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EDITORIAL.

IT is a great pleasure to us to be able to report that our numbers still increase, and that the Governors will have to consider the question of a third boarding-house in the immediate future.

We congratulate R. K. Wilson on winning an Entrance Scholarship at Trinity Hall, and N. L. White on obtaining an Exhibition at St. John's, both in Natural Science. The success of P. B. Redmayne and A. J. Hodgkin, in the Inter-School Diary competition, shows that hobby work is flourishing, and the cricket card reveals the fact that though the number of matches is curtailed, our interest in games is not less than it has been in the past.

The School has devoted itself wholeheartedly to Food Production. Almost every day some have been planting, hoeing, weeding or potato-spraying. We are sure that in after years they will recall with pleasure the help thus given to the nation in its time of trial.

An innovation this term has been the setting apart of one period each week for Form Meetings. The method of conducting these meetings has naturally varied in the different forms. In some, papers are read and criticised, in others, matters of interest, to the school in general, or the form in particular, are discussed. In all cases, we believe the period is helping the Form spirit,

encouraging the power to think clearly and fostering the desire of the individual to get the best out of and give his best to the school. The project is at present in the experimental stage. It may be found that the holding of such meetings once a month will meet all requirements.

During the past year the Editor has received several letters dealing with his conduct of the magazine. He would say at once that he appreciates immensely the interest thus shown, and would thank the writers for them. It is never an easy matter to satisfy all readers, and so some have felt that too little space has been given to the doings of those of our Old Boys who are Conscientious Objectors, whilst others have taken a diametrically opposite view, and consider that some of the deeds in the War that have brought fame to the individual have received but scanty recognition in the School Magazine. We would, therefore, once more state what our policy is. The Editor knows no party. He is anxious to record all matters of interest connected with Old Leightonians, and equally welcomes a letter from the prison cell, or from "Somewhere in France." The fact that some issues tend to be overweighted in one direction, some in the other, is the natural result of circumstances over which he has no control. He is always on the look out for news, and always ready to publish it, when it is sent to him. In this last point his correspondents can give him considerable help if they will.

PREFECTS.

R. D. Buchanan (Senior Prefect)	appointed	March, 1916.
T. F. Fox	"	September, 1916.
N. L. White,	"	January, 1917.
F. R. Merttens,	"	" "
P. B. Redmayne,	"	May, "
B. C. Bunting,	"	" "
T. Lawrie,	"	" "
W. A. Norbury,	"	" "

NEW BOYS.

Lower Fifth : S. Tyagaraja (omitted in last number)

Upper Fourth : T. McD. B. Russell, London.

R. Petrie, Rochdale.

G. K. Talbot, Reading.

Fourth :

B. D. Baker, London.

F. W. R. Gibbins, Neath.

H. R. M. Parker, Letchworth.

B. E. Penrose, Watford.

J. B. Rawson, Leicester.

A. R. W. Richardson, Moyallen.

NEW OLD BOYS.

R. A. U. Jennings, Tangley Cottage, Horsell, Surrey.

R. K. Wilson, Hemyock, Evesham.

I. C. Bell, Huntly, Peaslake, near Guildford.

E. S. Smith, Case, Elmhurst Road, Reading.

M. G. Bretherton, 2 Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells.

E. B. Pershouse, 44 Curzon Street, London, W.

KILLED IN ACTION.

SECOND LIEUTENANT A. H. CROSSLEY (1893—97), son of the late Mr. Frank Crossley, of Manchester, Herefordshire Regiment, died of wounds received in action on the 19th of April. On leaving school, he entered Clare College, Cambridge, and gained a second class in the Natural Science Tripos. He afterwards settled down to a country life at Old Letton Court, Hereford.

Second Lieutenant F. W. KNOTT (1905—09), Yorkshire Regiment, killed by shell, was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knott, of Wilmslow, Manchester. On leaving L.P.S. he went to the Bessbrook Spinning Company (a branch of Richardson, Sons and Owden, of Belfast) to learn the linen business. Before

completing his apprenticeship he was offered the post of secretary to the Company, which employs over two thousand workpeople. Lieutenant Knott left the firm in October, 1915, and volunteered for service. He joined the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps, and, after training, received his commission in the Yorkshires in May, 1916, and was promoted to lieutenant for bombing instruction in September. He went to France in March. The officer commanding his battalion in a letter to his parents states:—
“ It is with the very deepest sympathy of all the officers of the battalion that I write to inform you that your son was killed instantly by a shell during the battle on the morning of the 7th inst. He was a brave and noble fellow, beloved of all his men, to whom he always set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty. I shall feel his loss keenly, as he had endeared himself to me during the all too short time he was with us.”

Corporal A. E. MITCHELL (1907—12) was the only son of Mr. Frederick Mitchell, of Fairlea, Headingley, Leeds. On leaving school, he entered Leeds University, taking the full course of Textile Instruction, with the object of becoming a woollen manufacturer. He joined the Leeds “ Pals,” and was in Egypt until December, 1915. The regiment was then sent to France and took part in the battle of the Somme. In this battle Mitchell was wounded, and spent a month in hospital. On recovery he was transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was shot by a sniper on Easter Monday while gallantly leading his platoon. An officer writes:—“ We shall all miss him very much, because he was liked by everyone in the Company, his very cheerful disposition being a great boon to us in the very trying circumstances which we had to undergo.”

Second Lieutenant W. B. VICKERS (1903—08), who was killed on June 21st, was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vickers, of Edgmont, Nottingham. On leaving school, after a period of training, he became in 1913 a director of the firm of Messrs. Vickers and Hine (Limited), lace manufacturers, Nottingham. At the outbreak of the war he was in Norway, and when he returned

he enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. He obtained his commission in the same regiment in March, 1915, and went to the front in the November following. He returned home in July, 1916, having been transferred to the R.G.A., but went abroad again with a siege battery last October. Major A. O. Ellis, R.G.A., writes :—" Your son was the most loyal comrade I have ever had. I have never known an officer more beloved by his men ; he had the wonderful gift of true sympathy, so that all, including myself, would go to him with their troubles and difficulties. He was always thinking of others, and in his last letter he asked me not to say anything when writing you that would be likely to cause you any anxiety on his account."

TO L.P.S., JUNE 1917.

The tumbling Kennet laughs its boyish way
 To swell our father Thames : the Loddon flows
 With smoother waters, crowned with lilies gay ;
 He a maturer offering bestows.

Between the streams, well buided, fair to see,
 Rises a school, set where in ample ring,
 Primæval trees, in nature's ecstasy,
 Fulfil the annual promise of their spring.

What wealth of grass and timely fruits and flowers !
 Let history tell of famed academies ;
 Our hearts are given to these fields of ours,
 On their rich variance we feast our eyes.

Leightonians all, we play our English games
 On English turf, refreshed by English rain,
 Self heedless, keen for " School." Who blames
 Our strenuous leisure ? deems our efforts vain ?

Each clod of earth is fraught with memories
 Of earlier sportsmen's deeds with bat or ball ;
 Successive scholars' calmer rivalries,
 Some far-off boy to master's thoughts recall.

Thus we in fellowship of sport or learning,
 Herald the future, resurrect the past.
 We pass, the School abides, fresh laurels earning ;
 The first boy victor triumphs with the last.
 Yet for us present heirs of past endeavour,
 A harder task stands waiting—to o'erthrow
 Rank raging Ruin, that mankind for ever
 Redeemed from war their common goal may know.
 This be our contest ! who at ease reclines
 In mankind's hour of dire extremity ?
 In vain too late the slothful one repines ;
 See man with man bound fast in enmity !
 " Thy country needs thee "—'Tis an awful cry
 Confession of a world asleep ; for when
 Does England not need English energy ?
 Was Daniel more a Daniel in the den ?
 Clear stands the need to view now. Nations wake
 In hell, the steady goal of their ambition.
 To work, young scholar, hell's dominion break,
 Or all be broken in thine inarition !
 Courage be thine, and strength ! Thine aspirations
 Trust ! Ever welcome boyhood's princely dower !
 Behold ! In peaceful fellowship the nations
 Bless thy rich boyhood for its manhood's power.

C. R. A.

THE REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

(Extracts from a letter from A. E. Backhouse.)

I THINK the most impressive feature of what has happened is
I the suddenness and completeness of the change, and after
 that the extraordinary unanimity with which it has been wel-
 comed by all sides. A fortnight ago we were living under a
 despotic government, which restricted political freedom in every
 direction, and now we have freedom of the press, of public meeting

and speaking, and of religion. Political prisoners are released, and are attending public meetings, and being received with enthusiasm. The police and gendarmerie who had their agents in every house, have been suppressed, and have been replaced by police, organised by the popularly elected Town Councils. One has been inclined to fear that this sudden release from restraint, coming to a people totally unused to political liberty, might lead to riots and excesses ; but, in the Caucasus, at any rate, everything has passed off quietly, and in Tiflis, except for the great rush to buy newspapers, it would have been difficult to gather from the appearance of the streets that anything out of the way was happening. This doesn't indicate a lack of interest in what was going on, but rather an admirable public spirit which made everybody resolve to do what they could to make the Revolution a success.

The first rumours from Petrograd reached Tiflis, I think, on the Wednesday evening (March 14th ?), when we heard that a new Liberal Government had come into power, and that the old ministers were arrested. On Thursday more news came, and on Friday the police and gendarmes disappeared, and the Tzar's portrait was taken down in the public offices. On Sunday morning there was a great workmen's meeting just outside the town, which Phillip Price attended and told me about afterwards. There were many speeches from revolutionaries and socialists, and Armenians, Russians, Georgians and Tartars all took part, and the gist of most of the speeches seems to have been that they must all pull together to make the Revolution a success. Then towards the end a regiment, headed by their band, playing the Marseillaise (!) and led by their Colonel, marched up. The Colonel saluted the Chairman, and then, mounting on the platform, addressed the crowd, urging the Army to stand firm with the rest of the people. And all this in Russia !

The Grand Duke Nicholas, who seems to have won a good deal of popularity by his acceptance of the new government, left Tiflis for the Army Headquarters on Tuesday. On Monday he

held a reception at the Palace, where the big white flag, bearing the Grand Duke's Arms, had been replaced by a small black and yellow striped flag of St. George. When he left the Palace, after a reception in an open motor car, the crowds, with no police to keep them back, pressed round the car cheering him, and those that could get near enough, shook hands with him.

VISIT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

ON May 16th, a party, including Mr. Robson and about a dozen boys, were shown over the Houses of Parliament by Sir Harold Elverston, M.P. We arrived in London in pouring rain, and were thoroughly soaked when we reached the House of Commons; but we soon forgot the rain, and our wet clothes. After walking through the various lobbies we were shown the House of Commons—"small but good." Some of the formalities to be observed by members are interesting as relics of the past. There are two lines along the floor of the House; if a member places his feet over one of these as he speaks he is out of order, because, supposing a member opposite were to annoy him by ill-timed levity, he would be able to reach him with his sword. Each member as he enters, bows to the Speaker's chair; in the place where the House used to sit, the shrine of St. Stephen was just behind the chair, and it was in reverence to the Saint that they used to bow. We passed into the Division Lobby, and saw the places where the "tellers" stand, and so into the Library, where is the key to the cellars; here also we saw parts of the journal of the House, showing the page which James I tore out in anger, and another recording that "King Charles do sit in ye Speaker's chair."

On the way to see the Speaker go to prayers, we passed Mr. John Redmond, with Major Redmond, and Sir John Lonsdale, with others of their parties, who had been considering the Prime Minister's schemes for an Irish settlement. In the Lobby, outside the House itself, we were made to "toe the line" and wait for the Speaker's procession. As it appeared a police sergeant solemnly

took off his cap and shouted : " Hats off, strangers," while an attendant, the Sergeant-at-Arms (carrying the mace), the Speaker himself, in his wig and gown, and his page and parson all passed in turn. Each night when the House adjourns, the attendants shout, " Who goes home ? " a custom which arose when it was dangerous to cross St. Martin's Fields except in parties, escorted by linkmen.

It would take much space to give a description of all that we were shown and told. In the House of Lords we watched an abstruse shipping case being tried before the Lord Chancellor and the Law Lords, where the more commercially-minded were deeply impressed by hearing that the counsel who was pleading was receiving emoluments at the rate of several pounds a minute ! In the Crypt we were met by an appalling little man who was eager to show us the hiding-places of Suffragettes, but was not interested in Guy Fawkes, who had concealed himself in the same place. There is a small chapel, which is very ornate, and a large decorated font, which certain Indians at the Coronation are said to have mistaken for the crown of the King-Emperor !

The present buildings (with the exception of Westminster Hall) date only from the first part of last century. The walls are panelled in carved wood, and there are large open fire-places and moulded ceilings. In the House of Lords the carving and panelling is rather more ornate, but the whole effect of the interior of the buildings is one of solid comfort ; they are in perfect keeping with the general tone of the nation. In several places there are tape-machines, which write out the information as it arrives at the News Exchanges. Soon after we saw the Speaker go to prayers we were informed by the News Agency that " the Speaker took the chair at 3 p.m." We had tea in the House of Commons restaurant, where oatcakes supplied deficiencies in bread. During tea we were introduced in a general way to Mr. John Burns. In the afternoon we seemed particularly fortunate in seeing interesting people, among others, Sir F. E. Smith, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald. Lots were drawn

to decide who should go in for a few minutes to see the House in session. Hampton and Gordon were successful (neither of them having much love for politics) and heard Sir Albert Stanley making his maiden speech as President of the Board of Trade. They do not seem to have derived much benefit from the argument.

We all had a thoroughly good time, and are grateful to Sir Harold for his kindness in inviting us and in showing us round. It must have been no easy matter conducting so large a party, and it would be difficult to do so better than he did.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—Since last report we have had three meetings. At the last meeting in the Spring term, J. S. W. Richardson spoke on "Trees of the Park," and R. Penrose on "Comets and Meteors," and at the first meeting this term R. C. Taylor read an essay on "Electric Fishes," and F. H. Gillett on the "Spangle Oak Gall." The second meeting this term was entirely devoted to the reading of reports on the Excursion. This year it was decided to divide up into three parties, so that boys keen on a special subject could have a chance of going to a suitable place, and instead of having the usual motor, we cycled or walked. The Ornithologists, under Mr. Evans, went up the Thames towards Mapledurham, and divided their time between the islands and the banks of the river. Two Conchologists also spent some time with this party. The Entomologists, under R. D. Buchanan, went to Pamber, and later to Burghfield. Their best captures were Silver Washed and High Brown Fritillaries, Green Hairstreaks, a Wood Tiger Moth, and a few Argent and Sable Moths. The botanists and one or two others went to Goring and Streatley; they found Deadly Nightshade and Star of Bethlehem among other plants, but it is remarkable that the orchids, for which Streatley Hill is notable, were not plentiful. The plan of going in several parties seems to be a very good one, and the excursion was quite a success.

N. L. W.

R. C. T.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—This term we have been practising four pieces of a different character from those we did last term: "Cupid's Charm," by Ernest Reeves; Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana"; the Overture to "Si j'étais roi," by Ad. Adam; and "Hansel and Gretel," a fantasia, by E. Humperdinck. A. M. Brockbank has played the piano in "Cupid's Charm."
R. C. H.

L.H.A. SOCIETY.—On June 5th, the L.H.A. Society held their annual excursion. It was decided that we should not go so far afield as usual. We agreed, therefore, to go to Avington, where there is a nearly perfect Norman village church, and Walbury Camp. As the total distance was not much more than fifty miles, a number of us cycled the whole way, and others, who were not allowed to do this, took the train for a short distance and cycled the rest. All met at Avington Church at about mid-day. We then went on, through Kintbury, towards Combe Gallows and Walbury Camp. We had our "lunch packets" at Upper Green, where mineral waters were unobtainable, but we were quite thirsty enough to enjoy water. Some found it very hot climbing up to the Gallows, and divested themselves of what they considered to be their unnecessary clothing. From the Gallows it was only a short walk of about a quarter of a mile to Walbury Camp, a prehistoric earthwork. On the way back some went round by Wickham, where there is a very interesting Saxon tower. It was unfortunate that several cyclists were troubled by punctures on the way home. On the whole, however, the excursion was a success, and no one regretted that the distance covered was not so great as usual.
P. B. R.

CAMERA CLUB.—The Club is showing considerable activity this term. At the first meeting several new members were elected, and we believe several more are waiting to join at the next. Since the first meeting we have held two others. At one the art of gaslight printing was expounded. We seem to note an improvement in members' work as a result of the taking, developing and printing meetings we have held. We are also glad to see that

more interest is being shown in enlarging, and we would encourage members in this fascinating branch of photography. The excursion was to Sonning: some fourteen or so of us went, taking our lunch with us, which we ate at the river side. We afterwards separated and went our own ways, photographing anything of interest we came across. We have not yet met to exhibit our results, but we know some good ones were obtained.

A. K. G.

WEATHER REPORT (April, May, June, 1917).—The very wintry type of weather continued during the first fortnight of April. The last part of the month was very dry and slightly warmer. But throughout England it was the coldest April on record. Here the average temperature was six degrees below the average. May brought in real summer weather, which continued through the month with a break of a few dull days in the middle. From April 19th to May 15th only 0·6 inches of rain fell. During the first three weeks of June the weather was brilliant; the temperature rising well above 70° nearly every day. On the 17th the maximum temperature was 89°, the hottest day for three years. For sixteen consecutive days the maximum temperature averaged 77°. The last week of June was cold and wet, two inches of rain falling in less than thirty hours on the 28th and 29th, which brought the total rainfall for the six months up to nine inches.

J. S. W. R.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

The Editor would like to purchase Nos. 15 and 22 of the Leightonian to enable a subscriber to complete a set.

C. W. KNOTT has given up his work as an educational missionary under the London Missionary Society. He has received a commission and is now serving in France with a Chinese Labour Corps.

C. S. Richmond is in Millbank Hospital recovering from concussion and nerve shock. On returning from an aeroplane trip over the enemy's lines, the machine capsized on making a landing and threw him out. It was discovered later that the undercarriage had been hit, and the gear damaged. Later news tells us that he is now at Taplow.

R. W. Whittaker is now at Osborne. Whilst in Hospital at Birmingham he received pleasant visits from Mr. Lloyd and Miles Priestman, and Eric Lloyd, home on leave from the F.A.U., took him several motor trips.

Eliot Wallis, writing from "Somewhere in France," describes the devastation on the Front in the following words: "Not a roof left intact, not a stick of furniture, not a cow or horse, or a single man, woman or child that isn't British; and yet the fields are green and untouched, and shell holes are few. Most of these towns have never been shelled; it was all done with guncotton."

L. Victor Smith has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry whilst in command of a Tank in the Arras battle.

J. Rickman finds he has plenty to do in his medical work among the people in Russia. He starts at five in the morning, and does not finish until after nine. Sundays are the hardest days, as the people have more leisure then, and troop in from the neighbouring villages. When the war is over, he expects to remain in the country for some time, as the refugees will not be able to return to their homes immediately.

J. S. Harrison met with a serious accident while flying in the neighbourhood of the New Forest. His machine caught fire, with the result that he was badly burned on the face and legs. We are glad to hear that he is making a good recovery.

Congratulations to J. A. Brain on his engagement to Miss Farrer, of Reading.

On May 13th, at Marine View, Weymouth, to J. S. and Florence Harrison, a son.

News from Cambridge is naturally of a scanty nature. Wilson and Smith are at Trinity Hall in the O.T.C., and Pease, of

Emmanuel, is a Cadet. S. Harris was at John's up to the time of taking his second class in Part II of the Maths. Tripes. Latterly he has been on tramp from Berkshire to Cornwall, calling on clergymen and others who have received the Society of Friends' message.

Hubert Ransom has received a commission in the R.F.C.

H. Wilson Harris has written a life of the President of the United States. The book has been well reviewed. He has presented a copy to the School Library. Other authors please note.

E. Backhouse has been granted exemption on condition that he works as a packer in Bermondsey.

On May 18th, to Horace and Dorothy Walpole, a daughter, who was named Dorothy Walpole.

J. B. Fryer, who has been working in the F.A.U., is at present at the Farm Colony near Wallingford. His local tribunal refused to consider his case. We hear that the Appeal Tribunal have consented to his remaining at Wallingford, where he is certainly doing constructive work.

C. R. Attenborough was on board the _____, when it was torpedoed. He paid us a very welcome visit during his furlough. He has since been commissioned to another vessel.

An old Chateau occupied by the Berkshires in the recent advance, has been named Leighton Park by R. W. Whittaker and J. A. Brain, officers of the company that was billeted there.

We hear that Norman Harricks is on his way to India, having received a commission in the Indian Cavalry.

Colin Smee has been promoted Lieutenant and made Adjutant of his regiment.

Myles Bickerton is still serving as Surgeon-probationer on a destroyer, which took part in the chase of the German cruisers back to Zeebrugge. He is expecting to return home shortly to work for his Final.

L. C. P. Biggar has been wounded in the thigh from shrapnel fire, but is progressing favourably in the 42nd Hospital at Salonika.

Lawrence Cadbury, of the F.A.U., has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for work in connection with the evacuation of the Petit Chateau of Elverdinghe in April. General Nolan officiated at the ceremony, and Prince Alexander of Teck also took part.

J. S. Wotherspoon had a marvellous escape in the September offensive. A big shell landed on the parapet in front of him, split open his back and completely buried him. After ten weeks at home, he was passed for general service, and is now in Salonika.

W. J. C. Taylor received the last number of the "Leightonian" in a tight corner, as the Germans were counter-attacking. His battery, however, succeeded in keeping their hard-earned village. He has met F. S. Harricks, who is now in the R.F.C. He was awarded the Military Cross after the second battle of Arras.

I. C. Bell is helping his brother Alan on his poultry farm near the Shinfield Road, until work of greater national importance is found for him.

Percival Southall is gazetted Second Lieutenant in the Flying Corps, and is stationed in Wiltshire.

E. Cadbury has been promoted to Flight Commander.

I. B. Cole has received a commission in the R.F.A. He is on his way to India.

A. P. Cotterell is at present studying engineering. He will shortly join the F.A.U.

R. A. U. Jennings is training at Oxford in the O.T.C.

Congratulations to Basil Backhouse on his marriage to Dr. Dorothy Emilie Webb, of Dublin, at the Friends' Meeting House, Itarsi, Central Provinces, India, on the 14th of November; also to Eric Wills, on his engagement to Miss Helen Ridges; also to Hugh B. Clark, on his marriage to Miss Lilian Brooking, of Paris.

Clive H. Thorpe is in Palestine serving with the West Kent Yeomanry.

Llewellyn Marriage is stationed near Salonika.

On Convoy S.S.A. 13, with the French Army, on the Southern front, six O.L.'s are working—R. Ll. Lloyd, J. P. Fox, G. Jefferys, G. R. Fox, A. J. Hodgkin, and E. G. Grace. They played a rival section at "Footer," with a team of which five, including all the "half" line, were O.L.'s, and, of course, they won.

CRICKET.

AT the time of writing the XI has only played 4 matches. Against Reading Wednesday we were assisted by Mr. Kitto and Mr. Elliott.

The weak point in the team is its batting, where it appears to have no confidence. To say that there is no batsman of outstanding ability is to express things mildly; there is really no batsman who can be relied on to make double figures in two consecutive innings. Although having a good supply of bowlers, seven members being able to serve in this respect, a really fast bowler would be a great addition. The fielding has been good; scarcely a catch has been missed except behind the stumps and the lack of keenness which is apt to be found in the field has been absent.

ANALYSIS OF THE TEAM.

*N. KITCHING (Vice-Captain).—The best all-round man in the team when on form. In bowling he varies his pitch well, and is especially effective on a wet wicket. As a bat, he has a nice style, but has only been really successful in the House match.

*M. MESSER.—A good bowler, with a useful off-break. The chief point in his batting is a very nice off-drive, but so far he has not made many runs. A special feature of his play has been his excellent catching in the slips.

*G. HAMPTON.—A really good point and a useful slow bowler. His batting is rather weak.

A. JENNINGS.—The team's one "left-hander." Can play a good defensive innings on occasions. As a bowler he has not been needed this season. Catches and fields well.

W. ELVERSTON.—A very useful batsman, with rather a cramped style. His wicket-keeping has improved, although he is still very liable to miss catches.

F. MERTTENS.—A safe fielder and often looks like making runs, although so far he has not met with much success.

P. REDMAYNE.—Always determined to “have a go” whatever the bowling, he did the team yeoman service against Reading Wednesday. A medium pace bowler, but needs to get a better length. His ground fielding is quite good, but his catching poor.

G. D. MARCH.—Has a good eye, and is a powerful hitter, although he needs more discrimination in “picking the right one.” Also bowls, but has not been wanted in this respect so far. Is rather slow in the field.

H. D. FRY.—A moderate bat, with one or two good shots, which have not been to the fore in matches. He has been of most use to the team as a good catch in the long field.

V. MERTTENS.—Obtained his place entirely for his fielding, which is good.

A. M. BROCKBANK has also played.

* Has received Colours.

R. D. BUCHANAN (Captain).

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

In the four matches we have already played, we have been successful against Maidenhead College and Reading School, though Douai proved too strong for us, and showed up our weak point, namely the fielding, which has been consistently bad throughout the team. Some of our bowlers have met with moderate success, and the batsmen have usually managed to make a stand. The team as a whole is somewhat erratic, but the bowling of R. Petrie and M. Elverston deserves mention.

The team has usually consisted of the following :—M. Elverston, F. H. Gillett, R. Priestman, R. Petrie, A. M. Brockbank, F. W. R. Gibbins, C. W. Gillett, J. R. A. Hockin, A. Poad, G. A. Cole and R. A. Penrose. S. N. Imam has also played.

R. A. P.

School v. Grove, at L.P.S. May 21st.

		GROVE.	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
A. M. Brockbank b Buchanan	0	b Buchanan	5
K. Poad b Kitching	0	b Kitching	1
H. D. Fry c Penrose b Kitching	0	b Buchanan	5
G. S. Hampton b Buchanan	2	b Redmayne	3
A. D. Jennings c & b Buchanan	4	b Kitching	0
G. D. March c Buchanan b			
Messer	2	b Kitching	2
T. F. Fox b Messer	0	b Kitching	0
C. W. Gillett b Messer	0	c F. Merttens b Kitching	0
S. N. Imam c Buchanan b			
Kitching	1	c. F. Merttens b Kitching	5
R. Petrie b Kitching	0	not out	3
F. H. Gillett not out	0	b Buchanan	4
Extras	0	Extras	0
Total	9	Total	28
Kitching, 4 wickets for 5 runs.		Kitching, 6 wickets for 9 runs.	
Messer, 3 wickets for 0 runs.			

		SCHOOL.	
M. Elverston b Jennings	0		0
F. Merttens b Jennings	4		4
N. Kitching b Hampton	29		29
W. Elverston b Jennings	19		19
R. D. Buchanan c Jennings b Hampton	1		1
M. Messer b Hampton	0		0
P. B. Redmayne b Jennings	1		1
R. A. Penrose b Hampton	3		3
V. H. Merttens b Hampton	4		4
F. W. R. Gibbins b March	0		0
G. A. Cole not out	0		0
Extras	1		1
Hampton, 5 wickets for 8 runs.		Total	62

L.P.S. v. Douai Abbey, at L.P.S. June 2nd.

DOUAI ABBEY.		L.P.S.	
I. Dillon b Hampton	5	F. Merttens run out	5
C. D. Lawrence c Messer b		Kitching b A. J. Wharton	0
Kitching	18	W. Elverston c Lawrence b	
S. Murphy b Messer	9	Blackburn	12
A. I. Wright c & b Hampton	7	Buchanan c Murphy b Blackburn	43
A. J. Wharton c Messer b		Jennings b A. J. Wharton	0
Hampton	0	March not out	4
F. Blackburn b Buchanan	10	Messer not out	2
M. Rheam b Buchanan	9	Fry,	
D. R. A. Wharton b Buchanan	6	Redmayne,	
G. Bond c V. Merttens b		Hampton,	Did not bat.
Redmayne	0	V. Merttens,	
R. E. Smith not out	11		
R. C. Cox c Elverston b Messer	11		
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total	91	Total (for 5 wkts.)	68

L.P.S. v. Reading School, at Reading. June 9th.

L.P.S.	
H. D. Fry b Pope	1
F. Merttens c Meiklejohn b Blazey4	
W. Elverston c Blangy b Blazey	6
R. D. Buchanan b Blazey	4
A. D. Jennings lbw b Saxby	6
A. M. Brockbank b Blazey	0
M. Messer c Blazey b Pountney	10
G. D. March st Melklejohn b	
Saxby	3
P. B. Redmayne b Saxby	6
G. S. Hampton not out	4
V. Merttens b Saxby	1
Extras	13
Total	58

READING SCHOOL.	
Blazey b Buchanan	8
Adkins b Buchanan	1
Pope c Fry b Buchanan	7
Pountney lbw b Messer	18
Saxby c Messer b Buchanan	1
Bonberry lbw b Messer	0
Meiklejohn c F. Merttens b	
Buchanan	2
Blangy c Hampton b Messer	6
Pope c F. Merttens b Messer	11
Hobson c & b Messer	0
Barnard not out	0
Extras	1

Total 55
Messer, 5 wickets for 19 runs.

L.P.S. v. Reading Wednesday, at L.P.S. June 20th.

L.P.S.	
H. D. Fry c Dormer b Taylor	4
N. Kitching c Dormer b Taylor	0
W. Elverston c Newman b Taylor	1
J. L. Kitto lbw b Davis	0
R. D. Buchanan c Bennett b	
Davis	10
T. C. Elliott c Newman b May	4
J. D. Jennings st Dormer b	
Taylor	0
M. Messer b Taylor	1
G. D. March c Plant b Taylor	5
P. B. Redmayne not out	20
G. S. Hampton b Newman	5
Extras	3

Total 53
T. M. Taylor, 6 wickets for 21 runs.

READING WEDNESDAY.	
Plant b Messer	1
West c Messer b Kitching	19
Taylor b Kitching	12
Cook b Kitching	24
Bennett b T. C. Elliott	7
Nicholson b T. C. Elliott	3
Saunders b Kitching	2
May c & b T. C. Elliott	0
Dormer b T. C. Elliott	0
Davis b Kitching	0
Newman not out	4
Extras	1

Total 73
T. C. Elliott, 4 wickets for 4 runs.

L.P.S. v. Douai Abbey July 5th, at Douai.

L.P.S.	
G. S. Hampton b Wharton	0
F. Merttens b Cox	9
M. Kitching c Wright b Bond	11
M. Messer b Wharton	2
R. D. Buchanan c & b Black-	
burn	30
W. Elverston c Blackburn b	
Wright	7
G. D. March b Wright	0
A. D. Jennings b Blackburn	2
P. B. Redmyne c Dillon b Bond	0
H. D. Fry b Wharton	1
A. M. Brockbank not out	0
Extras	8

Total 70

DOUAI ABBEY.	
Dillon c Hampton b Messer	34
Murphy c Hampton b Kitching	10
A. I. Wharton c Buchanan b	
Hampton	5
Wright c Hampton b Kitching	30
Blackburn not out	7
Rheam not out	1
D. Wharton, } Bond, } Smith, } Did not bat. Cox, } Parker, }	
Extras	2

Total (for 4 wkts.) ... 89

School v. Grove. July 9th and 10th, at L.P.S.

SCHOOL.		
F. Merttens b Hampton	...	40
M. Elverton b Hampton	...	0
N. Kitching b Hampton	...	8
M. Messer st F. Gillett b March	...	7
R. D. Buchanan c Hampton b Jennings	...	29
W. Elverston c Fox b Jennings	...	8
P. B. Redmayne c Poad b Petrie	...	23
R. Penrose b Hampton	...	0
V. H. Merttens not out	...	8
R. Gibbins c Hampton b Petrie	...	1
G. A. Cole run out	...	1
Extras	...	1
Total		126

GROVE.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
K. Poad b Buchanan	... 0	c F. Merttens b Buchanan	... 2
H. D. Fry b Kitching	... 1	b Buchanan	... 8
G. S. Hampton b Buchanan	7	b Kitching	... 0
A. Jennings b Buchanan	... 1	b Kitching	... 0
G. D. March b Kitching	... 1	b Kitching	... 2
A. M. Brockbank b Kitching	16	b Kitching	... 0
C. W. Gillett b Kitching	... 15	b Kitching	... 0
F. H. Gillett c Kitching b Buchanan	... 6	not out	... 10
T. F. Fox c Messer b Kitching	0	c & b Kitching	... 1
P. Holmes b Kitching	... 2	b Kitching	... 0
R. Petrie not out	... 0	c Gibbins b F. Merttens	... 1
Extras	... 1	Extras	... 0
Total		Total	
... 50		... 24	
N. Kitching, 6 wickets for 19 runs.		N. Kitching, 7 wickets for 5 runs.	
		F. Merttens, 1 wicket for 0 runs.	

SCHOOL NOTES.

THE Easter term ended on April 11th. It was feared that the School would suffer from boredom, or an epidemic of "end of term folly" if there was nothing to take the place of the usual Athletic Sports, and so, on April 9th, the School held mock sports, followed by tea in the winning house, and a Form Social. Grove House won the Shield, which was designed and executed by P. B. Redmayne, and ranks among the minor horrors of the War. The Staff was superb in the events in which it took part. The vision of Mr. Unwin sprinting fifty yards with a pram containing his son Paul will doubtless give a stimulus to school

athletics. The Headmaster, who, in his race, was conveying one of his sons in a wheelbarrow, did not find this vehicle so easily managed, and took a second place.

The Form Social was also rather extraordinary. The Fourth Forms presented an original modern play, entitled "?", which dealt with a food crisis of the near future. "Scruffles" (A. Cooke) was successful in winning the hand of "Miss Cassandra" (G. N. Fox), and also the first prize in a rat-catching competition. This prize was said to be of immense value, and was stolen by the villain. It was retrieved by a detective, who used a tame wireworm, "Henry," instead of a bloodhound, and it turned out, of course, to be a seed potato. A few touching lines by C. R. A. on the subject of the tuber ("Patriot at England's calling, clad in England's earth!" etc.) ended the play. The Lower Fifth gave an exhibition of Diogenes Pedantwhistle's Performing Circus, under the direction of W. A. Norbury, who appears to be "cut out" for a circus showman. The performance was certainly exciting, but it might have been more so if, for instance, the foremost part of the White Elephant (Mr. Robson) had quite stepped off the platform. C. W. Gillett ("Keli Sukya," the wild man from Borneo) merely looked like himself and grunted: he wore native dress—in so far as was thought respectable—with a thin beard and a few reeds. In "For Love of Julia Claridge," by the Fifth Form, Julia Claridge (Fosbery) was a charwoman who was loved by the Lamplighter (J. Richardson), and the Crossing-sweeper (Hampton). The merit of the play was largely due to the designing of the dramatis personæ to suit the actors. This was not the case in "Famine!" a topical musical comedy acted by the Sixth Forms, which dealt with the food shortage and potato-digging. The chorus was composed of pessimistic gardeners, and the entire libretto was written to the tunes of well-known songs and hymns. (Modesty prevents the Sub-Editor from adding that he wrote the libretto, It was an excellent piece of work.—*Editor.*)

The School officially reassembled for the Summer on May 4th. Actually only about two-thirds of us returned then, presumably on account of a natural desire to lengthen the otherwise short Easter holidays. The season was very backward, and most of the flowers and plants were not nearly as far advanced as usual. The grass of the cricket-field, however, recovered with remarkable rapidity, and by the 21st of May (when the first House match was played) it was almost hay. In the absence of the mower, various suggestions were made, the principal one was that we should keep the cricket-field cut with hand-shears in our spare time; whenever that may be.

It remains to be seen whether the School's new potato plot is going to provide us with anything to eat. The plants certainly look all right, but appearances are deceptive. On June 22nd Mr. Hector of the University College very kindly came to give us an exhibition of potato-spraying; it is laborious work, but a few really large helpings of potato would be worth a great deal.

On June 23rd some of us went to hear a lecture at the University College, by Professor Gilbert Murray, on "Control of Foreign Policy." The lecturer dealt first with the control of foreign policy before the War, and where it had failed, and then with the opportunity of the future. He ended with a plea that the nation should keep before it the ideals for which it went to war, so that its policy afterwards should be towards international, rather than national control. The lecture was remarkable for Prof. Murray's unbiased dealing with the various modern doctrines and explanation of old statements. Such lectures are exactly what are needed if the nation is to understand the principles on which a lasting peace would have to be maintained.

The F.A.U. paid us a short visit on May 10th, and played games of fives, tennis, etc. We are always glad to welcome them here, though what we can do is usually very little.

On Sunday, July 1st, a party of fifteen boys bicycled with Mr. Evans and Mr. Unwin to Jordans, where a week-end Summer School was being held. No one has yet fathomed why the

Headmaster so carefully lost his way within a mile of the School ; his companions, A. D. Jennings and W. A. Norbury, were no doubt influenced by the George Inn, down the Wokingham Road ; but how they managed to mislead Mr. Evans ("mislead" of course refers to the actual route) is still wrapped in mystery. Members of the School kept dropping in all through meeting, which was held in the Old Meeting House. The F.A.U. kindly provided lunch for most of us, but as the writer has not yet discovered any method of eating two lunches at the same time in different places, he is regretfully unable to record from personal experience whether the lunch was good, but it was said to have been. In the afternoon we attended a lecture by Edward Grubb on "The Inward Light and a Corporate Testimony," and after tea cycled home in the cool of the evening. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day, and hope that it may be repeated next year. Some of us, who intend to join the F.A.U., enjoyed the privilege of listening to an address by Sir George Newman, on the possible development of its work.

The "Art Fellowship" heartily congratulates Mr. Rawlings on having one of his pictures "on the line" in the Royal Academy. So far this term two meetings have been held. The first was an afternoon expedition to Shinfield, where several good sketches of the Church, and others of the quaint cottages, were made. The second meeting was held in Mr. Unwin's drawing-room. All members brought sketches, and these were displayed round the room for general criticism. We are glad to note that quite a number of boys are studying this art in their leisure time.

As there was no garden party this year, the exeat began at 1 o'clock. A large majority of the boys went home or visited relations, and a considerable number attended the sittings of Yearly Meeting on the following Monday. Those who remained at the Park had a most enjoyable excursion on the Saturday afternoon, visiting Wellington Monument and Strathfieldsaye. They saw the Strathfieldsaye Gardens and the state coach of the Iron Duke—to say nothing of the tomb of his charger.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robson on the birth of John Elliott Robson ; also to N. L. White on obtaining a Science Exhibition of £40 at St. John's College, Cambridge. The Headmaster granted us a half-holiday in honour of each event.

In the House tennis match School won all the "sets," and scored eighteen points in the O.L. Shield Competition. The following represented the Houses :—*School* : F. Merttens and W. Elverston ; P. B. Redmayne and M. Elverston ; R. D. Buchanan and G. A. Cole. *Grove* : G. S. Hampton and F. W. Sefton-Jones ; G. D. March and H. D. Fry ; W. A. Norbury and B. C. Bunting.

The Staff beat the School at tennis, winning six matches, losing two, and drawing one.

We regret that the competition for the J. E. Hodgkin prize for a print suitable for an illustration for the "Leightonian" was poor in quantity and quality. We congratulate S. Tyagaraja on winning it with his picture of Sonning Lock.

The School is at present passing through a crisis, owing to the introduction into Grove House of a book called "Ever Heard This?" The views of a certain boy upon humour, as illustrated by a story dealing with one Thomas, who lived in the Strand, also require attention.