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## EDITORIAL.

IN some ways the School is now more normal than it was last term. The staff has been reinforced by Mr. Le Mare, late of Rugby, Mr. Davies, of Keble College, Oxford, and Mr. Dobbing, whose acquaintance we made last term.

The housing problem, however, is even more acute than before. Several boys of School House are being boarded out in the town with Friends. It had originally been hoped that this was to be merely a temporary expedient, but since the Nissen hut, erected for their accommodation, was the subject of lengthy negotiations, chiefly on the binding properties of red tape, between the architect and the local authorities, the arrangement has had to be continued throughout the term. The buildings, meanwhile, are progressing, but the School has been disappointed in failing to obtain Blandford Lodge, the house in Whiteknights Park, just across Pepper Lane, as the nucleus of a third house.

The O.L. Notes are now in the hands of a strong committee of O.L's. This is quite an innovation, but obviously a right one.

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## PREFECTS.

T. Lawrie (Senior Prefect)	appointed	May, 1917.
G. A. Cole	„	July, 1918.
R. C. Harris	„	December, 1918.
W. M. Elverston	„	July, 1919.
F. H. Gillett	„	July, 1919.
S. C. Morland	„	July, 1919.
A. R. N. Whitlow	„	July, 1919.
R. W. B. Ellis	„	July, 1919.
C. Wilkinson	„	July, 1919.

## NEW BOYS.

## V.

S. S. Wilson, Manchester.

*Lower Va.*

A. B. Taylor, London.

*Lower Vb.*

S. D. Carr, Carlisle.

C. W. Martin, Mitchelstown.

## IV.

K. Redfern, Urmston.

J. W. Tangye, Edgbaston.

## III.

J. C. P. Allsebrook, Shinfield.

N. K. Baynes, Bushey.

W. R. Evans, Birmingham.

A. S. Heal, Beaconsfield.

R. J. Heelas, Reading.

K. B. Swithenbank, Wickham Bishops.

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NEW OLD BOYS.

F. W. R. Gibbins, Garthmor, Neath.

C. W. Gillett, Southlea, Olivers Mount, Worcester.

G. D. March, 107, Castle Street, Reading.

A. D. Jennings, Tangley Cottage, Horsell, Surrey.

W. A. Norbury, Broadmead, Hale, Cheshire.

E. H. Pease, Quarristan, Heighington, Co. Durham.

H. G. Sharman, 58, Elmhurst Road, Reading.

E. J. H. Nickalls, Penelve, Redhill, Stourbridge.

J. H. Moorhouse, Glyn Garth, Weetwood Lane, Leeds.

C. L. May, St. Mary's Cottage, Colchester.

A. Poad, Ousefield, Fulford, York.

B. R. Gibbins, Garthmor, Neath.

## LA NUIT.

WIND has kissed the waving honey-suckle :  
Now it is still ;  
Stars will kiss the pine-wood,  
Moonbeams, the hill ;  
Ripples are kissing the water-lily,  
Under a tree  
Roses kiss one another,  
And I, thee.

L.S.P.

## A. W.

HALF-WAY through the first term of the school, the four pioneers were joined by a little fellow with bright dark eyes, black hair and wiry frame. From that day until last August Leighton Park has meant much to Anthony Wallis, and he not a little to Leighton Park.

One of his Masters writes :—" Whenever I think of Tona it is not as an Inspector of Schools, but as the boy of high spirits of the early days of L.P.S. and Southern Hill. One incident always remains with me : the climbing of lamp-posts after moths on his way from L.P.S. to sleep at Southern Hill. In his earlier school days Tona is remembered by a prefect for his love of throwing stones, his proficiency in the art, and his merry laugh on the rare occasions when he failed to elude pursuing justice— and ' Wallis, a penny fine ' reached his ears. This was typical of Tona ; for later when the contests were dialectic, it is hard to say whether he enjoyed most a successful hit of his own, or a stroke which penetrated his defences."

He went through his school work in an ordinary manner, with little sign of his future ability, but he was a first-rate prefect and he was already notable as a naturalist. He was in the football and cricket teams for some years.

An older schoolfellow of that day writes of him :—" There was no other Leightonian in the old days who had his extraordinary gifts, combined with such loveliness. He seemed to take his poetry and sense of beauty and knowledge of nature so straight from nature. There was something of the scholar gipsy in him, wasn't there ? "

After leaving Leighton Park, Wallis was at Dalton Hall, Manchester, for a year. The next period is described by a Cambridge friend :—" He went up to Cambridge in 1898—to King's. He took the first part of the Natural Science Tripos in 1901, and the second part in 1902 ; and though he missed his ' first,' his work in his own subject—Botany—was recognised by those who knew it as of the first order. He took up rowing. In his first year he rowed in his Mays ; in his second, he became Secretary of the Boat Club ; in his third, Captain ; and in his fourth year, he rowed for his college at Henley. He had also, with another O.L., won the College Pairs. And for those who were up with him, he became part of King's. There is a certain simplicity of outlook which is in the gift of the Friends, and Tona Wallis inherited it in a marked degree. It shone through his riotous enthusiasm—an enthusiasm which bubbled up, spontaneous and sincere, at the least provocation—and guided it. Perhaps it was above all to these qualities—simplicity and enthusiasm—that he owed his charm. It is hard to say : for he had great possessions. His wide interests, and his wide sympathies ; his keen humour, and his quick apprehension ; made him the most lovable of friends and brought him the popularity of which he was quite unconscious, but which was the real triumph of his university career."

Soon after leaving College he was appointed Junior H.M.I. in August, 1902, and began work in Buckinghamshire. This was followed, after eight months in the Board of Education Office, Whitehall, during 1907, by an appointment to the West Riding of Yorks when he lived at Leeds ; and one year later he became Assistant H.M.I. in the North Riding and made his headquarters

at Darlington. Here he married, in 1910, Amy Mounsey, sister of three O.L.'s, and there began an ideal partnership, enriched by the birth of two boys at Darlington, and a girl and boy after the family moved to Penrith in 1913, when Wallis was appointed Chief Inspector for the district of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The inmost essence of the man showed itself and flowered in its beauty in his life with wife and children. His nature mingled with child nature, and in his touch with children it was clear that his profession was the vocation of his spirit. Indeed, Wallis' gifts had abundant scope in his profession. He had a high conception of education. He was a reformer, and welcomed the Act of 1918; but he also realised that the different areas of the country had it in their own power to raise the level of education by greater zeal and efficiency in administration. He was well fitted to take a lead in this work. His powers of mind, his standard of work, the influence of his character over men and women through an infection both sympathetic and intellectual, were exactly what is wanted in such a post. Thus, as all who knew him would expect, he was marked for early promotion; but the strain of work during the war with inadequate assistance, and the necessity of covering long distances on a bicycle instead of by motor, undermined his strength, and a fatal illness seized him in July of this year just when he was looking forward to presiding over the O.L. Meeting. He had held the Presidency of the Club for three years, and was keenly disappointed to be absent from the first representative meeting during his term of office. Both as O.L. and as a School Governor since 1909, Leighton Park owed much to Wallis. Not a little of the school's present prosperity is due to his knowledge of men, his inspiring zeal, and his belief in its future even at the darkest moment of its history.

Wallis had many absorbing interests. He was in the first rank as a field botanist; he specialized latterly in fungi, experimenting widely in their edibility; he had a good knowledge of geology and a lively interest in other branches of natural

science. He was keenly interested in political, social, and religious questions. He had great pleasure in English literature, especially in poetry, and his own writing—letters and essays and verses—was full of charm and humour. Above all his delight was in nature. His chief pleasure was trout fishing, in Scotland or on the Cumberland rivers, or best of all at High Force on the Upper Tees, where he spent many happy bachelor holidays with his friends.

What were the qualities which made Tona Wallis one of the most lovable of men? They were qualities equally of mind and of heart. Strength of affection and genius for friendship were united with a knowledge of men and of things which gave him the powers to talk both with acumen and charm on a wide range of topics. On his own subjects he held his own with the masters. If the talk were on another man's, he would often throw illuminating light on it from a new angle; so that if you had been studying some subject, a talk with Tona was the best test of the flaws in your knowledge. He loved to argue, sometimes for argument's sake; but he was never tiresome, for his dexterity, his humour and his ringing laugh were a continuous delight. Above all he had, combined with firm conviction, the breadth of view to respect the convictions of others, however strongly they ran counter to his own. This was especially notable, when the deep moral and ethical problems raised by the war divided him in belief from many of his friends. They will always remember with gratitude and pride that his affection endured unimpaired.

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L.P.S. CAMP, 1919.

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**I**MAGINE a green grass slope in the corner of a field, seven tents—if the arrangement of calico and sticks in the middle such as is used by Woodcraft Chevaliers can be called a tent—scattered about in a very elliptical circle, the remains of a log-fire, and twenty-two campers in all stages of dress and undress,

who have been engaged during the day, some in picking peas, a strenuous and evil-smelling job, endured because it is piece-work, some in doctoring cabbages, hoeing them, weeding them, manuring them, or taking them out and putting them in somewhere else, some in mixing manure, spudding thistles, or giving pyrotechnic displays with heaps of rubbish, some perhaps in piling tidy sheaves of corn into untidy "stooks" (when not engaged in chasing rabbits), this operation being called harvesting, and one Moorhouse in leading a placid horse across a strip of arable, also a few unemployables in drinking coffee *chez* Porter, and hunting the elusive fossil, or the brine bath of the gay city of Droitwich, and who (that is the twenty-two campers referred to above) have just returned from a bathe in the limpid waters of the Severn, where they slid down mud-slides, played the fool in a partially submerged punt (which was afterwards pushed, poled, pulled or otherwise propelled as far as Bewdley [a whole day's job] by three stalwarts, who waded or swam some six miles and were afterwards taken for tramps), and exchanged badinage with a nervous and therefore officious lock-keeper, and a bevy of Stourport trippers in H.M.S. Amo; and who—back in the field once more—are now awaiting the cry of "grob, grob" which will presently come from the kitchen where cook Sefton prepares his indescribable messes, the kitchen which serves also as dining-room, whither all will repair as soon as the gong-like sound is heard, and where there will be much scrambling for food, and more mutual badinage followed by the reading of the diary which will contain an account of the day's work and something too of jest, prolonged until the Porters appear to carry us off to coffee and song under their more stable roof; imagine, moreover, Tammy Taylor shoeing off half-a-dozen horses which had mistaken his tent for a clump of grass, Slater reading Stephen Leacock and gurgling, C. W. Gillett returning with a small rabbit which J. G. Gillett has killed, Mr. Kitto lighting his second cigarette and dreaming of the meal he consumed on Sunday (a famous episode this, when the campers,

by motor, bicycle or foot repaired to Bewdley and were lavishly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Braithwaite struggling with the diary, the Penroses promiscuously bickering, Gitche Manito and Sherborne lying asleep in their tent, Talbot and Parfitt vehemently discussing Old Red Sandstone, Brain singing in spasms, Moorhouse grazing his white mice, and Mr. Robson with three others trying to play bridge (the real article will be played later in the evening by a more select company, when Imam will continue his missionary enterprise against gambling and other petty vices); imagine again the various departures from our routine, our cricket match with Lincombe Village, our nightly games of puddocks, enlivened by much argument and mauling of the referee, our fancy-dress concert, in which our worthy hostess figured prominently in her ant-laden costume of "Autumn," our trip to Malvern, where Naqui Imam, fortified by ginger (?) beer at the "Mitre Oak," but otherwise unaided, toiled triumphantly to the very summit of the beacon, and the culminating incident of the whole three weeks, the arrest in Worcester of the notorious German prisoners, Herren Karl Gillett and C. R. von Attenbach ——— that's the Camp.

J.L.K.  
A.W.B.

#### DELIRIUM.

AND so at last, I rest;  
Her beauty, only,  
Remaining ever by me,  
Lovely and lonely.  
Came twisted hand, and face  
The hue of deadness.  
I saw his eyeballs roll  
With evil madness.  
"Wretch, give her back to me,"  
I yelled; but after  
I found her not.  
Rattled his demon laughter.

L.S.P.

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OLD LEIGHTONIAN GATHERING, 1919.

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THE O.L. gathering, the first since the conclusion of peace, was in every way a great success. For many it was the first they had attended for some years, and the immense all-round improvement in the school needed no finding; it was thrust upon them, not least, perhaps, by the foundations of the newest house, which were being dug around the sanatorium. Two large marquees erected on the playground forced upon their notice that the school was full, for this was the best accommodation that could be found for the visitors on the premises.

The gathering commenced on Friday, July 25th, and in the afternoon a tennis tournament was played between the O.L.'s and the School, which ended in an easy victory for the former.

In the evening there was a social in the Peckover Hall to which both O.L.'s and members of the school contributed items.

On the Saturday was the all day cricket match, completing the programme of the O.L. cricket tour, which the School lost by the narrow margin of 6 runs.

During the day numbers of Old Boys continued to arrive until the final count totalled the number at 77, one more than the previous record gathering in 1912.

In the evening was the annual meeting of the O.L. Club. Owing to the war, all three of the principal offices had lapsed, and Llew. Marriage, R. Ll. Lloyd, and H. B. Darby were appointed President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The principal business was the matter of a memorial for the O.L.'s who have fallen in the war; the discussion lasted some time as it was felt that this should not be allowed to stand over till the next meeting. Finally a strong committee was elected and given full powers to act. After the meeting, many adjourned to an open-air social in progress on the lawn near School House, but an untimely shower stopped the proceedings almost immediately.

Sunday saw the end of an extremely pleasant week-end, and only a few were able to remain till Monday morning.

THE PREFECTS' EXCURSION.

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AFTER surveying the world around, and the wondrous things that do abound, the prefects came to the decision that London was the only spot worthy of their attention.

So in the small hours of the day they hurried down to the station to catch the 8-45 train. They succeeded in their intent though some nearly missed it in their zeal to purchase suitable literature. On reaching Paddington a debate was held on the plans for the day, and it was decided to let some enthusiasts obtain tickets for the afternoon's performance at Maskelyne's, while the others applied themselves to wasting the time till eleven o'clock, when the Motor Show was due to open. In spite of the fears of several opportunists that we should be unable even to catch sight of the building, we managed to get in without much trouble with a little determination. From eleven to one the time was well occupied in looking round, though it was difficult to move about much.

The party went off in two detachments to Miss Macadam's for dinner—an important feature of the programme. It has been rumoured that the meal was excellent, and much appreciated by all, except one poor sufferer who had got lost at Olympia, and had failed to recollect any of Miss Macadam's address except Kensington Road (instead of Kennington Road).

However, the party was re-united at Maskelyne's, where the performance was as much enjoyed as it mystified; the only fly in the ointment was that one member was disappointed at not seeing a pig-faced lady or any performing fleas.

After such a mental strain, it is not surprising that we needed a meal to revive us; after paying some attention to the supplies brought in by a startled but efficient waitress, we felt strong enough to go outside, some in search of a cinema, others to gaze at the lions in Trafalgar Square, which were described as being about to sneeze.

After this we came back ; and this is all, for the journey was completely without incident, no one losing the train, his ticket, or his head.

The excursion was a great success, and the cause of a thoroughly enjoyable day, and our thanks are due to the Metropolis for providing us with such amusement.

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### CRICKET.

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1st XI.	SEASON 1919.		
Matches Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
8	4	1	3

#### BATTING SUMMARY (First 6 places).

	No. Innings.	Runs.	Times not out.	Aver.
A. D. Jennings ...	8	134	1	19'14
J. R. Sherborne ...	8	78	3	15'6
G. D. March ...	8	123	0	15'37
R. Priestman ...	8	85	0	10'62
G. A. Cole ...	5	47	0	9'4
W. M. Elverston ...	8	33	2	5'5

Highest individual score, A. D. Jennings, 55 not out.

#### BOWLING SUMMARY.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. R. A. Hockin ...	82	14	221	28	7'89
W. M. Elverston ...	17½	1	65	7	9'28
G. D. March ...	58½	12	172	16	10'75
R. Petrie ...	5	1	11	1	11
A. D. Jennings ...	54	9	171	12	14'25
E. J. H. Nickalls ...	18	4	42	1	42

FOOTBALL.

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THE Boys' XI. has had a fairly successful season, our one defeat being sustained against Abingdon School on their ground. The Club XI. has met with less success, three out of the four teams which they have played being obviously superior.

The great fault of the team has been in the use of the left foot, which is very poor. In this way many goals have been missed.

The forwards have succeeded in scoring fairly regularly, but there is a lack of combination and dash.

While sympathising with Mr. Graham concerning his leg, we feel that the junior games would have missed a great deal had he been able to take part in the first game.

## ANALYSIS OF THE TEAM.

\*W. M. ELVERSTON (Vice-Captain).—A reliable wing half, handicapped by his lack of speed. A strong tackle, but tends to pass too high. Is weak at "throw-ins."

\*E. W. BRAIN.—A steady custodian. He knows when to run out, but tends to keep the ball too long. Needs more experience in high dropping shots.

\*P. HOLMES.—Has considerable speed, which he uses to advantage at outside-left. Centres well, but shoots too often.

\*S. C. MORLAND.—A fast wing half. Tackles well and marks his man, but tends to keep too far behind the forwards. Should learn to head.

\*F. H. GILLET.—Tackles very well, but is liable to mis-kick. He has played right back in most matches, but it is probable that his true football vocation will be found somewhere in the half line.

\*J. R. SHERBORNE.—Plays centre-forward and is our chief goal scorer. Shoots well but lacks dash.

R. PRIESTMAN.—A plucky and hard-working inside forward. He combines well with the rest of the forwards, but is handicapped in shooting by his weight.

G. SOUTHALL.—The heavyweight of the team. He uses his weight to advantage, but often miskicks. Finds difficulty in turning. His heading is improving.

J. R. A. HOCKIN.—As a forward he lacks the power of combination, and keeps the ball too long. He takes good corners. With practice he will develop into a good back. Heads well.

A. W. BRAITHWAITE.—A fast outside right, with little control over the ball. His centres are poor.

The following have also played:—Petrie, R. Ellis, L. Grimshaw, Cox, J. Richmond and Walker.

\*1st XI. colours.

G.A.C.

*Oct. 4th, L.P.S. v. Wallingford Farm Colony (away).*—L.P.S. lost the toss and played downhill the first half. For the first quarter of an hour Wallingford was all over us, but did not succeed in scoring. Then our forwards began to work together better and succeeded in scoring a goal. Play was then of a mid-field variety until just before the end of the first half when we rushed through two more goals. In the second half we were playing uphill against the sun. The Wallingford goalie came out of goal and changed places with one of the forwards. This change resulted in three goals for Wallingford, thus bringing the scores level with about five minutes to play. L.P.S. made a big effort and succeeded in putting through a fourth goal. Owing to the indulgence of the referee who allowed 10 extra minutes, the home side succeeded in equalising—whereupon the referee triumphantly blew his whistle. Goals: Cole 2, Sherborne 1, Priestman 1.

*Oct. 11th, L.P.S. v. Maidenhead County School (at L.P.S.).—* This match was a very unsatisfactory one. The first half was very evenly contested throughout: two goals being scored by both sides. Both our goals were owing to excellent centres by Holmes. The whole of the second half L.P.S. were besieging their opponent's goal, but owing to poor shooting, and the excellent play of the Maidenhead backs, failed to score again. The whistle blew with the scores still level. Considerable improvement was shown in the combination of the team. L. Grimshaw took Morland's place at right half. Goals: Hockin 2.

*Oct. 15th, L.P.S. (Club XI) v. Sutton's 2nd XI (at L.P.S.).—* The half line was weakened by the absence of Cole and S. C. Morland. Mr. Davies played centre, and L. Grimshaw right half. Our opponents were all over us owing to their superior speed and combination. They scored three times in the first half and five times in the second. Double figures were avoided by the excellent play of Brain in goal. Our only goal was obtained at the beginning of the first half through a muddle in front of goal.

*Oct. 18th, L.P.S. (Club XI) v. Swarthmore F.C. (at L.P.S.).—* Although we were completely outclassed in this match it was a very enjoyable one. We were without S. C. Morland again so Mr. Davies took his place at right half. The team played together better than it has done this season, but our opponents were too heavy for us. Swarthmore scored twice in the first half and six times in the second. As at Wallingford the beginning of the second half proved our undoing, for in it our opponents scored five goals. We scored our only goal at the end of the second half through Hockin.

*Oct. 25th, L.P.S. v. Abingdon School (at L.P.S.).—* A thoroughly good match and a great relief to play against a boys' team again. The game was very even throughout, both sides scoring once in each half. Our opponents were distinctly the faster team and did most of the pressing. For the last twenty

minutes the game was very fast, but neither side succeeded in getting the winning goal, although there were some narrow escapes around both goals. For this match Braithwaite was away, his place being filled by Walker. Hockin's corners were excellent and it is to one of them that we owe our second goal. This was the first match played with a greasy ball on a wet surface—as a result the backs mis-kicked a good deal. Goals: Holmes 1, Priestman 1.

*Nov. 1st, L.P.S. v. Magdalen College School (away).*—Our opponents were very weak this year, the average age of their team being about 15. L.P.S. scored three times in the first half and six in the second. The forwards were weak in front of goal, with the exception of Sherborne who shot well. Goals: Sherborne 5, Priestman 2, Hockin 1, Holmes 1.

*Nov. 8th, The House Match.*—As usual a fine, fast game. For the first fifteen minutes School House pressed, then the Grove House forwards broke away, and receiving a penalty for hands inside the area, scored through Sherborne. For the remainder of the game play was very even, the School House forwards having bad luck in not scoring on several occasions. In spite of the bad luck, however, there is no excuse for their not having done so. During the last ten minutes School House pressed desperately and forced several corners, but failed to score in spite of Hockin's excellent corners. School House played as clean a game as Grove, and it was hard luck that the only goal of the match should have been from a penalty against them. Grove played a splendid game and thoroughly deserved their victory.

*Grove*:—Imam; Cox, J. Richmond; R. Ellis, F. H. Gillett, Wilkinson; P. Holmes, Petrie, Sherborne, Walker, Braithwaite.

*School*:—Brain; Southall, Knott; L. Grimshaw, Elverston, S. C. Morland; Lawrie, Priestman, Cole, Hockin, Hamel.

*Nov. 12th, L.P.S. (Club XI) v. Reading College 2nd XI* (at L.P.S.)—For this match Mr. Unwin took Braithwaite's place at right-outside, Mr. Davies played centre-half, and Cole went forward. For the first half the arrangement was satisfactory, L.P.S. scoring twice to the College's once. Shortly after half-time Cole was crocked, and the forwards were unable to score again, whereas the College rushed through three goals, making the final score 4—2 against L.P.S. The main fault in the team was among the halves who failed to keep up enough. Goals: Sherborne 1, Priestman 1.

*Nov. 15th, L.P.S. v. Wallingford Farm Colony* (at L.P.S.)—For this match Cole was crocked, so F. H. Gillett played centre-half and Cox back. L.P.S. scored first through Sherborne, and Wallingford soon equalised. Just before half-time Wallingford scored again through a bad piece of muddling by the backs. L.P.S. pressed throughout the second half, but only succeeded in equalising in the last five minutes. The shooting of the forwards was poor. Goals: Priestman 1, Sherborne 1.

*Nov. 19th, L.P.S. v. Magdalen College School* (at L.P.S.)—We were without Cole, Sherborne, and Elverston. F. H. Gillett went centre-half, Grimshaw left-half, and Petrie centre-forward. The match was not an inspiring performance, L.P.S. scoring 4 goals in the first half and 3 in the second. Goals: Petrie 3, Priestman 2, P. Holmes 1.

*Nov. 22nd, L.P.S. (Club XI) v. Cambridge O.L's.*—The game was fast and more even than the score of 5—0 implies. On several occasions L.P.S. were peppering their opponents' goal with shots, but failed to score owing to Fryer's excellent play in goal. Mr. Unwin was playing right-outside and Mr. Davies centre-half, while Cole went centre-forward. The forwards combined better than ever before this term, but were too light to penetrate the O.L's. weighty defence. Our opponents scored twice in the first half and three times in the second.

*Nov. 26th, L.P.S. v. Maidenhead County School (away).—*L.P.S. lost the toss and started playing against a blinding sun on a strange field. In the first ten minutes Maidenhead scored twice. Then as we began to get used to the field the game became more even, and at length we scored near the end of the first half. On changing over, the sun unkindly went behind a cloud. For a time Maidenhead pressed but failed to score. About ten minutes before time L.P.S. rushed through a goal, thus making the score 2—2. Both sides strove desperately to gain the lead, but there was no further addition to the score. L.P.S. were not assisted by the onlookers, who were markedly antagonistic. Goals: Priestman 1, Cole 1.

*Nov. 29th, L.P.S. v. Abingdon School (away).—*The condition of the Abingdon field was not helpful to the L.P.S. team, who are used to a dry ground. The field was about two inches deep in slippery mud, and the shooting was consequently poor. Abingdon pressed most of the time, scoring once in the first half, and three times in the second. They played a good sporting game, and it was a pleasure to play against such a team.

The Junior House Match was played on Monday, 10th November, and resulted in a win for School House by 2—0. The match showed that the juniors of the school have reached a good standard of football.

Club XI.: Played 4, lost 4.

Boys' XI.: Played 8, won 2, drawn 5, lost 1.

G.A.C.

#### 2ND XI.

Owing to illness and stop-gaps required by the 1st XI the team has never played together as a whole during the entire season; if we had always been at full strength we probably would not have lost any of our matches; as it is, we have won 4, drawn 1, and lost 3, and our goal average is better than that of the first.

The best match of the season was the return against Abingdon on our own ground, which we drew, 4 all.

Cox, Walker and Petrie have been the pillars of the team, and Penny and A. G. Richmond have come on well.

Team :—Penny ; Cox and Knott ; Wilkinson, J. H. Richmond and R. Ellis : A. G. Richmond, Walker, Petrie, Lawrie and Wates. Linesman, N. D. Ellis.

The following have also played :—Braithwaite, Hockin, D. Cadbury, L. Grimshaw, Hamel, Imam, Mounsey, Scanlan and Smith. T.L.

DATE	OPPONENTS..	RESULT	L.P.S.	OP'NTS.
Oct. 25	Abingdon School ... ..	Lost	3	5
" 29	Collegiate School ... ..	Won	2	1
Nov. 1	Henley Grammar School...	Lost	2	3
" 12	Collegiate School ... ..	Won	7	2
" 15	County School, Windsor...	Won	8	0
" 19	Henley Grammar School...	Lost	2	6
" 26	County School, Windsor...	Won	6	0
" 29	Abingdon School... ..	Drawn	4	4

### WIST YE NOT.....?

THE wise men sat in the hall,  
 And the people listened with awe  
 As they spake the words of the law,  
 But of truth they spake not at all,  
 And the sunbeams danced on the wall.  
 Their eyes were as cold as a toad,  
 These sad philosophers,  
 And their minds groaned under the load  
 Of the wisdom of many years,  
 Which summer nor winter stirs.  
 And all their souls were fibreless,  
 And wrinkled as their skin,  
 For holiness was on their lips,  
 But in their hearts was sin.  
 And a little boy came in.

Soft were his lips as a child new-born ;  
And O! but his limbs were fair,—  
White and smooth as the sky at morn,  
When the dawn is stirring there,  
And God was in his hair.

And on his face was the sweet caress,  
Which no man shall destroy,  
The warm calm smile of happiness  
In the young heart of a boy,  
And his eyes were the eyes of joy.

Up he gazed at the seers above,  
Tenderly, tenderly,  
“My friend you say I must love,  
And hate my enemy ;  
Why must I so ?” said he.

And the dust of a century  
Rolled back at the hand of youth ;  
But they answered : “Eye for an eye  
Must go, and tooth for a tooth,”  
And they shut their hearts to the truth.

And when their speech had an end,  
Tenderly, tenderly,  
“If I love only my friend,  
And love not my enemy,  
How is it love ?” said he.

Then his mother led him away,  
(Yet never a word spake he),  
Where the green spring meadows lay,  
And the woods of Galilee,  
And the blue Tiberian sea.

But the wise men turned from the spring,  
 From the call of the spring in the sod,  
 And vain was their wondering,  
 And vain were the paths they trod,  
 For they knew not he was God.

And Jesus went to die,  
 Whom the heathen raged to kill,  
 At the place called Calvary,  
 Under the skull-scarred hill.  
 But the wise men argue still.

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### SOCIETY REPORTS.

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**SENIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.**—The four essays written for this Society during the current term have been unusually diverse in subject matter, dealing respectively with literature, religion, history and biology. The literary essay was contributed by Lawrie, and was a dissertation upon the life and writings of one Robert Burns, together with sundry beautiful readings, which were mostly intelligible to the Sassenachs of the Society. The religious essay (perhaps "essay on religion" would be more descriptive) was an enquiry by Braithwaite into the Problem of Suffering, its history and various solutions. That concluded our first meeting. At the next, S. C. Morland read an account of Cæsar Borgia and his nefarious family, and R. Ellis an essay on "The Struggle for Existence," which gave rise to a discussion on Darwinism generally. We cordially welcome five new members. A.W.B.

**CHESS CLUB.**—We have held eight meetings this term, in which nine new members have been elected. Mr. Graham has undertaken the job of President. L. S. Penrose gave us a simultaneous exhibition, playing 10 people and beating 8 of them. There has also taken place a tournament, in which Russell was first, Mounsey second, and Priestman third. T.M.B.R.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—After having had no practices during the summer, the Band has met regularly this term, under the able leadership of Mr. Daughtry. Valuable help has been given by Mr. Dobbing at the piano, and we have also one new violinist. Preparations are being made for a Bach evening at the end of the term.

R.C.H.

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IF EDGAR ALLAN POE HAD WRITTEN

“Such visions fair you only see  
When smoking pipes of B.D.V.”

[ HAD dined alone sedately in that sombre room and stately—  
It had been my custom lately all society to flee—  
And I smoked a last Havannah in a meditative manner,  
And I thought of my Joanna far away across the sea.

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Was it love or was it liquor set my pulses beating quicker, [fall?  
As I watched the firelight flicker, and the shadows rise and  
As the curling smoke ascended, with the dancing shadows blended  
I beheld a vision splendid in the firelight on the wall!  
My adored one far away did I discern, tobacco-aided,  
But the vision fell and faded with the smoke of my cigar,  
And I found myself alone as I'd no more of those coronas  
(Bought from Mr. Jacob Jonas, fifty yards from Temple Bar).

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IF SIEGFRIED SASSOON HAD WRITTEN

“The Angels of Mons.”

SILENT they passed, with never a groan or throb.  
Glazed eyes and silly faces like the sheep.  
A British army walking in its sleep,  
Beaten. Dog-tired. The Colonel on his cob  
Nodding as well, but conscious of his job,  
Heartsick to flee, and half afraid to reap  
The fruits of failure. 'Twas a little steep.  
An army yesterday, to-day a mob.

The threshold of deserted bivouacs  
 Tells of them still, for with his hair like flax  
 Mingled with mud, his putrescent face still bronze,  
 Kissing his trumpet's mouth with bloody lips,  
 His moony life hid in a black eclipse,  
 He saw the angels on the hill of Mons.

#### ARMISTICE DAY.

(Reprinted from "The Reading Standard," 15th Nov., 1919.)

A SHORT informal meeting in commemoration of the Armistice was held in the Peckover Hall, Leighton Park School, on Tuesday, November 11th. All those on the estate, including the domestic staff and the workmen now engaged on the building operations, were invited to attend, and there were present nearly 200 in all. The meeting began with a few minutes' silence. After which J. A. Symonds' hymn, "The men of the future," was sung, followed by the reading of King George's letter to the League of Nations Union.

The Headmaster (Mr. C. I. Evans) then gave a short address, in which, after a deeply moving remembrance of our dead, he spoke of the wider significance of the Armistice Commemoration and of how it must be the earnest endeavour of "all men of good-will" to make future wars impossible.

Following on from this another member of the staff (Mr. R. B. Graham) said a few words on the League of Nations. He pointed out that though at present the League had neglected several important factors (being partly a League, partly an alliance), all men should help in the true laying of the foundations and in ensuring its success. It is by the co-operation of mankind working through such a league that we may look to "Earth at last a warless world, a single race, a single tongue."

When eleven o'clock struck, the two minutes of national silence were observed standing.

The meeting was concluded by the singing of the last verse of "O God our Help in Ages Past."

## O.L. NOTES.

Roger B. Crewdson stood for Parliament as the Nationalist candidate for the Rusholme Division of Manchester. This being a magazine of no political views it is hoped that none will be offended if we commiserate with him on his want of success and heartily wish him better luck next time.

John S. Stephens has started as an English tutor at Berlin University. After speaking at a pacifist meeting of young men in that city he was arrested in the street, apparently as a suspected Bolshevik agent. He spent the night in gaol, but when his position as an individual Quaker, wishing to reside in Berlin, was made clear, he was released. He was afterwards invited by two of the prison officials to visit them and teach them English.

E. H. Pease is working with a Darlington firm who make railway waggons.

W. F. Harvey has just brought out a new little book of poems entitled "Laughter and Ghosts"; it is published by Richard Jackson, of Leeds.

E. G. Grace is on the waiting list for the Agricultural College, Wye, Kent, but does not expect to get there before October, 1920. He is at present picking up sidelights on practical farming.

A. K. B. Gregory has been seen in Bristol, needless to add, on a motor bike.

Robert Stephens is or was in the 3rd Motor Transport Coy., Bombay, where he spent three weeks in hospital with malaria.

Reginald Mounsey has taken up farming, and a milk-cart bearing his name goes the round of Darlington. He may occasionally be seen driving cattle through the crowded thoroughfares.

J. M. Bickerton is on the "Royal Oak."

E. I. Lloyd is in London at "Bart.'s."

Roger Knott is with a firm at Derby.

O. S. and T. W. Hopkins are in rooms at 4, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, working for their Law final.

C. H. and G. R. Fox nearly won the ladies' race at Falmouth—at least the boat did.

Lloyd Fox's latest hobby is collecting. He now has a bank, a motor car, a house, two pigs and a cow.

Congratulations to Lionel W. Wells on his engagement to Miss Joyce Watts, of Ealing.

On July 31st, at Rasulia, Hoshangabad, India, to Basil H. and Dorothy E. Backhouse, a son who was named Edward.

On August 22nd, at Acomb Court, York, to Basil W. and Mary Doncaster (of Sheffield), a daughter who was named Annette.

WILLS—RIDGES.—On July 30th, at the Friends' Meeting House, Plymouth, Eric F. Wills, of Bristol, to Helen Irene, eldest daughter of Mr. John Ridges, of Lisburn, Ireland.

BRAIN—FARRER.—On September 3rd, at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, John A. Brain, of Reading, to Miss Doris May Farrer, daughter of Mr. E. O. Farrer, of Tilehurst-on-Thames.

Arnold Wells was in England in August and September, after a four years' absence in the Near East. His leave was pleasantly prolonged by the railway strike. He is now a Major and on the Staff and has lately held the post of Assistant Inspector of Prisoner of War Camps. Congratulations on his engagement to Miss Vyvien Nicholls, of Reading.

O.L.'s and others will be pleased to hear of the engagement of Miss Winifred Edminson to Mr. Wilfrid Littleboy, of Birmingham. Also of the engagement of Miss Janet Edminson to Mr. Ronald Rees.

We congratulate them both.

At Hillsboro', Glebe Road, Reading, to Howard R. and Edith Smith, a son who was named Basil. Nov. 4th.

Ronald Hodgkin is the father of another daughter of biblical name, Lois.

Congratulations to H. R. Bickerton on his engagement to Miss Rowe, of Liverpool. He is at present in London working at Moorfield's Hospital.

John D. Barlow, after work in France with the American Red Cross and the F.W.V.R.C., has returned to England to assist his father. His brother, T. B. Barlow, returned from America in November. Last summer T.B.B. and another fellow worked their way up from San Francisco to Alaska and back on steamers; their occupation varied from that of dishwashers up to stewards.

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#### CAMBRIDGE O.L.'S.

The following is a list of O.L.'s up this term:—*Caius*, A. K. Gordon, M. Littleboy; *Christ's*, D. G. Walker, F. W. R. Gibbins, S. Tyagaraja; *Fitzwilliam Hall*, A. Bell; *John's*, L. S. Penrose, N. White, R. D. Buchanan, I. C. Bell, F. Sefton-Jones, H. G. Sharman; *King's*, Dr. J. Rickman, A. Penrose, L. B. Cole, J. B. Fryer, P. B. Redmayne, E. Wallis, W. Elverston, G. R. Fox; *Pembroke*, T. F. Fox; *Queens'*, R. A. Penrose; *St. Catherine's*, V. H. Merttens; *Trinity*, A. J. Hodgkin, R. B. Hopkins; *Trinity Hall*, R. K. Wilson.

The formation of a C.U.O.L. Club has been largely discussed, and there is a vague prospect of something of the sort materialising in the near or distant future.

Owing to the number of O.L.'s in residence, we can only attempt to describe a few of their activities and occupations.

Dr. LEONARD DONCASTER left Cambridge in August to take up his new post as Derby Professor of Zoology at Liverpool University. He is now living at 3, Ivanhoe Road, Liverpool. Whilst congratulating him most heartily on his appointment, O.L.'s up here cannot help missing him very much.

Dr. J. RICKMAN.—He is practising at the Lunatic Asylum, and says they treat him as one of themselves. He rides a Bolshevik bicycle. The Hall of the Union Society was filled on the occasion of a meeting to consider the Russian situation, held by the Cambridge branch of the League of Nations Union. The Vice-Chancellor presided, and the meeting was addressed first by Sir Bernard Pares, who presented the case against the Bolsheviks, and then by Dr. Rickman, who defended them. Both spoke with great ability, and the meeting was most valuable in helping to form University opinion on a basis of fact rather than hearsay.

Mr. R. B. HOPKINS occupies very spacious apartments in Portugal Street. A frequent *habitué* of the "Gogs," he has developed a graceful form (in golf). A thrilling incident a short time back was when his irate landlady threatened to "chuck out" two of his guests, both O.L.'s. Nothing but Hopkins' stout courage saved a nasty accident; but it is not advisable to visit him after 10 p.m.

IVAN C. BELL has a select little boudoir in John's. Although a mathematician of some standing, his idea of time is not yet fully developed, for on calling on him at 12-30 p.m. the other day, his breakfast was still on the table. He was not in bed, but fighting with his trouser stretcher. His bags were still in it.

D. G. WALKER is a very busy man, and possesses wide interests. He spends most of his time studying agriculture at the University Farm, but has been known to spare a moment for dancing.

L. S. PENROSE floats in the most intellectual circles and reads Moral Sciences. Visitors to his rooms should beware of green dragons. His *very* worst nightmares occasionally crystallise on canvas and jump at you from the walls.

MERTTENS is seen with Gibbins. Gibbins is seen with Merttens. The latter is, we believe, the first O.L. to enter that yawning gap in "K.P." known as St. Catherine's.

J. B. FRYER is a power in the Union debates, or would be if he could catch the President's eye. Surely the President can't have overlooked Joseph!

A. J. HODGKIN gives *recherche* little messes to the very best people. He is a power on the river and wears a well-known tie.

L. B. COLE was granted an Exhibition on his "Mays." The rest of Cambridge stands aghast at his brilliant career in the realms of science and society. He gives *chic* little tea parties at the "Whim," but for all that he is not a happy man. He feels he was meant to dance all day in the sunlight, or bask on the mud-flats of the Irawaddy in his new Gunner's tie.

T. F. FOX'S many pipes are a source of admiration to his large circle of friends, and likewise an economic factor in the match trade. He thinks he ought to have been invited to that very charming little luncheon which his "bedder" gave her "help" in his rooms.

A. K. GORDON will probably get his blue for bridge. He is being watched by the Progs., and should never be approached except when penniless.

On November 22nd, a Cambridge U.O.L. team had an extremely good game against the School, and were very fortunate in beating them 5-0. The social in the evening was greatly enjoyed, and we sincerely hope that C.O.L.'s in the future will continue the practice of sending a team to the School. Those of us who came down are very much indebted to the masters and friends of the School for their kind hospitality.

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#### SOCIETY REPORTS.

CAMERA CLUB.—We have had two meetings this term, the first of which was devoted to business. At the second, Mr. H. A. King, of Reading, gave us an excellent lecture on Colour Photography, which was much appreciated. The lecture was illustrated by many beautiful slides, showing the various stages in the process, and what fine results it is possible to obtain.

R.C.H.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.—Since our last report, we have had two meetings, at the first of which Mr. Kitto was elected president, and then the House, proceeding to three Sharp Practice Debates, eventually came to the decisions that:— (i.) There is not too much talking in the world. (ii.) The Lower School should not wear Eton collars. (iii) “No sweeter woman e’er drew breath than my son’s wife Elizabeth” (Jean Ingelow). The debates on these vital questions called forth considerable humour and a little wit. The second meeting was held on October 27th, and a good debate followed on the proposition that the British Parliamentary System is played out: but it is to be regretted that the members of the Society left the debate so much in the hands of the Staff; and considering that the School is so fortunate as to receive a prize given annually for public speaking, we feel that more use should be made of our meetings.

F.H.G.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—Two meetings of the Society have been held this term. The first of these was devoted to verbal reports, assisted by a few written and more detailed reports, on the Natural History work of the holidays. The second meeting was occupied in a very interesting manner by Mr. Evans, who lectured on the “New Forest,” showing slides illustrative of the Ornithology, Entomology and Botany of that district. P. Crosfield has been elected a member—thus bringing our total membership to 88.

G.A.C.

MECHANICAL SOCIETY.—Three meetings have been held so far this term, at which papers and demonstrations have been given by Lawrie on the magneto, J. H. Richmond on gas engines, Smithson on the electric lighting and starting equipment of cars, Hudson and J. Cadbury on early types of engines, N. B. Hodgkin on James Watt, L. Grimshaw on big guns, and J. F. Parker on Diesel engines. Several of the papers have been accompanied by lantern slides, pictures through the stereopticon, &c. P. Holmes, Wright, J. F. Parker, Cooke, H. A. March, S. Wilson and H. M. Hodgkin have been elected new members. Our last

meeting, at which Grimshaw and Parker spoke, was probably the best we have so far had. T.L.

L.H.A. SOCIETY.—Three meetings this term have been held, besides a short one for business at the beginning. At the first we were hoping to have had a recital by Mr. Adrian Harley, of London, on "The Elizabethan Stage," but the strike prevented his coming; and in his place we were very fortunate in getting Mr. H. M. Wallis to talk to us most interestingly about "Bulgaria." The second meeting was devoted to Georgian Poetry, and was a distinct success. Papers, with extracts, were read by R. W. B. Ellis, who introduced the subject, O. C. Morland, who gave us "The Case against Georgian Poetry," A. W. Braithwaite on "W. H. Davies," and Mr. Graham on "Geoffrey Young." At the last meeting, L. S. Penrose read us a fascinating paper, with many excellent illustrations, on "Æsthetics," dealing chiefly with the appreciation of beauty through form and association. L.B.P.

THE ART FELLOWSHIP still continues to flourish, and is more active than it has been in the past. Working meetings have been held on an average once every week, and all have been well attended, for some over a dozen being present. They consisted in representing in any medium some group, figure or set subject, though unfortunately all the work had to be done by gas-light. There has also been one meeting for showing and commenting on the work done. L.B.P.

JUNIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—This term the Society has sailed through troubled waters, for the decree went forth that no member of the upper school should belong to the Junior Society. This resulted in the loss of many of its most valuable members, and left it to be carried on by only seven members. However, at the next meeting, six new members were elected, and things began to look a bit more normal. There have been three meetings held this term, and interesting essays read at all of them, the subjects varying from "Ghosts" to "Garibaldi," and from "African Missions" to "A Morning's Drama." On

the whole, this term has not been so unsuccessful as might have been expected. The Society is still "carrying on," but would like to remind the School that new members will be extremely welcome. D.A.H.K.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.—We have had two meetings of the above Society this term. The first meeting was devoted to a sharp practice debate. The subjects varied considerably, ranging from "The present food shortage," to "Trousers." In the next meeting, it was proposed "that the system of fagging should be instituted in this school," with the result of eight to six in favour of the proposition. Our third meeting had unfortunately to be postponed. The society now contains twenty members, five of whom were new this term. H.A.M. •

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#### SCHOOL NOTES.

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WE have to thank Mr. Ransom for the latest addition to the Athletic Trophies, the Steeplechase Cup, given in memory of his son Hubert Ransom (O.L.). It is appropriate that C. W. Gillett's name should be the first on this cup, as Gillett was at school here with Ransom. The institution of the cup also coincides with the change in the steeplechase course.

Among Sunday evening addresses may be particularly mentioned one by Dr. Hilda Byles on missionary work in China. The atmosphere of Chinese life and religion was very well conveyed. During and after her address Dr. Byles shewed us some curiosities she had brought home, including an idol that had actually been worshipped.

On November 8th, after Grove's narrow and rather invidious victory in the house-match (not to mention a governor's meeting), the mid-term social was held. Of this the first part was of the concert variety, and included songs, recitations, and instrumental music. Prominent among them was Mr. Le Mare's fiery rendering of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." Part II consisted

of a dramatized version of Anstey's novel, "Vice Versa," that elaborate work in which the father and son change places to their mutual discomfort. Hockin and Brain filled the two chief roles, and the success with which Hockin parodied Brain was only equalled by the success with which Brain parodied Hockin. Gilmour gave his usual admirable representation of the precocious and very lovable little girl, Cole behaved as you might expect Cole to behave when tipsy, Elverston ogled realistically, and the schoolboys looked delightful. We congratulate Mr. Kitto and the actors on the result of their labors.

The School has been singularly favored this term in the matter of its entertainers. Early in November Mr. Laurence Housman gave us an extremely interesting lecture on prison reform. The next day he went more fully into certain aspects of the subject with a few of the boys and staff, and gave the School a semi-dramatic rendering of one of his own plays, "A Fool and his Money" which—if it mystified some—was yet much appreciated by the many.

Mr. W. S. Rowntree, going to the root of the matter, gave us a lantern lecture in his popular and breezy style on prehistoric man. There have not—thank heavens!—been many stock jokes this term, but Pithicanthropus (who turns up in essays, evening meeting, and geography class) deserves honorable mention among the few.

While on a visit here Dr. Earp showed a series of slides—the property of the Research Defence Society—dealing with bacteriology. He accompanied them with some account of the subject and of the work of Lister and Pasteur, explaining that "this is what healthy silkworms should look like" as a particularly under-developed photograph of a French village was thrown on the screen. The evening was indeed a revelation; we learnt of the salubrious saccharomyces and the sinister streptococcus; we became acquainted with the playful habits of anthrax and ferments, tetanus and typhoid. . . .

One may not doubt that, somehow, good  
Shall come of water and of mud."

"Hum," as Hamlet hath it.

It was an awed and reverent school that beheld the Cambridge O.L.'s arrive; little boys spoke in hushed whispers as the mighty-limbed heroes of history strode past, wondrously besocked and bepiped; many a prefect fainted on being noticed by one of the gods of his youth and the boldest held his breath—for a time; but before the night was far spent we were disillusioned. A social had been arranged on a most respectable basis; it began at a quite high intellectual level, but after a song that claimed, like a patent medicine advertisement, to be exactly the thing for every conceivable kind of person, a subtle air of ribaldry crept into the proceedings. "Cambridge, hast thou done this?" the school murmured, and sat in shocked silence. Especially was this noticeable in the icy reception accorded to a quartette rendering of Michael Finnigan, and a four-character cinematograph melodrama. But the heart of one O.L. was made of sterner stuff; he gave a recitation from "The eternal Brooke," and our editorial armchair creaks even now when we think of his soul-stirring accents ringing in our ears. On the whole we are very doubtful if the Alma mater is bringing up her children properly.

And then, most recent of all, Mr. Plunket Greene's song recital. How shall pen and ink succeed in meting due praise when tongue nor heart cannot conceive nor name it? We have a golden memory of thirty exquisite renderings of thirty exquisite songs, of thirty spirited performances of the accompanist, and thirty visions of an almost frenziedly appreciative school. It would be hard to say which found most favor—"Sherwood" of the Irish Recruiting Song, "To Anthea," or the tragic history of "Kelly's Cat."