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EDITORIAL.

AS this number begins the Sixth Volume of our Magazine, we think we have chosen an appropriate illustration in the view from the School-House entrance. We shall hope in the future, as in the past, to set forth what is going on behind that door, as well as what is taking place in the grounds that adjoin the drive. Nay, we shall hope to travel further afield and following the footsteps of our old boys, record in our pages the successes of their careers.

As far as we can judge, but few of our readers bind the Magazine. Surely this is unwise, as separate numbers are so easily lost. Every boy ought at any rate to bind those copies which coincide with his own school life, for we feel certain that they will increase in interest as he grows older and the memory of his boyhood fades.

We are sure that all our readers will unite with us in hearty congratulations to Leonard Doncaster on his election to a Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge. May this prove a stimulus to the many in our midst who are proposing to go to that University.

Now as to the fare that we offer our subscribers. We would advise all to read the Account of Life in a French School, and contrast it with their own experience. We were half inclined to print the article in the original tongue, but refrained as we felt it undesirable to create a precedent, and feared a manuscript in Esperanto with which our printer might not be able to cope.

The Competition for the Old Leightonian Challenge Shield is this year proving a very good one, as the two houses are at the time of writing as nearly equal as possible. Everything therefore depends on the Athletic Sports. The prospects for Cricket next term are good as there will be many old colours still with us. If right use is made of Walter Wright's instruction and the weather is favourable we may look forward with confidence to a successful season.

 PREFECTS.

D. W. Collier	appointed	May, 1908.
J. Rickman	„	September, 1908.
K. H. Brooks	„	„ „
R. B. Crewdson	„	September, 1909.
E. I. Lloyd	„	„ „
A. R. Fuller	„	January, 1910.

 NEW OLD BOYS.

J. S. Stephens, Ashfield, Falmouth.
 P. M. Keen, Birkdale, Kidderpore Avenue, Hampstead, N.W.
 C. King Smith, Rutherglen, Clarendon Road, Watford.

 NEW BOYS.

(Omitted from the list in our last number).

Form V. (2) D. J. Malcomson, Mayfield House, Portlaw,
 Co. Waterford.
 Form III. P. S. Cadbury, Southfield, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

 THE WANDERERS' REST SONG.

Long years was toil our portion,
 Now rest shall claim its own ;
 Farewell to far world corners
 Which we have seen and known,
 Tho' scattered as the spindrift
 Before a south-east gale,
 Ship unto ship we now draw near,
 Lip unto lip we hail.

*Thro' foul and pleasant weather we have come at last together.
 A song of rest upon our lips, and idle hands aplay,
 And in harbour you may find us, for our wake lies dead behind us,
 The Wanderers have wandered home to stay !*

When first the winds of Heaven
Spoke to us in the trees,
When first we heard with childish ears
The full, deep-throated seas,
When first the landward breezes brought
The sharp scent of the foam,
We knew that we were wanderers
Ordained to sail from home.

They never understood us,
The folk of placid lives,
Whose love is with their gardens,
Their children and their wives;
God knows, in work and pleasure
We longed to live as they;
But the wide world whispered to us,
And we knew we could not stay!

By many ways we wandered,
Thro' trackless lands and seas;
To battle was our pleasure,
To conquer was our ease;
And though the conquest brought us
A wealth of naught save pain,
We found reward in conquest,
So shipped and sailed again.

Untaught, we learned great lessons
By every road we trod,
We turned the deathless pages,
As traced of old by God;
We bowed before the fickle fate
That swung our bows at sea,
And wrote across the figured slate
Strange words of destiny.

We've anchored off far islands,
Where shoaling green meets blue,
And heard with bowed, uncovered heads
The Service mumbled through;
'Ashes to ashes, dust to dust'—
A shotted sail let free,
Such is the end of the Wanderers
Who travel by the sea.

The snow that glimmers thro' the mist
 So lone and bleak and cold!
 The tossing green of graceful palms
 Above a beach of gold!
 The thundering of tumbled seas
 That beat about the Horn---
 These love we as a mother loves
 An only child new-born.

But now the years are on us,
 We can no longer roam,
 And we turn in second childhood
 To seek our childhood's home;
 With failing eyes and trembling hands
 We grope our homeward way,
 Feeling along thro' the evening
 At the end of a long, long day.

*Thro' foul and pleasant weather we have come at last together,
 Our hearts and eyes are weary of the leagues of tossing foam,
 And in harbour you may find us, with our long wake dead behind us,
 The Wanderers at last have wandered home!*

H.R.

LIFE IN A FRENCH SCHOOL.

LIFE in a French *lycée* or college is completely different from that of an English school. The provisions for comfort which exist in the latter seem to have been forgotten in the former. For instance there are no grounds where boys are able to walk in their free time, but a miserable play-ground enclosed by high walls and very often too small to contain the boys. As Colleges in France are only places for training the mind, physical culture is not thought of and consequently all the time a boy spends at College is devoted to learning.

A boy in England enjoys a certain amount of liberty, but in France from the minute he enters the School till the minute he leaves, the boy is under the supervision of a kind of undermaster called *le maître d' étude* or in the school slang "*le pion*."

This master is generally the nightmare of the boys, and is looked upon as the common enemy by a great number of them.

The *maître d' étude* is generally a man who is not able to afford the expense of college life and so accepts the painful duty of living constantly with noisy and pitiless boys, and that with a very small salary in order that he may have the opportunity of continuing his studies,

Although his restraint is felt at all times by the boys he is quite necessary in colleges, for the average French boy is more troublesome than his English comrade. It is probable that lack of physical culture in any form whatever contributes in a great measure to that restlessness of French scholars, for it is hardly to be expected that a boy of between ten and seventeen years of age can live the regular and sedentary life of a man much older. On the other hand if sports were introduced in the programme of education it is to be feared that they would be considered by the pupils as the principal subject and therefore the studies would suffer. As this article is not to be a criticism upon education in France, I shall only describe the life of a boy at college.

A boy enters one of the colleges when about nine years old, and will remain there eight years if he intends to pass his *baccalauréat* examination (something like B.A.). After the first year he will choose between three different branches called *Sciences*, *Lettres*, or *Moderne*, and will then only therefore follow the courses attached to that particular branch.

When I have described one day at college you will know all the others, for monotony is the order of the day. At 6 a.m. in summer and 6-30 in winter the boys are awakened by the toll of a bell or even by the beating of a drum, and immediately the "*pion*" comes out from his cubicle, generally placed in the middle of the dormitory and sees that every boy gets up and dresses in silence. When everybody is ready and each one is standing at the foot of his bed, ranks are formed and the boys are marched into the play-ground whence five minutes later they are marched again into the preparation rooms, where they remain up to 8 o'clock, then they go to the dining room for breakfast. The meal lasts a quarter of an hour and is taken in silence like all the others. Afterwards comes a period of 40 minutes which is spent in the recreation ground, and at 8-55 all forms are marched into the various class rooms where the masters are waiting for them.

I may say here that there is no resident master in any of the colleges. The morning classes last generally from 9 to 11 and at

the expiration of each hour one may see classes marching in ranks in the play-ground exchanging rooms. At 11 they have an interruption of work of quarter of a hour and return to the preparation rooms up to 11-55. Lunch takes place from 12 to 12-20 and the remainder of the hour is spent in the play-ground.

At 1 o'clock the boys return to the preparation room until 1-55, and from 2 to 4 class, from 4 to 5 play, and then preparation lasting up to 7 o'clock. Supper at 7, play till 7-30, bedtime at 8 p.m.

Boys can only leave school once a month and for that they must have a responsible person coming to fetch them at the college and bringing them back before 8 o'clock. Every Thursday and Sunday afternoons, always accompanied by the inevitable "*pion*," the boys are taken for a walk outside the town starting at 2 o'clock and returning about 5 o'clock.

The punishments in French colleges are the privation of going out on Thursdays and Sundays, and while the others are out the boys punished are dictated to for one hour or more. For slight offences they are given lines to copy and even while in the play-ground they are made to stand facing the wall for a certain time.

The French boys have not so long holidays as those in England. Eight days at New Year, ten days at Easter and five weeks during the summer would certainly not satisfy the English schoolboy.

THE CRITIC.

We are constantly told that self-criticism is good for one. That may or may not be. The writer cannot tell, he does not indulge in this particular duty. But if self-criticism is good, how much nobler the virtue of criticising others. The air to-day is full of love for our fellow-men; politicians of all shades give this as a reason for their actions, and preachers assure us that it is the essence of their religion. True, speech is not action, though it may prove the stimulus of it, with the result that the doer will gain the glory which surely belongs by right to the critic.

There is room for the critic at school; indeed for some of us it is the one talent that must be cultivated. Moreover, just think what opportunities there are in our daily life for its use. What a chance for instance of comparison there is in the various methods of teaching adopted by the masters. And who indeed so suitable as one who has never taught, and so can form an unbiassed opinion? Think, too, of the football field and the mistakes of the players. Who so competent to advise as the person who has never played in a match and is therefore from his very ignorance absolutely unprejudiced? But perhaps after all the meetings of the Societies offer one the greatest scope for destructive criticism. Should someone read an essay, it is so easy to pour forth invective on its subject, length, style, and matter, especially if you have never written an essay yourself and know none of the attendant difficulties. What chance too at a "social"! It is really not difficult to say that so and so marred his recitation by his nervousness or over-confidence, since you will not settle in your own mind the correct standard until after the performance.

The great opportunity of the term comes on the day that *The Leightonian* is published. Then there is so much food for criticism that all that has gone before sinks into insignificance. First of all it is well to compare its size with that of *The Strand Magazine* which is sold at the same price, of course in doing so you will neglect such details as advertisements and circulation or you will fail in your object. Next turn your eagle eye on the articles, especially if you know the authors, and point out to your friends, if you have any, how you would have treated the subject. They are sure to be interested, though perhaps not in the way you wished. Finally, tackle the news pages and the cricket scores condemn the former as stale and the latter as occupying too much room. After all, if others do not see things from your standpoint you can pity them and retire to the higher plane of your own opinion.

The life of a critic is not a happy one. He is often misunderstood and rarely liked. This is so true that the writer is not sure that the better part is chosen by him who attempts to do something, and not by the person who spends his time in pulling to pieces that which others have accomplished. Wherefore, O reader, we advise you to refrain until age, experience and knowledge have brought you some equipment for such an office.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—There has been one meeting this term up to now, this was held on February 19th. After two whole years of service as Secretary of this Society, J. S. Stephens left us last term, and consequently the first business of the meeting was to elect Secretaries. K. H. Brooks was appointed Secretary, and J. M. Downie Assistant Secretary. The usual routine business of the Easter term was then gone through including the appointment of the Egg Committee and the Diary Committee. After this Mr. Rowntree gave us a very interesting lantern lecture on birds, dealing at some length with numerous fossil forms found in different parts of the world.

On Friday, March 11th, the members of this society attended a lecture in Reading, by Frederick Enoch, which was greatly enjoyed by all of us.

K. H. BROOKS.

SENIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—“*The Average Man*” was the topic under consideration at the first meeting of this Society, and since the discussion the subject has been set in nearly every form in the School for an essay. While realising the compliment the Society feels its responsibility in giving the School subjects for deliberation.

D. W. Collier and the Secretary wrote essays, Collier also wrote an original and excellent Chronicle which was read before the Society.

J. RICKMAN.

JUNIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—There has been one meeting of this Society at the time of writing. Mr. Rowntree took the chair. After the usual business four essays were read. The first by D. S. H. Keep dealt with “Sponges and the methods of gathering and preparing them.” A. E. Mitchell followed with a descriptive essay on “A Yorkshire Dale and its surroundings.” E. S. Harris then read his first essay which was entitled “The English Lake District.” Lastly, P. S. Cadbury read a graphic account of his dog’s life, from the dog’s point of view.

J. M. DOWNIE.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—Two meetings of this Society have been held so far this term. At the first D. W. Collier was appointed Vice-President and E. I. Lloyd was elected Secretary in his place,

O. S. Hopkins and A. R. Fuller were elected to fill the vacancies on the Committee. The rest of the evening was given up to sharp practice, during which the following subjects were discussed. "The advisability of each boy keeping a small garden," "Titles," "The efficiency of the peoples of the British Isles," and "The value of Art compared with that of Science." At the second meeting the motion before the meeting was that "In the opinion of this house Modern Sports and Pastimes are becoming less manly." D. S. Keep, ably seconded by R. T. Stephens, proposed the motion. J. M. Grierson, seconded by F. S. Brain, opposed the motion; both spoke well and brought forward good points. When the debate was thrown open there were many good speeches, the discussion coming to an end on account of time. When the votes were counted, it was found that the motion was lost, fourteen voting against and seven for it. A. J. S. Inglis, H. W. Malcomson and T. W. Hopkins have been elected members.

A. FULLER.

L.H.A. SOCIETY.—The Society held its third meeting of last term early in December. Chas. Steward Smith, F.R.I.B.A., gave us a most interesting chat on Architecture, showing us the transition from one form to another, from the simple, through the massive architecture of Stonehenge to the modern skyscraper. He illustrated his remarks by means of the blackboard and many beautiful slides. Our first meeting this term was held on February 9th. Papers were read on various prominent characters of the past century. When these were completed time did not allow of a discussion but a ballot was taken as to which individual had the greatest influence for good on the century. There being seven characters each member was to allot 7 votes to his first choice, 6 to his second and so on. The result was as follows:—1st Tolstoi (by K. H. Brooks) 119 votes; 2nd Stephenson (A. R. Fuller) 102; 3rd Tennyson (H. L. Harris) 98; 4th Karl Marx (Mr. Edminson) 90; 5th Edison (D. S. H. Keep) 87; 6th Peel (F. S. Brain) 81; and 7th Napoleon (S. F. Lennard) 41. The second meeting was held on March 5th. Mr. Hale gave us an extremely interesting account of Bismarck, his character and life's work. After the paper, questions were asked and opinions expressed, mention being made both of the position of women in Germany, and of our relations with that empire. A. J. S. Inglis, E. H. May, and D. J. Malcomson have been elected members.

H. L. HARRIS.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

THESE Sports were held during the last fortnight of the Summer Term. Notwithstanding the marked superiority of E. Jefferys who easily won the Lister Harrison Cup, Grove House succeeded in scoring the majority of points. They were enabled to do this mainly by the good performance of C. King Smith in the Junior events, who created fresh records in the one and four lengths. E. Jefferys broke the record in the nine lengths.

OPEN EVENTS.

Nine Lengths.—E. Jefferys, 3m. 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.* F. W. Knott. A. J. S. Inglis.

Four Lengths.—E. Jefferys, 1m. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. F. W. Knott. J. Farmer.

One Length.—E. Jefferys, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ s. A. J. S. Inglis. F. W. Knott.

One Length on Back.—E. Jefferys, 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ s. A. J. S. Inglis. F. W. Knott.

Plunge.—A. J. S. Inglis, 39ft. 11in. J. R. Ridges. K. H. Brooks.

Dive.—E. Jefferys, J. R. Ridges. F. W. Knott.

Team Race.—Grove House. 1m. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.*

JUNIOR EVENTS.

Four Lengths.—C. King Smith, 1m. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.* C. B. Wilson. A. Gilford.

One Length.—C. King Smith, 17s. C. B. Wilson. A. Gilford.

One Length on Back.—C. King Smith, 25s. W. J. C. Taylor. J. G. Goodbody.

Plunge.—J. G. Goodbody, 36ft. 5in. W. J. C. Taylor. C. B. Wilson.

Dive.—C. King Smith. A. Gilford. J. G. Goodbody.

* Denotes School Record.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1909-10.

Won 10; Lost 14; Drawn 2.

THE Season has on the whole been fairly satisfactory. This last term we have been handicapped by the fact that the last remaining footballer amongst the masters has dropped out, so we have been left to fight the 1st XI. matches with the Boys' XI. Couple with this the fact that E. I. Lloyd has been absent, and that O. S. Hopkins was in the sickroom for two

matches, and the poor results of this term's play are perhaps partially accounted for.

The team this term has been as follows—*Goal*: T. W. Hopkins. *Backs*: K. H. Brooks, A. J. S. Inglis. *Halves*: J. G. Goodbody, D. W. Collier, D. S. H. Keep. *Forwards*: H. R. Bickerton, O. S. Hopkins, T. C. Tonkin, C. C. Curtis, and T. R. Ridges.

Fuller and Malcomson have also played.

REPORTS OF PLAYERS.

T. W. Hopkins.—Has developed into a really first-class goalkeeper. His chief fault is in not knowing when to run out for a ball, but proficiency in this will come with practice. A very strong kick with a dry ball but would do well to practise instep kicking with a wet ball.

A. J. S. Inglis.—A good sound right-back. A reliable, strong kick but lacks speed. Tackles fairly well but should practise turning quickly and sprinting.

J. G. Goodbody.—An excellent left-half. Would do well to cultivate more accurate passing and greater speed. Tackles excellently.

H. R. Bickerton.—A good outside-right. But liable to be very lazy, lacks sufficient dash but passes and shoots well.

The above have received their 1st XI. colours.

A. R. Fuller.—Inside-right. Slow but fairly tricky, a weak shot.

C. C. Curtis.—Inside-left. An excellent forward at times, but too light for play with heavy teams. Tricky and shoots well.

H. W. Malcomson.—A very plucky player at either half or forward. In spite of his small size he is sometimes very useful even against heavy teams.

MATCH LIST, 1910.

Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Result.	Goals.	
				For.	Against.
Jan. 28	University College	Away	Lost	0	4
Feb. 2	Douai Abbey	Home	Lost	0	5
" 9	Borlase School	Home	Lost	2	6
" 12	Swarthmore	Home	Lost	0	2
" 19	Foxes	Home	Lost	0	1
" 22	Mansfield College	Away	Won	3	1
" 26	Douai Abbey	Away	Lost	1	12

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

Boys' XI. v. Douai Abbey, at L.P.S., February 2nd.

The toughest game of the season ending in the defeat of the School by 5 goals to 0. The opposing team was vastly superior to ours and we played a losing game from the first. The School played up splendidly all through and the result was better than we expected. Our opponents combined great speed with beautiful combination, and kept our defence very busy. Hopkins in goal played brilliantly and the halves also were excellent. The forwards were weak, Tonkin being by far the best of them.

House Match, February 5th.

The usual type of weather prevailed for this match this term, mud and rain combined to make play as disagreeable as possible. Grove won by 2—0. Undoubtedly the best team won, for Grove had the best of the game all the time. School House was served splendidly by Goodbody, whose play was really excellent all through. H. W. Malcomson was also a conspicuous figure in the School team and was certainly their best half. Ridges and Bickerton would have done very well doubtless against a lighter defence but they certainly found the Grove halves, backs and goalkeeper too much for them. The Grove forwards failed to combine well, and Hopkins was held very much in check by Goodbody. T. C. Tonkin, Grierson, and Curtis also played well for Grove in the forward line.

TEAMS. GROVE.—T. W. Hopkins, A. T. S. Inglis, K. H. Brooks, D. W. Collier, D. S. H. Keep, R. L. Lloyd, O. S. Hopkins, T. C. Tonkin, C. C. Curtis, F. S. Brain, J. M. Grierson.

SCHOOL.—J. M. Bickerton, J. G. Goodbody, R. T. Stephens, J. Rickman, H. W. Malcomson, R. B. Crewdson, E. S. May, D. J. Malcomson, J. R. Ridges, H. R. Bickerton, A. R. Fuller.

L.P.S. v. Swarthmore, at L.P.S., February 12th.

This match showed us how lamentably weak our forward line is without its accustomed centre. Swarthmore were quite a strong team, but the game was certainly more even than the score. The Swarthmore goalkeeper was often assailed but our shots were too weak and all our efforts proved futile. The result was a loss by 2 goals to 0.

L.P.S. v. Foxes, at L.P.S., February 19th.

We were without Hopkins in the forward line which weakened us very much. The game was a good one despite a hurricane of

wind. Our forwards were extremely weak, especially in shooting. Tonkin missed two almost open goals, and Fuller managed in some mysterious manner to shoot over the crossbar with an absolutely open goal only two yards away from him on one occasion. We were best served by the halves and the goalkeeper. Keep and Collier played thoroughly well and T. W. Hopkins was in first rate form.

1st XI. v. Mansfield College, at Oxford, February 22nd.

This match we played with the Boy's XI. without either E. I. Lloyd or O. S. Hopkins but after a splendid game we succeeded in winning by 3—1. This was a match conspicuous for once by the excellent play of our forwards, Tonkin, Fuller, Curtis and Bickerton were all in good form and combined carefully throughout. Goodbody at left-half was also a great success. The field was very muddy indeed and the ball was a light indiarubber one but nevertheless the team seemed to get on splendidly. Our opponents scored the first goal through a misunderstanding between the backs, but failed altogether in getting through again. L.P.S. scored three times before the end and succeeded in breaking their bad record at football for this term in a very creditable manner. Inglis at back played a fine game, kicking and tackling well and using his head to advantage. Collier at half was as usual in great form. Goals: Tonkin 1, Curtis 1, Fuller 1.

K. H. BROOKS.

The thanks of the team in particular and the school in general are due to P. Keen and K. H. Brooks for the way they have looked after the games and captained the team during the season. They have also been invaluable in the matches, always working hard and shining most when things were going badly.

E.V.B.

GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

THIS Contest took place on November 30th. J. F. O. King secured the "Storrs Fry" Shield with 21 points, J. Rickman coming second with 18. C. King Smith proved to be the Champion Junior. The work all round was an improvement on that of the previous year.

OPEN EVENTS.

Boom.—J. F. O. King. J. Rickman. T. C. Tonkin.

Stall Bars.—J. Rickman. D. W. Collier. J. M. Downie. A. J. S. Inglis and J. F. O. King.

Horizontal Bar.—J. F. O. King. J. Rickman. T. C. Tonkin.

Parallel Bars.—J. F. O. King. T. C. Tonkin. J. Rickman.

Ropes.—J. F. O. King. T. C. Tonkin. O. S. Hopkins and J. Rickman.

Horse.—J. Rickman. J. M. Downie. J. F. O. King and J. R. Ridges.

JUNIOR EVENTS.

Boom.—C. King Smith and S. F. Lennard. R. L. Lloyd.

Stall Bars.—S. F. Lennard. J. M. Bickerton and C. King Smith.

Horizontal Bar.—C. King Smith. S. F. Lennard. J. G. Goodbody and W. J. C. Taylor.

Parallel Bars.—C. King Smith. R. L. Lloyd. S. F. Lennard.

Ropes.—C. King Smith. S. F. Lennard. R. L. Lloyd.

Horse.—P. S. Cadbury. C. King Smith. R. L. Lloyd and D. J. Malcomson.

 OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

The General Election and the issues at stake brought several O.L.'s to notice. We hear that a large number of the "Daily Mail" pamphlets on the German scare were distributed through the generosity of D. Hanbury. On the other side T. W. Harris seems to have put in a lot of work in the Cockermonth Division, and at the declaration of the poll received a great ovation, the crowd cheering themselves hoarse. P. Keen in Hampstead, R. V. Ridges in South Berks, and J. A. Brain in Reading also did good work. Doubtless there were many more, but these have come to our notice.

The following O.L.'s are in the list of playing members of the Foxes Football Club: K. J. Backhouse (captain), F. I. Richardson, J. F. Braithwaite, H. Braithwaite, and R. Smee. We hope any football players who are living in the neighbourhood of London, will, when leaving school join this club. They will thus be able to keep up their football and their school friendship at the same time. On the other hand those living near Birmingham cannot

do better than join the Swarthmore Football Club, where they will find G. B. Lloyd, H. B. Darby, and R. V. Ridges among the players.

H. C. Barlow has started work in Manchester.

Bryan Jefferys after a year's experience in Messrs. Impey, Cudworth and Laken Smith's office in Birmingham, has returned to his own business in Kendal.

We regret to record the death on December 5th, at Tampico, Mexico, in his 26th year, of Henry D. Brandreth, who was at school here from January 1897 till December 1898.

F. M. Crossley has gone to live at Fairbourne, Manor Farm, West Harrietsham, Kent, and Herbert B. Gibbins, is back again at Gilfach House, Neath, S. Wales.

An O.L. team played Stramongate School in December last and won by 6 goals to 5, after a very even game. B. W. Doncaster, H. C. Barlow, S. Holmes, E. Jefferys, B. Jefferys, R. Knott, and R. Smee were including in the team. Doncaster, E. Jefferys, and Barlow scored the goals.

T. W. Harris and Roger Whibley have built a Motor Boat and Engines which they launched last summer on Derwentwater. It has the honour of being the first motor boat on the lake.

R. M. Goodbody has returned to work in the Clara Mills, after a most enjoyable holiday in Argentina.

The Old Leightonian Gathering will be from the 22nd to 25th of July. Old Boys wishing to take part in the Cricket Tour or Tennis Match should write to B. W. Doncaster, Whinfell, Whirlow, Sheffield, who is bringing a team against the School on May 21st, the day of the Yearly Meeting Garden Party.

W. F. Harvey is off to the Riviera to recuperate after a bad attack of pleurisy. P. Harvey has had trouble with his knee but is now back again at Tadcaster farming.

There once was a Quaker named F—d
 Who went for a journey abroad;
 In a month there was reared
 A moustache and a beard,
 Now half his face is restored.

(We understand that the moustache only remains).

Ronald Hodgkin whilst on a visit to his brother Henry in China has had an attack of appendicitis.

Congratulations to Charlie on the arrival of Margaret Hope Doncaster.

We heartily congratulate A. S. Lloyd and L. J. Cadbury on winning the "Foster-Fairbairn Pairs" and thus achieving another brilliant success for L.P.S. The former is expected soon to attain fame in the agricultural world; he is very keen on Forestry.

Other Cambridge O.L's have not come before the public eye lately, they merely exist unobtrusively (except H. C. Gibbins, who has a motor bike), and work with surprising persistence. Wills has read a paper to the Historical Society at John's which we hear was very well received. B. Pickard is said to emerge at stated intervals from the Engineering "shops" with traces of manual toil and mental fatigue marring the serenity of his otherwise cheerful countenance.

We are indebted to the *Northern Echo* for the following paragraph:—"The grey old Friends' Meeting House in Skinnergate, Darlington, was yesterday (March 8th) afternoon crowded to the doors with a quiet and reverent congregation who had gathered to witness the wedding of Miss Amelia Eliza Mounsey, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mounsey, of Blackwell Hill, Darlington, to Mr. Anthony Wallis, son of Mr. Henry M. Wallis, of Ashton Lodge, Reading.

"When the bridal party were seated the wedding ceremony, beautiful in its sweet simplicity, began. Mr. J. B. Hodgkin in a few well-chosen words reminded the congregation of the solemn nature of the service they were about to witness, and then earnestly invoked the Divine blessing upon the Union that was to take place. A few moments of impressive silence and then the bride and bridegroom rose and taking each other by the hand 'In the fear of the Lord and in the presence of this assembly' took each other for man and wife, promising by Divine assistance to be loving and faithful to each other 'until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us.' The register was then signed by the contracting parties and their witnesses, and proclamation of the marriage was made. Then followed, with intervals of solemn

silence, eloquent addresses from Mr. E. B. Mounsey, Mr. Albert J. Crossfield, and Mr. J. Edward Hodgkin, and the simple ceremony was at an end."

As the bridegroom is an O.L. and the bride a sister of three O.L.'s, it was but natural that a number of Old Boys were present at the ceremony. We believe we are correct in stating that the following were there:—J. E. Mounsey, G. F. Mounsey, R. J. Mounsey, Basil Wallis, H. R. Smith, J. E. Hodgkin, A. E. Backhouse, E. Backhouse, B. F. Crosfield, H. T. Crosfield, R. C. Ford, G. C. Alexander. We would on behalf of the O.L. Club and the School offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future happiness of the married pair.

Congratulations to Robert Hutchinson on his engagement to Miss Joyce Heelas, also to Harold Richardson on his engagement to Miss Katie Bilbrough. In each case the *fiancée* is a sister of an O.L.

Maxwell Armfield has been exhibiting paintings this month at the Leicester Galleries.

Basil Darby is often seen on the Edgbaston Rink, and caused quite a sensation at a Fancy-Dress Carnival by appearing as a Golly-wog.

Rendel Harris has quickly followed his brother Wilson's example, becoming engaged to Miss Janet Adams of Plymouth. It is said that his brother's happiness settled the matter for him. Congratulations!

Gerald Lloyd has bought a new motor, he can now do his 50 miles an hour. We hope he won't.

Hearty congratulations to Leonard Doncaster on being elected to the distinguished honour of a Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge, and appointed to the Curatorship of the Zoological Museum.

Allan Hills, who married Miss Mary Curtiss of New York in September, is at present in Canada, where he has started business as an Edge-Tool Manufacturer.

The following is an extract from the *Daily Mail*: "Manchester added another fine victory to their long list of triumphs on Saturday by defeating a strong West of Scotland side by 16 points to 3. The victory was gained by the forwards, of whom Frank Holdsworth was once more the best, and, as against Kendal the

previous week, was a host in himself, often taking the ball at his toes very cleverly into the Scottish 'twenty-five.' Spectators always delight in a forward of his type, who can play an open game and combine speed and strength with skill."

Robert Hodgkin is a member of Lord Hugh Cecil's Committee on the proposed Chinese University.

J. F. Braithwaite is taking a second honeymoon in Egypt.

Henry Hodgkin has been appointed Secretary to the F.F.M.A. He is expected home in April.

Congratulations to S. A. Serpell on the arrival of a daughter on March 16th.

SCHOOL NOTES.

ON the last evening of the Winter term the usual End-of-term Social took place, and was greatly appreciated by all. The musical portion of the programme attained its customary excellence, but the feature of the evening was the rendering of a short farce "The Area Belle." Considerable amusement was caused by the skilful and humorous ventriloquism of Raymond Heelas. The Social Committee is to be congratulated on providing such an excellent entertainment.

On the previous night an impromptu Social was held, organised by members of the School without the aid of any of the Staff. It was a great success and very creditable to those who took part and arranged it.

The term commenced amid the turmoil of a General Election. Till it was over, political opinions and chances were freely expressed in the Reading Rooms of both Houses.

The Hobby Work for 1909 taken generally, did not reach the usual standard, either in quantity or quality. The exhibition took place on December 14th and attracted a fair number of visitors. Grove House retained the Hobby Cup, thanks mainly to the exhibits of K. H. Brooks.

The Singing Class has renewed its efforts this term and is supported mainly by senior boys. Two nights a week are now devoted to practice.

The Football XI. has not been showing such good form this term as it did before Christmas. Perhaps this is owing to the number of 1st XI. matches compared with Boys' XI. and the fact that no masters now assist. The team is to be congratulated on beating Mansfield College at Oxford, and was decidedly unlucky in losing to the Foxes, though in other matches they were distinctly the inferior side.

This year the "Sixes" have been revived, and all the games have been keenly contested. Of the four teams that competed O. S. Hopkins' six finished winners though J. R. Ridges' team ran them very close.

We congratulate J. S. Stephens and K. H. Brooks on their success at Cambridge at the end of last term. The former obtained a Classical Exhibition at St. John's College, and the latter a Sub-Sizarship in Zoology at Trinity College. In honour of their success two days were added to the holidays.

On January 31st an enjoyable evening was spent by the music boys at the Orpheus Concert in the Town Hall. Breaks in the school routine like this are always appreciated.

Several members of the school heard a lecture in French at the University College on February 23rd. How much of the discourse was understood we are not in a position to state. The failure of the lantern was a decided disappointment.

The work of the Societies in the School has been satisfactory this term, and photographers have been glad to learn that the Camera Club had come back into life.

Opportunity has been provided this term for those who wish to engage in Carpentry on Hobby Nights to do so. A workshop has been fitted out in the School House basement and great results are looked for at the next Exhibition.

On March 3rd, the Mid-Term Social was held and was especially appreciated owing to the variety of the items. Plenty of merriment was evoked by a German play and by speeches supposed to have been delivered in Hyde Park. Thanks are due to the Committee who arranged so enjoyable a programme.

We are glad to hear that the following boys have succeeded in passing the Previous Examination at Cambridge:—

Part I.—R. B. Crewdson, E. I. Lloyd, R. L. Lloyd, D. W. Collier, O. S. Hopkins, H. L. Harris.

Part II.—D. W. Collier, K. H. Brooks, O. S. Hopkins.

Part III.—K. H. Brooks.

Fourteen boys entered for the Fives Tournament. Many of the games were keenly contested. K. H. Brooks obtained first place with H. R. Bickerton and A. R. Fuller second and third respectively. School House thus scored nine points and Grove House seven.

The Steeplechase was run on March 12th. A strong wind impeded the competitors, but the course was in better condition than it was last year. The honours went entirely to Grove House, as no School House boy was in the first four. A. J. S. Inglis arrived home first in 25 min. 12¹ secs. and was followed at intervals of $\frac{1}{2}$ minute by J. M. Grierson, D. W. Collier, and T. C. Tonkin.

NOTICES.

The Editor will welcome contributions for the next number up to July 1st.

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