvey.

At the conclusion of the racing the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Burke, after which came the rain which had so considerably postponed its visit, and so terminated a most successful afternoon.

Our thanks are due to all who contributed to make the day a success, but particularly to Mrs. Burke for kindly consenting to give away the prizes, and to those who were good enough to act as judges and referee.

RESULTS.

1. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.
1. Elliott, 2. Payn Distance 53 yds 6 in.
2. 100 YARDS (Open).
1. Harvey, 2. Picken, 3. Pellew.
3. 100 YARDS (Under 11).
1. Lillingston, 2. Newton.
4. 100 YARDS (Under 9).
1. Perowne, 2. Lake.
5. BALANCING RACE (Open).
1. Picken ii, 2. Marescaux i.
6. HIGH JUMP (Open).
1. Picken i., 2. Norman i., 3. Harvey.
7. LONG JUMP (Open).
1. Picken i., 2. Harvey, 3. Elliott. Distance
12 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
8. HIGH JUMP (Under 12) Handicap.
1. Pellew i., 2. Payn. 3 ft. 9 in.
9. RELAY RACE (Under 9).
Yellow.
10. QUARTER MILE (Open).
1. Picken i, 2. Lillingston, 3. Harvey.
11. BLINDFOLD COMPETITION (Over 10).
1. Norman i, 2. Edwards.
12. BLINDFOLD COMPETITION (Under 10).
1. Aikman, 2. Burnard ii.
13. 220 YARDS (Open handicap).
1. Gittings (36 yds.), 2. Marescaux ii. (16 yds)
3. Price (32 yds.)
14. OBSTACLE RACE.
1. Harvey, 2. Yonge, 3. Bolton.
15. RELAY RACE (Senior).
Yellow: Yonge, Smith, Payn, Preston.
16. SIGNALLING COMPETITION.
Picken i. and Lewes.
17. TUG OF WAR.
The Boarders beat the Day Boys by 2 pulls to 1.

Cricket.

v. KELLY COLLEGE (Under 14).

23rd June.

The parents' match had been arranged to take place previous to this match against Kelly College to give the team an opportunity of playing together and the captain a chance of taking charge of the game and seeing what bowlers he had at his disposal. Mount House went in first and began disastrously. Brook, an old Mount House boy, captained the Kelly side and opened the bowling. The first ball bowled Cocks before he seemed to be awake to the fact that he had to begin. He made a timid lean forward which looked rather blind and the ball hit his pads and went between his bat and legs. Harvey with Brook's second ball stepped in front of his wicket. The first two balls had disposed of two batsmen and Norman ii. was in the unenviable position of walking to the wicket while fielders were calling out "hat trick, Brook" but they were disappointed for the ball shot past the off stump and he left it alone. Was the spell broken? Mein bowled at the other end and with his second got Picken's playing back with a crooked bat. 0—3—0!

Pode joined Norman and shaped badly until caught off a 'poke' stroke. Yonge played steadily and cut a ball on the off with a beautiful wrist stroke but that was all we saw of him, for in playing back, a short rising ball seemed to curl round his bat. The telegraph read 2—5—1!

Brook then had a 'maiden' over and in the next over Elliott lifted two consecutive balls well out of reach for 4 each. This brought us to double figures and we breathed again. Alas, a hitter's life is a short and merry one at most times and Elliott's stay was all too short, and he was caught trying to put away a shortish ball. Norman ii batted very well for his 10. Every ball was played in the right way and he picked out the right ball to drive but

was too weak to get it far. Among his strokes was a beautiful late cut which he ran for two. He and Yonge are the only two boys who know how to cut well and safely. 24 for 6. The only three to make any stand, Norman ii, Yonge and Elliott were the least attacked by nerves and their success should teach the others the value of boldly facing the situation. It was very distressing to see those who were expected to make runs failing miserably at their first ball. It is almost impossible to recover from a bad start, but Norman and Yonge are to be commended for doing their share to stay the rot. The former was unfortunate in being bowled by a 'shooter' (7 for 31) and Brook completed the 'hat trick' by bowling Norman i and Jones i with the next two balls. Payn would not make up his mind to hit and as he cannot bat he was caught at silly point. Smith was not out 3. He was expected to outlive the rest but the wickets at the other end fell so fast that he got little chance of showing what he could do. The running between the stumps was better than in former days and no one was run out but 2 valuable runs were run short—one each by Norman ii. and Payn. The innings closed for 32 runs. Edwards and Curtoys opened for Kelly against the bowling of Harvey and Picken i. The bowlers kept a good length though off the wicket and runs came slowly. The last ball of Harvey's second over broke a great deal from the off and knocked over Curtoys off stump. 1 wicket down for 3 was good enough but the bowling would surely weaken if it continued to be placed outside the stumps. Brook came in and with Edwards brought the score to 24 when Harvey cleaned bowled the latter. Brook continued to score when in attempting to hit a straight one he was bowled all over his wicket by Picken i. 3 for 32. A long stand was made by Fearnside who hit six 4's chiefly off Picken i. Pode was put on at Picken's end and got 2 wickets in the 1st over. Harvey's bowling went to pieces, his last two overs being very expensive. A bad mistake was made in putting Norman ii. to bowl against wind and slope on a lengthened pitch. He couldn't get them up and bowled 5 wides in his first

over. His analysis read 0 wickets for 5. Pode took 4 for 13 runs. Kelly played out the innings and made 93. Fearnside who is a big fellow with a long reach was top score with 35.

MOUNT HOUSE.

Cocks, b Brook	...	...	0
Picken i., b Mein	...	...	0
Harvey, l b w, b Brook	...	...	0
Norman ii., b Brook	...	...	10
Pode, c Brook, b Mein	...	...	1
Yonge, b Mein	...	...	0
Elliott, c and b Mein	...	...	16
Smith, not out	3
Norman i., b Brook	0
Jones i., b Brook	0
Payn, c Pratt, b Brook	1
Extras	1
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Total	32

KELLY COLLEGE.

Edwards, b Harvey	9
Curtoys, b Harvey	2
Brook, b Picken i.	17
Mein ii., c Yonge, b Pode	...	...	6
Fearnside, c and b Picken i.	...	...	35
Thomas, c Norman ii., b Pode	...	...	0
Deacon ii., run out	...	...	7
Pratt, b Picken i.	10
Mackennan, not out	1
Dobson, b Pode	1
Durrant, b Pode	0
Extras	5
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Total	93

MOUNT HOUSE v. RED HOUSE.

Mount House went in first. Picken iii, the captain, and Gittings were the batsmen. The former was bowled by Macpherson ii. with 3 runs on the board. Cocks ii. made 1, and then left. Newton soon left, the score now standing at 13. Marshall came in and soon showed he meant to stay. Although the other batsmen left at fairly short intervals, he kept his end up, and got several 3's on the leg side. Gittings, Price, Chilcott, Clarke, Aikman,

Hawkes ii, and Ryall made 12 runs between them. The innings closed for 77 runs. Of these 24 were extras, and Marshall made 37 not out, so that the rest did not contribute many. Marshall made one 4, and seven 3's.

Burnard ii, the captain, and Wimbush ii opened the Red House innings. The former left at 7, and the latter at 8. Macpherson ii made a few, but he was out l.b.w. to Picken iii, with 14 runs on the board. Not a single person made double figures. Picken iv was top scorer with 8, and Hopkins came second with 7. Their innings closed for 45, and so Mount House won a good game by 32 runs. Picken iii took 5 wickets for 9 runs, and Cocks ii 4 for 22. Both bowled well. Score :

MOUNT HOUSE.		
Picken iii, b Macpherson ii	...	1
Gittings, run out	..	6
Cocks ii, c Macpherson ii, b Carroll	...	1
Newton, c Cox, b Carroll	...	2
Marshall, not out	... ..	37
Price, b Wimbush ii	... ..	0
Chilcott, b Wimbush ii	... ..	0
Clarke, run out	... ..	1
Aikman, b Macpherson ii	... ..	0
Hawkes ii, b Carroll	... ..	1
Ryall, run out	... ..	4
Byes	... ..	17
Wides	... ..	3
No balls	... ..	4
Total	... ..	77
RED HOUSE.		
Burnard ii, c Chilcott, b Picken iii	...	1
Wimbush ii, b Picken iii	... ..	5
Macpherson ii, l b w, b Picken iii	...	4
Carroll, b Picken iii	... ..	3
Hopkins, c Marshall, b Cocks ii	... ..	7
Picken iv, b Cocks ii	... ..	8
Andrew, run out	... ..	1
Cox, b Cocks ii	... ..	5
Knowling ii, b Picken iii	... ..	4
Lake, not out	... ..	1
Leest, b Cocks ii	... ..	0
Byes	... ..	1
Wides	... ..	3
No balls	... ..	2
Total	... ..	45

MR. COX XI. v. MOUNT HOUSE XVI.

Scores :

Mr. Cox's XI,

Dr. Burke, b Harvey	...	...	0
Mr. Lampard, c Podge, b Picken i	...	...	3
Rev. Cocks, b Picken i	...	...	4
Mr. Brodie, c Norman i, b Picken i	...	...	19
Mr. Jones, b Picken i	...	...	0
Col. Edwards, b Picken i	...	...	3
Mr. Macpherson, b Norman ii	...	...	27
Capt. Knowling, b Podge	2
Capt. Cotter, run out	18
Rev. Cox, not out	19
Bullen, b Picken i	4
Byes	6
Wides	3
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Total	108

MOUNT HOUSE XVI.

Harvey, b Rev. Cocks	0
Norman ii, b Mr. Lampard	3
Picken i, c and b Rev. Cox	28
Elliott, b Rev. Cocks	...	...	0
Podge, b Mr. Lampard	...	...	0
Yonge, b Capt. Cotter	...	...	2
Jones i, b Capt. Cotter	...	...	1
Smith, c. Capt. Cotter, b Mr. Brodie	...	...	19
Payn, c and b Rev. Cocks	...	...	9
Norman i, b Mr. Brodie	...	...	13
Marescaux i, b Mr. Brodie	...	...	0
Wimbush i, b Mr. Brodie	...	...	0
Pellew i, b Mr. Brodie	...	...	0
Edwards, c Mr Macpherson, b Mr Brodie	1
Bolton, b Rev. Cocks	1
Burnard i, not out	4
Byes	20
Wides	2
No balls	1
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Total	104

MOUNT HOUSE v PARENTS.

PARENTS.		
Mr. Lampard, b Picken i	...	15
Major Wray, retired	...	31
Rev. Macpherson, b Picken i	...	18
Mr. Freeman, c and b Harvey	...	22
Mr. Macpherson, run out	...	0
Mr. Woollcombe, b Podge	...	8
Mr. Ryall, retired	...	31
Rev. Yonge, b Podge	...	3
Marescaux i, not out	...	1
Pellew i, b Norman ii	...	2
Extras	...	15
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MOUNT HOUSE.		
Harvey, l b w Major Wray	...	38
Podge, b Mr. Macpherson	...	3
Picken i, b Mr. Woollcombe	...	21
Cocks i, b Mr. Woollcombe	...	0
Norman ii, c and b Major Wray	...	1
Jones i, b Mr. Woollcombe	...	1
Elliott, b Major Wray	...	16
Yonge, not out	...	8
Payn, b Major Wray	...	2
Smith, b Major Wray	...	12
Norman i, b Major Wray	...	6
Extras	...	22
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MOUNT HOUSE v THE STAFF.

THE STAFF.				
1st innings.		2nd innings		
Mr. Brodie, b Harvey	... 20	l b w Picken i	...	21
Miss Wimbush, c Picken i, b Harvey	0	not out ...	...	16
Miss Newman, b Podge	... 2			
Mr. Leithner, b Harvey	... 11	b Picken i	...	23
Miss Coward, b Picken i	... 0			
Mr. Cox, st Cocks i, b Podge	... 20	b Picken i	...	17
Mrs. Cox, b Picken i	... 0			
Bullen, b Picken i	... 1	not out...	...	7
Miss Bostock, c Harvey, b Podge	... 0			
Mr. Butler, b Norman ii	... 2			
Marescaux i, not out	... 0			
Extras	... 6	Extras	...	7
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Total	... 62	Total for 3 wkts	...	93
		Innings declared closed.		

MOUNT HOUSE.

1st innings		2nd innings	
Harvey, c Mr Cox, b Mr. Brodie	... 27	run out	... 2
Norman ii, b Mr. Leithner	... 14	c and b Mr. Cox	... 2
Picken i, c and b Miss Newman	.. 11	cMissCoward b MrCox	2
Elliott, c Mr Leithner, b Miss Newman	2	run out	... 2
Yonge, b Mr. Cox	.. ... 5	c Bullen, bMissNewnan	11
Cocks i, c and b Mr. Cox	... 10	not out ...	... 8
Smith, b Miss Newman	... 10	not out ...	... 4
Pode, b Mr. Cox	... 0		
Payn, st Mr. Leithner, b Mr. Cox	... 2		
Picken iii. run out	... 1		
Lewes, not out	... 0		
Extras 10	Extras	... 7
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Total	... 92	Total for 5 wks	36

RED HOUSE v. THE MOTHERS XI.

Red House played their annual match against the Mothers on Thursday, July 16th. The sky was heavy and the weather threatening all the afternoon, but fortunately no rain actually fell. Burnard ii. won the toss for the boys and decided to put his side in. The innings was opened by Rimington and Hopkins, both of whom were a little nervous and made little effort to punish the bowlers before they found their length and direction. When seven runs were on the board, Rimington in trying to steal a short one was sent back by his partner, and was smartly run out by Mrs. Chilcott. By this time the bowlers, Mrs. Burnard and Mrs. Chilcott, had found themselves and three wickets fell for the addition of only two more runs. The coming of Wimbush ii. marked the beginning of better things for Red House; he and Hopkins began to lay about them to good effect. Hopkins has an engaging way of running after wide balls and hitting them hard, and this policy stood him in good stead besides affording pleasure to the onlookers. Wimbush prefers a more orthodox style, and hits the ball hard and straight in front of him; he has the makings of a good bat, for his eye is good, he times the ball well, and is not indiscriminate in his hitting. Hopkins fell to Mrs Chilcott's bowling at 34; then Picken iv. stayed for Wimbush to add another eleven to the score, but after

his dismissal nobody but Wimbush showed to any advantage and the inning was closed at 60, when Lake was beautifully caught and bowled by Mrs. Burnard, who held a quick return well over her left shoulder.

The innings of the Mothers opened rather badly, as Mrs. Burnard was run out in the first over and before any score had been made. In a very short time Mrs. Newton too had been dismissed, and with two wickets down for eight runs things were looking rather rosy for the boys. But the advent of Mrs. Chilcott put a new complexion on matters. With her at one end treating the bowling in cavalier fashion and Mrs. Knowling presenting a straight bat to everything and refusing steadily to be lured into taking risks, the score gradually mounted up. Before the partnership was broken by Mrs. Knowling's being bowled by Wimbush ii., the boys' total had been passed. Mrs. Chilcott made 30 by free and stylish batting before she retired. The Mothers had made 82 for six wickets when the innings was declared closed.

Although the boys were rather badly beaten they never lost their keenness in the field, and this keenness made amends for many blunders in that department. Of the bowlers Carroll was the best, and even when he was being badly punished by Mrs. Chilcott he never lost his head. On the whole the boys seem better at batting than at the other departments of the game, Wimbush in particular reflects great credit on Miss Newman's coaching.

RED HOUSE.		MOTHERS.	
Rimington, run out	2	Mrs. Burnard, run out	0
Hopkins, b Mrs. Chilcott	18	Mrs. Newton, b Carroll	4
Carroll, b Mrs. Burnard	0	Mrs. Edwards, c Wimbush	
Macpherson ii b Mrs Chilcott	1	b Carroll	8
Burnard ii, b Mrs Chilcott	0	Mrs. Chilcott, retired	30
Wimbush ii, not out	26	Mrs. Carroll, b Carroll	0
Picken iv, b Mrs. Chilcott	1	Mrs. Knowling, b Wimbush	7
Cox, b Mrs. Chilcott	2	Mrs. Cox, not out	10
Knowling ii, b Mrs Chilcott	0	Mrs. Norman, run out	3
Lake, c & b Mrs. Burnard	0	Mrs. Jesse, not out	9
Andrews, b Mrs. Jesse	2	Mrs. Macpherson } did not bat	
		Mrs. Freeman }	
Extras	7	Extras	11
Total	59	Total (for 6 wkts.)	82

Characters of the XI.

PICKEN I. Too much inclined to play back. Still possesses a very good leg hit. Should develop his cut. As a field, improved. Has an accurate return. Disappointing as captain and never shouldered the responsibilities of leader nor shown much judgment on the field. On the whole, good and full of promise. I think his worst fault is his shuffle before he plays, which causes him to lose sight of the ball. Can bowl quite a useful ball for three overs, but his method of holding the ball transfers the work to his back, which is bound to tire very soon. Finger spin would last much longer.

HARVEY. A future, rather than a present, bat. Has it all there, but has not benefitted much by instruction. Always begins uneasy and takes a long time to gain confidence. All "off" strokes want a great deal of developing as regards arms, wrists and feet. Will make a good bowler if he puts his mind to it and uses more judgment and can control the ball as well as himself. By the last I mean, his bowling so goes to pieces if he is not successful, or sometimes from being too successful. Very promising and a good, keen field.

***NORMAN II.** Has the makings of a stylish bat. Watches the ball all the way up—a rare accomplishment—and judges well the pitch and pace of the ball. Cuts well and has good judgment. Has a good drive which will no doubt increase in power as he grows. A useful change bowler. Requires to be a little more serious and keener. Has a great deal to improve.

ELLIOTT. Has not learnt to bat very much. His strokes are few and he has lost his old leg hit. Can hit a half volley and perhaps sees the ball more than a spectator would believe. Has confidence, which ought to stand him in good stead, but should learn to play the ball which is too good to hit. A shocking field and has no judgment for a catch.

PODE. Learnt and forgot how to play forward, all in a month. Bends his knees and thus gets under instead of over the ball. Does not use his height or his shoulders. Much improved as a field and coming on well as a bowler.

*YONGE. Promises very well. Cuts well with a wristy movement. Keeps a straight bat and watches the ball. Shapes well at all balls. Should wait and play the ball which is on the wicket close to him and not rush forward unless it be fast. Ought to know something about wicket-keeping now, but very slow.

JONES I. Does not keep a straight bat, nor get his left elbow out. His only stroke is a very short swing in which his body turns round much too soon. Can hit the overpitched ball.

SMITH. Rather timorous bat. Shines in the defensive act only. Has exploited the glance through the slips to the detriment of all other strokes. Defence is really good and he has been "not out" on a great many occasions. Slow as wicket-keeper and improving as bowler.

PAYN. Gone off very much as a field. Has not improved in any way with the bat.

NORMAN I. Used to be regarded as a safe field. Plays all balls in the same mechanical way regardless of length, pace or direction. Began to improve and tried to play with straight bat.

COCKS I. Has played little and lost much by it. Has no attack and seldom moves to the ball. Turns his bat round to point at almost every stroke.

Scouting.

May 13th. For the first expedition of the Summer Term the troop went by train to Plymbridge. We proceeded some distance up the left bank of the river and found a place suitable for headquarters; the staves were piled and impedimenta left in charge of a guard. Exercises

commenced with a game of "French and English." A dispatch for the "English" under Harvey had been hidden in hostile country, and its existence was known also to the "French" under Picken. Each side endeavoured to trace the dispatch by "sign" which had been left, and in case of meeting with the enemy every member of each side carried two rounds of ammunition. Picken's side were successful both in finding the dispatch and in destroying the "English," mainly because Harvey's advance guard and other detached parties failed to maintain communication with the main body, and were scattered over the field of action without connexions. After this game we had some practice in what we learned of first aid work last term. The ambulance men remembered how to do the various things required, but they lacked neatness and it certainly looked as if they would have caused real patients a good deal of discomfort. This is work which should be assiduously practised. After eating our rations we did the march home in fairly good time.

May 20th. On this date we made our long deferred first expedition to Hanger Down, Cornwood, and had splendid weather and a successful day. We made our camp under the shadow of the trees of Stone Wood, where we were welcomed by Miss Dear, through whose kindness we are able to use the woodlands round Hanger Down. The first game was one giving practice in approaching and observing an enemy from under cover. The Scoutmaster retired about five hundred yards from the troop, whose task it was to keep him under observation while approaching him as closely as possible without being seen by him. The ground at Hanger Down is slightly undulating and well covered with low gorse and ferns, so that naturally it is extremely favourable for the game in question. The advance was generally well concealed, and the movements of the Scoutmaster carefully observed and reported. One or two points, however, call for mention. Scouts should remember to look round rather than over cover, heads were often conspicuous. It must be remembered, too, that

when a piece of ground without cover has to be crossed, it is best to get up and run across it at a burst, however it is crossed one is bound to be a target, and is better that this should be for a short time than for a long one.

More first aid exercises were carried out, and were on the whole better done than the week before. A special section of the Troop did some practical work in map-reading while the others held a jousting tournament just before the return to the station.

June 4th. A short expedition was made to Fort Austin, where the time was principally occupied in signalling practise and in the estimation of heights and distances. Later in the afternoon a verbal message was sent by relays across country, and suffered a good many changes en route. By the time it reached its destination its value as information was practically nil.

June 25th. On this date a most enjoyable expedition was made to Cornwood and Hanger Dawn. The first game of the afternoon was a trail following, in which the scouts failed completely to pick up the tracks of Smith and Norman ii who had been sent out to conceal a despatch. After wandering aimlessly about for a considerable time they had to confess themselves nonplussed, and then followed signalling practice. After the games the troop had been invited to tea by Mrs. Knowling, whose kindness was much appreciated by everyone. About an hour and a half was spent over tea and games and on the strawberry beds, and then a reluctant start had to be made for home.

July 23rd. At the invitation of Mr. Croft the troop made an expedition to Rumleigh, Bere Alston to explore the country with a view to making further expeditions there. The well wooded country and the river offer eplendid opportunities for scouting work and we hope to go there again in the near future. The weather on the day of our visit was far from being perfect, but we were entertained at Rumleigh House, where the hospitality of Mr. and the Misses Croft was much enjoyed and appreciated by the Troop. We are very grateful to our host for permission to scout over his land.

Red House Notes.

Cricket.

The cricket has, on the whole, been good this season, and a vast improvement is noticeable since the beginning of the term. Of course, there have been some slackers, and probably there always will be, but the slackers this term have been fewer than usual, and that is greatly due to the splendid example shewn by some of the older boys in Red House. Their zeal, interest and energy have been very pleasing to note during the whole term, and those who were chosen for the XI. this year, genuinely deserved that position of merit. Those boys have, without exception, proved a real help, and all have played in a thoroughly sportsmanlike way, that is, not each boy for himself and his own glory, but for the honour of their house, or, in the case of an ordinary school game, for the sake of the side on which they were playing. That is the spirit which we want all the juniors to adopt, even though, just at first, it may seem as though they are no good at all at the game, and we want them to realise that although it is not possible for all to be in the Junior XI, yet it is possible for all to shew keenness and a real interest in the game, when playing, and when *not* playing to encourage those who are chosen to represent the Red House. Those chosen for the XI. this year were :—Burnard ii, Carroll, Wimbush ii., Macpherson ii., Picken iv., Hopkins, Rimington, Cox, Lake, Andrew, Knowling ii., and of those the first four are worthy of special mention.—Carroll, for his intelligent play and real keenness shewn throughout the whole term; Wimbush ii for his thorough all-round improvement; Macpherson ii., and Burnard ii., for their genuinely unselfish play and dogged determination to do their *best* at all costs.

Picken iv. holds out great promise of one day becoming a first-rate bowler and he is also quick at the wickets Hopkins' play is very good at times but he is a

little too unsteady to be always depended upon. Lake can hold a good, straight bat and has improved very much this term. Rimington, Cox, Andrews and Knowling ii. are all full of promise and we hope for great things from them in the near future.

Gardening.

At the beginning of the Easter Term a successful venture was made by the removal of the boys' gardens from Mount House kitchen garden to the crescent-shaped bed in front of the Red House. The bed was divided up into ten divisions, each division being portioned off by a border of forget-me-nots. The boys then dug the ground well over and prepared it for the seeds which they planted early this term. Unfortunately, in many cases those seeds were not successful, entirely due to the over-keenness of the gardeners to have the surface soil so perfectly smooth and fine, that their busy rakes did much havoc among the seeds. However, all gardeners have to learn by bitter experience and no doubt this catastrophe will be a warning to future Red House gardeners. When their mistake was fully realised the gardeners held a council and decided that some of their pocket money must now be laid out in buying young plants to take the place of the non-germinating seeds. Forthwith a visit was paid to the Nursery Gardens and a variety of plants were bought. These plants proved to be very successful and the gardens have looked very bright and pretty all through the summer. The boys have all worked hard and have spared no pains to make their gardens as neat and beautiful as possible, carefully watering them every evening when necessary. The competition for the gardening prize was very keen and the excitement grew intense as the day approached. Mrs Knowling kindly acted as judge and the prize was awarded to Wells, his arrangement of his plants being considered the best, and he also had the greatest number of flowers in bloom. Lake's garden was much admired for its height of perfection in neatness, but its absence of plants was greatly against his

qualifications for the prize. He deserves a word of praise for the splendid work he has put into his garden this term. All his spare moments have been devoted to his little plot and it is entirely due to his own unsparing efforts that his garden has looked such a picture of neatness as it has done throughout the whole term.

We were just congratulating ourselves upon having almost reached the end of the term without an infectious germ having laid its hold upon us, when the unfortunate news, which reached us on July 21st, brought home to us very forcibly the old proverb "Don't crow till you are out of the wood." Fortunately the germ did not enter the school but remained with its victim at Stoke, no one else being infected. Our heart-felt sympathies go out to Leest in his having to spend his summer holiday in such an unenviable situation and we trust that he will make a speedy recovery. It is difficult to write a suitable article in this connection, but perhaps an appropriate ending might be "'Leest' said, soonest mended!"

Nature Study.

This term we have been most fortunate in obtaining a great variety of specimens for our aquarium, affording interesting substance for our Nature Study.

Mrs. Knowling gave us two interesting plants, Azolla and Sundew. The Azolla, which covers our goldfish bowl is a tropical and sub-tropical floating simple fern—which in external appearance looks very much like a moss. It has two kinds of leaves, upper and lower; the former being ordinary leaves, while the latter hang freely in the water, forming roots. The Sundew—*Drosera Rotundifolia*—is a rather uncommon insectivorous bog plant. Its leaves bear stalked glands, or tentacles, which secrete a sticky fluid. If an insect adheres to the tentacles, they bend down upon it and pour out the fluid, which has the power of digesting the object on which it falls. When digestion is completed the tentacles resume their former position.

In our aquarium we have had a large number of tadpoles, slugs, snails, beetles, gnat grubs, etc. These we took from the pond at Plym Bridge during May. After about six weeks, five of the tadpoles had changed into frogs. They were transported to a bowl which we converted into a miniature pond, where they sat on the rocks for about a fortnight and then disappeared—into the garden we hope! In this bowl we have also two newts and several caddis-worms, which have built themselves houses of twigs, leaves, sand, etc. Over the larger stones we have had some flowering water plants.

Our silk-worms, after feasting greedily on lettuce for several weeks, are just about to pupate. We have had a great number of caterpillars and chrysalises. One Magpie moth came out of its case during morning school, and whilst we watched, stretched its wings and prepared to fly away.

School Notes.

We have had two lectures in the Gymnasium this term, both very interesting, though entirely different in character.

The Lecture on May 6th was on "Lighthouses," given by Mr. Williams lighthouse keeper on the Eddystone, and was especially interesting to us, living as we do, within sight of the Eddystone light. There seems to be very little about lighthouses and their history which Mr. Williams does not know, and his Lecture illustrated by lantern slides was very illuminating to all of us. Mr. Williams has since very kindly presented the School Museum with a piece of carbon and also with some Sea urchins.

Early in June, Mr. Pick, Headmaster of St. George's School, New York, gave an afternoon Lecture on the "Improvement of the Memory." This was a subject which naturally appealed very strongly to most of us—and

we were not disappointed. His system is based on the "connection of ideas," and by linking up ideas--only two at a time--he made the whole of the upper school repeat a list of French gender exceptions correctly from beginning to end after only hearing them once. The Lecture was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it, and we hope that some at least will follow Mr. Piek's advice and try to apply his principles to the solving of the difficulties with which they are so familiar in French and Latin Grammar--not to mention dates!

On July 1st the Upper School went to see Ponting's pictures of Captain Scott's South Pole Expedition at the Theatre Royal. Mr. Meares who was in charge of the dogs during the expedition, explained the pictures. These were marvellously good, and gave one the impression of actually witnessing the thrilling events and beautiful scenery they portrayed. The antics of the Seals and Penguins as shown by the cinematograph were most amusing, and everyone agreed that they would on no account have missed this splendid exhibition.

On Trinity Sunday the Rev. C. E. De la Bere was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Exeter in Exeter Cathedral. He is now acting as curate to his father at Woolfardisworthy which is not so very far away so we hope to prevail upon him to come and see us again before long.

We have to thank the Rev. Dr. Flynn, LL.D. for his kind help at the Sunday afternoon Gym. Services which was greatly appreciated by the boys; and also the Rev. E. E. Machell Cox who, although on his holiday, very kindly gave us an address also.

The Sports on July 7th of which an account is given elsewhere--went off capitally with the exception of one important incident. When in the field the evening before

Mr. Bowers was tempted to try his hand—or should we say his leg—at the high jump with the unfortunate result that he injured his knee, and has been more or less laid up ever since. The Rev. E. E. Machell Cox who was staying here at the time very kindly stepped into the breach and took Mr. Bowers' work for a week, after which the boys had the novel and (apparently delightful) experience of "sick-room" classes which Mr. Bowers conducted from his bed.

The Rev. E. E. Machell Cox's stimulating visit enlivened us all and he was much missed when he returned to his parish in Derbyshire. His excellent photographs—one of which appears as a frontispiece to this number—were very greatly appreciated by the many to whom he presented them, and he worked hard for the School in various ways whilst he was with us.

Those who are leaving us this term are: Picken i, Harvey, Marescaux i, Shellabear, Baird and Hopkins. The two former have taken good places in the Clifton College Entrance Examination—Picken especially, who was not excelled by anyone in the Examination for the Modern Side, whilst we think we may safely congratulate Marescaux i in advance on passing his Naval Examination though we have not yet heard.

Match v. Downton: Yonge has got his House colours at Berkhamstead and would have shot in the School viii at Bisley but for being in the Sanatorium at the time; Arundell is a Prefect at Newton College, and has got his 1st XI Colours at cricket, rugger and hockey; Brooking writes from Wellington and Birch from Dartmouth while Dawe made 100 playing for his house at Cheltenham.

Will all owners of School caps, blazers, etc., be kind enough to destroy them when worn out and *not* give them away. Several slum children have been seen in Plymouth lately wearing old school colours, the result probably of the articles in question having been thoughtlessly sent to jumble sales.

The Prize-winners this term were :

Form VI.—Cocks i. ; 2nd Picken i.

Form V.—Cocks ii.

Form IV.—Spooner-Lillingston.

Form III.—Forrest ; 2nd Marshall.

Form II.—Carrol.

Form I.—Kelly.

Special prizes were given for a Scripture paper by the Rev. E. E. Machell Cox, and for a Bird paper by Mr. A. H. Machell Cox. These prizes were both won by R. Bolton.

It is gratifying to note that Brook has gained a regular place in the first XI. at Kelly College this term. At the same time his inclusion in the "under 14" match against us was much to be regretted ; for, bearing in mind the disastrous experience against Curtoys last year, when arranging the fixture we had this time expressly stipulated—in no unsporting spirit—that if any member of the first XI. happened to be under 14 he should not be played.

Since going to press we hear that Marescaux i. was successful in passing the examination for Osborne, and offer him our heartiest congratulations.