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EDITORIAL.

ONCE again we would congratulate the school on the increase in numbers this term. We hear that the entries for next term are so numerous that some applicants have had to be refused. The architects have prepared plans for the third house, but we fear that war conditions will delay building for some time to come. Unfortunately, too, houses are in such great demand in the neighbourhood of Reading, that a vacant one is almost unknown.

The summer term has been a normal one, with the exception of some dislocation of classes caused by National Service on the land. Apart from the digging up of allotments, and work on the Park, our principal service has been that of hoeing a large field of mangolds on Capt. Cobham's farm, at Shinfield.

We are glad to welcome Mr. G. A. F. Wallis, of Brasenose College, Oxford, who has taken Mr. Leon's place as Classical Master this term, and Mr. W. M. Bailey, of Queens' College, Cambridge, who undertook the Chemistry teaching when Mr. Braithwaite left us to join the F.A.U.

With Mr. Littleboy as Games' Master, Cave as professional, and the hearty co-operation of the cricketers on the staff, cricket has held its usual place in our life. While the first eleven is

hardly up to our old standard, we understand there are several promising players among the younger boys. We hope that they will realise the importance of careful practice now, so that they may worthily represent the school in future seasons. Tennis is as popular as ever, and swimming and the preparation for the Royal Society's Life Saving exams. a source of daily delight. Nor must we forget the work that is being done by a large number in the prosecution of their hobbies. A report of the excursions of the Societies appears elsewhere, but it is by no means a complete tale of the activities in this department. Our artists, archæologists, and nature lovers, have made good use of increased opportunities offered by fine summer evenings and longer Merit halves.

The Headmaster suggests that we should call the attention of O.L.'s, to the progress made in building up a thoroughly good school library; the value of the library is increasing steadily, and what is more, the books are being well used. J. H. Lloyd has recently shown his continued interest in the school by giving a most useful little set of books chosen from a list of these that had, for the most part, interested him personally. The gifts of Geo. Cadbury (junior) during the current year come to a sum well over £20, and include, among other things, a carefully selected set of books on industrial economics. His cousin, Paul S. Cadbury, having recently found much entertainment and comradeship in volumes of English essays, sent a sum to be spent over the essayists, and has now followed this up by devoting a prize won in the *Saturday Westminster* literary competitions to the school library. *Verbum sap.*—At least that is what we think the Headmaster means us to imply.

Writing of Old Leightonians we are reminded that the O.L. Club will hold its annual meeting at the school on Saturday, 20th July, when there will be a tennis match with the school. We hope as many as possible will get leave for that week-end, and give us the pleasure of seeing them at the school. The Musical

Society is arranging a Schubert evening for the same date. J. E. Hodgkin, Northgate Chambers, Darlington, who is at present combining the duties of secretary and treasurer of the Club, will be glad to hear from those who will be present on the 20th, and particularly begs all members to advise him of any change in their address. As Editor we would strongly endorse this latter appeal, we cannot otherwise ensure the prompt delivery of the *Leightonian*.

PREFECTS.

T. Lawrie (Senior Prefect).	appointed May, 1917.
W. A. Norbury	" " "
C. W. Gillett	" September, 1917.
W. Elverston	" " "
R. A. Penrose	" November "
G. D. March	" December "
A. D. Jennings	" " "
F. W. R. Gibbins	" March, 1918

NEW BOYS.

Fourth.	E. O. Crosse, Bath.
	L. C. Grimshaw, Boscombe.
	W. R. Henderson, Haydon Bridge.
	H. M. Hodgkin, Winchmore Hill.
	D. A. H. Knott, Grimsby.
	M. J. Mounsey, Sunderland.
	F. H. E. Phillips, Penge.
Third.	R. H. Penny, Taunton.
	G. B. Rocke, Hampstead.

NEW OLD BOYS.

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

S. Tyagaraja, Ceylon House, Kendrick Road, Reading.

P. B. Redmayne, The Village House, Dalston, R.S.O., Cumberland.

D. S. Newbegin, Houghton, Staines.

C. K. Rutter, Coyton House, Wincanton.

OBIERUNT.

LIEUT. H. C. Barlow (1906-9) was the son of Mr. Frank Barlow, of Woodville, Marple. An officer in the Lancashire Fusiliers he was attached to the Royal Flying Corps. His plane was brought down last summer by anti-aircraft guns and nothing has since been heard of him. His old schoolfellows will remember him for his exceptionally cheery disposition and his athletic ability. He was a fine batsman.

George Lloyd Hodgkin (1892-7) was the youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Hodgkin. He was captain of the football team in his last year at school. On entering Trinity College, Cambridge, he won an exhibition of £40, and graduated with first-class honours in Natural Science. In 1902 he assisted in the scientific survey of the New Zealand lakes, a small mollusc dredged from 800 ft., "*Cornescyclas Hodgkin*" being named after him. In 1907 he was assistant engineer to the Isle of Man Harbour Board. He was general secretary of the Citizens' Guild of Help in Newcastle in 1910. In company with members of his family he visited Australia in 1910, and America three years later. He then settled down as a banker in Banbury. Deciding that he could not continue as a banker under the occupational exemption given him by his Tribunal, he offered his services to the F.W.V.R., and was on his way to the Caucasus to assist in the administration of the Lord Mayor's Fund for Armenians, when he was stricken down with dysentery, and died at Bagdad.

Lieut. E. W. Lennard (1907-8) was the son of Mrs. Lennard, of Shirley Lodge, Leicester. His contemporaries will not forget his style as a cricketer, and his keen interest in the Essay and Debating Societies. On leaving, he entered his grandfather's business. Joining up, he served in the ranks for some time, and later held a commission in the Royal Irish Rifles.

Second Lieut. H. Ransom (1910-14) was the son of Mr. F. Ransom, of the Chilterns, Hitchin. He first saw active service as a despatch rider with the Armoured Cars in German S.W. Africa. He then served under General Smuts in German E. Africa. Returning home he obtained his commission in the R.F.C., and proceeded to the Western front, where he fell.

Second Lieut. W. P. Southall (1911-16) the son of Mr. Southall, of Beech Hill, Edgbaston. On leaving L.P.S., he joined the R.A.F., and served in the 64th Squadron in France. On one occasion he came down with several bullet holes in one plane, and on another had a long fight, in which he fired some 300 rounds. A week later his aeroplane was brought down in flames over the German lines.

Captain Guy Wallis (1902-6) was the son of Mr. F. A. Wallis, of Basingstoke. On leaving school he entered the firm of Messrs. Wallis and Steevens, Ltd., with which he was connected for eight years. At the outbreak of war he was one of the first to join the Colours. Commencing in the O.T.C. at Epsom, he was soon drafted to Hull and gazetted 2nd-Lieut., 11th East Yorks in September, 1914, Lieutenant November, 1914, and subsequently, after much active service, Captain, November, 1916. He was on active service in Egypt on the Canal Defences and Desert Patrols (Sinai Peninsula). Recalled to France, March, 1916, he at once commenced duties in the trenches. He was in the battle of the Somme on July 1st, 1916, and again on November 13th at the battle of the Ancre. After twelve months' active service in France he was invalided to England in 1917. On discharge from Queen Alexandra's Hospital at Millbank, he resumed duty at Withernsea.

April 6th, 1918, saw him in France once more, and from the 9th to the 14th he took part in the magnificent defence by the 31st Division. Continuing his duties at the front, he wrote on May 15th—"In an hour's time we take over the front line again. My Company goes first." News of his death reached his home on May 18th.

THE ASCENT OF MOUNT COOK.

*(Extract from Letter from Beatrice Holdsworth, Havelock North,
New Zealand.*

I returned from the Hermitage this year satisfied for the first time, as the weather has allowed one to get at last to the top of Mount Cook. Really it was not a very difficult climb, only very, very long. We were roped for 14 hours! Peter Graham, the head guide, said he had never been up under such perfect conditions.

We left the hut at 1.40 a.m., over Glacier Dome and on to the great plateau. There was no frost that night, so the snow was soft. Peter and I could just keep on top, but the other two were breaking through at almost every step. We went pretty hard for about $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours without a stop. Daylight came with a very wild sunrise just as we got among the huge crevasses on the Linda. After that it was just a steady grind up steep snow for hours. I got terribly sleepy and could hardly keep my eyes open. The second guide was overtaken by a bilious attack, so that part was rather sordid!

Just as we reached the 800 feet of rock, which was in good condition, quite free from snow and ice, it began to snow a little and then a mist settled down on us. The first rocks were solid red ones, but the second half was more rotten with lots of loose stones lying about. We got to the final ridge in a dense wet fog blowing from the west. It was rather icy and meant 1,000

feet of step-cutting for Peter. I was quite glad of the mist, as there was a terrible drop below, about 8,000 feet to the Ball glacier—but it doesn't matter when you can't see it! We reached the top at 10.40, just nine hours, and as we could see absolutely nothing but our four selves and it was bitterly cold, we stayed only a few minutes. It felt much steeper coming down—(I always wish for legs as long as the men's)—and it began to freeze. We had little icicles on our eyelashes and eyebrows, and my wisps of hair were encased in ice and tinkling round my face. As soon as we got to the rocks we got out of the wind and mist, and had most wonderful views to the east, but nothing to the west.

All day there had been a good many avalanches, so when we got to the Linda, with tremendous hanging glaciers on our left and behind us, and stones and ice falling all the time, Peter set off at a great pace, but the snow was soft, and the two men went through all the time so that I was nearly pulled in two by the rope, which always makes me in an awful rage. We got through safely, but a big avalanche came down behind us just as we reached the crevasses.

The snow was very rotten by that time, and it was exciting creeping over bridges and jumping little crevasses; they were all pretty battered by the time we were over! Finally we were held up by a big chasm, so we had to recross all the bridges which was more sporting than ever and get back to our route of the morning. The three miles of soft snow on the plateau were dreadful, and the 1,000 feet climb up Glacier Dome felt the last straw. However we came down the other side in two heavenly glissades, and arrived at the hut at 6.50 p.m. (17 hours in all), very happy and wet through, as it had rained for the last two hours.

Next year I want to climb Mount Cook from the Hooker side, which is mostly rock, and so get a view to the west.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "LEIGHTONIAN."

DEAR SIR,

It was recently my good fortune to have in my possession for a short time, one of the few extant copies of that rare mediæval production "Liera Latonia"—surely a copyist's error for Lyra Latonia or Leightonia—a collection of Latin poems and fragments, often of an obscure nature. I venture to enclose for your inspection a translation of one of the longer pieces in the hope that it may be of some small interest to your large and influential circle of readers. The translation is by a friend of mine, and I fear that its apparent levity may cause you to consider it unsuitable for inclusion in a periodical of the solidity, and gravity of the Leightonian. I much regret that lack of leisure prevented me from compiling a more serious rendering in Miltonic blank verse as had been my intention. The "Liera Latonia" has hardly received the consideration which it deserves at the hands of our native scholars and archæologists, but it owes much to the labours of that great Italian scholar, the late Signor Gondotti, and also of Professor Lügenhardt, of Barmyton, U.S.A., whose opinions I have quoted in one of the brief notes I have appended. In conclusion, I may say that the author of the whole collection is apparently one Ludovicus de Rubro Monte—Lewis of the Red Hill—of whom nothing further is known. My friend the translator maintains—on what grounds I am at a loss to understand—that he was probably expelled from this country on account of his literary efforts, emigrated, and became an ancestor of that intrepid explorer, Louis de Rougemont.

Yours very truly,

AMBROSE ALBUTT.

TO ELEPANTINE.

When I undertook to treasure on your pure and spotless page
Words all clad in tripping measure, hall-marked with the poet's
rage,

Fool ! I thought not in my folly, now I know with bitter smart
I am but a melancholy stranger to the poet's art.

For I wooed the muse with sadness in this world distract with wars
In the place that suits such badness, in that little " Field of Mars,"
Where our forwards snort and slither, where our lusty athletes
prance,

Where the writhing drill-squads wither, each beneath its leader's
glance.

But my muse was most erratic, for she uttered shrilly screams
And refused, in tones emphatic, to essay such lofty themes.
Then I hied me to our college, hastening from that busy scene ;
Surely, in those halls of knowledge, any muse would prove serene !
And the first fair lines were dawning, when a voice began to bleat,
'Twas my conscience grimly warning, " Are, oh are, your prags
complete ?"

At that cry the muse went packing, breaking all our record times ;
Vainly then without her backing strove I still to weave my rhymes.
Then I fain would flee to Bacchus, but in this dry war god's reign
'Een our friend, Dan Horace Flaccus, would have searched the
world in vain

For some superpotent nectar to have nerved his nimble pen
To extol the might of Hector or the loves of lesser men.

Now the Muses will not fire me, Bacchus has proved faithless too,
And if you, Miss, wont inspire me, what on earth am I to do ?

I give up the useless battle, lest, in unpoetic rage,
Weary of this empty prattle, I tear up this wasted page.

NOTES.

" Where our forwards etc." A very obscure passage. The original runs " phusantesque vicissim, Labuntur promochi "—I doubt if our translator has got the real meaning.

" Are your prags complete ?" Another most obscure passage. Num confecta reportes Pragmata ? The meaning of Pragmata is shrouded in mystery. Signor Gondotti conjectures that pragmata were small animals, apparently familiarly called " prags," kept as pets by scholars, and used to provide food for another mysteri-

ous creature called a "Merittarph." Several allusions are made to this unknown object, and an obscure fragment in the "Liera" contains the words ". . . longior ille Avolat, heu ! meritarphus" Prof. Lügenhardt, on the other hand, is inclined to think that pragmata were rewards distributed to selected scholars who might in time become entitled to a further reward called a Merittarph. There may be some connection with the Pythagorean system of numbers, as strange formulæ, such as "3 and 1," "6 and 2," are sometimes mentioned.

*"Miss." The original poem was, apparently, dedicated to a lady.

THE CROWN v. QUAKERS.

An Historic Guildhall Scene.

Fifth Month, fifth and sixth days, 1918.

"Silence in Court ! " Enter the Defendants—a whilom Lord Mayor-Elect of Birmingham, a young Friend, and the daughter of an under secretary of State for India in the Premiership of Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman. They stand before the bar—the Court is full—Quakers predominate. All stand, whilst the presiding magistrate, Alderman Sir John Baddeley, clothed in his alderman's gown, takes his seat under a canopied throne with the superscription above his head—"Domine dirige Nos"—the city of London motto : a typical alderman, white hair, smooth fair face, inclined to ruddiness ; with gold-rimmed pince-nez to complete the whole.

On his right the clerk, who by knowledge and experience makes up for and legal deficiencies of the worthy City Father : on his left the representatives of the public prosecutor, an official of the Press Bureau, and the Press (one of whom is a Friend).

Sir Archibald Bodkin conducts the prosecution ; patient, clear and courteous—bald, ruddy, freckled, clean-shaven, of pleasing voice, adorned, as the presiding magistrate, with pince-nez, gold-rimmed. He takes his seat, armed with many bundles,

papers and private letters for the most part seized during the raid upon the offices of the Friends' Service Committee.

Mr. Snagg, Police Censor's representative, sits next but one on his left, our Quaker friend immediately behind. The Censor is a younger man than Sir Archibald—sleek and monocled, reminding one of Joseph Chamberlain in his earlier days.

The detective sergeant, who seized the papers, is called first : he exonerates the Friends from any wish to evade responsibility. The defendants affirm, in accordance with their Quaker principles, objecting to oaths. Sir Archibald opens with the history of the case ; the defendants plead " not guilty "—technically at all events—on all three counts (authorship, censorship, printer).

Harrison Barrow pleads for his co-defendants, and asks to call witnesses. Only one was placed in the box that day, the Glasgow printer, a typical, sturdy, sympathetic Scotchman. The approach of the luncheon hour presses upon the city alderman : he adjourns the case until 2 p.m. next day.

On sixth day the Court again meets with legal punctuality : Quakers are present in greater numbers than the day before and fill the Court to the utmost of its capacity. The initial proceedings are the same : a few words from the president dropping one charge in the indictment, that of the omission of the individual names of the signatories, and relying solely upon the one alleged offence, non-submission of the leaflet to the Censor.

Harrison Barrow (tea merchant, as he describes himself at a later stage in the proceedings), a man of medium height and few words, resumes his speech, broken by the exigencies of the aldermanic luncheon hour the previous day.

The Court is divided into two equal parts by a grill or screen about five feet high ; the Quakers and Quakeresses, in modern costume, are seated on the benches which rise from the grill to the back of the Court, under the clock and ventilation fan. Immediately before the grill is the dock leading down to the cells, and in front of this, the bar about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, before which the three defendants sit.

"For 250 years," the chief defendant says, "the Society of Friends has fought for the principles of religious liberty. As a Society they desire to be law-abiding and are only impelled to refuse to carry out a Government regulation when a vital religious principle is at stake. Such a situation has been created by Regulation 27C. The yearly meeting of the Society of Friends has passed a resolution declaring the regulation to be a grave danger to the national well-being; the Society must continue to issue its literature on war and peace without submission to the Censor."

Pointing to the motto above the magistrate's head, he claims, alike for the City Fathers, for himself and for his co-defendants the direction of Almighty God, declaring that they must obey the "Guiding of God rather than these regulations made by Government."

Only four witnesses are called, two to affirm their equal and joint responsibility in the publication of the leaflet; one, the clerk of the Yearly Meeting, to submit the support of the Yearly Meeting, through a minute of its representative executive; the fourth, Edith Maud Ellis, one of the three defendants.

The clerk of the Yearly Meeting is accompanied into Court by a deputation of five other representative Friends, but the magistrate (on the advice, as always, of his clerk) rules its presence out of order. Each witness chooses to affirm rather than take the oath—as did the Glasgow printer on the previous day. Their evidence is short—all are laudably clear and precise. The lady Friend received most attention from Sir Archibald: she, erect, with piercing-speaking eyes, answers him, as he characteristically bends almost double over the desk in front of him, in such firm convincing words that even he is for once dumbfounded.

"Why was it not submitted to the Censor?"

"Because of our religious belief."

"How is it contrary to your religious belief?"

"We believe we are given divine guidance and cannot submit the outcome of that guidance to any official."

"That's rather a ———" (but the word did not escape his lips); "poser" perhaps he meant.

"We must obey the dictates of God rather than of man."

She quoted the book of discipline reviving a minute passed by the yearly meeting in the days of Charles II:—"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatever: this is our testimony to the whole world:" and ended by saying, "We must put loyalty to God before any other loyalty."

Arthur Watts, the other co-defendant, says a few words from before the bar: "If we feel we have a message, we must utter our message, censor or no censor."

Harrison Barrow (Town Councillor, Ex-Lord Mayor-Elect), goes into the witness box, anxious to submit himself for cross examination, but Sir Archibald has nothing to ask him, and the case for the prosecution, abruptly ends.

Sir John Baddeley (and the magistrate's clerk), retire to consider judgment: they are absent about twenty minutes. Then takes place the most impressive scene of all—a scene perhaps unique in the annals of a court of law; the half-court, above the grill, is silent in prayer, only broken by one short vocal utterance. On the magisterial side of the grill the subdued talk is of "consciences," "Military Service Acts," and the "chances of the war." It may be of interest to future generations to record that in the opinion of one leading representative present the Allies are going to win the war *through the sea*, and *by the air*! that Germany will submit when (if not before) our aeroplanes pay their regular visits to Berlin and other German towns!

When Sir John returned, before pronouncing judgment he put the question to the defendants, whether the Friends' Service Committee would agree in future to submit their leaflets to the Censor. The answer was deliberately "No." He then summed up and pronounced judgment. He confessed his general respect for the Society of Friends; it was not for him to criticise their consciences—but if all thought as the

defendants did, German troops would soon be in this country. They were bound to obey Government regulations : these they had deliberately disobeyed. He must pass upon them a severe punishment : six months' imprisonment on Barrow and Watts : £100 fine on Edith Ellis or three months' imprisonment, together with £50 costs.

Appeal was made to the Quarter Sessions. Bail was required : £500 for each. A Friend from the outer court, promptly, almost gaily, agreed to be their surety. The historic scene was over, to be resumed in six weeks' time at Quarter Sessions.

F. J. EDMINSON.

THE HOARDER.

Comrades, leave me here a little, ere I can forget to mourn ;
 Leave me to the barren larder of its former glory shorn.
 Many a night from yonder doorway, as I careless went to rest,
 Did I see my kegs of butter, and my tea in leaden chest.
 When the shelves spread out before me like a fruitful land reposed.
 And I felt that ration orders nothing upon me imposed.
 O, my sugar, now departed ! O, my syrup ! mine no more !
 O, the empty empty, larder ! O, the barren, barren, store !
 Am I mad that I have yielded that two hundred-weight of flour ?
 All that salmon ! those tinned peaches ! ah, my heart broke
 in that hour.

Bacon, oatmeal, tapioca ; ah, 'tis truth the stomach feels
 That a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering six-course meals.
 I, to bow to Rhondda's rations, vacant of my glorious gains ;
 I, the heir of all the ages ; I, to feel those war bread pains.
 Still, detectives call at even, collar what was wholly mine.
 Better fifty tins were yielded, than a hundred-guinea fine.
 Come the coupons from the council, little squares like farthing
 stamps ;

Looking at them spread before me, my last darling dream decamps.
 Bring me in the evening papers ; let me hear another's woe ;
 " Hoarder fined two hundred guineas ;" I have yielded. Better
 so. E. C.

THE NATURAL HISTORY EXCURSION.

THE excursion this year was on the same lines as that of last—the Society divided into three groups and went to the places most suitable for their work. Cycles were used by the majority of members. The groups were as follows: Ornithological under Mr. Evans and R. W. B. Ellis; Entomological under G. A. Cole and V. Merttens, and Botanical and General under Mr. Unwin and E. H. Pease. Lunch packets were taken out, and all returned for a high tea at Grove in the evening.

The ornithologists found that this year was chiefly marked by the scarcity of birds. For instance along the road and canal, and all around "Three Firs," only a Green Woodpecker was seen during half an hour. The rest of the day was spent in Aldermaston Park, where there was a good opportunity for learning the different kinds of geese, for there were in all eight different species. Three pairs of Canada geese were nesting, and a Great crested Grebe's nest—from which the young had hatched—was also found. On the way back a Goldfinch was seen. The total number of birds seen or heard was 47—much less than usual.

The entomologists visited Pamber Forest and for the first time found it to be an excellent locality for both Broad and Narrow Bordered Bee Hawks. Duke of Burgundy Fritillaries were also found in fairly large numbers. Another notable capture was that of an elephant hawk, also many of the larvæ were obtained. Pamber was found to be a good place for Tiger and other beetles. It is interesting to note that an adder and a long grass snake were found.

The botanists and others spent the morning along the river Kennet, near Woolhampton. Here the growing of willows for the market was the most interesting feature. The ordinary river bank flowers were found. The party walked round by Brimpton Mill and again reached Woolhampton; many examples of hedge plants were seen, the rarest being the greater celandine. The rest of the time was spent on Crookham Common

where much dodder was found, and in the more marshy parts Cotton Grass and the Sundews. Those in search of aquatic animals had moderate luck, but did not find anything noteworthy. A fair number of beetles was found.

L.H.A. EXCURSION.

The Excursion this year was to Southcot Manor, Upton Court, and Silchester. As in last year's excursion the majority went on bicycles. Southcot Manor House is of 16th century origin, and is fast falling into decay. It possesses a moat and a watch tower. Upton Court, a fine Elizabethan House, was reached about 12 o'clock. The gardens formed a glorious setting to the old place, with its gables, ceilings, and "priest holes." The hand of one, Miss Sharp, had been heavy on the building, but it had survived. Dinner, in the shape of "lunch packets," was eaten at the end of the gardens. The majority went home via Silchester, and saw the remains of the amphitheatre and the walls. An excellent tea in School House was followed by some speeches, good, bad and indifferent: also jokes—all bad.

W.A.N.

A.D.J.

O.W.C. CAMP.

THE camp held near "Three Firs" during the exeat was the first general activity of the Leighton Park branch of Woodcraft Chivalry, and though quite a number of members could not come, there were about twenty campers altogether.

Saturday afternoon was spent in having tea, putting up the four tents, two of which had been kindly lent by Mr. Talbot, getting heather for beds, and settling down generally.

One camp bed, composed of willow wands and string, had made its appearance, but we noticed that on the second night the enterprising owner had lent it to another camper, and that on the following morning the remains were being consigned to the flames.

The first night—except to the favoured few—was more interesting anatomically and entomologically than it was reposeful. For we soon realised, with Rupert Brooke's friend, that "the human race has thigh-bones;" also that mosquitoes bite.

Needless to say, the camp was awake early next morning, everyone declaring that they had never spent a better night in their life. But everyone became more cheerful with the advent of breakfast, for the cooking throughout the whole time was excellent, although one well-meaning but muddled camper, whenever the cook's back was turned, conscientiously did his best to put out the fire in his efforts "to blow it into a blaze."

After breakfast we went round the boundaries of the common under the tutelage of our leader, who had previously been shown them by Mr. Palmer's gamekeeper. From then till the evening, we either slept intermittently or behaved like the Newnham girls, of whom it hath been said by them of old time: "They eats and eats with hintervals for meals."

Then we played football against a team from the Canadian lumber camp, which included two Russian Poles, an Italian, and a genuine Red Indian.

Whilst the game was in progress, the Headmaster came on a surprise visit to the camp, but found it almost deserted.

That night we slept excellently, and the next morning was devoted to an elaborate game of Alfred versus the Danes, which involved a quite satisfactory amount of scouting, and ended in a draw in favour of Alfred, who had lost one of his two trophies to the Danes two.

The afternoon passed pleasantly in seeing over the Canadians' camp, eating condensed milk out of a spoon, and trying to persuade ourselves that we really liked boiled bracken tops. In the evening we cycled home after a singularly enjoyable exeat, and arrived at the school ten minutes late.

R.W.B.E.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

SENIOR ESSAY.—Our meeting towards the end of last term calls for report. It was devoted to two essays on "Anarchism," by Mr. Braithwaite and the secretary, and a long and heated discussion on the same subject, involving much judicious wandering from the point and a little actual criticism. The Society as a whole deplores the loss of its President, who had always something to say on each essay and almost always disagreed with it. A.W.B.

NATURAL HISTORY.—At the last meeting of last term the whole evening was devoted to a consideration of Spring. Papers were read on the following subjects:—spring weather, flowers, insects, the spring song of birds, and early nesting. Reports in each branch were also made. This term we have had four meetings, of which two were for business connected with the excursion. On the 11th of May, Mr. William Graveson, J.P. gave us an interesting lantern lecture entitled "Some Spring Flowers." There was a meeting on the 15th of June that was devoted to reports of the "excursion." Since our last report the membership of the Society has been increased by ten. R.C.T.
G.A.C.

L.H.A.—The third meeting last term was devoted to the subject of Mediæval Warfare. R. A. Penrose wrote on "Armour;" L. B. Pitt and S. C. Morland on "Siege Warfare;" and A. W. Braithwaite on a Mediæval Baron's day. The papers were interesting, well illustrated, and followed by good discussions. A.D.J.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—We are hoping to give a Schubert evening at the end of term, for which we are practising the Overture, two Entr'actes, and Ballet music from "Rosamunde;" also the Unfinished Symphony (in B minor) and the "Moment Musicale."

R.C.H.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, SPRING, 1918.—The spring weather commenced as early as the second week in March, the maximum temperature reaching 70° on the 23rd, which is extraordinarily high for that time of the year. The cold weather however returned on the 13th April (almost the beginning of the holidays) with snow falling on the 16th, and lasted till the fourth week in April. The first half of this term has been very fine, for in May we had 1.22" of rain and 254 hours of sunshine, with 14.3 hours on the 31st. During this term (till June 19th) we have had four thunder storms, together with a brilliant rainbow, which was seen in the evening of June 9th with at least some of the colours repeated three times, and also a second rainbow.

R.P.
J.S.N.

CAMERA CLUB REPORT.—There has been one meeting this term at which six new members were elected, bringing the numbers of the Club to a total of 33. The order limiting the use of gas and electricity has caused various new regulations to be made concerning the use of the light in the dark room. The Club excursion is to come off on June 26th; we are going again to Mapledurham, and hope to obtain some good results.

W.A.N.

SCHOOL NOTES.

THE term began on April 30th with another record in numbers, there being 39 in each house. Five boys are sleeping in the sheds, and apparently every available room in both houses is turned into a dormitory.

Cricket started at once without the usual delays caused by inattention to the field during the holidays, thanks to the grounds committee and groundsman. The usual amount of keenness was shown. The school has also profited from the use of all four tennis courts this term.

Early in the term the school was startled by the announcement in collect that an enemy was in their midst. German measles

had attacked more than one of its members, and it was expected that its ruddy blush would temporarily disfigure many handsome faces ; it was also said that although it was German Measles, it should really not be called by that name by cultured people, and three other names were given, all suggesting redness : We understand that this is no reflection on the Huns, but that Continental Measles is more correct, merely to distinguish it from that dread disease, real measles. However, before many days had passed it was announced that real measles, no German imitation had made its way among us. At that time there was only one victim, but we were informed that preparations were being made for many others. Consequently our surprise was considerable when the time of our quarantine ended without further cases. Hence we congratulate ourselves on being immune from the disease.

The exeat proved as refreshing and enjoyable as usual, and in spite of war conditions, only a minority of the boys were left at the school. A Woodcraft Chivalry camp attracted most of the members of that order, and the river, home, and yearly meeting afforded pleasure and interest for the rest.

War work has been started on the park, on the plan of every boy doing an hour on a free afternoon, or whole of a " compulsory " time each week. We are told that in the near future there is more strenuous work to be done outside the school.

The Art Fellowship has shown distinct signs of life. Two sketching expeditions have been made with Mr. Unwin and independent parties have done good work. At a meeting held in Mr. Unwin's drawing-room, a large quantity of very promising work was shown.

The system of " merit halves " has been altered. The change is that merit half now lasts from dinner to hobby time, and is more easily lost ; so that life is now more exciting for " heaven " is more glorious but harder to attain. The first holiday of this new type was doubly remarkable for not only was it perfect weather, but everyone succeeded in earning it.

We have had early morning visitors to the bath this term. Some of the R.A.F. training at Reading have been granted its use before breakfast every morning.

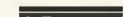
We had a visit from Mr. Kitto in the first few days of term, and since then we have been glad to welcome Mr. Attenborough.

THIS MONTH'S GARDENING HINTS.—PELMAN PINKS.—These peculiar little grey flowers require constant supervision. If not watched carefully will contort themselves into all sorts of fantastic shapes. They should be vigorously watered or will develop irregular black patches. When they are cultivated they become as generals and admirals or others of that species.

At the end of term placings, the following boys attained, to Grade A :—III, P. S. N. Whitlow ; IV, C. B. Taylor ; V, R. C. Harris.

Two members of the Staff gave lectures to the school last term. Mr. A. W. Seaby took Gilbert White and Selborne as his subject, and Mr. Scarborough dazzled the uninitiated in his treatment of Polarization. In the early part of this term, most of us attended a lecture at the University College on Alsace-Lorraine.

On the 29th of May we had the pleasure of being present at a concert given by the University College Orchestral and Choral Society. The entire programme was much enjoyed. Vaughan Williams' setting of Walt Whitman's poem "To the Unknown," struck us as having most successfully caught the spirit of the words, while the tone-poem *Finlandia*, by Sibelius, will live long in our memory.



CRICKET.

So far both the Club and 1st XI have not come off in matches, as they should have done. Whether this has been through lack of good management or good play, or whether it has been through sheer bad luck that the teams have failed to

justify themselves, it is difficult to say.

In our first match, the XI just managed to beat the Common Room: A. D. Jennings being the hero of the day. In the next match, the Club v. Reading Wednesday, we were handsomely beaten though the last wicket fell 4 minutes before time. Our next match was against Douai Abbey, and here though the result was a draw, we were virtually beaten. Against Reading School however, we made a much better stand though it is doubtful, if the match had been played out, if we should have won. On June 12th, Reading Wednesday again defeated us, this time more easily than in the preceding match. Against the Henley R.A.F. we fared even worse than against Reading Wednesday. Grove House won both the senior and junior house matches easily.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Robson, Elliott, and Littleboy, not only for the hard work they have put into the matches, but also in the practice games. Cave also deserves our warm thanks.

N.K.

ANALYSIS OF THE TEAM.

Since the editor has asked for all copy for the Leightonian so early in the term, we are unable to give such a full analysis as would otherwise have been possible

N.K. A.D.J.

A.D. JENNINGS* (vice-captain).—The steadiest and most reliable bat in the team, though a slow scorer. Bowls slow, good-length, off-break balls. A sound fielder.

M. MESSER*.—A consistent bowler with a good length and off-break. In batting has not met with much luck so far. A good, if unenergetic, point or slips.

E. J. H. NICKALLS*.—Bowls fast round-arm, but is too erratic. A successful and hard working fielder. A promising batsman.

G. D. MARCH*.—Hits hard and has a good eye—but will never really come off till he can play back. An erratic bowler and a slow fielder, but a good catch.

W. ELVERSTON*,—A stiff but useful batsman. Tries hard in the field but lacks experience and does not get to balls quickly enough. Needs more confidence.

V. H. MERTTENS.—Has not come up to expectation as a batsman. A hard-working fielder.

W. M. ELVERSTON.—Like his brother is too stiff a batsman, but has shown considerable promise. A slow fielder and a coming bowler.

F. H. GILLET*.—A very useful wicket-keep. Stands up well to fast bowling, and lets few byes go. A very stiff batsman.

R. PRIESTMAN.—A stylish batsman, but is handicapped by his height. A slow fielder. Has not yet been tried as a bowler.

A. M. BROCKBANK.—As a batsman his style is too reminiscent of the village green, but he is improving. A good catch and throws in well, but might use his pace more.

The following have also played :—R. Petrie, R. A. Penrose, F. W. R. Gibbins.

H. D. FRY, of last year's XI, has not yet been able to play owing to a bad hand. N.K.

* 1st XI colours.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

In the three matches we have already played, we have been successful against Maidenhead College, both Douai and Reading School beat us by about 20 runs. The batting has been the team's weak point since it appears to have no confidence. We have had a good supply of bowlers, some of whom, however, are too erratic. The fielding on the whole has been good, R. Petrie's steady bowling deserves mention, and also G. A. Cole's batting. He is the only sure batsman in the team.

The team has usually consisted of :—R. A. Penrose, R. Petrie, G. A. Cole, P. Holmes, S. N. Imam, J. R. A. Hockin, J. R. Sherbourne, J. G. Enoch, F. W. R. Gibbins, A. Poad, and C. W. Gillett. L. C. May and A. M. Brockbank have also played

C.W.G.

May 14th, v. The Common Room.

THE COMMON ROOM.		L.P.S.	
M. Littleboy b Nickalls	... 12	W. Elverston b Littleboy	... 4
T. C. Elliott b Messer	... 8	A. D. Jennings b Robson	... 28
A. Bell b Messer	... 4	E. T. H. Nickalls c Robson b Littleboy	... 0
R. H. Robson c W. Elverston b March	... 7	N. Kitching b Maskell	... 0
Maskell b Messer	... 0	M. Messer c Evans b Littleboy	... 1
Tovey b Nickalls	... 0	G. D. March b Maskell	... 12
Clarke b March	... 9	W. M. Elverston c Evans b Elliott	... 14
E. E. Unwin c Kitching b Jennings	... 8	V. H. Merttens b Elliott	... 6
C. I. Evans b March	... 4	R. Priestman b Elliott	... 0
R. Braithwaite c & b March	... 1	R. Petrie b Elliott	... 0
T. A. F. Wallis not out	... 0	R. A. Penrose not out	... 0
Extras	... 7	Extras	... 4
Total	... 60	Total	... 69
March, 4 wks. for 13 runs.		T. C. Elliott, 4 wks. for 3 runs.	

May 22nd, v. Reading Wednesday, at L.P.S.

READING WEDNESDAY.		L.P.S.	
D. Plant b Robson	... 15	T. C. Elliott b West	... 7
H. T. A. West b Elliott	... 3	A. Bell b Hall	... 0
G. Iremonger c Bell b Nickalls	... 75	M. Littleboy b Hall	... 7
G. Hall lbw Littleboy	... 17	M. Messer b West	... 0
West b Littleboy	... 0	E. J. N. Nickalls b Hall	... 20
H. F. Barton c Bell b Kitching	... 1	R. H. Robson c Iremonger b West	... 0
Jones c Gillett b Littleboy	... 1	N. Kitching c Iremonger b West	... 0
Palmer b Kitching	... 5	A. D. Jennings b Hall	... 8
Haines b Jennings	... 6	W. M. Elverston b Hall	... 0
R. G. Fairbourn not out	... 1	V. H. Merttens c Hall b West	... 0
W. G. Hicks c Gillett b Jennings	... 0	F. H. Gillett not out	... 1
Extras	... 3	Extras	... 3
Total	... 127	Total	... 46
		G. Hall, 5 wks. for 9 runs.	

June 1st, v. Douai Abbey, at L.P.S.

L.P.S.		DOUAI ABBEY.	
A. D. Jennings lbw Wharton	... 4	Murphy run out	... 37
W. Elverston c Rigby b Wharton	... 15	D. Wharton not out	... 25
E. J. H. Nickalls b Bond	... 10	A. J. Wharton not out	... 5
N. Kitching b Bond	... 0	Rheam	} Did not bat.
W. M. Elverston b Paterson	... 7	Bond	
G. D. March b Wharton	... 0	Paterson	
V. H. Merttens b Wharton	... 0	Dearlove	
A. M. Brockbank b Brockbank	... 8	O'Sullivan	
R. Priestman b Murphy	... 27	Rigby	
F. H. Gillett c Paterson b Murphy	... 8	Love	
F. W. R. Gibbins not out	... 0	Caunter	}
Extras	... 0	Extras	
Total	... 79	Total	... 71

June 8th, v. Reading School, at L.P.S.

L.P.S.	
W. Elverston b Rampton ...	13
A. D. Jennings c Barnard b Rampton ...	32
E. J. H. Nickalls c Dollery b Bonberry ...	4
W. M. Elverston b Pountney	2
R. Prietsman b Bonberry ...	14
G. D. March b Bonberry ...	0
N. Kitching not out ...	45
M. Messer c Blangy b Thompson ...	16
A. M. Brockbank b Saxby ...	12
V. H. Merrittens } did not bat.	
F. H. Gillett }	
Extras ...	12

Total (8 wks.) ... 150

Innings declared closed.

READING SCHOOL.	
Adkins not out ...	22
Blangy not out ...	19
Saxby	
Pountney }	
Bonberry }	
Thompson }	
Pope }	Did not bat.
Dollery }	
Spear }	
Rampton }	
Barnard }	
Extras ...	3

Total (for no wkt.) 44

June 12th, v. Reading Wednesday, at L.P.S.

L.P.S.	
E. J. H. Nickalls b West ...	21
W. Elverston b Jacobs ...	4
T. C. Elliott hit wks. b West ...	0
R. H. Robson b Jacobs ...	1
N. Kitching b Jacobs ...	0
M. Littleboy not out ...	31
G. D. March b Jacobs ...	22
M. Messer c Jacobs b Newman	0
W. M. Elverston b Jacobs ...	0
A. M. Brockbank b Jacobs ...	1
C. W. Gillett c Hicks b Jacobs	0
Extras ...	5

Total ... 85

Nickalls, 3 wks. for 15.

June 15th, v. R.A.F. (Henley), at L.P.S.

L.P.S.	
W. Elverston b Couchman ...	1
E. J. H. Nickalls c Thorne b Bryant ...	0
A. S. Jennings b Couchman	13
M. Littleboy c Thorne b Bryant ...	21
T. C. Elliott b Chippendale ...	0
C. R. Attenborough b Couchman	2
R. H. Robson b Couchman ...	7
N. Kitching b Chippendale ...	3
G. D. March c Read b Couchman	2
M. Messer not out ...	9
T. H. Gillett run out ...	0
Extras ...	4

Total ... 62

Couchman 5 wks. for 18 runs.

READING WEDNESDAY.	
W. G. Hicks c Elverston b Nickalls ...	2
H. J. West b Kitching ...	23
D. Plant c Elliott b Nickalls ...	0
W. Iremonger c Brockbank b Nickalls ...	24
J. Jacobs c Brockbank b Kitching ...	40
H. T. Barton not out ...	13
R. V. Jones b Messer ...	12
C. A. Newman not out ...	1
W. Bormer }	
E. Pye }	Did not bat.
H. Downing }	
Extras ...	5

Total (for 6 wks.) 120

Jacobs. 7 wks. for 18 runs.

R.A.F.

Roebuck not out ...	69
Stevens c Jennings b Kitching	53
Couchman b Kitching ...	22
Sidebotham not out ...	9
Richards	
Bryant }	
Thorne }	Did not bat.
Chippendale }	
Sturnam }	
Read }	
Streetley }	
Extras ...	2

Total (for 2 wks.) 155

School v. Grove. June 17th to 19th at L.P.S.

GROVE.			
1st innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. H. Gillett c Cole b Messer ...	8	b Messer ...	30
A. D. Jennings lbw b Kitching ...	34	c & b Kitching ...	27
E. J. H. Nickalls run out ...	4	c Merttens b Messer ...	6
J. Enoch c Gibbins b Elverston ...	2	b Messer ...	0
A. M. Brockbank b Elverston ...	0	b Messer ...	2
C. W. Gillett b Kitching ...	0	c Gibbins b Elverston ...	8
G. D. March b Messer ...	82	b Kitching ...	12
H. D. Fry b Kitching ...	6	b Messer ...	1
R. Petrie b Kitching ...	0	not out ...	10
R. Sherborne b Kitching ...	4	lbw b Messer ...	1
P. Holmes not out ...	2	c Gibbins b Elverston ...	17
Extras ...	9	Extras ...	6
Total ...	151	Total ...	120

SCHOOL.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
W. Elverston c E. H. Gillett b Nickalls ...	25	c Enoch b Nickalls ...	2
M. Elverston b Nickalls ...	1	c Holmes b Jennings ...	0
R. Priestman b Nickalls ...	2	c Holmes b March ...	4
M. Messer c March b Nickalls ...	4	b Jennings ...	0
N. Kitching b Nickalls ...	0	b Nickalls ...	5
V. H. Merttens b March ...	9	b Nickalls ...	0
G. A. Cole c C. W. Gillett b March ...	12	c Sherborne b Jennings ...	9
R. A. Penrose not out ...	2	b Jennings ...	0
F. W. Gibbins c F. H. Gillett b March ...	0	b March ...	11
J. R. A. Hockin c Enoch b March ...	0	lbw b Jennings ...	0
A. Poad run out ...	3	(Sub.) not out ...	2
Extras ...	6	Extras ...	0
Total ...	64	Total ...	33

Nickalls, 5 wks. for 20 runs.

Jennings, 5 wks. for 6 runs.

OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

T. D. Heald writes that on the Ambulance Convoy to which he belongs, which was very heavily wrecked during the recent push, are two O.L.'s who have just had the "Croix de Guerre" conferred on them.

We append their citations in the Army Order.

May, Edward Sims—

"Très bon conducteur, courageux et dévoué. A donné de belles preuves de sang froid et d'énergie dans les journées

des 12, 13, et 14 Avril en assurant heureusement les évacuations urgentes par des routes soumises à de violents barrages."

King, Philip—

"Conducteur merveilleux de sang froid et de courage. S'est particulièrement distingué dans les journées des 12, 13, et 14 Avril, roulant sans arrêt pendant plus de 48 heures et assurant sans interruption les évacuations malgré les plus violents barrages."

Roger Knott and L. V. Smith have been gazetted Majors.

John E. Knott is a Lieut.-Col., and acting Brigadier General.

Ronald Lloyd, who joined the F.A.U. in the first three months of the War, and has been given the 1914 medal, is now a R.F.A. cadet at Topsham Barracks, Exeter.

P. B. Redmayne is at King's College, Cambridge, in the O.T.C.

D. S. Newbegin is at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in the O.T.C.

J. S. W. Richardson is hoping shortly to join the F.A.U.

C. K. Rutter is farming at Tintern.

S. Tyagaraja is being coached for his Cambridge Entrance.

J. S. Harrison has been invalided out of the Army, with the honorary rank of Captain. He is now in his father's business.

Basil Backhouse is now stationed at Hoshangabad, the oldest station of the F.F.M.A. in India. He is one of two representatives of the Missionary Council for Central Provinces and Central India upon the National Missionary Council of India, and Secretary of the Mid-India Educational Union.

On the 30th of May, at 61 Broughton Road, Banbury, to G. L.L. and M. F. Hodgkin, a son, who was named Keith Howard.

To R. H. and D. E. Backhouse, on the 10th of October, at Hoshangabad, a daughter, who was named Emilie Margaret.

C. Ransom is stationed near Winchester, taking a course as a Cadet in the Tank Corps.

L. B. Cole after service in India has returned to England to finish his medical course. He has visited the school more than once this term; as has also R. K. Wilson from Aldershot. The latter leaves for France in a week or two's time.

R. D. Buchanan is in the Cadet Unit of the R.G.A. at Brighton.

Captain Colin Smee has been awarded the M.C., and mentioned in despatches.

L. S. Penrose has joined the F.A.U. in France. He is working with Ronald Hopkins, and frequently sees P. S. Cadbury.

Captain Arnold Wells has been awarded the M.C. for services in Egypt. It is hoped that he may soon be at home.

Congratulations to Arthur Wallis on his approaching marriage to Miss Thornycroft.

Leonard Doncaster is bacteriologist to the Queen Alexandra Hospital, F.A.U.

Second Lieut. W. I. Holmes has been wounded. While getting off his Tank he slipped, and his foot was so severely crushed that it has had to be amputated.

Captain R. Whittaker, reported wounded, is now reported missing

Congratulations to Andrew Pollard on his engagement to Miss Lulu Harrison.

Andrew Pollard has been awarded the Military Medal. We hear that the plane in which he was observer, brought down three of the enemy's. He is now in England training for the post of a Pilot.

Lionel W. Wells has just gained the Associateship of the City and Guilds Institute. A diploma which later on will confer, under certain conditions, the degree A.M.I.Mech.E. He is now about to take part in a three months' survey of the line of the new water supply from Hawes Water to Manchester.

Congratulations to Paul S. Cadbury who, writing of what he actually saw while working with the F.A.U. in France, has gained the enviable distinction of being a prize winner in one of the literary competitions of the *Saturday Westminster*. The subject was an essay on Cats in War Time: The excellent way in which he disposed of the guinea he gained is referred to in this editorial.

On the 19th March, at Buzuluk, Samara, Russia, John Rickman, only child of the late Richard Peters Rickman and of Caroline Ann Rickman, of Rose Hill, Dorking, to Lydia Cooper Lewis, only daughter of the late J. Reece Lewis and of Lucy Biddle Lewis, of Lansdowne, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

OBIERUNT.

Norman M. Angus (1904-7).—On leaving school he entered the National Provincial Bank. He was in the Cardiff branch of the bank for five years, and at Bath for two years, and subsequently for shorter periods at Wetherby and Darlington. In the early months of the war, he offered himself for military service, but the bank kept him back as indispensable till April 1916, when he joined the Bankers' Battalion of the East Kent (Bufs), and, after six months' training in Kent, went out to France in November, 1916. His first experience of fighting in the open was on May 3rd, 1917, when his regiment took part in an advance through the village of Chérisy, which ended in a disastrous retreat. He with four-fifths of his platoon was reported "missing." His fate was for a long time uncertain, but after nearly twelve months, definite evidence came to hand that he had fallen in the fighting.

All who knew him will agree that he was little suited for a soldier's life, but he faced its hardships and dangers cheerfully, and without complaint. The experience seemed to have the effect on him that it had on so many, of deepening the sense of the value and interest of life and the possibilities of the future. In a letter written on his 27th birthday, a few days before he fell, he expresses his anticipation that he will return after the war to take a share in the work of reconstruction, and to make more out of life than he had done in the past. He had indeed always shown a practical interest in social and religious work. He had taken an active part in such work at Cardiff in connection with the Cory Sailors' Rest, and at Bath in the Manvers Street Church Institute. Wherever he went, he won confidence and affection by his gentle courtesy, his cheery good humour, his transparent sincerity and his readiness to help.

Second Lieutenant W. W. Pollard (1914-16) was the son of Dr. W. H. Pollard, of Hagley Road, Edgbaston. On leaving school he was for a time engaged in Munitions. He then joined the R.A.F., and underwent training at Hastings and Hythe. He then left for France, but was invalided home, through an attack of hæmorrhage, brought on by flying at a great altitude, and died in a London hospital.

"Took his fill of music, joy of thought and seeing,
Came and stayed and went, nor ever ceased to smile."