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EDITORIAL.

THROUGH the kindness of three Old Leightonians we are enabled to present our readers with illustrations of the headmaster and his wife. We gave some account of Mr. Evans's career in our last number: for the benefit of those who did not see it, we add some details. The headmaster should, if heredity counts, be well endowed as a schoolmaster. His father, Josiah Evans, was headmaster in succession of Sidcot and Ackworth; his grandfather, John Sharp (brother of Isaac Sharp, of fame as a missionary traveller), was superintendent of Croydon School, which is now removed to Saffron Walden; his children proved to be, without exception, gifted teachers. Mr. Evans had taught, before coming to Leighton Park, at Christchurch, Ackworth, and Sidcot. At the last named he was seven years altogether. He took his degree, as well as his training as a teacher, at Oxford, where he was exhibitioner of St. John's College; he has, however, no desire to break the tradition that sends more Leightonians to Cambridge than to Oxford. His range of interests is wide, his love of birds being especially marked. He plays football in practice games, and both Mrs. Evans and he are regular spectators of the football matches and attend the meetings of most of the school societies. We may add that both are West Country by birth, and both come of old Quaker stock.

We would take this opportunity of thanking all who have contributed to the pages of this number. In particular, we would mention those in the lower part of the school who have sent in articles or paragraphs for insertion among School Notes. It speaks well for the literary talent of the school in the future that we have two articles in this number written by boys under 15 years old.

Apart from our school work, the term has been a very busy one: football, the various societies, and the gymnastic contest have all called for our energies. We think we may congratulate the school on their response to that call. And now as we write most of us are busy preparing for the "Big Social." True, "'tis not in

mortals to command success," but if enthusiasm and hard work tell, then we do not fear the result. The clang of the hammer and the whirr of the lathe remind us that the carpenters and metal workers are busy. A bright day brings out the photographers anxious to secure another print, whilst a visit to the gymnasium will reveal a host of artists revelling in paint. This being so, the strife of a general election is hardly felt by us. Mr. Asquith may visit Reading and with cool logic tear in pieces the House of Lords; Mr. Balfour may follow him and with all his charm of manner point out the democratic nature of the referendum. Some of us, indeed, heard the leaders speak; but, after all, what does it matter to us? We have our own work to do, and we find a pleasure in doing it.

NEW OLD BOYS.

H. W. Malcomson, Mayfield House, Portlaw, Co. Waterford.

*D. J. Malcomson " "

G. E. G. Mitcheson, Trentham.

J. C. Mitcheson, "

NEW BOYS.

Form V. J. P. Fox, Wellington, Somerset.

Form IV. W. A. W. Bell, Cambridge.

 " R. H. Cook, Woodford Green.

 " A. P. D. Penrose, Watford.

 " H. W. Ransom, Hitchin.

Form III. L. B. Cole, Swindon.

 " E. Wallis, Reading.

* Probably returning at Easter.

AN OLD MINUTE BOOK

IT was the good fortune of the writer in the summer holidays to meet with an old minute book of the Society of Friends dealing with the affairs of a monthly meeting in the province of Munster.

The whole book is extremely interesting, and gives one a vivid picture of the state of the Society in that district during the years 1696 to 1705. It is impossible in the length of a school article to do justice to all the matters that are dealt with in the minutes, but an attempt will be made to select a few that are likely to prove interesting to the readers of this Magazine: at the same time we would assure any member of the Friends Historical Society that there is in the book much that might well claim attention.

Many of the minutes refer to the "outrunnings" of certain members, in that they have married a person who is "not one of us"; others have caused pain in that they have been married by a priest. It is rather surprising to note that in such cases the erring Friend is not usually disowned. More than one list of subscriptions appears in the book, and shows the community to have been generous in its response to Yearly Meeting and other collections.

It has not been easy to find out who the people were who figure in the book, but the probability is that they were descendants of Cromwell's Ironsides. It is certain that most of them were farmers.

The meetings held every six weeks would correspond to-day with our Monthly Meeting, and the Province Meeting, held twice a year, to our Quarterly Meeting.

The first extract seems to suggest that there were some people who were Friends only in name. The minute was apparently effectual, as there is no further mention of the subject.

At our six weekes mens meeting at Killcomeny 7 IV. 96

It being recommended by ye half years Meeting y noe disorderly unfitt raw persons be p. mitted to sett in ye mens and womens meetings or be concerned to come up to ye half years meeting, if any such there be y appeare here they are desired against the next six weekes meeting to consider therof so as to refraine comeing to any the sd meetings, otherwise such must expect to be more publicly dealt with.

The next two minutes show that the young were carefully looked after. They are quoted for this purpose, though they give but a slight idea of the time that was spent in such matters. The administration of the estates of widows and orphans is constantly before the Meeting.

Clonmell 1 VI. 1697

Noe Master offering for ye lad with John Webber, frds of this meeting have taken care to putt him to Schoole, and doe refer to the province meeting in order to putt him forth to prentice.

Killcommonbeg 14 X. 1701

Tis ye desire of this meeting ye friends belonging to this Meeting may as soon as conveniently they can, send their children to Clonmell to school the Mr and School house being now ready to receive and all such friends as have children abroad at Cork or else where do got ym brought to our School at Clonmell, there being accommodation in friends houses for childrens Lodging at 6 p. annum.

That there was a tendency at times to follow the custom of the time in the matter of dress, and even to luxury in the adornment of houses, is apparent from the following extracts:—

Waterford 29 XI. 1698

The paper from our last province meeting being read, its desired friends take notice what is therein recommended, pticulerly to avoid those Superflewitys of great Mouldings on wainscotts, Chimney pieces and Eues of houses; for a helpe therein, its recommended to pticular Meetings the reading the halfe year Meeting paper dated the 3 mo 94

Waterford 2 II. 1704

The minute from our last province Meeting relateing to wiggs being reade at this meeting, and haveing made pretty full enquiry; the friends of our meeting that weares them seemes to be willing to condesend to ye advice of the province meeting, and those that can to leave them off as soone as their owne hair is growne: and those that cannot leave them off for reall necessity are desired to gett Borders rather than wiggs and to gett them as nearly ye coller of their owne haire as they can.

The next extract suggests that the rigorous outdoor work of these farmers during the week was often followed by a period of sleep during the first day meeting for worship.

There being a consarde on the minds of friends that a Drowsey heavy Spirrit doth too much prevail over some its desired that such friends consarned may for the future be more carefull.

What would happen if the following minute were proposed to-day at one of our Monthly Meetings?

Clonmell 25 IV. 1704

Some of this meeting have given an acct they have seen ye evil of taking tobacco to excess and they intend to leave it off. the judgment of this meeting is that those who have occasion for it for physick donot exceed two pipes in 24 hours, the exceeding whereof is thought excess and so much if taken may be in a convenient private place but by none but those who have occasion for it.

The last extract that we have room for relates to the death of a weighty member, and corresponds to the testimony that is now forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.

Clonmell 17 I. 1705

According to appointment of last Pro. meeting that an acc of publick friends deceased should be sent to ye next with the time of their decease: accordingly Wm Weldon's name is to be incerted in the paper of the concernes of truth who having had a few savorv words in meetings left a good savour behinde him.

E. V. B.

TWO BOOKS BY OLD LEIGHTONIANS.

A few days ago my friend Professor Keeble gave me a copy of his little book on "Plant-Animals," one of "the Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature," and at the same time drew my attention to "an excellent work on heredity" in the same series. Less than a week afterwards the headmaster put a book * into my hand, with the request that I should write a short review. It was Leonard Doncaster's book. With Dr. Keeble's words fresh in my mind I accepted the task at once, for Dr. Keeble is one whose judgment in these matters cannot be gainsaid.

During the greater part of the last century our conception of heredity might have been summed up in the words of the psalmist, "the parents have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." Or, to shift the simile to another eatable, so far as most of us were concerned it consisted of little more than a confused mass, a veritable haggis, of raw and undigested facts.

* *Heredity*, by L. Doncaster, M.A., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. (Cambridge University Press, 1/-).

Then came an Austrian monk, Mendel by name, and showed how the repellent mass could be digested and assimilated, helping to build up the great living body of biological knowledge. Thanks to Mendel, so important has the subject of heredity become during the last decade that the time is fast approaching when no one can be considered educated who is not acquainted with its main outlines.

This little work by an Old Leightonian puts the gist of the subject before us in a clear and forcible manner, such as can be understood by everybody. The reader is gently, almost tenderly, introduced to the strange or even uncouth jargon which has already gathered about the new science, and there is an excellent glossary at the end. The booklet is got up in a peculiarly attractive manner, and the subject so lends itself to treatment in a small compass that anyone who will take the trouble to master its contents will not only have informed himself of the fundamentals of heredity, but will have perceptibly enlarged the boundaries of his mental vision.

At the same time it must be understood that however easily an author may write on such a subject, and however clear his exposition, a book of this type cannot be merely read through. To be appreciated it must be studied. We must regard this as a distinct merit, for what is more unsatisfactory than the technical or abstruse subject which has been boiled down and masticated into a well-digested pap? Indeed, it may be said that no book on science is worth reading unless it necessitates that pains be taken thoroughly to understand its meaning.

HASTINGS GILFORD.

In "Midnight House and Other Tales," * by William Harvey, we have a number of short stories displaying a wide range of imagination and an unusual sense of dramatic effect. The subjects may be summarised as spiritualism, violence, and prejudice. There is a delightful originality in the ghost stories which, in the place of nocturnal apparitions, show us weird unseen influences shaping men's minds and actions. The exciting tales of murder, cruelty, and vandalism do not fill us with horror of brutality, but rather with pity for the ignorance and blindness of men who do deeds which cannot be undone, and with amusement at the queer fancies

* *Midnight House and Other Tales*, by William Fryer Harvey. (Dent & Co.)

which impel them. The stories of narrow-minded prejudice and disillusion present well drawn characters and contain a rich vein of irony. The setting of the narrative shows a naturalist's love of country life, and a sympathy for Nature in her varying moods. If we may venture on a criticism, we would suggest that sometimes the dénouement is too rapid. We follow the gradual entanglement of the plot and suddenly come upon the solution. We are left to guess why it happened just so, and what happened afterwards. But this very feature makes the book more suggestive. Someone has said that life is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel. William Harvey is a writer who thinks. His sketches fascinate our imagination with the weird and mysterious, and portray the folly of fools as something ludicrous rather than fatal. We shall look out for his next volume.

H. H.

AFTERWARDS.

O Grove! why hast thy appetite
So taken hold of thee?
Did victory in a "house match"
Demand so great a tea?

The four score crumpets thou didst eat
Were really rather much.
While with those tins of fat sardines
How couldst thou butter touch?

The tongue that thou didst order!
Where does thou think it strayed—
Under the wild flowers cover,
Or in the gutter laid?

Oh! careless boys of Grove
Do always face the ball.
For, not doing so, thy three-bob tongue
Has gone beyond recall.

THE HALLS OF DREAM.

THE wind had kept up a melancholy sighing since midnight, the trees rocked themselves backwards and forwards as if in grief, and the willows by the brook waved their gnarled arms against the palely moonlit sky. The distant murmur of an ever rolling sea was in my ears and the hoarse cry of the sea birds on the wing. I was being whirled swiftly along a deep narrow lane with steep banks on either side, and great trees stretching their rugged branches above my head. I glided on by no impulse of my own, but having a mysterious sense of some near presence hurrying me onward. At last I saw a broad plain spreading out before me; the reapers were at work gathering in the sheaves by moonlight, but as I drew near they gradually faded into nothing, and nought but a barren waste stood instead of the once fertile plain. As I passed on I saw a house which I had once known and lived in. I entered in; a feeling of loneliness came over me. The house was just as I had always known it, but yet it seemed different; an unwonted gloom and desolateness prevailed. I went in a room and saw a man reading. I went up to him; a frantic horror seized me. He had changed into a gruesome skeleton, and was about to clutch me with his bony fingers, when something gave way, and I felt myself dropping, dropping, dropping, with that feeling which only he who has experienced it can realise. Suddenly the falling ceased and all was dark and still, except the moaning of the wind in the trees.

Dreams; what are they? When we think of them in our waking hours they seem but empty impressions left on the mind by some passing vision which has long faded into nothing. But think how real they seem at the time, far more real than anything that happens in the day-time.

A. P. D. PENROSE.

A STIRRING STORY OF INNOCENT IDIOCY.

I.

One day a man walked down a street;
The air was cold with rain and sleet;
In order not to wet his feet
He 'bussed.

II.

He entered, by the rain unharmed,
A Gallery of Art, was charmed
To see an "Early Greek," one-armed
He—bust.*

III.

He tapped the sculpture on the chest,
Then tapped again with added zest;
The figure could not stand the test,
He bust!

* We presume this somewhat extraordinary word must be translated as "a sculpture of the upper portion of the male human frame."—ED.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—We have held two meetings this term. We are very glad to extend a hearty welcome to our new President, Mr. C. I. Evans, who has taken the place of Mr. Ridges. That Mr. Evans is a very keen and experienced naturalist speaks well for the future of the Society. At the first meeting of the term the principal matter of interest was an address on Palæolithic Implements, by Mr. H. M. Wallis. This address was illustrated by an exhibition of genuine implements found by an expert, a friend of Mr. Wallis. The meeting concluded with a very pleasant surprise, as after his address Mr. Wallis very kindly offered the collection to the school, and Mr. Evans accepted it in the name of the Society. Our second meeting was of a miscellaneous character. K. H. Brooks and T. W. Hopkins showed a few birds'-nest slides, and the company joined in guessing what they were, which they succeeded in doing in each case. This was followed by an interesting account of the work of the meteorologists, given by Mr. Evans, H. L. Harris, and J. M. Bickerton. J. M. Downie was appointed Secretary in place of K. H. Brooks, who is leaving, and J. F. O. King was appointed Assistant Secretary in the place of Downie.

K. H. B.

L. H. A. SOCIETY.—At the beginning of the term the Society found itself in difficulties ; there was but little time before the proper date of the first meeting, and few practicable suggestions were forthcoming. In the end, however, the Natural History Society kindly changed Saturdays with us, and Mr. Evans stepped into the breach on October 15th and gave us a very interesting talk, entitled “In Avalon,” being an account of the Lake Dwellings discovered near Glastonbury. The talk was much appreciated, and drew many questions from the audience. For the second meeting, which fell on the 5th of November, it had been proposed to hold a “Guy Fawkes” evening, but information on this head seemed hard to obtain, and the idea was abandoned, so that we found ourselves with the time for the meeting rapidly approaching and nothing arranged. Mr. Kaye, however, came to the rescue, and gave us an interesting paper on “Savonarola,” supplemented with a reading from George Eliot’s “Romola.” K. H. Brooks and E. I. Lloyd also read extracts, and Mr. Edminson read part of one of Savonarola’s sermons. For the next meeting we are looking forward to a paper on “Architectural Records of the Middle Ages,” by L. M. Angus. At the first meeting of the term Robert Hodgkin was reappointed President, Mr. Edminson Chairman, and H. L. Harris Secretary. J. P. Fox has joined the Society.

H. L. HARRIS.

JUNIOR ESSAY.—At the close of the Easter term, J. M. Downie resigned his office of Secretary, which he had held during the previous year. We have held two meetings this term, over the first of which Mr. Evans presided.

Essays have been contributed by H. R. Bickerton, C. R. Day, C. C. Curtis, P. S. Cadbury, J. M. Bickerton, D. G. Walker, A. P. Penrose, E. Wallis, W. A. Bell, and S. F. Lennard, while nine essays have been promised for next meeting.

W. A. Bell, A. P. Penrose, E. Wallis, H. G. Saunders, R. H. Cook, H. W. Ransom, E. H. May, L. H. Fox, and J. P. Fox have joined the Society.

The Society is at present in a flourishing condition, and we are looking forward to some good meetings next term.

S. F. LENNARD.

SENIOR ESSAY.—There have been two meetings of the Society this term. Mr. Hale has again kindly consented to act as President, and the following have joined the Society:—R. Ll. Lloyd, J. M. Downie, D. S. H. Keep, J. M. Grierson, and O. S. Hopkins. At the first meeting of the term H. L. Harris and E. I. Lloyd read essays, the former on “Revolution in Europe” and the latter on “Disaffection in the Empire.” Both essays were extremely interesting, and a discussion, which turned mostly on the condition of India, followed. At the second meeting K. H. Brooks read an essay entitled “The Holidays of the Lower Middle Classes.” This was followed by an essay on “Seaside Resorts” by R. B. Crewdson. A long discussion on the holidays of the lower classes of the nation and their social importance followed the reading of the essays. It has been decided not to hold the third meeting of the term because of the pressure of work for the “Big Social.”

D. W. COLLIER.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—We have held three meetings this term. At the first Mr. Hale was unanimously re-elected President, and D. W. Collier Vice-President, the Secretary also being reappointed.

As is our usual practice at the beginning of a session, our first meeting was devoted to “Sharp Practice.” Amongst the subjects considered were:—Æroplanes, The Substitution of Hockey for Football in the Easter term (unanimously condemned), and the Payment of M.P.’s. The latter produced quite a good debate, opinions being freely expressed. On being put to the vote, however, the motion was lost by quite a considerable majority.

At our second meeting we had before us the question of Modern Methods of Advertising. J. M. Downie, in a strong maiden speech, condemned the immense lines on which modern advertisement is carried on. Downie was seconded by E. S. Harris, whilst R. B. Crewdson, supported by E. Cadbury, ably opposed it. Postal, newspaper, and magazine “ads.” were all dealt with, whilst the “Daily Mail” and “Telegraph’s” airships, advertisement censorships, and the practice of painting cliffs received some comment. Eventually, after a really good debate, throughout which a high standard of speaking was maintained, the motion was lost by six votes to nine—six members remaining unconvinced by either

side, or shall we say "equally convinced by both"? Our third meeting was held some three weeks before the Big Social at the time of the election. The motion before the House took the following form:—"That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable that the present Government should be returned to power." E. I. Lloyd, in proposing the motion, compared the policies of the Liberal and Unionist Parties on three of the great controversial questions, namely, the House of Lords, Home Rule for Ireland, and Trade Tariffs. H. L. Harris, in opposing the motion, chiefly restricted himself to the Lords' Veto, which he very strongly condemned. He cited the Education Bill, the Licensing Bill, and the Finance Act as instances of the way in which the Lords had abused their power of veto. A. R. Fuller and F. S. Brain followed up with telling speeches for and against the motion respectively. Owing to the pressure of time the debate was then closed, the speeches having in all cases taken up their maximum time. The President, after having called on the proposer to reply, took the votes, and announced that the motion was defeated by one vote, 11 votes being cast for the motion, and 12 against it.

E. I. LLOYD.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—The Band has been busy this term preparing pieces for the Big Social. All of them are of a light nature, as befits the reception time. The Senior Singing Set has met weekly and enjoyed the contents of the "Scottish Song Book," while the Junior Set has been working at "Gaudeamus."

THE OLD LEIGHTONIANS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

AT the last Annual Meeting of the Old Leightonians it was decided to make a general appeal to all those who had left, for subscriptions to this Fund. A list of those who have subscribed during the last 12 months will be found below. It was felt that there are many who would like to join in this scheme who have not yet done so. At the present time the total subscriptions amount to about £75 per year, which is not quite sufficient to enable us to have two scholarships running concurrently.

It always takes time for the scholarships to become known among parents, and for the real value of them to make itself felt. There can be no doubt that the O.L. Scholarship has been of great help to

the school already, and will probably be much more so in the future. We have always received the strongest support from Mr. Ridges, who has given a great deal of time to helping the scheme, and Mr. Evans is equally keen on it. It would be a great encouragement to Mr. Evans in his new work if we could bring up our subscriptions to £100 a year, so as to enable the Old Leightonians to keep two scholarships going every year. Another £25, or an average of 3s. 4d. from every Old Leightonian who does not at present subscribe, would provide what is required.

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OLD LEIGHTONIANS' GATHERING, 1910.

A BOUT 40 Old Boys accepted Mr. and Mrs. Ridges' invitation for the Annual Gathering at the school from July 22nd to the 25th. While the programme of proceedings was much as usual, it proved to have lost none of its warm hospitality and welcome extended to all by our host and hostess and others at the school. After the Tennis Match on Friday or the Cricket Match on Saturday had shown the athletic powers of the school, serious matters connected with the O.L. Club were considered by its members on Saturday evening. J. Edward Hodgkin was elected President in succession to Leonard Doncaster, whose term of office expired at the close of the meeting, the thanks of the Club being given to the retiring President for his devoted services to the Club. The Scholarship Committee presented an encouraging report, clearly showing what valuable work has been accomplished by the aid of the scholarships offered. Increased income is urgently wanted, and all Old Leightonians are asked to consider the claims the Fund should have upon them. The weather was not so favourable as usual, Sunday being wet without the sunshine usually experienced at our Gatherings. Sunday afternoon saw the beginning of the end, many leaving after lunch; some, however, were able to stay over Monday and join the school in their excursion on the river. All departed with a feeling of great appreciation to all who had helped to make so successful a time, especially were our thanks due to Mr. and Mrs. Ridges, and everyone left them with best wishes for their future, and carried away many grateful memories of their kindness to Old Leightonians on previous occasions.

R. C. F.

OLD LEIGHTONIANS' CRICKET TOUR.

THE sixth Annual Tour commenced at Kendal on July 16th. The team consisted of the following players:—B. W. Doncaster (Captain), Ll. Marriage, J. F. Holdsworth, F. I.

Richardson, E. W. Lennard, A. S. Lloyd, G. R. Brockbank, C. V. Goddard, J. A. Brain, P. Keen, and H. B. Darby. Of these players five were new to the joys of an O.L. tour, while there are now only three left who have been on all six. The new blood certainly brought us some batting, but the bowlers who could replace K. J. Backhouse and R. M. Goodbody (the chief wicket takers in the last five years) were not forthcoming, nor are they likely to be found for some time, the consistency of the one and the pace of the other making them a very formidable pair.

However, we started against Kendal in great form by knocking up 301 for 9 wickets (Doncaster 63, Brain 68, not out). Brain hit very well, the short boundary suiting him, as it did most of our batsmen. Unfortunately, no less than three of the wickets that fell were run out. Stramongate, thanks to our bad fielding, played a splendid uphill game, and, after playing 15 minutes extra, left off with 239 for 7 wickets. W. Sessions played a good not out innings of 37, and certainly saved the game for the school.

Penrith had to be reached the same evening, as the North-Eastern Railway make no provision for a passenger from Kendal to Darlington on a Sunday.

On Monday, Arundel 20, and Stapleton 92, gave Ayton a fine start towards their total of 211, which was too big for us, though Doncaster 28, Lennard 13, and Lloyd 31, started well, but the next 5 wickets fell for the addition of 1 run, until Richardson came in and made 34 by truly bright cricket, bringing the total to 111. Barnes and Thompson bowled well for the school, each taking 4 wickets.

We seemed to have reached familiar ground when on Tuesday morning we arrived at the Station Hotel at York. We then started off in high spirits for the Retreat, only to get a sound beating. The first three on the batting list again did well (Doncaster 28, Lennard 40, Lloyd 26), taking the score to 90; the remaining batsmen failed, with the exception of Darby 26 not out. The Retreat made the required number of runs for the loss of 3 wickets.

The match v. Bootham, always looked upon as the best of the six, was spoiled by rain, our score of 138 for 8 wickets (Brockbank 47) not being a bad one. But a steady rain started at lunch time and no more play was possible.

Our party was now increased by E. H. Walpole, who, with a friend, was doing England on his motor, and we also at times caught sight of Clark in the hotel standing dinners and lunches to his numerous customers.

We were, as in previous years, sorry to leave the quiet of York for the busy Midlands.

When Ackworth went in to bat on Thursday on a good but slow wicket our bowling was excellent, and the XI. had at last found its form in the field, as shown by the fact that the school were all out for 106 (Keen 5 wickets for 31, and Brockbank 2 for 7). But the true bowling of Cooper and Robinson got us out for 62.

The party here broke up, some to spend the night at Derby, others at Birmingham, and three to a house warming given by "Hutch" at Nottingham.

After a wet afternoon on Friday, Saturday broke out fine, but cold. L.P.S. by good batting made 183, 65 runs being added by the 9th wicket (Fuller 35, Hopkins 41). Doncaster took 6 wickets for 46. The O.L.'s were all out for 123 (Doncaster 22, Lennard 36). E. P. Kaye took 5 wickets for the school.

The result of the 6 matches played—4 lost, and 2 drawn—does not speak for itself, as with reasonably good fielding the first two might have been won, the fourth was spoiled by rain, whilst in the fifth the better side won, and the sixth one dare not analyse. B. W. Doncaster earned the thanks of all for the many parts he played, which included Captain, manager, financier, best batsman, and change bowler.

“ ONE WHO HAS ENJOYED SIX TOURS AND HOPES TO BE
PRESENT AT THE SEVENTH.”

No one need be deterred from coming in 1911 by the expense, as "Donkey" fills his pockets before leaving the office, and is always ready to lend, on condition he is repaid by the next tour; he, moreover, pays all hotel bills. The only thing he expects from his side is that they shall turn out in white flannels (grey trousers are barred). ADVT.

July 16th, O.L.'s. v. KENDAL.

O.L.'s.

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| B. W. Doncaster, c Chadwick, b Terrell | 63 |
| E. W. Lennard, run out | 4 |
| A. S. Lloyd, b Evans | 23 |
| Ll. Marriage, run out | 48 |
| G. R. Brockbank, c Lidbetter, b Evans | 29 |
| J. F. Holdsworth, run out | 16 |
| C. V. Goddard, c Long, b Terrell | o |
| J. A. Brain, not out | 68 |
| F. I. Richardson, b Lidbetter | 10 |
| J. Watson (sub), b Lidbetter | 4 |
| P. M. Keen, not out | 27 |
| Extras | 9 |

(9 wickets) 301*

* Innings declared closed.

Stramongate School.

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| Mr. Lidbetter, c Doncaster, b Holdsworth | 2 |
| A. Alexander, c Watson, b Lennard | 33 |
| C. Terrell, b Holdsworth | 7 |
| Mr. Dennis, b Doncaster | 12 |
| Mr. Greig, b Lennard | 53 |
| Irwin, b Lennard | 20 |
| Chadwick, c Holdsworth, b Lennard | 26 |
| Mr. Sessions, not out | 37 |
| E. Beck, not out | 24 |
| Mr. Evans } did not bat | 24 |
| Long } Extras | 27 |

(7 wickets) 239

Lennard, 4 wickets for 60 runs.

Holdsworth, 2 wickets for 52 runs.

Match Drawn.

July 18th, O.L.'s. v. AYTON.

Ayton.

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| F. R. Arundel, b Lennard | 20 |
| A. L. Stapleton, c Brain, b Keen | 92 |
| Barnes, b Darby | 16 |
| J. L. Baker, b Keen | 1 |
| E. R. Thompson, b Keen | 9 |
| C. Pearson, c Brain, b Lennard | 16 |
| J. Baker, not out | 34 |
| Fairclough, c Doncaster, b Keen | o |
| Payne, run out | o |
| Maughan, b Keen | o |
| Parkin, c Richardson, b Doncaster | 2 |
| Extras | 23 |

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P. M. Keen, 5 wkts. for 48 runs.

O.L.'s.

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| B. W. Doncaster, c and b Thompson | 28 |
| E. W. Lennard, l b w Barnes | 13 |
| A. S. Lloyd, c Maughan, b Barnes | 31 |
| Ll. Marriage, b Barnes | 1 |
| G. R. Brockbank, b Thompson | o |
| J. A. Brain, b Thompson | o |
| H. B. Darby, l b w Barnes | o |
| C. V. Goddard, st Stapleton, b Thompson | o |
| F. I. Richardson, o and b Pearson | 34 |
| P. Keen, c Baker, b Pearson | o |
| A. W. Onions (sub), not out | 2 |
| Extras | 2 |

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O.L.'s. lost.

July 19th, O.L.'s. v. YORK RETREAT.

O.L.'s.

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| E. W. Lennard, c Monteith, b Wiles | 40 |
| I. W. Doncaster, c Watson, b Wallace | 28 |
| A. S. Lloyd, c Ingleby, b Wiles | 26 |
| G. R. Brockbank, b Backhouse | 1 |
| Ll. Marriage, l b w, Backhouse | 2 |
| J. A. Brain, b Wiles | o |
| H. B. Darby, not out | 26 |
| J. F. Holdsworth, c Marshall, b Watson | o |
| F. I. Richardson, b Hudson | 6 |
| P. Keen, b Hudson | 1 |
| C. V. Goddard, st Thornton, b Wallace | 4 |
| Extras | 18 |

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Retreat.

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| Monteith, c Richardson, b Holdsworth | 8 |
| Hudson, not out | 53 |
| Wallace, b Holdsworth | o |
| Simpson, c Lennard, b Keen | 18 |
| Watson, not out | 58 |
| Thornton | |
| Wiles | |
| Marshall | |
| Ingleby | |
| Backhouse | |
| } did not bat | |
| Extras | 19 |

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July 20th, O.L.'s. v. BOOTHAM.

O.L.'s.

| | |
|---|----|
| B. W. Doncaster, c Darby, b Pollard | 12 |
| E. W. Lennard, b Pollard | 12 |
| A. S. Lloyd, c Rowntree, b Harrison | 14 |
| G. R. Brockbank, c Pollard, b Waterfall | 47 |
| Ll. Marriage, l b w, Pollard | 20 |
| H. B. Darby, b Waterfall | 3 |
| J. A. Brain, not out | 12 |

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| J. F. Holdsworth, b Waterfall | o |
| F. I. Richardson, b Pollard | 11 |
| P. Keen, not out | 1 |
| C. V. Goddard did not bat | |
| Extras | 5 |
| Total (8 wickets) | 137 |

Match drawn.

July 21st, O.L.'s. v. ACKWORTH.

| Ackworth. | O.L.'s. |
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| A. G. Linney, c Lloyd, b Keen 20 | B. W. Doncaster, b Cooper 3 |
| S. Lloyd, c Brockbank, b Keen 3 | E. W. Lennard, c Linney, b Robinson 0 |
| J. S. Carr, c & b Lennard 1 | A. S. Lloyd, c Linney, b Robinson 10 |
| C. Cooper, b Lennard 24 | Ll Marriage, b Cooper 16 |
| Cotsworth, b Lennard 30 | J. F. Holdsworth, b Cooper 6 |
| F. W. Robinson, c Lloyd, b Keen 6 | G. R. Brockbank, c Linney, b Robinson 1 |
| W. S. Wigham, c Marriage, b Keen 6 | H. B. Darby, b Robinson 0 |
| F. Andrews, c & b Brockbank 7 | J. A. Brain, run out 2 |
| C. Adamson, b Keen 3 | F. I. Richardson, not out 12 |
| P. Snow, c Doncaster, b Brockbank 1 | C. V. Goddard, b Carr 4 |
| A. Ineson, not out 0 | P. Keen, c Cooper, b Carr 0 |
| Extras 5 | Extras 8 |
| | 106 |
| | 106 |

P. Keen, 5 wickets for 31 runs.

G. R. Brockbank, 2 wickets for 7 runs.

E. W. Lennard, 3 wickets for 50 runs.

23rd July, O.L.'s. v. LEIGHTON PARK.

| L.P.S. | Old Leightonians. |
|---|---|
| A. R. Fuller, st Brain b Doncaster 35 | B. W. Doncaster, c Bickerton, b Kaye 22 |
| R. B. Crewdson, c Brain, b Lennard 0 | E. W. Lennard, c Fuller b Kaye 36 |
| R. Ll. Lloyd, c and b Doncaster 19 | A. S. Lloyd, c Kaye, b Fuller 9 |
| F. J. Edminson, b Brockbank 13 | G. R. Brockbank, b Kaye 13 |
| K. H. Brooks, st Brain, b Doncaster 20 | Ll Marriage, c Lloyd, E. I., b Kaye 0 |
| E. P. Kaye, c Lennard, b Doncaster 2 | H. B. Darby, c Bickerton, b Brooks 16 |
| H. R. Bickerton, b Doncaster 4 | J. A. Brain, b Fuller 6 |
| W. S. Rowntree, c and b Doncaster 2 | F. I. Richardson, c Lloyd, E. I., b Fuller 0 |
| O. S. Hopkins, c and b Lennard 41 | C. V. Goddard, b Kaye 0 |
| E. I. Lloyd, b Brockbank 25 | J. F. Holdsworth, not out 15 |
| T. W. Hopkins, not out 3 | P. Keen, c Lloyd, E. I., b Brooks 2 |
| Extras 19 | Extras 4 |
| | 123 |

B. W. Doncaster, 6 wkts. for 33 runs.

GYMNASTIC CONTEST.

THE Gymnastic Contest took place on the evening of Friday, November 18th. There was a large entry, and the competition was a very keen one, a single mark often separating the first and second. The juniors, most of whom were new boys, gave a very promising exhibition, showing that they had attended carefully to Mr. Mauritzi's instruction during the term. The results were as follows:—

OPEN EVENTS.

Boom.—King, Tonkin, and Collier.*Stall Bars.*—King, Tonkin, Collier, and Downie.*Horizontal Bars.*—King, Tonkin, and Inglis.*Parallel Bars.*—King, Grierson, and Tonkin.*Ropes.*—King, Tonkin, and H. R. Bickerton.*Horse.*—King, Tonkin, and Inglis.*Storrs Fry Shield.*—(Champion) J. F. O. King (School House).

JUNIOR EVENTS.

Boom.—Penrose, Harris, and Cook.

Stall Bars.—Penrose, Cadbury, and Harris.

Horizontal Bars.—Penrose, Cadbury, and Bell.

Parallel Bars.—Penrose, Cole, Cadbury, and Harris.

Ropes.—Penrose, Harris, and Cole.

Horse.—Penrose, Harris, and Ransom.

Junior Champion.—A. P. D. Penrose (School House).

E. V. B.

OLD LEIGHTONIANS' SHIELD COMPETITION.

| SUMMER TERM. | SCHOOL. | GROVE. |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| Cricket | ... | — |
| House Tennis | ... | 12 |
| Tennis Singles | ... | 11 |
| Aquatics | ... | 61·5 |
| Total | 19 | 84·5 |
| | | 21 |
| | | 130·5 |
| Average per boy | ... | 4·45 |
| | | 6·21 |

AUTUMN TERM.

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| Football | ... | — | 25 |
| Gymnastics | ... | 77 | 49 |
| Total | 20 | 77 | 23 |
| | | | 74 |
| Average per boy | ... | 3·85 | 3·22 |

FOOTBALL.

The teams have been as follows :—

1ST XI.

T. W. Hopkins; K. H. Brooks * and J. G. Goodbody *, D. S. H. Keep,* D. W. Collier,* and Mr. Kaye; Mr. Scarborough, O. S. Hopkins,* E. I. Lloyd,* T. C. Tonkin,* and H. R. Bickerton.*

* *Signifies 1st XI. colours.*

F. S. Brain, J. M. Bickerton, R. L. Lloyd, A. T. S. Inglis, and A. R. Fuller have also played.

Boys' XI.

T. W. Hopkins; K. H. Brooks and J. G. Goodbody; D. S. H. Keep, D. W. Collier, and R. L. Lloyd; F. S. Brain, O. S. Hopkins, E. I. Lloyd, T. C. Tonkin, and H. R. Bickerton. Fuller, J. M. Bickerton, Inglis, and Cadbury have also played.

Reports of Players.

D. W. COLLIER.—A very hard-working useful centre half. Has been very steady all the season. His one great failing is his inability to shoot either straight or hard, but this is counteracted by his energetic and effective tackling.

E. I. LLOYD.—Has developed into an excellent centre forward. His "dash" is infectious, and is the making of our forward line. He has been severely handicapped by a bad ankle, but it has not been very noticeable in his play, which has generally been uniform in its high standard.

O. S. HOPKINS.—A very good right inside in most matches, but rather liable to have off-days. He suffers from a mild form of a fatal complaint amongst footballers known by the name of "funk." Nevertheless, he is very useful, and his shooting is generally very powerful. Hopkins would do well to learn how to head and how to use his great weight to advantage.

J. G. GOODBODY.—An excellent left back, who has come on remarkably since last year. Sometimes a very steady kick, but liable at other times to mis-kick a little. Tackles well and uses his weight to advantage. Should learn to turn quicker.

D. S. H. KEEP.—A steady methodical right half. Has played very well in many matches. Should practise increased speed in running and turning. Does not always keep sufficiently near his forwards.

T. C. TONKIN.—Has improved vastly since the beginning of the season. His heading is an example to the whole school. Liable to "funk" slightly at times, however, and sometimes passes too much.

H. R. BICKERTON.—A very good outside left. Steady in kicking and fairly tricky. Would do well to increase his speed as much as possible. Combines beautifully with Tonkin on the inside.

This season has only been marred by two scratched matches up to date, and a number of minor injuries to different players. Results up to the present are quite satisfactory on the whole, as may be seen by the table below. We have been very glad to welcome Mr. Kaye and Mr. Scarborough once more as members of the 1st XI. The Boys' XI. has only lost one match.

K. H. B.

K. H. Brookes has made a really good Captain. He has the knack of always encouraging the team, and so generally gets their best in response. He has been invaluable as a back, being very strong in defence, and has improved during the season in the way that he feeds his forwards. We shall miss him greatly next term.

E. V. B.

| Date. | Opponents. | Ground. | Result. | L.P.S. | Opponents. |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Sat., Oct. 1 | King Alfred's School | Wantage | Won | 1 | 0 |
| 5 | Y.M.C.A. | L.P.S. | Drawn | 2 | 2 |
| 8 | Abingdon School | L.P.S. | Drawn | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | University College | L.P.S. | Lost | 1 | 2 |
| 15 | Douai Abbey | Woolham | Lost | 1 | 3 |
| 22 | Newbury School | Newbury | Won | 18 | 0 |
| 26 | Reading A.F.A. | L.P.S. | Won | 3 | 1 |
| 29 | Magdalen College School | Oxford | Won | 5 | 0 |
| Nov. 5 | House Match | — | Grove won | 6 | 0 |
| 9 | Sutton's | Sutton's | Drawn | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | O.L.S. | L.P.S. | Lost | 3 | 4 |
| 16 | Sutton's | L.P.S. | Lost | 2 | 5 |
| 19 | Abingdon School | Abingdon | Won | 5 | 1 |
| 26 | Magdalen College School | L.P.S. | Won | 8 | 0 |
| 28 | Mansfield College | L.P.S. | Drawn | 4 | 4 |
| 30 | Clayesmore School | — | Drawn | 3 | 3 |

Boys' XI. v. DOUAI ABBEY SCHOOL (Lost 1-3).

This match was one of those which end in a score which does not give a good idea of the game; we certainly had as much of the game as they had, and deserved to draw at least. The first goal against us was shot just over Bickerton's head, the second got through after a beautiful corner against us, and the third was altogether bungled by our goalkeeper. T. W. Hopkins would certainly have saved two out of the three. O. S. Hopkins scored our only goal after a magnificent rush near the end of the game.

Wednesday, October 5th, L.P.S. v. Y.M.C.A., at Leighton Park School (drawn 2-2).

One of the closest and toughest matches of this season. We were without T. W. Hopkins, whose place was ably filled by J. M. Bickerton. The Y.M.C.A. scored in the first few minutes, and at that the game remained unaltered till half-time. Then Lloyd put through a good goal for us, which was quickly followed by another by O. S. Hopkins. The game then looked as though we might possibly win, but the Y.M.C.A. pressed hard, and eventually equalised in the last few minutes.

October 29th, Boys' XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL (won 5-0).

For the first time in the memory of any member of the present team this match proved a poor one, as their team was very weak. L.P.S. had the best of the game all the time. Inglis kept goal for us.

Saturday, November 5th, HOUSE MATCH (GROVE 6-0).

The House Match this year was a very one-sided affair, Grove House being by far the stronger team. The game was chiefly noticeable for the magnificent play of Goodbody as a School House back. J. M. Bickerton in goal for School was also very good.

TEAMS.—*Grove*: T. W. Hopkins; Brooks and J. P. Fox; Inglis, R. L. Lloyd, and Keep; Brain, O. S. Hopkins, E. I. Lloyd, Tonkin, and Curtis. *School*: J. M. Bickerton; Crewdson and Goodbody; May, Collier, and Wilson; King, Mitchel, Fuller, H. R. Bickerton, and Taylor.

*Wednesday, November 9th, L.P.S. v. SUTTON'S, at Sutton's
(drawn 1-1).*

The game was, as usual, an even one. As usual also Mr. Kaye played splendidly. Undoubtedly, I think, had we not been without E. I. Lloyd we should have won, as on one occasion at least all that was needed to net the ball was a determined rush, and this is always forthcoming from Lloyd. However, our goal also had several near shaves. On one occasion one of their men managed to miss the open goal from three yards off, the ball hitting the upright. Fuller scored our one goal in the first five minutes, Sutton's equalising before half-time.

Saturday, November 12th, L.P.S. v. O.L.'s (lost 3-4).

One of the best games between the school and the O.L.'s for some years. The O.L.'s were exceptionally strong, and had the pick of their available men. Play at first was very fast, and the school opened the score through Lloyd. Jefferys soon equalised, and Darby changed the score to 2-1 against us. Serpell then got the one lucky goal of the match from a high dropping shot, which Hopkins in goal misjudged. The score at half-time was 3 all, and after this the game was very even, and unaltered as regards score until quite near the end, when suddenly the O.L.'s succeeded in getting through and scoring once more. Time was nearly up, but our forwards made a great effort. Twice Lloyd reached their goal area, once shooting high, and once passing to Hopkins, who also shot high. Had either of these shots scored we should have been equal, but no such luck. However, better luck next time.

L.P.S. Boys' XI. v. ABINGDON SCHOOL, at Abingdon (won 5-2).

The school played up splendidly all through, and the result was very satisfactory. Abingdon won the toss and decided to kick into the sun, which suited us down to the ground. Early in the game they pressed hard, but we soon eased matters, and before half-time Lloyd, Tonkin, and Fuller had each scored one goal. After half-time play was more even, and each team scored twice; nevertheless, we still maintained the best of the game. Fuller played well in place of O. S. Hopkins, who was on the sick list, and Tonkin, Bickerton, and Lloyd were also good; Brain was hardly in form. The defence was steady, and all the team played up hard.

2ND XI.

So far this season the 2nd XI. have been most unfortunate in not being able to place a full team in the field. This has especially been the case when the opponents have been strong. The team has been fairly successful, and all have worked their hardest under the adverse conditions.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

| Date. | Opponents. | Ground. | Result. | I. P. S. | Opponents. |
|--------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------|
| Oct. 1 | King Alfred's School 2nd XI. | Home | Won | 6 | 0 |
| 8 | Abingdon School 2nd XI. | Away | Lost | 0 | 2 |
| 12 | Maidenhead College | Home | Lost | 3 | 6 |
| 15 | Douai Abbey and XI. | Home | Won | 7 | 1 |
| 22 | Mackenzie Park | Home | Won | 3 | 2 |
| -9 | Henley School | Home | Lost | 2 | 3 |
| Nov. 0 | Maidenhead College | Away | Lost | 0 | 1 |
| 19 | Abingdon School 2nd XI. | Home | Won | 2 | 0 |
| 26 | Mackenzie Park | Away | Won | 10 | 0 |
| 30 | Henley School | Away | Lost | 1 | 3 |

TEAM.—Goal : J. M. Bickerton; Backs : Inglis and J. Fox; Halves : Fox, E. Cadbury, and Crewdson; Forwards : King, Grierson, Fuller, Curtis, and Lennard. May and Harris have also played.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

THE Aquatic Sports were held during the last fortnight of the Summer term. A. J. S. Inglis did a fine performance in taking first place in all the open events, thus winning the Lister-Harrison Cup. P. S. Cadbury achieved a similar success in the Junior events. Only seven points divided the Houses, Grove House Seniors and School House Juniors meeting with most success.

OPEN EVENTS.

Nine Lengths.—Inglis, 3m. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. H. R. Bickerton. Tonkin.

Four Lengths.—Inglis, 1m. 22 $\frac{2}{3}$ s. Bickerton. Tonkin.

One Length.—Inglis, 15 $\frac{3}{5}$ s. Bickerton. Tonkin.

One Length on Back.—Inglis, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. Tonkin. O. S. Hopkins.

Plunge.—Inglis, 42ft. Grierson. E. Cadbury.

Dive.—Inglis. Bickerton and Cadbury.

Team Race.—School House, 1m. 21 $\frac{2}{3}$ s.

JUNIOR EVENTS.

Four Lengths.—P. S. Cadbury, 1m. 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. D. J. Malcomson. E. S. Harris.

One Length.—Cadbury, 20 $\frac{2}{3}$ s. Malcomson. J. Mitcheson.

One Length on Back.—Cadbury, 29 $\frac{1}{3}$ s. Mitcheson.

Plunge.—Cadbury, 31ft. 10in. Mitcheson. Walker.

Dive.—Cadbury. Malcomson. Walker.

THE ELOCUTION COMPETITION.

A stop-press paragraph of impressions of the speeches in the Elocution Competition may be of interest. In the prepared speeches on "Scouting for Boys," E. I. Lloyd was easily first in style and attractiveness of delivery. He gave the best general survey of the subject; his point of view was detached and his argument unbiased. His command of language was noteworthy, but I am not quite clear what "a cynical and sardonic point of view" may be. Collier, who was bracketed first with him, excelled in sustained thread of his argument; the points of his speech were arranged in clear and logical succession. His quiet manner and voice had some tendency to monotony, but in one point he was ahead of Lloyd in delivery—he looked at his audience the whole time. H. L. Harris, who took third place, gave a speech well-ordered and lightened by more than one useful aside. The ending was rather slight and took from the impressiveness. Grierson was a very good fourth. His history of the movement was well done, and his manner throughout lively and attractive. He must remember that power and par are not phonetically equivalent. Not one of the six speakers was wearisome. In the unprepared speeches on "The Political Situation" Lloyd was first, Fuller second, Collier third, and Harris fourth; Fuller had been diffuse in his prepared speech, but his impromptu summing up in this competition was effective. He led us through an analysis of the complicated situation, and of the various questions uppermost in different parts of the country, to the necessity of a referendum: he was frankly partisan, and gave openings to political opponents for a reply; but

he was good. It was remarkable that all the speakers thought that this election would decide nothing, as the majority for the Government would be unchanged.

C. I. E.

SCHOOL NOTES.

WE re-assembled on September 16th, and for about a fortnight enjoyed perfect weather, a condition of affairs which we regret to say did not continue. Everyone returned with an eager anticipation for the new school year, and was pleased to find that our ranks were strengthened by the addition of several new boys.

Despite the fact that injuries have been numerous so that the team has rarely been at full strength, the Boys' XI., under the leadership of K. H. Brooks, has had a successful season, and so far has only once suffered defeat.

On October 28th we received a visit from Mr. C. T. Studd, a famous member of the well-known cricketing family. Mr. Studd, who is a missionary, gave us an inspiring address, illustrated with various anecdotes and incidents from the world of sport.

We congratulate J. F. O. King, who, by obtaining first place in each section of the competition, won for the second time the Storrs-Fry Shield for Gymnastics. Also A. P. D. Penrose on obtaining the most points in the Junior Competition and winning every event.

On November 28th the Mansfield College XI. paid us their annual visit and met the school team at full strength. After being two goals down five minutes before time, they succeeded in effecting a draw, the score being 4-4. In the evening they entertained us to a social, which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

All those who wished, visited the Free Church Choral Society's concert on December 7th and heard Mendelssohn's Oratorio "St. Paul." We should like to thank Mr. Evans for giving us the opportunity of attending, an opportunity which a large number made use of.

On November 12th the Old Leightonians brought down a strong team to play the school, and after a hard game just won by the odd goal in seven. The match was followed in the evening by an impromptu social.

With the abolishment of "fines" the "blue book" has come into existence. We understand that the rumour that these interesting diaries are to be shown at the Exhibition of Hobby Work is entirely unfounded. We have heard that the time for blue-book study is termed Petty Sessions.

The following passed the July Examinations:—

Higher Certificate.—D. W. Collier (Distinction in Mathematics),

R. B. Crewdson, and A. R. Fuller.

Oxford Local (Senior).—J. M. Bickerton, L. P. Biggar, E. Cadbury, J. M. Grierson, D. S. H. Keep, S. F. Lennard, D. J. Malcomson, H. W. Malcomson, W. J. C. Taylor, and C. B. Wilson.

Oxford Local (Junior).—H. R. Bickerton, A. Gilford, J. G. Goodbody, N. Harricks, and T. W. Hopkins.

Cambridge Local (Senior).—J. M. Downie, E. S. Harris, J. F. O. King, and R. Ll. Lloyd.

On November 16th we listened to an interesting lecture by Mr. Hastings Gilford, F.R.C.S., on the "Prehistoric Man." In the course of an instructive address the lecturer disproved the idea held by many that the race of mankind is descended from that of apes. He showed us that both races had the same beginning, but whereas man has ascended in development, the ape, after ascending slightly, began to descend. Besides some excellent lantern slides, a monkey, the property of Mr. Gilford, added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Great excitement was caused on one compulsory afternoon by the South Berks Hunt coming past the school. The fox, hoping to find refuge at last, came right across the first football ground; but alas! he found none, because, regardless of football, all the players left the game and gave chase. Reynard made for the fruit garden, but Tovey headed him back; he then attempted to jump the black palings, but failing, took to the road again, where the huntsmen and hounds were waiting. Dodging them all, he went across the fields towards steeplechase hill. Many of us followed the hounds, but had to return for afternoon school. The writer of this paragraph was pleased to hear that the fox finally escaped.

We have received two paragraphs relating to the eclipse of the moon. The writer of the first may become an astronomer; the second apparently lacks the enthusiasm necessary for a nocturnal vigil.

" On November 16th a total eclipse of the moon took place. The boys were aroused in good time so that they might see it. The night was a perfect one, and the sky, instead of being, as it so often is on these occasions, hopelessly clouded over, was beautifully clear. It was curious to notice how the stars came up as more and more of the moon was covered, and many of the constellations which had been unseen before were clearly visible as the moon was fully eclipsed."

" On the 16th day of November we were aroused at 11.30, much against our will. We then jumped out of bed and put on some warm clothes, for it was a cold, cloudless night. We congregated at the end of the dormitory to see the total eclipse of the moon. By five minutes to 12 the moon was totally covered. By this time we had all seen enough of the eclipse, and were very sleepy and rather cold. So the lights were turned out, and we were allowed to go peacefully on with our slumbers."

Congratulations to A. R. Fuller on winning the O.L. average bat for the second year.

O. S. Hopkins distinguished himself when Filey met Scarborough at golf. Asked to play at the last minute, he was paired with the crack man of the other side and thoroughly beat him.

We were glad to see Dr. Clarke at the beginning of the term. He paid us a flying visit on his way to Clifton College, where he has accepted a post as modern language master.

The routine of Sundays has been slightly altered this term. After breakfast all attend Bible Classes for three-quarters of an hour. The afternoon reading commences at half-past three, and boys are expected to get their letters written between dinner and that time. On two afternoons the Headmaster gave us an account of Whittier and his writings, and on another occasion he drew our attention to the treatment of Hindoos at the Universities. Some of the study boys we hear, regret that "reading" starts later, as they thereby lose half an hour of the time in which they were accustomed to entertain their friends to tea.

H. R. Bickerton and A. Gilford, the curators of the Metal Workshop, report that there is an increase in the number of boys working there; also that they badly need a planing machine. Perhaps this will catch the eye of someone interested in such things, who may be able to help them.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

OLD Boys who have not yet done so, are requested to send their photographs to Mr. Edminson, so that they may be placed in the School House hall. The collection is gradually growing, but is by no means complete.

We print on another page reviews of two books recently published by Old Leightonians. We hope Old Boys will on such occasions remember the school library by presenting a copy of their work to it.

Congratulations to K. J. Backhouse on his engagement to Miss Bell, of Richmond, and C. Granville Holdsworth on his engagement to Miss Margaret Black. It is reported that a cable is hourly expected from Bernard bearing similar news.

Frank Holdsworth is settled at Clifton Moor, Boston Spa. Work on his farm has prevented him from enjoying any Rugger this season, but he manages a day's hunting now and then.

Cyril Knott writes in high spirits from the Griffith John College, Hankow. He hopes to be married in April, and is utilising his odd moments in getting his house ready.

News from the West Country is scanty, as Rendel Harris is busy electioneering. We note, however, that at a recent municipal bye-election C. L. Fox was returned by a big majority. Congratulations to Mr. Councillor Fox.

Cambridge O.L.'s are very glad to welcome Leonard Doncaster back to the 'Varsity town, as the first don there from their old school. Among other news that has reached us, we learn that J. S. Stephens is in residence at John's, and that E. F. Wills is not far off, dwelling among the rooks, and keeping himself fit by means of vigorous exercise on the asphalt tennis court.

Pickard, who paid us a welcome visit recently, has been negotiating the Engineering Special, and Rickman has been rowing in the King's Trial Eights.

A. S. Lloyd and L. J. Cadbury rowed in the Coxswainless Fours for First Trinity, when they were beaten in the final by Third Trinity. Unfortunately Lloyd contracted a chill, which prevented him from figuring in the Varsity Trials. L. J. Cadbury, at the time of writing, retains his seat in one of the trial boats.

Clara was *en fête* on October 22nd in honour of the home-coming of R. M. Goodbody and his wife. Numerous arches spanned the

roadway, fog signals heralded the approach of the train, and bonfires blazed. An address of welcome was presented, to which Reggie replied in a style that reflects great credit on his training in the School Debating Society.

We owe an apology to Robert Hutchinson in that we neglected to chronicle in our last number his marriage to Miss Joyce Heelas. The happy event took place on June 28th at the Friends Meeting House, Reading. At the request of the bride and bridegroom the school had a half-holiday, and several of the boys attended the ceremony. Though offered so late, our congratulations are none the less sincere.

E. S. May has matriculated at the City and Guilds Technical College, South Kensington.

W. F. Harvey has visited Oxford this term and taken his M.A. degree. He paid us a welcome visit the same day. R. M. Goodbody brought his bride to see his old school during the honeymoon.

J. Goodbody returned to the Argentine in August; Eben. and Jack are running a large cattle farm there with considerable success.

J. H. Jennings is a master in Mr. Jones' preparatory school at Colwall.

H. G. Baynes took his L.R.C.S. in November. He is still at Barts., and has taken to playing hockey.

We would take this opportunity of thanking R. Smee for offering to supply us with a block for illustrating the Magazine every year; also W. F. Harvey and H. T. Crosfield for kindly defraying the expense of one of the illustrations in this number.

G. N. Cadbury has left Cambridge and is now studying commerce at Birmingham University. He may frequently be seen driving a 7 h.p. two-seater Austin.

E. Jefferys is also in Birmingham trying to swallow a three-years' course in 12 months. Some of his friends think that this is a greedy proceeding, and that "Teddie" must shortly suffer from mental indigestion.

H. B. Darby is working in the office of Impey, Cudworth, and Lakin Smith, chartered accountants. Just at present he is busy electioneering.

A. C. Wright is busy in Manchester in the cotton trade. Rumour has it that he is a promising recruit of the Swimming Club and quite an expert at week-end shooting parties.

Cattle branded "J. E. K." may now be regularly seen at the Salford and Wakefield Cattle Markets. They are sent from Woodtown West, Lisclogher, Co. Armagh. We fancy "Johnnie" is having some experience of "cattle driving," at any rate we read an account of a meeting in which the speaker advised his hearers to come out with leaded sticks and "cut the Gordian knot."

R. B. Knott has forsaken "Soccer" for what he calls the higher branch of football, and plays regularly in the 2nd XV. of Manchester University.

B. W. Doncaster sends us a wail of despair. He has been trying to get together an XI. to play Stramongate. Most of those invited have either refused or not replied. This is preying on the mind of B. W. D. so much that he talks of handing over this duty to younger men. Of course, this is out of the question, as no one has the power of persuasion or the gift of eternal youth in a greater degree than Basil. Long may he captain our Old Leightonian teams!

Congratulations to H. T. Crosfield on his engagement to Miss Harvey, of Roundhay, Leeds, sister of three O.L.'s.

NOTICES.

The Editor will welcome contributions for the next number up to March 31st.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *By Kent and Skerne*, *School Echoes*, *Abingdonian*, *Stramongatian*, *Plymouthian*, *Chigwellian*, *The Lily*, *The Wyvern*, *Reading School Magazine*, and offer our apologies for any accidental omission from this list.



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