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EDITORIAL.

WITH this number we commence the Seventh Volume and the nineteenth year of our existence. Beginning in a small way, the Magazine has increased in size and interest to such an extent that it is only the fear of a heavy bill from the printers that prevents us from making it even larger. We feel that we have three objects to fulfil: we must encourage literary talent in the School, chronicle the various details of the life here during the term, and record everything of interest connected with the doings of old boys. As in the past, so in the future, this will be our policy—that we may be a connecting link between those who are in and those who are of the School.

We are indebted this time to two O.L.'s for our illustrations. Sidney L. Weston has given us a reproduction of the signatures of those who were present at the first O.L. dinner. We are sure this will be of considerable interest to those absent more than to those who were present, and may be of historical importance in the future. The other illustration, presented by Gerald B. Lloyd, depicts a scene on the estancia of Eben and Jack Godbody in Argentina, taken when Gerald and Alan Lloyd were visiting them.

We regret that we shall not have Walter Wright with us next term as cricket coach, as he has accepted the position of senior coach at Radley College. At the time of writing the Athletic Committee has not been able to find a suitable successor. It is, therefore, very opportune that we have in this number an article on Cricket from the pen of Mr. Thursby. We hope every boy will make a point of reading it carefully, and will act on the advice found in it. If this is done, we need have little fear about our success next term.

Among the exchanges received this term is one from Penn Charter School, Philadelphia. As usual, it contains a number of short stories. What would the Senior Essay Society say to a short-story evening? It would develop initiative and imagination in the writer and the spirit of literary criticism in the Society; further, it might possibly produce an article for this Magazine.

NEW BOYS.

Form V. F. J. Painter, Abingdon.

Form V. (2). H. A. Roberts, Nottingham.

L. W. Wells, Reading.

Form III. T. B. Barlow, Hayd Grove, Cheshire.

J. S. W. Richardson, Moyallon, Co. Down.

E. A. Westlake, Southampton.

NEW OLD BOYS.

C. F. G. Bilbrough, Katoomba, Northwood, Middlesex.

E. D. Cook, Normanhurst, Dudley.

A. E. Mitchell, 23 Cardigan-road, Headingley, Leeds.

PREFECTS.

T. W. Hopkins (senior prefect), appointed September, 1912.

J. M. Bickerton,

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D. J. Malcomson,

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E. S. Harris,

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L. S. Cadbury,

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LIFE ON A SOUTH AMERICAN ESTANCIA.

LAST July, at Old Boys' Gathering, I rashly told an old school-master that I was going to South America for six months. He at once became the ubiquitous Editor, and extracted a promise there and then that I would write him an article on my return. Though only too conscious of my utter inability to write correct English, I couldn't fail him. Hence this effort.

No one visiting the Argentine can know anything until he has stayed at an estancia—as the ranches or colonies are called. Remembering that E. P. and J. G. Goodbody had gone out there, I determined I would go and look them up. Distances being so great and hotels so few in the camp, it meant landing myself on their hospitality for some time: but the hospitality of the Irish being proverbial, I risked it. Getting a cheery letter of welcome from them Alan and I at once left Buenos Ayres by night train, and arrived at San Edouards early next morning. We felt rather in the wilds until we discovered Eben and his Talbot car, for we had been contemplating carrying our baggage three miles!

They have hundreds of cattle, sheep, pigs, and horses, and we were soon initiated into the life of an "Estanciero." The house, a four-roomed bungalow, with outhouses (where the cooks, "Capatan" and "Peons" lived), was surrounded by trees, but one could see to the horizon in all directions, as the land is quite flat and uninteresting.

Of course, one has to ride everywhere, so we were given quiet horses, and off we went to see the estancia. Having only been on a horse once since I was twelve years of age, the sight was, to say the least of it, humorous. The "Shopkeeper sportsman," as Alan insisted upon calling me, galloping along, looked first like John Gilpin and then like a sack of coals on the "Wiggle Woggle" at the White City! However, the horse was a sportsman, so I didn't fall off, but I fancy he wondered what he had done to receive such punishment, and he paid little attention to my frequent exclamations: "Confound it, my feet have slipped off the pedals." "I believe the back seat is higher than the front, for I keep landing on the bonnet when she accelerates." "I say, what do I do to put the brake on," etc.

In the middle of our ride we put up a hare, and the dogs and horses went off like rockets, so I just clung on and hoped for a skid! One soon learns to ride out there, though, and after a few days even I began to feel almost comfortable! The fastest going was when ostriches were sighted (S. American Rhea), and we ran one

down one day—at least, the four greyhounds got there first, and, of course, I was last !

We repaired fences, dehorned cattle, broke in untamed horses, washed sheep for scab, overhauled windmills, and inspected and rounded up the stock. The shooting consisted mostly of partridges, wood pigeon, wild duck, and a few large owls, reputed to kill the chickens—(one I measured was over a yard across the wings and had large claws like a buzzard).

The Natural History of the camp interested me greatly. Oven Birds had built at least two dozen mud nests around the house on fences, trees, posts—in fact, everywhere one saw them. The small, burrowing owl, too, was a very comic sight, as he sat at the mouth of his hole swearing at you in his worst Spanish. Flamingoes were to be seen on the large “segunas” (lakes), and there are few prettier sights in birdland than flamingoes on the wing. Quantities of jays, woodpeckers and hawks, all much brighter-coloured than ours, hovered around the house. The Peludo (hairy armadillo) was very common, and threw up huge earthworks in the moonlight, apparently just for the fun of the thing. So we hunted them with dogs and the aid of an acetylene motor lamp. The Skunk was the biggest nuisance because of his smell. He is like a small badger, and has a spare bladder of putrid liquid, which he can direct upon you with extraordinary precision, and which once on your clothes can be scented for weeks. It is a most extraordinary method of defence. Even sleeping in the train, after the engine has run over one, the stench is so overpowering that one has to put one’s nose under the clothes for some minutes.

Polo is, of course, the great game in the camp, and once a week at least every Estanciero has a game if within reach of anyone else. The Argentine ponies are wonderfully clever at the game, and the last time a team came over to England they beat all comers.

The nights were very cold, and the sun in the day very hot, even in the winter time when we were there. The evenings were spent huddled over the log fire, and many were the tales of L.P.S. that were told. Between the four of us we covered at least sixteen

years of the School's history, and all the best escapades were recounted night after night—the palm going, I think, to my brother. At intervals we made the place ring with music (?) for they had a piano, a gramophone, a concertina, a banjo and a tin whistle. We all did credit to Mr. Ballard's teaching, and the dogs usually started to fight, which generally finished the symphony!

One day we were honoured with an "Asado." A sheep was lassoed by a man on horseback, killed and brought in on his saddle and skinned. The guts were taken out and thrown to the greyhounds, and half of the carcass put on a large iron spit and cooked over a wood and dung fire. We ate it with our fingers, sitting on our haunches in a circle, and the flavour was most excellent. The drink was *mate*, made from a Paraguayan herb called *Yerba*, and it was drunk through a kind of penny whistle out of a gourd. Everyone drinks out of the same *mate* pot, which keeps on travelling round the circle. (Bags! I starting it next time!)

On such occasions as these we didn't think we were in England, and I fear we might have shocked some of our ballroom partners had they then seen us! Needless to say, we were both very sorry to leave when our time was up, but I am sure we shall neither of us forget it for many years to come.

CRICKET: AN ANTICIPATION.

"CRICKETERS are born and not made." Whatever may be the truth of this statement there is no doubt that the natural cricketer is generally more successful and certainly more pleasing to watch, than the manufactured cricketer with his stereotyped repertoire of strokes. By this, I by no means wish to discourage the would-be cricketer, but rather to incite in him a resolution to overcome his natural tendencies. Neither the natural cricketer nor he who aspires to emulate him can hope to meet with success unless he practises assiduously and conscientiously. There are two methods of practising. Firstly, "To go in for a slog," which is too often indulged in, and is, of course, the wrong

method ; and, secondly, to go to the nets with a determination to concentrate one's whole mind on each ball bowled or struck. Concentration is quite as necessary on the cricket-field as elsewhere. In order to do this it is obvious that we must have in our minds certain maxims before we enter the cricket-field. It is my object to endeavour to supply these, and I think there is no more suitable time for doing so than the present. If we do not enter the field with some such object in view as I have suggested, our progress is liable to be hampered, and much time which otherwise might have been profitably spent will be wasted. In choosing the following, I can, of course, lay no claim to adequacy, but I feel that they are calculated to meet the needs of the boy who is willing to be taught.

BATTING.

1. All strokes depend on accurate judgment of the pitch and pace of the ball. This is learnt by practice and experience only.

2. Wait for the ball, standing firmly, with most of the weight of the body on the right leg.

3. Carefully watch the bowler's hand, and then the ball from delivery right up to the bat.

4. Do not move the right leg at all for any stroke except a cut behind the wicket, but use the left leg, to which the main weight of the body is then shifted, to get towards the pitch of the ball, whether to the off, straight down the wicket, or to leg. This latter does not, of course, apply to purely defensive back play.

5. In all forward strokes keep the left shoulder well forward and turn the top hand well over. Get the left leg well across to anything pitched outside the off-stump. You will then play with a straight bat and get over the ball. Nine out of ten mis-hits to the offside are the result of not doing these two things.

6. Always try to keep the ball on the ground. High hits are showy, but, as a rule, unsafe.

7. At the moment of hitting the ball both feet should be firm on the ground, otherwise energy is wasted and attention diverted in keeping your balance. Further, lifting the right foot in playing forward may give the wicket-keeper a chance of stumping you.

8. Cultivate wrist power, even when playing back make the bat hit the ball and play all your strokes hard. Sound defence is good, but to make runs the ball must be got away.

9. A hitter, pure and simple, must remember that even Jessop does not hit everything. Pick the right ball to hit, and don't be afraid to jump well into it if necessary. Hit with a straight bat, and don't get into the habit—so easily acquired—of trying to pull everything to the on-side. An intelligent bowler can generally deal with a batsman who has only got one stroke.

10. Give your whole attention to playing the ball. A merely half-conscious fear of getting hit causes a diversion and spoils the stroke.

11. In matches, always have two or three minutes' practice before your side goes in to bat, especially on strange grounds. While waiting for your own innings keep out in the light, and move about from time to time; a slight stiffness, or change of light, may get you out in the critical first few overs.

12. Play carefully till you have got a "sight of the ball," and do not lose your wicket in trying to get runs at once.

BOWLING.

1. The bowler who takes four or five wickets at a reasonable cost is at least as useful to his side as the batsman who gets fifty runs. This is not sufficiently realised.

2. Since a good natural bowler is rare, this department of the game needs continuous and careful practice.

3. Cultivate an easy action, and avoid a run long enough to tire you. Always take the same number of steps; after a time you will do this mechanically.

4. Keep your arm high. You will bowl straighter, the ball has more spin, comes faster off the ground, and is more apt to get up.

5. First learn to have a thorough command of direction and length, and never sacrifice these to mere pace. You will soon find out if nature intended you to bowl slow, medium, or fast.

6. Remember that the great object is to deceive the batsman in the flight of the ball, therefore learn to change pitch and pace without altering your run or action. A mere automaton helps a good bat to play himself in.

7. Bowling gives great scope for head work. Study the batsman carefully, and try to find out his weak spot. When you have done this, attack him there at intervals—not continuously, or he will soon be on his guard.

8. Remember that what is called a good length ball varies according to the pace of the bowler, the state of the wicket (fast or slow), and the reach of the batsman. A length ball to a short man may be a half-volley to a tall one.

9. To bowl short because you are hit is fatal. Every style of batsman appreciates a long hop, therefore pitch the ball well up.

10. Break is of two kinds: "action break," which is natural, and "finger break," which can be cultivated. Off-break is easier to acquire, but leg-break more difficult for the batsman to play.

11. When put on as a change, do without a trial ball if possible; it shows the batsman what to expect.

12. When the ball is hit away, get back to the wicket at once. You represent the wicket-keeper at that end.

FIELDING.

1. Fielding is just as essential a part of the game as bowling or batting. "Lost through bad fielding" is the only comment to be made on many a match.

2. To become a good bat or bowler needs a certain amount of natural ability. Nearly every player can with a little trouble make himself a safe field. A school eleven has no excuse for fielding badly.

3. Smart fielding often makes moderate bowling effective; while good as well as indifferent bowlers soon become demoralised if the chances are not taken.

4. Fielding is the one department of the game in which combination between the players is most effective. One bad fielder may easily ruin the side; wherever he is placed catches and chances of "run out" are sure to come.

5. Catching. Always try for a catch, even if it seems impossible. It is worth while risking a boundary in order to get rid of a batsman.

6. Let your hands "give" with the ball. This prevents a rebound and also lessens the chance of a bruise.

7. When trying a high catch get well under the ball, if you can ; many a catch is made difficult by bad judgment. Do not go on practising high catches once your hands are bruised, you will flinch involuntarily and make matters worse.

8. Ground fielding. Dash in towards the ball and meet it with both hands in front of the legs. Be on the alert when the bowler starts, and begin to move directly the ball is hit.

9. If you are near the wicket "dash" will often save a short run. If in the country you will have more time to stop the ball, but you must try to save the second run.

10. The ball travels differently as to pace and spin according to the direction in which it is hit ; some players excel in one place and some in another, but all should learn to field in any position (except, perhaps, at the wicket), in case of need.

11. Use both hands whenever possible. One-handed fielding is more spectacular than safe. You should aim at being a sound field before you become a brilliant one.

W. T.

EXHIBITION OF HOBBY WORK.

THE amount of work exhibited this year was about the same as that sent in on previous occasions, but in many classes was of a higher quality. In the Natural History section C. Smee's collection of beetles, King's skins, Barlow's skulls and skeletons, and the microscopical slides of Fryer, Grace and Southall were good. The Art Work impressed the judges favourably, especially A. P. D. Penrose's painting, Tebbutt's design of a tile, and his pen and ink sketch. The Carpentry section was disappointing with the exception of the boat designed and made by the brothers Gilford, which was a thoroughly good piece of work. The fact that the new dark-room was unfinished accounted for the small number of exhibits in the Photographic section ; but the work of A. P. D. Penrose, T. W. Hopkins and D. J. Malcomson received very favourable criticism. A large number of essays were sent in, that of J. P. Fox on the "Social unrest," and A. N. Pearson on "Dickens," being the best in the Senior, and A. P. D. Penrose on "Superstitions," and R. H. Cook on "The broad gauge," in the Junior.

A great many boys entered for the various sections of Elocution, D. J. Malcomson's prepared speech, T. W. Hopkins' unprepared speech, E. G. Harris's recitation and M. Priestman's reading being all good, while the speeches of J. D. Barlow were excellent for one so young.

In the making of Physical and Chemical Apparatus R. T. V. Clarke's Induction Coil and Transformer and E. S. Harris's Glass-Work were considered of high merit.

The increasing interest in Music in the school was shown in the various competitions. C. S. Richmond, C. R. Day and W. A. Bell were the most successful.

The Keeping of Pets with accompanying diaries proved to be a very interesting section. J. D. Barlow and King were the principal prize winners.

School House won the Hobby Cup with an average of 5.5 points per boy, as compared with 3.57 obtained by Grove. J. D. Barlow proved to be the Champion, and A. P. D. Penrose won the "Rawlings" picture for the best piece of Art Work. The enthusiastic way in which many of the younger boys have started work leads us to hope that next Christmas we shall have an exhibition larger in size and better in quality than the present one.

The Big Social in connection with the Exhibition followed the usual lines of such functions. There was a reception when the band discoursed music, a gymnastic display which always pleases, a capital lecturette on "Three-colour Photography" by T. W. Hopkins and demonstrations in the laboratories. After supper the company assembled in the Gymnasium. J. Edward Hodgkin, president of the Old Leightonian Club, and the Headmaster delivered short addresses, and then the audience settled down to listen to some scenes from Goldsmith's "She stoops to conquer." All those taking part did well, particularly those who impersonated the ladies.

The programme was well worth keeping as it was illustrated with pen and ink sketches of various parts of the Park.

E. V. B.

THE PREFECTS' EXCURSION.

WE decided to go to Birmingham for our excursion this term. The arrangements were very much simplified owing to the kindness of Mr. Barrow Cadbury, who, among other things, obtained permission for us to go over Tangye's steel works and Bournville. Mr. and Mrs. Edminson invited us to tea with them, also asking some old boys; we therefore looked forward to a merry party.

We left Reading by the 7.44 a.m. train and in due course arrived at Birmingham. Here we encountered the first of Mr. Cadbury's provisions for us; on leaving the station we found a motor-car waiting for us in which we travelled to Tangye's. We were received there by Mr. Kirton, who showed us many of the departments of the works. In one way our visit was especially instructive and interesting owing to a great many of the men being out "on strike." We were able to see the great disorder that a few men can make by going on strike and thus drawing out many of their fellow workers. A great deal of the machinery was stationary, but not all. Among the many interesting processes that we saw, the making of chains and files attracted us most. After we had seen a great deal of the practical we went to see a little theoretical engineering in the form of the Watt museum. This proved most interesting and we spent a good deal of time looking at old plans, models and letters which once belonged to Watt.

On leaving Tangye's we motored straight to Bournville where Mr. Cadbury received us and entertained us to a very welcome lunch. We spent two hours going over the works, and although it is not possible to see any large portion of Bournville in that time, we managed to see a great deal. Besides the many various departments connected with the making of chocolates, we also saw the carpentry shops in which all the boxes are made; in one of these shops we saw a mechanical plane which planed 160 ft. of wood per minute. The making of the cocoa tins arrested our attention for some time. The packing and wrapping of the chocolates proved very interesting. One machine which wrapped up the

“Velma” blocks especially attracted us, it cut off its own silver paper to the required size, put the block of chocolate into place and finally sent it out properly wrapped with the ends stuck down.

Unfortunately we did not have enough time to see much of the village, but we managed to see the playing fields and gardens as we walked to Mr. Edminson’s house. We received a very warm welcome when we arrived there and found that our expectations were justified to the fullest. We spent a very pleasant and lively hour, during which time much news was given and received on both sides. The time seemed to pass all too quickly, and Mr. Cadbury’s car was announced long before we were ready to go; we could not stay as Mrs. Cadbury had invited us to dinner. This proved a most enjoyable meal, but we had to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Cadbury about a quarter past seven as our train went at 7.40 p.m.

We arrived safely up at the school just before ten feeling very content with ourselves and the world in general, especially Birmingham, and unanimously voted that the day had been a thorough success and had showed us the kind of hospitality of which Birmingham is capable.

T. W. H.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN DINNER.

THE first dinner of the O. L. Club was held at the Trocadero Restaurant, on Monday 10th March. The company numbered thirty-four. J. E. Hodgkin, president of the Club, took the chair. The toast of the King having been drunk, the following telegrams were read:—“GOOD LUCK TO THE O. L. CLUB,” from Horace Walpole; “BEST WISHES TO ALL OLD FRIENDS,” from W. Rowntree; “BEST WISHES TO OLD BOYS FROM PRESENT BOYS.” F. J. Edminson then proposed the health of L.P.S., and congratulated the School on the record entry of New Boys. The Headmaster in reply said that education is a preparation for life rather than for a livelihood and that the School was still imbued with the

high ideals of the past made more powerful by the increasing numbers. He was already evolving plans of what should be done when the two houses were full. Particularly he would impress upon all the fact that they were always welcome at their old School, and that by keeping in touch with the staff their interest would ever remain fresh.

E. V. Ballard in proposing the toast of the O. L. Club, said that he had the pleasure of knowing all the Old Boys with the exception of six, and urged them to keep the records of the school up to date by furnishing news for the register and *The Leightonian*. The School owed a great deal to its Old Boys and was very proud of them.

J. E. Hodgkin in reply drew attention to the distribution of the Year Book, and asked for suggestions for the new prospectus. He was very glad that it fell to his lot to preside at the first dinner which he hoped would be an annual function. He felt they were much indebted to all who had made the gathering such a success, and would like in the name of the Club to thank Gervase Ford, the Secretary, and congratulate him on his approaching marriage.

A. Warner, proposing the toast of "The Ladies," recalled the interest that they always displayed in the boys' health and activities. C. E. Stansfield replied warmly appreciating the kindness of Mr. Warner's words.

During the evening songs were contributed by E. V. Ballard, E. E. Unwin and J. M. Downie. As usual, on such occasions, the air was full of stories and jokes of old times, and all were sorry when the exigencies of the train service caused the party to break up.

THE OLD LEIGHTONIANS' SCHOLARSHIPS.

WE are glad to report that Francis S. Brain has been awarded the O. L. Scholarship, which will be vacated by John S. Stephens in September next. He has gained an Open Scholarship for intending students in Law at Trinity College, Cambridge, and we have every confidence that he will be a credit to his old School.

The students at present holding Scholarships are making good progress at Cambridge ; J. S. Stephens having obtained a 1st Class in his "Mays" in 1911 and 1912, and Donald W. Collier having gained a 1st Class in Part I of the Mathematical Tripos in 1912, and been elected to a Foundation Scholarship at Trinity Hall.

In July last year the Club asked that a special appeal should be made for funds, so that one Scholarship could be offered each year. As you are aware the Scholarship consists of £50 a year for three years, and it would mean that the income must reach £150 a year for this to be done. In response to this appeal we have secured several new subscribers, and a good many promises of increased subscriptions. We regret to say, however, we still need nearly £50 a year more to enable us to do this.

I give below a list of subscribers up to date and shall be very glad to receive any further subscriptions or answer any questions with regard to the Fund.

G. CADBURY, Junr.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Angus, Kenneth, M.	Doncaster, Charles M.	Holmes, Stephen
Angus, Laurence M.	Doncaster, Leonard	Hutchinson, Robert
Ashby, Raymond.	Ford, Gervase L.	Knott, Cyril W.
Backhouse, Alfred E.	Ford, R. Charles	Knott, Roger B.
Backhouse, Basil H.	Fox, C. Reginald	Lloyd, Gerald B.
Backhouse, Edward.	Fox, Cuthbert Lloyd	MacLean, G. Harold
Barlow, Harold C.	Gibbins, Herbert B.	Mounsey, George F.
Binyon, Basil.	Gilford, Alan	Mounsey, Reginald J.
Braithwaite, J. Fredk.	Goodbody, J. Eric	Pease, Algernon H.
Cadbury, George Junr.	Harris, G. Rendel	Pickard, Basil
Cadbury, Henry T.	Hart, E. M.	Simpson, Herbert
Cadbury, G. Norman	Harvey, Philip	Stansfield, C. E.
Cadbury, J. Hotham	Harvey, Wm. F.	Stevens, S. Ewart
Cadbury, Laurence J.	Hodgkin, H. Olaf	Strangman, Wilson
Carr, Harold	Hodgkin, Henry T.	Wallis, Anthony
Crosfield, Bertram F.	Hodgkin, J. Edward	Walpole, E. Horace
Crosfield, Hugh T.	Hodgkin, Robert H.	Warner, Harold M.
Crossley, Erskine A.	Hodgkin, Ronald	Woods, F. W. U.
Doncaster, Basil W.	Holdsworth, C. Dyson	

REPORTS OF SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

DEBATING.—The Debating Society has held but one meeting so far this term—on Saturday, February 22nd. The majority of the time was devoted to a Sharp Practice Debate, at which the following subjects were discussed: “The formation of a School Society, whose objects shall be purely scientific,” “The value of Polar exploration,” “Modern Music,” and “The rejection of the Home Rule Bill by the House of Lords.” Polar exploration was well discussed, most members giving expression to their opinions, and was eventually voted to be quite worth the risk of life which it involved. Home Rule also provoked a lively debate, the opinion of the majority being that the House of Lords had taken a wrong step in rejecting the Bill. The discussion upon the other two subjects was of rather a desultory and ill-sustained nature.

The Society is still in a flourishing condition as regards numbers—the membership at present amounts to twenty-one—but there is a distinct lack of good speakers. R. A. V. Jennings, F. S. Harricks and H. G. Saunders have been elected new members this term, and P. S. Cadbury has been appointed member of committee.

D. J. MALCOMSON.

NATURAL HISTORY.—The Natural History Society has met twice so far this term. The first meeting was devoted to business, when the society increased its numbers, the following being elected members:—G. E. G. Mitcheson, W. P. Southall, T. B. Barlow, G. Jefferys A. Westlake, F. J. Painter, J. S. W. Richardson. The second meeting, held on February 15th, was one of the best on record. It was extremely interesting all through. Mr. Unwin gave a short and instructive paper on “Diary Keeping.” In this paper he gave the chief under-lying principles of the keeping of all kinds of diaries. This paper was followed by one given by J. D. Barlow on “The Evolution of Poultry,” with coloured illustrations, which was greatly appreciated. A short discussion on the proper keeping of pets brought the meeting to a close.

J. M. B.

SENIOR ESSAY.—This Society has only held one meeting so far this term. This was devoted to the reading of the Autumn term Chronicle by T. W. Hopkins, and essays by D. J. Malcomson and Mr. Robson on the "Life and works of Charles Kingsley." The essays were followed by discussion of the styles of authors and also of Kingsley.

E. S. H.

JUNIOR ESSAY.—Since the last report in "The Leightonian," only one meeting has been held as the Society decided not to have a third meeting last term on account of the "Big Social." At the meeting this term, A. F. Grierson, T. B. Barlow, and L. W. Wells were elected members, and essays were read by A. J. Hodgkin, R. H. Cook, E. Wallis, H. W. Ransom, C. R. Day, L. S. Penrose, W. A. W. Bell and D. S. Newbegin favoured the Society with another of his diverting stories. The Society now contains over thirty members.

A. P. D. PENROSE.

MUSICAL.—The band has been practising selections from the "Yeomen of the Guard" and the "Pirates of Penzance," for the Sullivan evening which is to be held on Saturday, March 29th; they have also been doing some light music for the mid-term social. Four of the members have lately helped to accompany the hymns at the School meeting on Sundays.

ALAN BELL.

L. H. A.—Two meetings have been held this term. M. A. Sisson, G. E. G. Mitcheson, R. K. Wilson and F. S. Harricks have become members. At the first meeting J. H. Sacret, M.A., gave an interesting lecture on "Joan of Arc," illustrated by many valuable slides. This lecture was thrown open to the School. After giving the most important dates of her life, Mr. Sacret briefly sketched the state of France previous to her appearance, and then gave us the details, pointing out the many difficulties she had to overcome. In conclusion he said that her importance and power lay in her extraordinary personality, and that her work of reviving the dormant energies of her country gives her a place amongst the makers

of nations. At the second meeting Mr. Edminson, our late chairman and founder of the Society, gave us a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Joseph Chamberlain." He first gave us the chief dates of his life and then filled in the details. He pointed out the contrast between the man's private and public life, and remarked on the inconsistencies of his character, but on the whole he left a good impression of Mr. Chamberlain with us. He concluded with lantern slides of Birmingham, portraits, and cartoons from "Punch" and the "Westminster Gazette."

E. S. H.

CAMERA.—We have only held one meeting this term, but that one was of a more useful kind than is often the case. After the usual private business, Mr. Unwin gave us a short talk on "Photomicrography." He showed us some very interesting lantern slides illustrating the kind of work that could be done. The mouth of a blow-fly was one of the slides put on the screen. After we had seen what could be done, Mr. Unwin proceeded to show us how it was done. He fixed up the apparatus and we were able to see the objects on the ground glass. A good many questions were asked both on photomicrography and on other branches of work. Among the latter were developers, plates, and a few questions on enlarging. The dark-room is now practically complete, and can easily accommodate half a dozen boys wishing to develop at the same time. It is to be hoped that now the School possesses a proper dark-room more people will take up photography as a hobby than has been the case during the past few years.

T. W. HOPKINS.

FOOTBALL.

OUR first eleven has met with moderate success this term, two matches being won by handsome margins and one drawn, out of the total of seven played. Our second eleven has only played one match and lost that heavily. Messrs. Thursby, Unwin, Robson, and Whittaker have given us most valuable assistance in Club matches, and are to be thanked for the energy and interest they

have displayed in "turning out," for almost every "compulsory," and also for their invaluable coaching. It is largely their efforts which have enabled us to come through the season with a fairly creditable record, in spite of the fact that we have had a young and, to some extent, inexperienced team.

ANALYSIS OF TEAM.

P. S. CADBURY (left-half).—Has improved enormously since the beginning of the season, more especially during the last few weeks. Works hard, tackles and passes well, uses his head with great effect. Should try to improve his pace.

J. T. WOTHERSPOON (inside right).—An extremely useful forward on his day, but, owing to his small size, often handicapped against men's teams. Fast and fairly tricky. Usually places his shots well.

F. S. HARRICKS (outside left).—Has improved considerably of late, but still lacks restraint. Centres well at times ; should learn to steady the ball more before kicking.

G. B. FRYER (goal).—A very promising goalkeeper. Saves most shots very well. Needs more confidence and practice in clearing the ball quickly.

(The above have received First Eleven Colours this term.)

R. PEASE (outside right).—Has played in boys' eleven matches with some success. Fast and centres well, but extremely erratic.

E. G. GRACE (right half).—Has proved a useful half on several occasions, in spite of the fact that he is small and slow. Shows great promise for future seasons.

R. C. BUTLER (right-half).—Has occasionally played half for the boys' eleven. Inclined to kick rather too hard, and also not to mark his man sufficiently. Should learn to use his head in both senses.

The boys' eleven this term has been constituted of the following : Fryer, T. W. Hopkins, Edmonds, Cadbury, Grierson, Grace (or Butler), Harricks, Malcomson, Smee, Wotherspoon, Pease. Also played : A. Penrose and Walker.

MATCH LIST.

1913							
Jan.	25th	Foxes F.C.	- - - -	L.P.S.	Lost	1	2
„	29th	Reading Y.M.C.A.	- -	Reading	Lost	2	3
Feb.	1st	University College	2nd XI	Reading	Drawn	5	5
„	4th	Mansfield College	- -	Oxford	Won	9	3
„	8th	Douai Abbey School	-	L.P.S.	Lost	1	8
„	19th	House Match	- - -	L.P.S.	School	4	0
					Won		
„	22nd	Bedales School	- - -	L.P.S.	Lost	2	4
„	25th	An O.L. Team	- - -	L.P.S.	Won	7	3
SECOND ELEVEN.							
Feb.	8th	Douai Abbey School	2nd XI	Woolhampton	Lost	0	11

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS, SEASON 1912—13.

Matches played, 19; Won, 7; Drawn, 2; Lost, 10. Goals for, 58; Against, 78.

 REPORTS OF MATCHES.

Jan. 25th. L.P.S. 1st XI. v. "Foxes," at L.P.S. Lost, 1—2.

A thoroughly interesting and enjoyable game. The "Foxes" brought down a good team with an exceptionally heavy defence, whilst the School forward line was handicapped by the absence of Mr. Scarborough and Mr. Unwin. All the goals were scored in the first half, the "Foxes" obtaining their first after a "mush" in front of goal, and their second through a well-placed corner. L.P.S. scored through a good shot by Hopkins. The second half witnessed some very even play, in which both sides had chances, which, however, went unaccepted, the visiting team thus winning the game by two goals to one.

Jan. 29th. L.P.S. 1st XI. v. Y.M.C.A., at Reading. Lost, 2—3.

A poor though evenly contested game. A thick fog hung over the ground from the start, so that the match was finished in semi-darkness. The School forward line was again without Mr. Unwin and Mr. Scarborough, and missed them badly, the shooting being particularly weak. The Y.M.'s put themselves two up within the first twenty minutes, but L.P.S. managed to equalise soon afterwards through good shots by Smee. Just before half-time, however, another goal was added by the home side, through a mistake by

Fryer. In the second half the School had decidedly the better of the game, but failed to score owing to the feeble efforts of their forwards in front of goal.

Feb. 1st. L.P.S. 1st XI. v. University College 2nd XI., at Reading.
DRAWN, 5—5.

Quite a good game considering the state of the ground—which was atrocious. The L.P.S. team played better than in previous matches, although the forwards were still rather weak. The College scored twice in the first half, Leighton only getting through once, but, after changing ends, play turned in favour of the School with the result that Mr. Whittaker was able to equalise a few minutes before the close by scoring the tenth goal of the match.

Goals : Mr. Whittaker 2, Smee, Malcomson 2.

Feb. 4th. L.P.S. 1st XI. v. Mansfield College, Oxford, at Oxford.
WON, 9—3.

Mansfield College put a weak team into the field, and thus L.P.S. had no difficulty in inflicting upon them a severe defeat. During the first half, however, the result several times appeared doubtful, as the School team, after scoring three goals in quick succession fell off to such an extent that, upon changing ends, they were only one up. After half-time the home defence weakened, and thus by improved play L.P.S. were able to add six goals to their one.

Goals : Smee 4, Mr. Whittaker 2, Mr. Unwin, Malcomson.

Feb. 8th. L.P.S. Boys' XI. v. Douai Abbey School, at L.P.S.
LOST, 1—8.

A disastrous match from our point of view, but, none the less, a better game than might be assumed from the score. The play throughout was fast and keen. During the first half L.P.S. managed to hold their opponents for some time, and themselves succeeded in getting through once. At half-time the score was 3—1 in favour of the visitors. After the interval, however, the home defence, for some unaccountable reason, became almost utterly helpless, with the result that Douai added four more goals

in about twice that number of minutes, and another shortly before the close.

Goal : Malcomson.

Feb. 19th. House Match. SCHOOL WON, 4—0.

School House were fortunate in being able to put their best team into the field, with the exception of J. M. Bickerton, and as Grove, for various reasons, were distinctly weaker than last term, were able to wreak vengeance upon their opponents by defeating them for the first time for five years. The game throughout was fast and interesting, and during the first half, although School House did most of the attacking and managed to score once, there was little to choose between the teams. After half-time, however, the Grove defence tired visibly, and thus their opponents were enabled to add three more goals before the close. The defence of the losing side played a fine game, but their forwards were distinctly weak. The School team played well throughout.

Goals; : Smee 3, Malcomson.

TEAMS.—SCHOOL : Bell, W. ; Butler, Edmonds ; Cook, Cadbury, Wallis ; Harricks, Malcomson, Smee, Penrose, A. Pease. GROVE : Fryer ; Hopkins, Grierson ; Grace, Harris, Saunders ; Pollard, Painter, Wotherspoon, Roberts, Walker.

Feb. 22nd. L.P.S. Boys' XI. v. Bedale's School, at L.P.S. LOST, 2—4.

L.P.S. had the misfortune of having to put a weak team into the field against Bedales' for the second time this season. This time Grierson and Harricks were on the sick list, their places being taken by Walker and Butler. A good game resulted, in which everybody played hard. The visitors scored within the first two minutes, but Leighton kept them out successfully for the rest of the first half, and shortly after the restart succeeded in equalising. After this, Bedales', aided by improved play and some good fortune managed to add three more goals, whilst the home team could only score one off a corner.

Goals : Smee, Cadbury.

L.P.S. Boys' XI. v. an O.L. Team, at L.P.S. WON, 7—3.

We finished our football with an extremely satisfactory match from our point of view. The O.L.S. brought down a team which, on paper, was quite as strong as the L.P.S. Boys' XI., who were still without Harricks. They failed, however, to do themselves justice, and, as a result, were badly defeated. The School played well in the first half, scoring five goals with great ease, but none the less missed several obvious chances. After the interval the O.L.S. played much better and managed to put three goals to their credit through Hopkins, Collier, and Lloyd, whilst the School, chiefly owing to the atrocious shooting of their forwards could only get through twice.

Goals : Smee 2, Wotherspoon 2, Malcomson 3.

TEAMS.—L.P.S.: Fryer ; Hopkins, T. W.; Edmonds ; Cadbury, Grierson, Butler ; Pease, Malcomson, Smee, Wotherspoon, Penrose, A. O.L.S. : Biggar ; Rickman, Brooks ; Cadbury, E.; Collier, Brain, J.A.; Downie, Brain, F. S., Lloyd, E. T., Hopkins, O. S., King.

D. J. MALCOMSON.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

ON September 28th, at 8 Portman Mansions, W., the wife of Paul Bernard Roth, F.R.C.S., of twins (boy and girl).

The dates for the O. L. gathering are as follows :—Friday, July 25th, Tennis Match. Saturday, 26th, Cricket Match and annual meeting of the Club. Monday, July 28th, excursion. O. S. Hopkins has made the following engagements for the cricket tour :—19th July, Stramongate ; 21st, Ayton ; 22nd, The Retreat ; 23rd, Bootham ; 24th, Old Ackworthians.

By this time all old Boys will have received a notice concerning the formation of a School Register. The Editors have already in hand a large number of replies and will be glad to have the rest as soon as possible.

On Wednesday, 5th of February, Joel Hotham Cadbury was united to Miss Margery Patching, of Birmingham. The wedding

took place at the Friends' Meeting House, Bull Street, Birmingham.

We offer our congratulations to the Secretary of the O. L. Club on his approaching marriage to Miss Eleanor Pease, of Skaigh, Oakhampton.

With deep regret we report the death of Harold M. Warner at the Isolation Hospital, on 20th February, from heart failure following scarlet fever. Warner was at L.P.S. from September 1892 to April 1895. In 1907 he became engineer to the firm of Ford Ayton and Co., of Bentham, and more recently joined the Board of Directors. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to all his family and especially to his wife in this time of sorrow.

H. Godwin Baynes is having the time of his life organising and controlling hospitals in the cholera camp near Constantinople.

Colin King Smith has settled in Australia.

H. E. Ekins is living at Mickleover, near Derby. He is engaged in the Midland Railway laboratory in Derby in testing stores and traffic samples

Congratulation to Charles R. Fox on his approaching marriage to Miss Nina Muriel Risk, daughter of the late William Bond Risk, Paymaster-in-Chief, Royal Navy. Also to Robert Goodbody on his engagement to Miss Millicent Hunt, of Dublin.

Hooper May has passed the legal part of the Intermediate Law Examination.

The death of Dr. Thomas Hodgkin has taken from us one who, if not actually an Old Leightonian, was very closely connected with us, in that he was educated at The Friends' School, Tottenham, of which school Grove House is the direct descendant. Moreover, two of his sons are O. L.'s, and in the early days of the School he himself frequently visited us. No one could come into contact with him without being uplifted and inspired.

Congratulations to Basil Binyon on his engagement to Miss Gladys Keep, sister of D.S.H.

W. B. Vickers on his 3½ Rudge was first in one of the events of the Nottingham and district M.C.C. Amber Hill climbing competition, and E. W. Lennard on a B.S.A., took first place in the Leicester and district hill-climbing contest.

H. R. Bickerton, after successfully negotiating the "Little Go," decided to enter the Hall as a by-termist. He was rowing 5 in the third boat until a bad boil necessitated his retirement to a nursing hostel. We hope he will be able to make up for lost time next term both in rowing and his medical work.

L. C. P. Biggar has been rowing 2 in Christ's second boat. We would congratulate him on making two bumps. It is rumoured that he is going to spend his vac. in Norway working.

F. S. Brain no longer keeps a piano in his rooms. Though this may add to his legal studies, it has deprived his room of some of its old charm. He is in great demand in many other places where pianos are to be found.

R. H. Brooks is to be congratulated on his success in putting the weight for Trinity. He is fast becoming a well-known figure at Fenner's.

E. Cadbury has been rowing 2 for 1st Trinity III. In spite of the ravages of influenza his boat managed to move up one place on the river.

D. W. Collier has been rowing 6 in the Hall boat but without much success as they were bumped on the last two nights of the races.

R. B. Crewdson started the term well by nearly getting a place in King's first boat. Unfortunately continued insomnia made it necessary for him to go down. He is now at Hastings fast regaining his health.

J. M. Downie has found his lab. work so pressing that he finds little time for recreation. He plays an occasional game of golf or fives.

H. S. Harris rowed bow in L.M.B.C. 1st boat. A septic leg has unfortunately confined him to his rooms for a few days and prevented him from rowing in the "clinker fours."

O. S. Hopkins has been representing Trinity in the sports. He grudges the time taken from golf but a little strenuous exercise is not a bad thing for a change.

J. F. O. King was doing great things at "Gym." during the first half of the term. He was well on the way to getting a place in the 'Varsity team. He has joined 1st Trinity rowing club in the capacity of cox., and the claims of the river rather interfered with his "Gym."

E. I. Lloyd has had a successful term on the running track. He ran a three mile "Strangers" handicap early in the term. Chosen "second string" for the mile in the Trinity v. Downing sports, he beat the Trinity "first string" and was only just beaten by under a foot in the time, 4 min. 39 secs.

J. Rickman has found his time pretty well occupied by his work for the 2nd M.B. and his "Trip.," and a good deal of labour spent on the arrangements connected with the O.L. register.

J. S. Stephens pursues the even tenor of his way, working harder as the date of his "Trip." approaches.

A. R. Fuller, after getting through his 1st M.B. with distinction in biology, is now busy with anatomy. He sometimes plays soccer for the Hospital.

The Essex Harriers, of which E. G. Pelly has been Master for some years have been disbanded, owing it is said to lack of support.

A. H. Bilbrough keeps young by playing rugger frequently for the Civil Service.

A. Keen has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Surveyors' Institution and has been elected an associate thereof. He is now working hard for his finals.

A. Warner is again skipper of the Reigate Priory F.C., which, under his careful guidance, has so far had a very successful season. R. Smee—when he isn't crocked—also plays for the same team.

SCHOOL NOTES.

THE School reassembled on Friday, Jan. 17th. We found our numbers increased by three, six new boys entering our ranks. The weather was particularly mild during the first part of the term, and throughout has been playing remarkable tricks

upon everybody and everything. Fog, rain and wind have all had a turn, but we wait in vain for the advent of Jack Frost!

On Saturday, Jan. 25th, a team of the "Foxes" paid us a visit. An enjoyable match was played in the afternoon, in which the School were unfortunately beaten by 2 goals to 1. In the evening Mr. Impey, of Birmingham, gave us a picturesque lecture upon Palestine, illustrated by some fine lantern slides. The next morning he showed us a collection of extremely interesting nick-nacks, collected whilst in the Holy Land. Bottles of water from the Jordan and the Dead Sea excited the interest of many, the contents of the latter convincing many people that a bathe in that inland sea would not be a very enjoyable one.

On Saturday, Feb. 1st., the L.H.A. Society held a meeting, open to the whole School, at which Mr. Sacret, of the University College, gave an extremely interesting lecture on Joan of Arc. He showed a set of most attractive slides, some of them taken from old wood-cuts, supposed to illustrate events in the French history of the period. The drawing on these was naturally extremely crude, no idea of perspective being shown by such early artists, and thus the general effect was sometimes little short of ludicrous. We hope this will not be Mr. Sacret's last visit to the Society.

A very attractive Orpheus Concert was attended by most of the older members of the School on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. The performance was chiefly instrumental, but an extremely good chorus also gave a couple of glees and part songs in an interval between the two parts of the instrumental programme. Beethoven's overture, "Fidelio," Mozart's "Parisian" symphony, and Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" were all much appreciated, as were many parts of a selection of lighter music with which the concert closed.

The House Match was played on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, and ended in a victory for School House by four goals to nothing. The game was, however, well contested, and within twenty minutes of the end Grove were but one goal down. Their defence played a fine game, but their forwards were distinctly "off the mark."

We finished our football season on Tuesday, Feb. 25th, with a match against a team of Cambridge O.L.S. For various reasons, however, chiefly caused by the Lent races of the previous week, their team was not so strong as it might have been, and consequently L.P.S. had little difficulty in defeating them heavily by 7 goals to 3.

Congratulations to D. J. Malcomson, the sub-editor of the *Leightonian*, on winning the first prize in the essay competition on William Brown's lecture, open to all Friends' Schools.

On Sunday, Feb. 16th. at the time of the usual afternoon reading, Mr. Evans read us a series of most interesting letters from H. Godwin Baynes, O.L., who is at present working under the Red Crescent Society in the cholera camp at Stamboul, near Constantinople. He described his voyage out to the East, which was not without its exciting incidents, in his first letters, whilst later on we heard of the almost insuperable difficulties which he has had to overcome in the vicinity of Constantinople. He has himself organised almost all the medical work at the cholera station. When he arrived upon the scene there were a couple of European doctors and a few nurses, practically working themselves to death in the attempt to do something to relieve the sick men who had been sent from the front to die from want and neglect in this awful pest-stricken area at Stamboul. Now there is a regular group of hospitals there equipped, as far as possible, with scientific appliances, where the worst cases are treated, and if necessary, operated upon. At the time these letters were written most of the European medical staff and workers of the Red Cross Society had left for home, presuming that hostilities had ceased for good. We may thus picture Dr. Baynes at present "up to his ears" in work, and, when Adrianople falls, probably a little deeper still! We certainly have reason to be proud when we remember that four gentlemen, all closely connected with Leighton Park, are at this moment in the Balkans, engaged in the noble work of alleviating human suffering of a most terrible and protracted form.

At the close of the regular football season four teams, captained by Smee, Edmonds, Hopkins, and Malcomson, competed in a

"Sixes" tournament. Malcomson's team, consisting of Cadbury, Fryer, Pease, Cook, and L. Penrose, was only beaten once, and so obtained the championship.

The Mid-Term Social was held on 8th of March. The committee consisted of Mr. Whittaker, E. S. Harris, C. Smee, and A. P. D. Penrose. The programme was very well balanced and gave great pleasure to all. The two duologues, "The Reason Why" and "A Pair of Lunatics," were well acted and caused considerable amusement. The instrumental trio was well played, as was Cook's piano solo. Mrs. Ballard and Mr. Unwin contributed songs which were much appreciated, and the band played two pieces of a light nature with considerable expression. We would congratulate M. Priestman and C. Smee on their recitations, and express the hope that other committees will encourage this feature in their programmes.

BALANCE SHEET.

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E. V. BALLARD, Editor.

NOTICES.

The Editors will be pleased to receive contributions for the next number up to July 1st. They 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, Penn Charter, Kingwoodian, Alfredian, and Beckside*—and offer apologies for any omission from this list.



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