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EDITORIAL.

WITH this number we complete the sixth volume and eighteenth year of publication. An index will be ready early in the new year. We shall be pleased to arrange for the binding of any copies that are sent to us before February 1st.

We offer a cordial welcome to the new members of the staff. A perusal of the pages that follow will show how heartily they are taking their share in the games and work of the various societies.

At the annual meeting of the Old Leightonian Club in July R. C. Ford found it necessary to resign the office of Secretary, and his brother G. L. Ford was appointed in his place. The thanks of all are due to the late secretary for the able way in which he has conducted the affairs of the Club. In accordance with a strong feeling that the time has come when an Old Leightonian Register should be prepared, E. V. Ballard and J. Rickman have consented to undertake the work and will shortly be sending forms to all old boys, which, it is hoped, they will fill in and return promptly. They expect to be able to submit the result to the next club meeting, when the question of printing the same will be considered.

Increased activity in the work of the Societies, and preparation for the mid-term and big social, with its attendant exhibition, has made the term seem very full to most of us. We are glad, therefore, to report that the claims of the Magazine have not been forgotten, and that three of the articles that follow are written by boys in the school.

OLD LEIGHTONIANS' GATHERING.

FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS.

We are indebted to the *Friend* for the following :—

The annual meeting of the Old Leightonians' Club was held at the School on July 26-29, preceded by a week's tour of the O.L. cricket team, in which matches were won against Stramongate and Bootham, and lost to Ayton, York Retreat, and Old Ackworthians. The proceedings at Leighton Park began on the Friday with a tennis match against the School, which the Old Boys won by eight matches to two, six being drawn. In the evening a lantern exhibition was given in the gymnasium, illustrating the early history of the school, chiefly from photographs taken by boys between 1890 and 1895. On the Saturday, the number of old boys present reached 76, a "record" number; many of them were accompanied by their wives, and some also by their children. The cricket match was won by the School, 187 to 80, nearly all the runs of the School team being made by boys, one of whom also took five wickets.

In the evening, before the business meeting of the O. L. Club, there was a large gathering of Old Leightonians, present boys, and members of the staff, in the gymnasium, to say good-bye to F. J. Edminson and W. S. Rowntree.

J. Edward Hodgkin, president of the club, said: Most of us here present feel that F. J. Edminson has been to us more than we can ever express; to many of us he has been all that a second father could be. He leaves Leighton Park with our deepest and warmest affection, and grateful thanks for his tremendously helpful friendship. He has done his duty nobly and well, and carries with him into his new life our heart-whole love. As a small way of saying "thank you" we ask him to accept this roll-top desk and cheque for £125, and we also ask Mrs. Edminson, who has so thoroughly shared her husband's life-work, to wear this wrist watch as a slight memento of her influence on our life at Leighton Park.

F. J. Edminson, speaking for himself and Mrs. Edminson, said that the occasion bereft him of all words. Indeed it was not a time for words. For twenty-two years, next to their own children, they

had loved the Leighton Park boys. They were overwhelmed with their kindness and generosity. They wished to thank the Board of Governors for the bountiful provision they had made for them for three years; the present boys for the beautiful watch they had given him and the music cabinet they had given Mrs. Edminson; and the Old Leightonians for the triple gift of watch, desk, and cheque. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Mrs. Edminson said that the watch would be to her a priceless possession: a token of many happy days and friendships.

Archibald Warner said that it was utterly impossible for them to let their old friend and master, W. S. Rowntree, leave the school without some slight memento of their esteem. They not only thanked him for his care and interest in their work, but also for the way he had promoted their cricket and welcomed them as old boys whenever they came back to the school. They asked him to accept this silver cigarette case and cheque for forty guineas, with the best wishes of all for the future.

Walter S. Rowntree described his feelings as too deep for words. That day had been one of surprises. First of all they had invited him to be photographed in the O.L. group, then on going to his room, he had found there a beautiful travelling case and note from the boys, and now the old boys had overwhelmed him with these presents. Of course, he felt leaving very much, but he felt some consolation from the fact that from to-day he would be an Old Leightonian.

O. L.

PREFECTS.

- T. W. Hopkins (senior prefect), appointed September, 1912.
- J. M. Bickerton, appointed September, 1912.
- D. J. Malcomson, appointed September, 1912.
- E. S. Harris, appointed September, 1912.
- P. S. Cadbury, appointed September, 1912.
- C. F. Bilbrough, appointed September, 1912.
- A. E. Mitchell, appointed September, 1912.

NEW BOYS.

V.—M. Priestman, Birmingham.

Lower V.—A. P. Cotterell, Bristol.

L. S. Penrose, Watford.

M. A. Sisson, Gloucester.

IV.—A. J. Hodgkin, Claygate.

G. E. G. Mitcheson,* Trentham.

O. A. A. Pollard, Cheshunt.

R. K. Wilson, Hitchin.

III.—R. C. Butler, Birmingham.

E. G. Grace, Bristol.

G. Jefferys, Kendal.

D. S. Newbegin, Staines.

R. Pease, Darlington.

W. P. Southall, Birmingham.

*Re-entry.

NEW OLD BOYS.

F. S. Brain, Kelvin, Alexandra Road, Reading.

H. R. Bickerton, 88, Rodney Street, Liverpool.

L. C. P. Biggar, West Heath, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.

E. Cadbury, Manor House, Northfield, Birmingham.

J. P. Fox, Robin's Close, Wellington, Somerset.

N. Harricks, Ryefield, Rochdale.

S. F. Lennard, Shirley Lodge, Knighton, Leicester.

R. Ll. Lloyd, Edgbaston Grove, Birmingham.

A. N. Pearson, Woburn Lodge, Broughton Park, Manchester.

E. P. Southall, 3, Green Lane, Leominster.

W. J. C. Taylor, Ravensear, Helsby, Cheshire.

A DAY ON THE MOUNTAINS.

IT was a cold dark morning, with the stars shining brilliantly through a cloudless sky, when there was a rap at the door, and we realised that the time for rest was over and we must work.

We had a hurried breakfast, and at 4 a.m. started out with a guide and a porter to climb a mountain called *La Petite Dent de Veisivi*.

As soon as the dawn came, and the whiter and more distinct objects became visible the lantern was put out, and we went on in the half-light.

After some two-and-a-half hours' steep walking uphill we came to a small stream and halted for breakfast; it was the first opportunity we had had for looking back. Miles away over the tops of the nearer slopes rose after range of huge snow-capped mountains, and then the eye suddenly caught a flash of intense blue. It was the first glimpse we had had of the *Lac Bleu de Lucelle*, a tiny brilliant-blue lake situated high up among the grass slopes on the opposite side of the valley; the mere name, however, can give no adequate idea of the wonderful colour.

The ground was bitterly cold as the sun had not yet risen above the mountains, so we were glad to get on the march again, and after some very steep tramping we reached the foot of the great rock wall on which the summit stands. The ice-axes and alpenstocks were left in a convenient cleft, and we went on to the lowest part of the rock wall, some 500 feet above the *cache*, and about half-a-mile, as the crow flies, from the summit.

The real climbing was about to begin, so the rope was put on, and we started off. The going chiefly consisted of clambering along a narrow rocky *arete*, with a perpendicular 500 feet drop on one side and an excessively steep slope on the other. In one place there was a cavern, nowhere very wide, and in places exceedingly narrow. Here one member of the party stuck, and had to be pulled out on the rope by the guide.

Soon after the cavern we came to the *Red Gendarme*, which is one of the stock climbs to be done on the mountain. It is simply a tall rock pinnacle, one of several, but it is harder to climb than the others. The first eight feet consisted of a sheer rock wall utterly devoid of holds, up which our guide jumped and kicked his way, and then most of us were hauled up on the rope. Then we had to swarm up a narrow ridge of rock, and so on to the top.

When we reached the bottom again we found two other parties waiting to make the ascent. As soon as the whole of our party was down we went on, and at last reached the summit, where we stayed for some time admiring the view, which included the Matterhorn and the Dent Blanche.

When thoroughly rested, we started to come down by the short-cut way, which should bring us out close to our *cache*.

On the way down we passed the supposed scene of the Hopkinsons' accident in 1899. The exact details will never be known, but the party, five in number, started out on a Sunday morning and never returned. As soon as it was evident that something must have happened, search parties were sent out. The bodies were found at the foot of the rocks. It is probable that one of the party slipped and carried the others, a thousand feet down, to their doom.

When we were well past the place our guide pointed it out and quietly remarked to the nearest to him, "That's the place. I found him; he had only half a head."

We reached our *cache* in safety, and then set off for home. At the stream we had the remaining food and drink, but did not stop long.

The last part of the descent seemed very long, and still more so the tramp home, but we got in at last, almost exactly thirteen hours after we had started.

REMINISCENCES.

AS I sit in my study at a ripe old age and survey the past days of my youth, many and varied are the acts of righteousness that

stream before my mind, but if I peer more closely into the mist of bygone years, I can here and there catch a fleeting glimpse of rather doubtful proceedings now almost obliterated by a perfect senility. On my very tender youth—oh! how tender sometimes—I will not touch—oh! how much more than touching sometimes—be it sufficient to say that when I departed northwards in 1908 full of misgivings and chocolate, it was with a heavy heart and a heavier —, but stay, this foreword is becoming a preface, and as nobody ever reads prefaces, it would be wasting my time—a rare occurrence.

On arriving at a new school there are a few little things to learn besides lessons—nicknames, especially the masters—things to be done, according to the boys, and not to be done, according to the masters. Everyone knows “forbidden fruits are sweetest” (Eve’s excuse), and so I will speak straightaway of “things to be or not to be done” in that north country school where I was——, worked three years.

When a new master was on duty it was apparently his business during the day, to give leave to every member of one bedroom to go upstairs and get a handkerchief. If he had eyes and saw he would notice that when those boys went *upstairs* their pockets would be of rather an ungainly size, but when they came *down* again they—the pockets—had deflated, so to speak. If he had troubled to go upstairs to that bedroom and look in the drawers, underneath their contents, he would have found numerous mysterious little parcels, paper bags, and perhaps bottles of evil-looking fluid. Again, if that master had had the audacity to go into that bedroom between eleven and twelve o’clock at night, what a tableau would have met his eyes. There in the middle of the room he might have seen the inmates wrapped in rugs or dressing gowns, sitting on pillows or mattresses provided by the new boys—if there happened to be any—round drawers from the chests, turned upside down, and laden with the contents of those mysterious parcels and paper bags. These night orgies were known as “*Bedroom Victuals*.” “Hi! chuck us a porker!”* “Where did you put those sausage rolls?” “Don’t make such a shindy, you’ll have all the nixes up,” and similar phrases would be heard, mingled with steady munching and gurgling. Then, “Here, you new kids, you can shove these things away; we’re going to bed

* Pork pies were a *sine qua non*.

again. And if you make a row you'll get 'groogled' (an emphatic form of expressing one's desires much in vogue at that school). Another form of amusement was unwittingly supplied by the authorities who provided sheep in the field, which in the dusk during the summer were a never-ending source of interest. Until tired, it is impossible to imagine how hard it is to catch a sheep in the dusk and then get on its back. This sport might be called hunting, but was most usually known as "*Mutton Rabbling*."

That school was situated in a famous city, which possessed several narrow back streets. Down one of these was a café whose specialite was, in good English, meat pies, but in descriptive language "*Hausers*." Why they were called by this name no one ever knew; unless it was connected with the English word "*hawser*," because of their strength, and was spelt the German way because of the popular idea that all English things are made in Germany. But these toothsome morsels consisted of two pieces of pastry covering the meat of some hitherto undiscovered animal floating in a hot liquid; and cost twopence each. Needless to say the street in which that café was situated was out of bounds. One more remembrance and then I shall have to stop, for even now I hear muttered remarks from the Editor about a "rambling old bore in his second childhood," but he must blame the Assistant Editor, who asked me to write something, and even if it is not printed it will jolly well serve him right, for *he* will have to read it, if nobody else does. My last remembrance is about "*Prefects preps*," but on second thoughts I don't think I will.

"NOMME-DE-PLUME."

ACHILL ISLAND.

"ACHILL ISLAND! Who in the world would ever think of going to spend a holiday there; I should think you would get absolutely sick of it before you had been there more than a day or two." That is probably about all the encouragement your average Englishman would give if you told him of your intention

of going to spend a holiday in that remote corner of Erin. And yet if you do go you will almost certainly never regret it.

To the person who loves wild and desolate scenery, or who has lived for a long time in the muggy atmosphere of towns, the island in question is an almost ideal place to spend a short time. It is fairly easy of access, for the Midland Great Western Railway—the Irish “South-Eastern”—runs as far as Achill Sound, which originally separated the island from the mainland, but is now bridged by a substantial iron structure. The visitor, therefore, who has unhappy recollections of the sea, can now go all the way on dry land from any part of Ireland to his destination in Achill, which will probably be Dugort, the principal village in the island. This is quite a ~~p~~retentious little place on the northern shore, containing some three or four hotels (!) and a Protestant Church—a rare thing in these parts. The principal hotel stands right underneath the mountain of Slievemore, the summit of which—the mountain, I mean—claims to be some five or ten feet higher than the much more interesting peak of Crogham, which is situate at the western extremity of the island. The proprietor of the institution just mentioned, Sheridan by name, is said to claim relationship with the great author of “The Rivals.” He is noted chiefly for his large stock of old Irish tales, which he tells in quite a dramatic fashion, and also for his intimate knowledge of every corner of the island in which he lives. He is never at a loss to find some new excursion for every visitor, even the one who thinks he has seen everything possible in the vicinity.

In fine scenery Achill island is certainly not lacking, as almost all around its coast there are extremely fine cliffs, some of them rising an enormous height out of the water; inland too the landscape, although barren and desolate in the extreme, is often very striking, the mixture of flat bog, lake, and mountain being in places very effective. An ascent of the mountain of Crogham is well worth the trouble, although it is advisable to take a guide, as sudden mists often come down over the summit, in which case it is quite possible to walk into a dangerous bog or even over a precipice, and this would not tend to make the excursion a very enjoyable one at any rate. From about halfway up the mountain one has an excellent view of

Keem Bay, one of the most beautiful secluded spots in the island, where people that way inclined often go and camp for a short time. As one ascends the view all around gets finer and finer, until, when one reaches the summit, one can see some 50 or 60 miles in at least three directions. To the south, apparently almost under one's feet, lies Clew Bay with its innumerable islands; in the distance across the water the mountains of Connemara may be seen very plainly, whilst still farther on one can discern the Aran islands in Galway Bay. Northwards is Blacksod Bay, from whence it has often been proposed to run a line of steamers to America. The Atlantic stretches away to the westward, and one can look almost straight down into its depths, for the western side of the mountain has, as it were, been completely cut away, leaving a cliff which descends almost sheer for over two thousand feet before reaching the blue water below, and how much further the stranger can but guess.

Another favourite excursion is a visit, by boat, of what are known as the "seal" caves. Here seals may often be observed at some times of the year, and numbers are shot by visitors eager to obtain a skin "of their own killing" without going further afield. Other expeditions there are in abundance, which will all be arranged for you by your kind host, who, you may be sure, will never send you to a place not worth seeing.

The inhabitants of Achill are, like the place itself, charming. They probably contain more Celtic blood than almost any of their fellow countrymen, and have the same habits and modes of living as the majority of Irish countryfolk had perhaps fifty years ago. They all speak their native tongue fluently; so much is this the case, in fact, that quite a large number of people come and live in the villages for a time in order to learn the language and incidentally also to study the old-fashioned customs of the people. Here a large number of the older women still wear the bright, scarlet skirts which were common all over the country during the earlier part of last century. The chief method of transport, too, is rarely seen in other parts, for in this neighbourhood almost everything, from a load of peat down to a pair of young pigs, is carried in large panniers slung across the back of a horse or ass. This is an especially

convenient arrangement, for many places have often to be visited which are almost in the heart of a bog and unapproachable by any road.

In many ways, therefore, Achill Island is well worth a visit, even if only for a day or two. The stranger is always sure of a hospitable reception, and may be certain of finding there plenty of amusement in the way of boating, shooting, or mountain climbing, or even in learning the Irish language ! M.

A FEW NOTES ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES AT STOCKHOLM, 1912.

ON the afternoon of June 29th, with several of the English contingent, I left Liverpool Street Station for Stockholm, via Harwich and Gothenburg. The journey was exceedingly pleasant, partly because the passengers were gay and sociable and partly because the North Sea was like a mill pond. We reached Stockholm on the evening of Monday, July 1st. The whole of Stockholm seemed to have come down to meet our train, and as we steamed in we were greeted with rousing cheers.

Stockholm, in my opinion, and that of many travellers, is one of the most beautiful and interesting cities in the world. It is built on seven islands in the Baltic, and is thus intersected with water, so that some people call it the Venice of the North. But, unlike Venice, it is an exceedingly clean city.

It might interest you to hear what my duties were. Well, my original invitation to the Games was as an "Adjutant of the Press," *i.e.*, I had to carry all results and give all necessary information to the pressmen. Soon after I received an invitation to become a member of the Reception Committee, which meant having to arrange entertainments and act as host on these occasions. Directly I arrived I was also asked to be a member of the International Swimming Congress, and on several occasions I did duty on the International Jury. The last mentioned office, I must say, was not altogether a pleasant one. All these duties were in connection with

swimming. As I had promised to write an article for the Scientific Journal of Physical Education, I also attended the large Stadium as a pressman. From this you can gather that I was well occupied, and seldom had a moment I could call my own for personal enjoyment.

Four thousand six hundred competitors, representing about forty nations, took part in the Games. As these were the best the world could produce, you can imagine it was a remarkable collection of athletes.

The Stadium was nearly full of spectators every day, and on Marathon day, at 8 o'clock in the morning, there was a queue of people quite a mile long, and 6 to 10 abreast, although the race was not to take place till 1.45 p.m. Before 11 o'clock every seat was occupied, and thousands of people had to be content with seeing the competitors on the road. Although, I am sure, this was the hottest day, all the competitors that completed the distance were in comparatively good condition. Unfortunately, one of them, a young Portuguese named Lazaro, had sunstroke and died.

The Boy Scout movement is going very strong in the whole of Scandinavia, and during the Games thousands of Scouts from Denmark and Norway met, and were received by the King of Sweden. The Swedish Boy Scouts, who are generally very sturdy fellows, gave excellent displays in Swedish gymnastic and outdoor games. They performed all kinds of duties, too many to mention, and were most useful.

Entertainments arranged by the Swedish Olympic Council were numerous and most successful, and about one of these (perhaps, the most important) I should like to tell you. It took place on the Marathon day in the evening, when a grand festival was held at the stadium. About 5,000 athletes and officials, who took part in the Games, were invited to a "sit-down" supper. Before we started our meal a rather strange thing happened. One of the Americans started throwing high in the air something which had the appearance of a large gramophone record. In a minute hundreds of these were flying about. It turned out to be Swedish hard bread, which is made in thin brown discs. This foolish game was, however, soon stopped by some of the officials, as, in the eyes of the

Swedes, it is a great offence to play at "throwing the discus" with the national bread! During the meal we were treated to music from a band of gigantic proportions, and singing by a male choir consisting of about 3,000 voices. A vast audience almost filled the Stadium. When we had finished the supper, speeches were delivered by the Crown Prince of Sweden in English. Colonel Balck, who has been the leading spirit in the Games, and who only a short time ago was given a special Order by King George V., spoke in Swedish. Another speech was delivered partly in French and partly in Swedish by the founder of the Olympic Games, a French Count. After the speeches, all specially successful winners were carried shoulder high and tossed about. McArthur, the winner of the Marathon race, was particularly honoured in this way. He told me he was quite sore all over the day after. The evening ended with magnificent fireworks, the last item of which was "McArthur running."

Amongst the other numerous entertainments was an outing in a steamer (the arrangements for which I had specially in hand) to a seaside place called Sandham. A steamer accommodating about 600 people was chartered for the day and gaily decorated. Four hundred ladies and gentlemen, chiefly amongst the swimmers of all nations, were invited. About 10 a.m. we started on our journey, and a few minutes after the band struck up a lively dance. We got to our destination a couple of hours later, and everyone who had brought a swimming costume "by request" joined in a mad frolic in the clear blue water. During our absence tables had been laid for lunch. Returning to the boat with a splendid appetite, we found food excellent and plenty of it. After the luncheon speeches were made in English, French, German and Swedish, and it was a regular "entente cordiale." The rest of the journey was spent in looking at the beautiful scenery, dancing, and partaking of refreshments. Mr. Wagstaffe-Simmons, a prominent pressman, said this outing was the most successful and the most enjoyable during the whole of the Games.

It was not an uncommon thing to see the Stockholm police with small flags of various nations on their chests. This denoted that whatever flag they carried they could speak the language of that particular nation. I saw one police inspector with five flags on his chest, and an ordinary policeman with four, whilst two flags were frequently seen.

The Stockholm taxi-cab is considerably larger than the London one. Six people can be seated comfortably, and the speed equals that of the London cabs, while for one or six people the fare is the same. The driver is very polite, and if you give him one Krona (about 1s.) for a fare he gives you the change without expecting a tip.

When McArthur, the Marathon winner, with his friends came out from the Stadium after the distribution of prizes, carrying his large and heavy trophy, he was surrounded by a crowd of people who wanted to shake hands with him. He tried to get a taxi and escape from the crowd, which grew alarmingly large, but at this moment there was no taxi to be seen. After a long search I found one occupied by a Swedish student, and I asked him if he would let McArthur share his taxi. He consented, and off we drove to McArthur, who got inside with five friends, while two others jumped on the footboard. They had gone about 20 yards when there was a large report. Alas, the spring had broken! As I was in a great hurry, I had no time to stop and help them any further, so I "did a bunk."

One morning, very early, I assisted two of the Springboks in catching a burglar. He had been scaling some balconies and got into their room, but when he was noticed he took to his heels. The reason given for his early morning exploit was that "he wanted a bed." For fear this incident might have inconvenienced the Springboks, they decided not to prosecute, but to let the man go with a severe shaking, which they left for me to administer.

C. P. MAURITZI.

THE PREFECTS' EXCURSION.

THIS term we decided to visit the Mint and Woolwich Arsenal, so on the 7th of November we started off, arriving at the Mint at about half-past ten. The policeman on guard at the outer gate looked dubious on seeing our number (there were seven of us), but said he would let us through, though they would probably not let us all go round as our ticket was only made out for six, which was

the greatest number allowed over at one time. We went through into the office, where the official informed us that "hon'ly six hallowed to go hover the Mint at one time, sir." We softly chanted in his ear, "But we are seven!" whereupon he answered, "Then one must in this office lie!" (or rather sit), which had to be done. However, one of our number had been over before in his youth, and so it was fairly satisfactorily arranged. The Mint was very interesting indeed. We saw first the metals being melted and then the long strips of silver and gold being pressed down to their proper thickness. We were also shown the coins being stamped, and were allowed to handle some (for a few minutes!) and then, the coins having been reluctantly given back, we went on to the weighing machines, which mechanically weigh the coins and drop them into different boxes accordingly as they are correct, too light, or too heavy. We spent some minutes watching two men, or rather boys, in sound-tight compartments testing sovereigns, and the rapidity with which they did it was amazing. On returning to the office some of the party purchased picture postcards of the works.

After a good lunch at the Strand Palace, we took the train to Woolwich, and, after waiting some little time, were shown round the Arsenal, which proved very interesting to the majority, although sighs were heard occasionally from one or two. Special interest was taken in the big 13.5 guns that take 11 months to make, working day and night, and round which 160 miles of wire are wound! Unfortunately they did not show us the casting of these. We first saw the manufacture of the caps for the 13.5 guns. This was done in an immense room containing many hundreds of machines, each machine doing the work of ten men. As one man could attend to four machines, the work of forty men can be done by one!

We then returned to town (and Lyons'), after which we filled in the time till dinner very agreeably at the cinematograph. Dinner concluded the day, and we returned to L.P.S. tired, it is true, but nevertheless quite satisfied with ourselves, the excursion, and everything in general.

C. B.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—This society has suffered severely from the losses of the last school year; we have lost the majority of our most prominent members, and at present almost all the speaking is carried on by about half-a-dozen individuals. In numbers, however, there has been little, if any, decrease upon last year, and as many as eleven new members have been admitted during the present term. Only two meetings have been held to date, the third being cancelled owing to pressure of work for the big social. At the first, some time was devoted to private matters, during which Mr. Whittaker was elected President in place of Mr. Ledger, who left us last year. Public business was taken up by a sharp practice debate, when the following subjects were discussed: "The increasing rate of living at the present day," "Professionalism in sports," "The keeping of diaries," and "Modern novels." The second and last topics proved to be the most interesting, but few members, at any time during the evening, expressed their views at any length. The second meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Balkan question, the motion before the House being: "That the Balkan States were justified in their declaration of war against Turkey." It was proposed and seconded by D. J. Malcomson and E. S. Harris respectively, and opposed by J. M. Bickerton and T. W. Hopkins. There was however, but little opportunity for much expression of opinion after the leaders had spoken, since all of them fully occupied their maximum time allowances in their eagerness to explain the exact state of affairs. The motion was eventually carried by 18 votes to 5.

D. J. MALCOMSON.

L.H.A. SOCIETY.—This Society has been greatly disturbed by the loss of Mr. Edminson, who guided it so ably through its first eight years of existence, and it is very thankful to Mr. Robson for the hearty manner in which he has undertaken his duties as president. We have held three meetings this term, the first of which was a purely business one. Thirteen new members joined the Society at it, and the officers were elected. At the second meeting, which was open to the school, Mr. Pollard of Manchester, gave us a lecture entitled "The Wit and Wisdom of Shakespeare." After

a paper of about 30 minutes, Mr. Pollard gave us many interesting recitations from some of Shakespeare's plays. The third meeting was devoted to Sheridan, papers being read by C. F. G. Billbrough, Mr. Robson, and E. S. Harris on the social, political, and literary sides of his life. These were followed by four scenes from "The Rivals," in which Mr. Unwin kindly assisted us by taking the part of Sir Anthony Absolute. Other parts were taken as follows: Captain Absolute, J. M. Bickerton; Sir L. O'Trigger, C. F. G. Billbrough; Acres, T. W. Hopkins; Falkland, E. S. Harris; Mrs. Malaprop, C. Smee; Lydia Langrish, A. P. D. Penrose.

E. S. HARRIS.

SENIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—This Society has held two meetings this term, at the first of which Mr. Finch was re-elected president, and J. M. Bickerton, C. F. G. Billbrough, T. W. Hopkins, and D. J. Malcomson became members. After the reading of A. N. Pearson's chronicle for the spring term, Mr. Finch and A. E. Mitchell read essays on "The Caste System in India" and "The Chinese Empire" respectively. A slight criticism and an interesting discussion followed. At the second meeting J. P. Fox's chronicle for the summer term was read. The essays for this meeting were by Mr. Whittaker and J. M. Bickerton, but unfortunately the former was unable to attend, which prevented a full discussion on his essay, entitled "Mohammedanism." The other essay on "The Far East" gave rise to a very interesting and instructive discussion. The third meeting of this term will not be held on account of the "big social."

E. S. HARRIS.

JUNIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—Two meetings have been held this term. At the first Mr. Evans took the chair, and Grace, Newbegin, Butler, Fryer, Sisson, Pollard, Cotterell, Jennings, Wilson, Holmes, and L. S. Penrose were elected new members. Some interesting essays were read, including a good one by R. H. Cook on "The conversion of the broad gauge to the narrow on the Great Western Railway." At the second meeting Mr. Thursby was elected president of the Society, and G. Mitcheson and J. A. Hodgkin were elected new members. Eleven essays were read, some of which aroused considerable discussion.

A. G. D. PENROSE.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—We have been rehearsing Haydn's "Symphony in D Major," commonly known as the clock symphony, and three of our members have given much time to the practice of trios. G. Mitcheson has joined the Society. The band has had the usual half-hour practices every week on Saturday mornings, besides several other practices in hobby time. We have spent the time studying Haydn's Clock Symphony (No. 12), the first movement of which was performed at the O.L. social, November 23rd. The band at present contains ten members: Mr. Ballard (conductor) and Mr. Robson, first violins; A. Bell, H. L. Edmonds, and G. E. G. Mitcheson, second violins; C. R. Day and P. S. Day, 'cellos; C. S. Richmond and R. H. Cook, piano; and D. W. Malcomson, organ. We are sadly in need of wind instruments. Three of the members, C. R. Day, C. S. Richmond, and A. Bell, have been practising a trio of Carl Bohm's. We are looking forward to a Haydn evening, which will be held on November 30th.

W. A. W. BELL.

CAMERA CLUB.—We have held two meetings so far this term. At the first of these Mr. Unwin was elected president and treasurer in place of Mr. Kaye, who left at the end of last term, after having held the position of president for the last five years. We should like to thank him for the never-failing interest which he took in the welfare of the Society. We are confident that the Society will continue to flourish under the presidency of such an expert photographer as Mr. Unwin. Owing to the building of the dark room, it has been impossible for much work to be done, as some of the fittings from the old dark room have been used in the new one. Before the end of the term we hope that the room will be quite complete and in constant use. We are looking forward to a lecture on "Microscopic Photography" by Mr. Unwin, which is to take place at our next meeting.

T. W. HOPKINS.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—We have had three meetings this term, and have increased our membership by three. At the first meeting Mr. Unwin succeeded Mr. Rowntree as vice-president, and ten new members joined. The meeting was entirely given up to reports, which were of an interesting and varied character. At the

second meeting I. C. Bell was appointed curator of conchology and geology, and a very interesting paper was read by C. Smee on "Spiders," illustrated by some very good charcoal drawings; followed by another paper by A. Bell on a few species of Butterflies. Several reports were also made. The third meeting was entirely devoted to a lantern lecture given by Mr. Unwin on "Pets I've Known," at which almost the whole school was present and ten visitors. A large number of his pets were shown; perhaps the most popular were "Peter" and a "weasel." However, they were all exceedingly good, and the Society was very grateful to Mr. Unwin for such an interesting evening.

J. M. B.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

THE Aquatic Sports were held during the last fortnight of the summer term. Most of the races were closely contested, and in two cases there were dead heats necessitating further racing. Grierson broke the junior record in the one length. The judges were very pleased with the promise shown by the junior divers. H. R. Bickerton won the Lister Harrison Cup.

OPEN.

9 Lengths—H. R. Bickerton (3min. 41 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs), J. M. Bickerton P. Cadbury.

4 Lengths—P. Cadbury (1min. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs), H. R. Bickerton, Edmonds.

1 Length—P. Cadbury (14 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.), H. R. Bickerton, Edmonds.

1 Length on Back—J. M. Bickerton (18 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs), H. R. Bickerton, P. Cadbury.

Plunge—C. F. G. Bilbrough (39ft. 10in.), J. M. Bickerton, Taylor.

Dive—P. Cadbury, H. R. Bickerton, E. Cadbury.

JUNIOR.

4 Lengths—Grierson (1min. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.), Gilford, Barlow.

1 Length—Grierson (15 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.), Richmond. Wallis.

1 Length on Back—Grierson (20 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.), Cole, Jennings.

Plunge—Gilford (39ft. 4in.), Wallis, Barlow and Cole.

Dive—King, Wallis, Gilford and Grierson

Team Race—Grove House (1min. 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.).

E. V. B.

HOUSE TENNIS MATCH.

R Ll. Lloyd & E. Cadbury	} (G.H.) beat	H. R. & J. M. Bickerton	6-3	6-3	
		Southall & I. Bell ...	6-4	8-6	
		W. Bell & Malcomson...	6-3	6-3	
Lennard & Fox	} (G.H.) beat	H. R. & J. M. Bickerton	3-6	7-5	6-3
		W. Bell & Malcomson...	6-3	6-1	
		Southall & I. Bell ...	6-3	6-2	
Bilbrough & Brain	} (G.H.) beat	W. Bell & Malcomson	1-6	8-6	6-4
H. R. & J. M. Bickerton	} (S.H.) beat	Bilbrough & Brain ...	6-3	6-4	
Southall & I. Bell	} (S.H.) beat	Bilbrough & Brain ...	4-6	6-4	6-3

Grove House, 15 points. School House, 6 points.

E. V. B.

 OLD LEIGHTONIANS' TENNIS MATCH.

J. E. Hodgkin and R. Hodgkin drew with E. P. Kaye and E. Cadbury (3-6, 6-4); drew with C. I. Evans and J. P. Fox (6-2, 2-6); lost to F. J. Edminson and H. R. Bickerton (5-6, 4-6), and lost to R. Ll. Lloyd and S. F. Lennard (3-6, 3-6).

R. M. Goodbody and F. I. Richardson drew with E. P. Kaye and E. Cadbury (6-4, 4-6); beat S. F. Lennard and R. Ll. Lloyd (8-6, 10-2); beat C. I. Evans and J. P. Fox (10-8, 6-3), and drew with F. J. Edminson and H. R. Bickerton (4-6, 6-1).

K. H. Brooks and A. R. Fuller beat C. I. Evans and J. P. Fox (6-4, 6-2); drew with E. P. Kaye and E. Cadbury (1-6, 6-1); beat R. Ll. Lloyd and S. F. Lennard (6-4, 8-6), and drew with F. J. Edminson and H. R. Bickerton (6-8, 0-6).

A. H. Billbrough and A. Warner beat E. P. Kaye and E. Cadbury (6-4, 6-2); beat C. I. Evans and J. P. Fox (6-0,

6—2); beat R. Ll. Lloyd and S. F. Lennard (6—2, 7—5); beat H. R. Bickerton and F. J. Edminson (6—1, 6—2).

The Old Leightonians thus won eight and lost two matches, whilst six were left drawn.

GYMNASTIC CONTEST.

THE Gymnastic contest was held on November 12th. An unusually large number of boys entered for the events, and the competition was very keen. The open championship resulted in a tie between J. M. Bickerton and T. W. Hopkins, whilst P. F. King won the junior championship for the second time.

OPEN.

Stall Bars—T. W. Hopkins, C. F. Bilbrough, J. M. Bickerton.

Boom—J. M. Bickerton, P. S. Cadbury, F. S. Harricks.

Horizontal Bar—J. M. Bickerton, C. Smee, P. S. Cadbury, H. W. Ransom and H. G. Saunders.

Ropes—E. S. Harris, P. S. Cadbury and F. S. Harricks.

Parallel Bars—C. F. Bilbrough and C. Smee, A. D. Penrose.

Horse—T. W. Hopkins, J. T. Wotherspoon, J. M. Bickerton.

JUNIOR.

Stall Bars—P. F. King, L. S. Penrose, L. B. Cole and A. F. Grierson.

Boom—A. F. Grierson, P. F. King, J. D. Barlow.

Horizontal Bars—L. S. Penrose and P. F. King, A. F. Grierson.

Ropes—L. B. Cole, P. F. King, A. F. Grierson.

Parallel Bars—P. F. King, L. S. Penrose, I. Bell and L. B. Cole.

Horse—P. F. King, E. Wallis, J. D. Barlow, L. B. Cole and E. G. Grace.

BATTING AVERAGES. (First XI. and Boys' XI.)

Name of Batsman.	Runs.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Top Score.	Average.
Lloyd	295	12	0	52	24'58
Edmonds	238	12	1	93*	19'83
J. M. Bickerton ...	252	14	1	55	19'38
H. R. Bickerton ...	225	13	0	59	17'31
E. Cadbury	113	10	3	69*	16'14
Fox	175	13	2	52	14'58
Lennard	180	14	1	29*	13'84
Malcomson	93	10	3	42*	13'28
Bilbrough	21	6	3	10	7'0
Hopkins	63	11	1	21*	6'3
Brain	16	7	0	11	2'6

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name of Bowler.	Wides.	No Balls.	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	M'dns.	Balls bowled	Average.
T. W. Hopkins ...	—	—	160	24	71	24	426	6'66
H. R. Bickerton ...	1	1	109	14	47½	8	283	7'78
J. M. Bickerton ...	—	—	340	38	116½	28	701	8'94
J. P. Fox	1	—	344	36	102½	11	613	9'55

FOOTBALL.

WE have not been fortunate this season in football: however, the Masters' XI. have won four out of six. The Boys' XI. have only won one, drawing one, losing four. There are only four old colours. Hopkins has gone from goal to full back; Edmonds, another goalkeeper, is the other back. The forward line is comparatively strong, but we have rarely had a full line. The Masters' XI. is stronger than it has been of late. Mr. Thursby is an excellent back, Mr. Robson has done very well at centre half. Mr. Unwin is a very good outside right, and Mr. Whittaker is a fast and tricky forward. Mr. Scarborough still plays inside right.

ANALYSIS OF TEAM (THOSE WITH COLOURS).

T. W. HOPKINS (Vice-Captain).—Left back. Has come out of goal and has done excellently ; a hard worker ; heavy, has improved enormously but lacks pace.

D. J. MALCOMSON.—Left outside. Very good and fast. Centres very well. Passes neatly and with discretion.

C. SMEE (Centre-forward).—Light and slow, but very tricky, his passes are very good. Shoots cleverly.

EDMONDS (Right-back).—Has come out of goal and fills his new position extremely well. He tackles very well, kicks hard and has good pace. Should learn to kick with both feet.

GRIERSON (Centre-half).—Has come on enormously and done excellently. On the heavy side : has good pace and ability.

The Boys' XI. has consisted of : Goal, Bilbrough ; backs, Hopkins, T. W., and Edmonds, H. L. ; halves, Mitchell, Grierson, P. Cadbury ; forwards, D. J. Malcomson, J. M. Bickerton, C. Smeë, Wotherspoon, F. S. Harricks.

Pease, L. Cole, A. Penrose, P. King have also played.

J. M. B.

MATCH LIST, 1912-13.

Date.	School.	Ground.	Result.	L.P.S.	Opponents.
Sat., Oct. 5	King Alfred's School ...	Wantage	Draw	2	2
Wed., „ 9	Suttons ...	L.P.S.	Lost	3	6
Sat., „ 12	Magdalen College School ...	Oxford	Won	4	3
Sat., „ 19	Abingdon School ...	L.P.S.	Lost	0	6
Sat., „ 26	Bedale's School...	Petersfield	Lost	0	5
Sat., Nov. 2	House Match ...	L.P.S.	Grove Won.		
Tues., „ 5	Mansfield College ...	L.P.S.	Won	7	2
Sat., „ 9	Douai Abbey School ...	Woolh'ton	Lost	0	10
Wed., „ 13	Suttons ...	Cintra	Lost	1	3
Sat., „ 16	King Alfred's School ...	L.P.S.	Lost	3	5
Wed., „ 20	Reading Y.M.C.A. ...	L.P.S.	Won	4	3
Sat., „ 23	Old Boys ...	L.P.S.	Won	3	2

October 5th.—BOYS' XI. v. KING ALFRED'S
SCHOOL, at Wantage.

The season opened with a very good game which was on the whole satisfactory, since our opponents had almost the same team as last year. L.P.S. won the toss and played with the sun. Wantage

pressed slightly, but were kept out successfully all during the first half, whilst L.P.S. scored twice. In the second half L.P.S. pressed hard for some time, but the forwards failed to score on several occasions. Wantage soon made several hard attacks on our goal, one of which resulted in a penalty which was well converted. The play became very hot until they headed in a fine goal off a good centre. Both sides then had many chances, but with no result. Hopkins, Grierson, and Edmonds played well for the defence.

October 9th.—1st XI. v. SUTTONS, at L.P.S.

Our first club match this season and a very good game. Suttons went off with a rush and scored four goals in the first quarter of an hour. Our forwards did not succeed in scoring till just before half-time, when the score was 1—4. On resuming play, Suttons had the best of the game for some time and scored twice, but towards the end of the game L.P.S. pressed hard and Mr. Scarborough and Malcomson both scored. Mr. Thursby played a fine game at back.

October 12th.—BOYS' XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL,
at Oxford.

Magdalen were a larger set than L.P.S., but we were very keen to beat them. We lost the toss and played down the hill, and pressed for some time. Malcomson soon scored but they equalised shortly after. At half we were all square. On changing ends they scored two to our one; however, our forwards got together well and Smee equalised with a well placed shot. We played up hard until the last two minutes. L.P.S. proved victors by 4—3 goals.

October 19th.—BOYS' XI. v. ABINGDON SCHOOL,
at L.P.S.

A very unsatisfactory result but a good game. L.P.S. pressed considerably more than did Abingdon, but whenever they got near our goal they scored, whereas our forwards could not score. Their goalkeeper played well. At the beginning of the second half J. M. Bickerton injured his knee, and had to go in goal. They had previously scored five goals, but L.P.S. pressed nearly the whole of this half and did not score, whereas they made their total six.

October 26th.—L.P.S. BOYS' XI. v. BEDALE'S, at Petersfield.

We were all very disappointed at not having a full team. C. Smee and J. M. Bickerton were absent from the forward line, which was therefore very weak. Cole and Penrose played instead on the outsides. The ground was in a shocking condition and it rained hard throughout. They were a lighter team than we, and thus the condition of the ground handicapped us considerably. From the start to finish the play was fast and even, and we did not deserve to lose so heavily. We nearly scored on numerous occasions, but they scored twice in the first half, and on changing to play down hill we thought a win probable. However, all our efforts were fruitless, and they made their score five before time. Grierson, at half, and Bilbrough, in goal, were very good. The referee was excellent.

November 3rd.—HOUSE MATCH.

This was a very good game and well worth watching. Grove House played up much better than School House, but School had slightly more of the game but made less use of it. Grove scored first through Wotherspoon, and soon after through a fine shot from Tebbutt, left outside. Both sides played hard, and School had several good chances before half-time. As the game drew to a close School House steadily became more dangerous until Malcomson scored after having missed one good chance. The game, however, was very even. School House did not deserve to lose or to win since they would not take their chances. Teams:—*School*: Pease, Mitchell, Edmonds, Wallis, Cadbury, Barlow, Cole, Malcomson, King, Harricks, Penrose. *Grove*: Bilbrough, Grierson, Hopkins, Fryer, Harris, Grace, Walker, Gilford, Wotherspoon, Pollard, Tebbutt.

November 5th.—1ST XI. v. MANSFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD, at L.P.S.

A very satisfactory match from our point of view. In the first five minutes each side scored. L.P.S. scored three more before half-time. After the interval our opponents began to press, and Griffiths soon scored with a fine shot. L.P.S. soon picked up, however, with three more goals. Mr. Thursby was very good at back.

November 9th.—BOYS' XI. v. DOUAI ABBEY SCHOOL,
at Woolhampton.

We were without Malcomson and Bickerton, our opponents however were altogether superior to L.P.S. They pressed continuously and scored five goals in each half: we had a few scattered chances. Bilbrough was good in goal and the backs played quite well. Cadbury played a good game at half-back.

November 13th.—1st XI. v. SUTTONS, at Cintra.

A very good hard game. L.P.S. did not deserve to lose since the game was even throughout. The chief feature of the first half was the scoring shot by Mr. Thursby, which was a long and hard one giving the goalkeeper no chance. At the interval the score was 1—0 in our favour. They equalised on recommencing, and although we had good chances of increasing our score, they added two more goals, making their total 3 to our 1.

November 16th.—BOYS' XI. v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL,
at L.P.S.

A very good but disappointing game. In the first twenty minutes Wantage scored four goals, and although the game was quite even we did not succeed in scoring until shortly before half-time. After play recommenced we pressed hard for some time but only succeeded in getting one more goal. On their gaining a fifth we scored our third, and thus the game ended. Everyone played up hard, but met with little success.

November 20th.—1st XI. v. READING Y.M.C.A., at L.P.S.

This match proved to be one of the best this season. In the first half of the match L.P.S. should have scored frequently; however, at half-time the score was 1—3 against us. After the interval the home team steadily improved and finally scored through Mr. Scarborough. Towards the end several of the visitors became a trifle "too keen" with a result that two justly awarded penalties, being well converted by Mr. Thursby, gave us the game by 4 goals to 3.

November 23rd.—1st XI. v. OLD BOYS, at L.P.S.

The Old Boys brought down a fairly strong team and the game was an exceptionally good one. At the start the Old Leightonians

appeared to be a good deal too strong for us, but as the game continued the School gradually asserted themselves, and towards the end the game was very even. The School kept them out until just before half-time, when O. S. Hopkins scored the first goal. After the interval the School scored two goals to their one making all square, and just before the end Mr. Scarborough obtained the odd goal for the School. For the Old Leightonians Brooks and Jeffreys were the best, but R. Lloyd, O. S. Hopkins, and Fuller played very well. For the School Mr. Thursby and Edmonds were extremely good, and the forwards played a successful hard game. Old Leightonian team: Brain, Brooks, R. Lloyd, Keep, Collier, Keen, Darby, Fuller, Jeffreys, Hopkins and King.

J. M. B.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The success of this year's second eleven has certainly not been great, the team being mainly composed of new boys, who are much younger and lighter than usual, but show considerable promise. The forward line has undergone very frequent changes, and has not learnt to combine, the backs and goal have also often been altered. *Team*: P. King (captain), L. Cole, A. Penrose, W. G. Walker, L. S. Penrose; *halves*, E. Wallis, Grace, J. W. Barlow; *backs*, R. H. Cook, Clarke, or Bubler; *goal*, Fryer or Bell.

P. F. K.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

WE have received the following account of the cricket tour:— During the Old Leightonians' cricket tour matches were played with five teams. At Stramongate we won, but to Ayton, Old Ackworthians, and the Retreat we lost. We beat Bootham. The tour much resembled that of other years. The usual motors broke down in the usual places; but ultimately transferred us to the usual inns where the usual welcome awaited us. The weather exhibited pleasing variety, especially at Ayton, but, possibly, the outstanding feature of a tour in which Keen performed the "hat trick" was the absent-mindedness of our captain, which, it is understood, continued with slight interruptions to October 31st.

A record number of Old Leightonians attended the general meeting. After the ordinary business had been promptly dismissed presentations from the old boys were made to Mr. and Mrs. Edminson and Mr. Rowntree. The evening closed with an excellent and varied concert.

H. R. Bickerton, though not yet a member of the University, is up reading for the Little Go. He is occasionally to be seen on the towpath, but we believe his time is mostly spent either at Greek or golf.

L. P. Biggar is employed on the preliminary science of the agricultural course. He stroked a Christ's crock for nearly a month, but has lately gone 7, a more difficult, if less sensational, post.

F. S. Brain may be seen any afternoon rowing 4 in a Hall crock. On one occasion his boat varied the afternoon's work with a bathe. We consider it tactful not to enquire whether this was voluntary. The law schools receive a fair portion of his attention.

K. H. Brooks is to be congratulated on being a good second in the weight in the freshers' sports. He was only beaten by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. A gramophone is a feature in all his entertainments. Football, golf and Greek occupy most of his time.

E. Cadbury was unfortunately unable to come up at the beginning of term. He is dividing his energies between history and rowing. The pleasures and sorrows of the latter form the chief topic of his conversation. He rows 2 and considers himself overworked.

D. W. Collier has deserted Maths. for engineering. He is to be found in the Labs., though identification may be difficult because of oil and grease. He spends his afternoons stroking a crock eight.

R. B. Crewdson is rowing with success. At the time of writing King's crocks are the only ones that have been rowed, and he has been repaid for a three weeks' abstinence from tobacco by winning a pot. Maths. and the piano claim the rest of his time.

J. M. Downie has not reappeared on the river this year. He finds that the claims of his corpse, and an occasional game of golf, fill up his afternoons. He has lately developed into a "Musical Reciter."

H. L. Harris has skilfully avoided the repeated efforts of our correspondent to obtain an interview. He is to be seen on the river every afternoon, but at other times he retires to secret hiding places. He keeps at the top of a long flight of the worst stairs in Cambridge, and often "we have been up and down to seek him" in vain. According to a time-table prominently placed on his desk he works hard, but where is a mystery.

O. S. Hopkins is getting interested in law. His relaxations this term have consisted in golf, a fairly regular attendance at Fenner's Sports ground, and a spasmodic attempt to grow a moustache. A little more perseverance in the last mentioned might have obtained a better result, but we don't recommend another attempt. He has also tried to play hockey.

J. F. O. King is reading history. He has played football, varied by a little hockey, and a lot of gym. We hear he is investing heavily in physical culture pamphlets. He is to be congratulated on being elected secretary of the Portfolio Society.

E. I. Lloyd is now rowing in a senior crock, but in the early part of the term he took exercise sculling in a "funny." One day he collided with an eight (quite the fault of the eight), and since is an authority on the impurities in the Cam. He is also much taken up with a corpse, and lately has begun to study Eugenics with the C.U.E.S.

J. Rickman has found a limit to his persuasive powers. He cannot get any Old Leightonians to walk with him to Granchester (4 miles) to breakfast at 8.15, with a bathe on the way. A list of the societies to which he belongs is too long to include. His spare time is spent on a motor "bike."

J. S. Stephens is working hard and is becoming a leading light in the Classical Society. He takes long walks in the afternoons, and must have a considerable knowledge of this district by now. He played in a football match against Saffron Walden and came back flushed with the triumph of shooting a goal.

There are now thirteen Old Leightonians up, enough to produce a football team. An attempt was made to arrange a match with Saffron Walden, but they were unable to give us a fixture. It is

hoped that a Cambridge Old Leightonian team may have an opportunity of playing the School next term, or, if that is impossible, there will still be enough up next year.

Mr. Edminson has taken up his abode at Woodbrooke as Secretary of the Woodbrooke Extension Committee. He occupies rooms called, by Rendel Harris, "The Coal Hole." (R. H. lived in them once!)

Mrs. Edminson will be delighted to see as many Old Leightonians as possible members of the settlement. Intending settlers please note.

Stanley King-Smith is in digs at Calthorpe Road, Edgbaston. He is in Birmingham as Midland representative to his father's firm.

R. Ll. Lloyd, E. P. Southall, and the brothers Fox (J. P. and Ll. H.) are endeavouring to become proficient in the art of auditing accounts, and are at the offices of Messrs. Impey & Cudworth.

Gerald and Alan Lloyd are in South America, and managed to visit Jack and Eben Goodbody for a fortnight.

H. B. Darby, E. I. and R. Ll. Lloyd, J. P. and Ll. H. Fox, and P. M. Keen have won the Swaithmore Football Club's colours this season.

J. Hotham Cadbury is engaged to Miss Margery Patching, of Moseley.

George Hodgkin is engaged to Miss Mary Wilson, of Selly Wood, Selly Oak.

D. E. Pye-Smith was seen taking coffee in the Kardomah Café, Birmingham. It is understood that he was in the City on business for the Board of Agriculture.

Basil Darby took an active part in the organisation of the Birmingham Choral Festival.

H. C. Bradley is busily engaged at Messrs. Bradley & Co., of Bilston, and can be seen, now and then, tearing off to work on a motor bike!

We are indebted to the *Daily Mail*, of November 6th, for the following: "A marriage took place yesterday at the Friends' Meeting House, the bride being Miss Mary Tobey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tobey, of The Mount, Malton, and the bridegroom Mr. Basil Doncaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Doncaster, of Sheffield. The bridegroom is a director of Messrs. Daniel Doncaster & Sons, steel manufacturers. The bride's father is manager and secretary of the Malton Gas Company, and ex-president of the North of England Gas Managers. The bride belongs to a Church of England family, but the bridegroom is a prominent member of the Society of Friends, and the ceremony yesterday was carried out according to the customs of the latter body. The bride had no bridesmaids. Councillor Cuthbert Fox, of Plymouth, attended the bridegroom as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the house of the bride's parents, and later in the day the couple left for India, where the honeymoon is to be spent." We believe we are correct when we state that the honeymoon was spent at Naples, when Basil looked up his old friend, the electric "any-fish," and longed for a game of cricket, so delightful was the weather. Talking of cricket, those who had played in the Old Leightonian tours presented the bridegroom with a massive rosebowl as a souvenir of the happy times they had spent under his captaincy.

At the Friends' Meeting House, Malton, on September 12th, K. M. Angus to Amy, only daughter of the late William Rowntree and Amelia Rowntree, of Malton.

At the Friends' Meeting House, Great Ayton, on October 12th, Bernard Thistlethwaite to Katharine Standing, daughter of Herbert Fox and Lucy Standing, of Tananarive, Madagascar.

On October 23rd, at Christ Church, Brondesbury, by the Rev. C. Dale Williams, Emile Uprichard, youngest son of the late Henry Uprichard, of Elmfield, co. Down, to Betty, daughter of Robert White, of Willesden and Cochar, India.

On November 7th, at 1, Redington Road, Hampstead, to Henry T. and Lucy Cadbury, a daughter, who was named Elizabeth Mary.

We understand that N. Harricks and W. J. C. Taylor had a great time on board the SS. Andorinha, *en route* for Madeira and the Canaries. They were much attracted by the methods of the flower girls in Lisbon, and apparently made friends with a fellow traveller, Pechell by name, who derived his name from *pêcheur*, but they contend it is from *pêcheur*.

The following items of news were gathered during the Old Leightonians' visit: R. T. Stephens is manufacturing hemp and rope wire in Falmouth. L. C. Ray is farming in Queensland. John E. Mounsey has resigned the secretaryship of Barclay & Co., and taken a seat on the Board of Directors. W. Heald is farming in Manitoba. W. P. G. Evans has forsaken dentistry and is now engaged in chemistry.

Cyril Knott has been appointed organiser for the London Missionary Society of Elementary Education in Central China. He has finished all his Chinese examinations, and plays "footer" for Hankow instead of taking Antipon.

W. B. Vickers has joined the motor section of the Legion of Frontiersmen.

On the 28th of August, T. William Harris, of Cockermouth, was married to Miss Gwendolen M. Angus, of Cardiff. The wedding took place at Hampstead. The honeymoon was spent motoring in North Wales. Among a long list of presents we notice one from the Cockermouth Liberal Association, and another from the workmen employed in the Derwent Mills.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN CRICKET TOUR, 1912.
July 20th.—v. STRAMONGATE SCHOOL, at Kendal.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. Sessions, b Darby	44	b Keen	5
Mr. Long, c Lloyd, b Darby ..	10	not out	3
Mr. Dennis, c Goodbody, b Darby	0	c Hopkins, b Doncaster ..	14
Mr. Lidbetter, c Keen, b Goodbody	43	c Barlow, b Doncaster ..	14
Mr. Douglas, c Lloyd, b Goodbody	5	c Barlow, b Darby ..	21
Mr. Whitlock, b Goodbody ..	4	c Mounsey, b Darby ..	6
L. Irwin, c Darby, b Goodbody ..	15	b Keen	0
E. Robinson, c Keen, b Goodbody	8	c Marriage, b Keen ..	12
Mr. Evans, b Doncaster	1	b Doncaster	0
W. Sutherland, not out	0	b Keen	3
H. Croft, b Doncaster	0	c Marriage, b Keen ..	5
Extras	5	Extras	4
	135		87

1st Innings.		<i>Old Leightonians.</i>		2nd Innings.	
L. C. Barber, c Dennis, b Croft ..	0	not out ..	18		
B. W. Doncaster, c Douglas, b Dennis ..	44	c Sessions, b Robinson ..	12		
Ll. Marriage, c. Dennis, b Douglas ..	9				
R. M. Goodbody, c Lidbetter, b Douglas ..	64				
H. C. Barlow, c Lidbetter, b Douglas ..	16				
A. S. Lloyd, b Dennis ..	8				
H. B. Darby, b Dennis ..	12				
J. A. Brain, c Dennis, b Douglas ..	4	not out ..	5		
O. S. Hopkins, lbw, b Dennis ..	7				
R. J. Mounsey, c Lidbetter, b Douglas ..	7				
P. Keen, not out ..	7				
Extras ..	10	Extras ..	1		
	188		1 wkt.	36	

In the Stramogate 1st innings R. M. Goodbody took 5 for 22.

In the 2nd innings P. Keen did the hat trick and took 5 for 9.

July 22nd.—v. AYTON SCHOOL, at Ayton.

<i>Ayton.</i>		<i>Old Leightonians.</i>	
A. L. Stapleton, c & b Goodbody ..	16	L. C. Barber, c Arundel, b Davison ..	14
R. Davison, c Mounsey, b Goodbody ..	9	Ll. Marriage, c Fairclough, b Davison ..	0
J. Robinson, c Brain, b Doncaster ..	26	A. S. Lloyd, b Davison ..	23
A. Robinson, st Barber, b Doncaster ..	0	R. M. Goodbody, b Davison ..	32
F. Arundel, st Barber, b Doncaster ..	20	B. W. Doncaster, b Carr ..	10
C. Davison, b Goodbody ..	13	H. B. Darby, b Carr ..	2
J. S. Baker, c Darby, b Doncaster ..	4	H. C. Barlow, b Davison ..	5
J. S. Carr, c Doncaster, b Goodbody ..	4	O. S. Hopkins, c Inniss, b Davison ..	0
H. Allison, run out ..	2	J. A. Brain, lbw Carr ..	0
P. Fairclough, c Barber, b Doncaster ..	0	R. J. Mounsey, b Davison ..	0
H. Fielding, not out ..	3	P. Keen, not out ..	0
Extras ..	4	Extras ..	4
	101		90

B. W. Doncaster took 5 for 31.

July 23rd.—v. RETREAT, at York.

<i>Retreat.</i>		<i>Old Leightonians.</i>	
Attenborough, run out ..	34	L. C. Barber, c Thornton, b Hudson ..	8
Hudson, c Brain, b Goodbody ..	1	B. W. Doncaster, c Muchall, b Hudson ..	2
Monteath, b Goodbody ..	9	A. S. Lloyd, st Thornton, b Backhouse ..	6
Gairdner, b Goodbody ..	0	R. M. Goodbody, b Backhouse ..	11
Thornton, b Goodbody ..	22	H. B. Darby, b Backhouse ..	2
Boddington, c Goodbody, b Keen ..	2	Ll. Marriage, c Brooks, b Backhouse ..	5
Wiles, c Holdsworth, b Goodbody ..	16	H. C. Barlow, b Backhouse ..	7
Muchall, b Goodbody ..	13	J. A. Brain, run out ..	1
Brooks, b Doncaster ..	4	P. Keen, b Hudson ..	2
Backhouse, not out ..	2	O. S. Hopkins, not out ..	4
Ingleby, c Marriage, b Doncaster ..	0	J. P. Holdsworth, lbw, b Hudson ..	4
Extras ..	6	Extras ..	1
	109		53

R. M. Goodbody, 6 for 28.

July 24th.—v. BOOTHAM, at York.

<i>Bootham.</i>		<i>Old Leightonians.</i>	
Wigham, st. Barber, b Doncaster ..	3	L. C. Barber, c Wood, b Taylor ..	33
Wood, run out ..	0	B. W. Doncaster, b Pollard ..	1
Deane, c Marriage, b Doncaster ..	3	H. B. Darby, run out ..	3
Henderson, lbw, b Doncaster ..	5	R. M. Goodbody, c Wigham, b Pollard ..	5
F. E. Pollard, b Goodbody ..	10	Ll. Marriage, b Deane ..	10
Barrow, c Darby, b Goodbody ..	2	A. S. Lloyd, b Pollard ..	59
C. Mellons, run out ..	3	H. C. Barlow, c Pollard, b Taylor ..	0
Latchmore, not out ..	17	O. S. Hopkins, c Latchmore, b Pollard ..	1
Taylor, c Darby, b Doncaster ..	1	J. A. Brain, c Coupe, b Pollard ..	3
Naylor, st Barber, b Doncaster ..	0	J. F. Holdsworth, c Wigham, b Taylor ..	0
Coupe, c Hopkins, b Keen ..	5	P. Keen, not out ..	0
Extras ..	2	Extras ..	6
	60		121

B. W. Doncaster took 5 for 28.

July 25th—v. OLD ACKWORTHIANs, at Ackworth.

<i>Old Ackworthians.</i>		<i>Old Leightonians.</i>	
S. Fairday, st Barber, b Doncaster ..	10	L. C. Barber, b Harlock ..	21
C. Chipchase, b Keen ..	23	B. W. Doncaster, c Foulds, b Thompson ..	5
A. G. Linney, c & b Goodbody ..	82	H. C. Barlow, b Linney ..	15
R. Barringer, c Lloyd b Doncaster ..	23	R. M. Goodbody, c Sparkes, b Linney ..	0
W. Briggs, b Doncaster ..	11	Ll. Marriage, b Barringer ..	23
H. S. Harlock, not out ..	41	A. S. Lloyd, c & b Linney ..	0
E. R. Thomson, c Barber, b Doncaster ..	0	H. B. Darby, b Harlock ..	3
R. P. Foulds, c Darby, b Goodbody ..	18	J. L. Brain, b Harlock ..	5
E. Sparkes, c Darby, b Doncaster ..	0	O. S. Hopkins, run out ..	1
L. Armitage, lbw, b Keen ..	9	J. F. Holdsworth, not out ..	2
N. Mascall, st Barber, b Keen ..	6	P. Keen, lbw, b Barringer ..	0
Extras ..	1	Extras ..	5
	224		80

B. W. Doncaster, 5 wickets for 84 runs.

P. Keen, 3 wickets for 18 runs.

July 27th.—v. L.P.S., at Reading.

<i>Old Leightonians.</i>		<i>L.P.S.</i>	
B. W. Doncaster, c Bickerton, b Kaye ..	4	R. Ll. Lloyd, st Lloyd, b Doncaster ..	50
A. R. Fuller, b Fox ..	17	S. F. Lennard, b Doncaster ..	16
H. B. Darby, b Fox ..	6	F. J. Edminson, c Darby, b Fuller ..	6
R. M. Goodbody, b Fox ..	0	H. R. Bickerton, c Mounsey, b Goodbody ..	21
Ll. Marriage, b Kaye ..	4	E. P. Kaye, c Doncaster, b Goodbody ..	2
E. I. Lloyd, b Kaye ..	3	J. M. Bickerton, c Fuller, b Keen ..	27
A. Warner, c Edmonds, b Fox ..	20	R. Whittaker, b Darby ..	28
O. S. Hopkins, c Whittaker, b Kaye ..	5	H. L. Edmonds, b Darby ..	0
J. A. Brain, b Kaye ..	6	W. S. Rowntree, b Darby ..	2
R. J. Mounsey, not out ..	2	J. P. Fox, not out ..	18
P. Keen, c Lennard, b. Fox ..	0	T. W. Hopkins, lbw, b Darby ..	0
Extras ..	4	Extras ..	17
	80		187

SCHOOL NOTES.

WE are glad to see that the Senior Singing Set, which was dropped for a time, has got to work again. The numbers at present are rather low, but will, we hope, soon increase. One mid-morning prep-period is given up to the singing.

On Saturday, October 12th, the whole school were invited by the L.H.A. Society to attend a lecture in the Gym, by Mr. Bedford Pollard, on "The Wit and Wisdom of Shakespeare." Mr. Pollard first read a paper dealing with his subject, and afterwards acted pieces from various plays of Shakespeare. Between the two parts Mr. Ballard sang Shakespeare's "Blow, blow thou winter wind." The evening was a complete success, and everyone felt grateful to Mr. Pollard for coming down from Manchester to give his lecture.

On November 5th the School combined with the Mansfield men in giving a social in the evening. Unfortunately Mr. Phillips was not here with his humorous songs, but his place was very ably filled and a very pleasant social was the result. Mrs. Evans and J. A. Brain provided our part of the entertainment, while most of the Mansfield contributions were from Griffiths, who made a great hit with his humorous recitations.

On Saturday, November 6th, the Natural History Society invited the School to a lantern lecture by Mr. Unwin, called "Pets I have met." Even on paper this looked good, and everyone was prepared to enjoy themselves and be interested, and they were not disappointed. The lecture was divided into three parts: (1) Common Pets, (2) More uncommon Pets, and (3) Pets the speaker would like to keep. Some very interesting slides were shown of animals either kept by Mr. Unwin or by friends. One slide, of Peter, was hailed with great acclamation. The lecture ended with some photos of elephants, zebras, and the like, which Mr. Unwin suggested ought to be kept in the Park. Questions were asked when the lecture was over and were promptly and satisfactorily answered. After most of the audience had left the lecture room, Mr. Hawkins brought in a hedgehog caught in the Park. Mr. Unwin undid the handkerchief in which it was wrapped, and those standing round were immediately able to verify for themselves, at least, one fact, which they had been told that evening about that curious animal.

Most of the accessories were in position in the dark room by the end of November, and it appears to be very satisfactory, the dark room being, perhaps, a little too light. The latest things in taps have been put in, and are found to be exceedingly useful and time-saving.

The House Match was played on November 2nd, and was one of the most even games that has been witnessed for some time. School House were very unfortunate in not having Bickerton and Smee, and the absence of these two gave Grove a chance which they were not slow to take advantage of, the score being 2—1 in favour of Grove.

The Mid-Term Social was held on Saturday, November 23rd, the date of the Old Leightonian football match. The programme

opened with the first movement of Haydn's Symphony in D. Mrs. Ballard sang "Madcap Marjory," and Mr. and Mrs. Unwin gave us a "Cautionary Tale" and "Moral" of Liza Lehmann's. The Junior Singing Set contributed two English Folk Songs. The best item of the evening was the playing of W. Bell, C. R. Day and C. S. Richmond, in an instrumental trio of Bohm's. We congratulate them on the result of their hard work and shall hope to hear them again on future occasions. The social concluded with a representation of "My Lord in Livery," which was enjoyed by everyone. All the parts were so well taken that we refrain from mentioning any names. Our thanks are due to Mr. Finch and his committee for their labours.

The Musical Society gave their eighteenth annual musical evening on 30th July, when they submitted the following programme:—

ADAGIO and ALLEGRO from 39th Symphony	...	...	<i>Mozart</i>
SONG	...	...	"Swing Song" ... <i>Liza Lehmann</i>
			MRS. EVANS.
PIANO SOLO	...	"Spanish Serenade"	... <i>G. Horvath</i>
			C. S. RICHMOND.
SONG	...	"A Sergeant of Horse"	... <i>F. Airlie</i>
		(Blenheim, 1704)	
			R. LL. LLOYD.
READING ...	...	"The Eloping Angels"	... <i>W. Water</i>
			MR. EDMINSON.
MINUET and TRIO from 39th Symphony	...	...	... <i>Mozart</i>
SONG	...	"Four Jolly Sailormen"	... <i>Marzials</i>
			MR. KAYE.
VIOLIN SOLO	...	"Bolero"	... <i>Edward German</i>
			E. P. SOUTHALL.
DUOLOGUE from ...	...	"Julius Cæsar"	... <i>Shakespeare</i>
			T. W. HOPKINS—Brutus. E. CADBURY—Cassius.
CHORUS	...	"The Best School of All"	... <i>E. V. Ballard</i>

PIANO SOLO	...	"Valse Arabesque"	...	<i>Theo. Lack</i>
		W. J. C. TAYLOR.		
SONG	...	"An Old World Serenade"	...	<i>Meyer-Helmund</i>
		MRS. BALLARD.		
FINALE from 39th Symphony...	...	...	...	<i>Mozart</i>
SONG	...	...	...	...
		MR. ROWNTREE.		
SELECTION	...	"The Gondoliers"...	...	<i>Sullivan</i>
		"AULD LANG SYNE."		

On Saturday, November 30th, the Musical Society invited the School to a Haydn evening. C. S. Richmond read a paper on the composer's life, and Mr. Ballard gave some account of his place in the history of music and supplied notes on the items that followed. The band played two movements of the Clock Symphony, and W. Bell, C. S. Day and Mr. Ballard gave two movements from the first trio. Mrs. Evans sang a canzonette, and the evening closed with three airs from the "Creation," sung by Mrs. Robson, Mr. Scarborough and Mr. Ballard, and the chorus, "The Heavens are telling," by the Staff. T. W. Hopkins and J. M. Bickerton thanked the Musical Society for the trouble they had taken in providing such an enjoyable and educational evening, and expressed the hope that it would be the first of a series.

NOTICES.

The Editors will be pleased to receive contributions for the next number up to March 1st. They beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *By Kent and Skerne, School Echoes, Abingdonian, Stramontian, Plymouthian, Chigwellian, The Lily, The Wyvern, Reading School Magazine, Penn Charter, Kingwoodian, Alfredian, Beckside*, and offer apologies for any omission from this list.