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EDITORIAL.

“Are you there, Imp?” I called in desperation down the editorial telephone.

“Yes, what do you want?”

“It’s about this wretched editorial,” I began hurriedly. “I know it’s a very cheap way out of the difficulty to come to you about it, but one often seems to have to in the spring term. Perhaps it’s on account of the weather. Isn’t it Browning who says: ‘In the spring a young man’s fancy—’”

“Don’t quote Mrs. Hemans to me,” said the Imp severely. “You’ve plenty to write about. Why, there’s the attack of measles which would have been so much worse had not the health of the School been of such a high order. And there’s S. C. Morland’s History Scholarship at King’s College, Cambridge, and Braithwaite’s Classics Exhibition at Lincoln College, Oxford. You might even make quite a decent paragraph out of the subject you were on just now. How’s this: ‘For ten weeks the radiant orb has shone undimmed over the forty-five acres of splendidly tim—’”

“Steady on, Imp,” I interrupted hastily. “This is an editorial, not a school prospectus. You’ll be saying we’ve been training for the business of life next.”

The Imp was plainly rather annoyed, but he continued with feigned good-humor: “Then there are the Heats and the decease of Hockey and other horrors. And—good heavens, yes, I’d almost forgotten—there’s the Third House with Mr. Robson as house master and Mr. Kitto as resident. You can say there really is some prospect of its getting started next term.”

"But that's been said in every editorial for years past," I expostulated.

"By Phlegethon!" shouted the Imp, losing his temper. "Nothing seems to satisfy you. Anyhow, I'm off—I've got an appointment with the printer's devil at twelve."

I listened while he flung his empty receiver on to the floor, and then turned wearily to make out the list of prefects.

PREFECTS.

G. A. Cole (Senior Prefect)	appointed	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.
L. B. Pitt	,,	December, 1919.
A. R. Wates	,,	February, 1920.

NEW BOYS.

Lower Fifth a.

G. I. B. Dick, Reading.

Fourth.

D. F. Kessler, Bexley.

Third.

F. L. Jacobs, London.

M. L. Jacobs, London.

S. P. Tyzack, Crooksbury.

NEW OLD BOYS.

T. Lawrie, The Manse, Garvock Road, Laurencekirk.

A. W. Braithwaite, Castle House, Banbury.

A. R. W. Richardson, Drumlyn, Moyallon, Co. Down.

B. E. Penrose, Oxhey Grange, Watford.

MOONLIGHT AT THE TAJ MAHAL.

COLD, passionless, white-browed she lay in death
 Wrapped in a snowy shroud her girlish face
 Serene and peaceful crowned with virgin grace,
 So beautiful beside a lily wreath.
 Oh Taj! So seemest thou to me at night
 When the big Indian moon pours radiance down,
 While all around dark trees and jungle frown,
 And thou, art ghostlike, gemlike, pure and white.
 Then sitting mid the cypress trees it seems
 That perfect love of beauty comes to me,
 And there before my wondering eyes I see
 The quiet perfection of a thousand dreams,
 And sit, past fear or hope or wish—content
 With life in endless adoration spent.

1910-16.

A VERY OLD STORY BY A VERY YOUNG POET.

(With apologies to Thomas Hardy, Owen Seaman, Oliver Goldsmith, George Wither, William Shakespeare, Hilaire Belloc, and many others who have been named as the spiritual godfathers of the Poem).

WHEN I was much younger I felt no heart-hunger
 And scoffed at the lovers' alarms:
 I thought it amusing to see people losing
 Their senses at feminine charms.
 Determined to fare free, both heart-whole and care-free
 I stoutly refused to make moan
 For Alice or Molly or Peggy or Dolly
 Or Mary or Betty or Joan.
 As wisdom augmented my hardness relented;
 I felt I was rather forlorn,
 And started pursuing with passionate wooing
 The girls I had treated with scorn.

But, finding the nearest was always the dearest,
 In turns I desired for my own own
 Sweet Alice—or Molly—or Peggy—or Dolly
 — Or Mary—or Betty—or Joan.
 I loved them so dearly I often had nearly
 To one or the other inclined,
 But making selection from so much perfection
 Was more than I found to my mind.
 At last while I tarried they all went and married,
 And I was left lonely alone
 By Alice and Molly and Peggy and Dolly
 And Mary and Betty and Joan.
 Well, fair was each charmer, but now I am calmer ;
 My grief is no longer intense ;
 I now find a measure of modified pleasure
 In thinking that fifty years hence
 They'll look simply hateful and I shall be grateful
 That I am not tied to a crone
 Like Alice or Molly or Peggy or Dolly
 Or Mary or Betty or Joan.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—Of our four last meetings, one was chiefly devoted to a lantern lecture by Mr. Unwin on "Pet Keeping," in which the lecturer told of his own diverse experiences in that direction, illustrated by photographs of pets varying from children to glow-worms. In each of the other three meetings, one subject was taken as the central theme of the evening, and treated in different papers from various points of view. The December meeting was devoted to a study of "Flight," and the two last meetings respectively to two extreme ways of meeting the struggle for existence, "Parasitism" and "Socialism." The March meeting—one of the most successful we have had for

some time—was materially assisted by the presence of one of the honorary members, Mr. Wallis. R.W.B.E.

SENIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—At our December meeting, Mr. Graham read a lively and entertaining essay on “Gilbert as a Satirist,” and Russell gave a succinct denunciation of Mahomet and most of his works. This term the subjects of the essays have been mostly of a literary character, though N. D. Ellis was attracted towards biography, dealing with the life (particularly the early life) of Napoleon. The discussion furnished some interesting particulars of that gentleman’s various religions. The other three essays were each remarkable in attempting a great deal and succeeding to a very large extent: Hockin grappled with “Humour in English Literature,” Mrs. Hannay gave a complete account of the whole of German literature from its earliest beginnings onwards, and Mr. Davies, under the title of “The Faerie Poetry of W. B. Yeats,” provided us with a wealth of literary criticism, a number of exquisite quotations, and a complete philosophy of the universe. Our most cordial thanks are due to Mrs. Hannay, the President, and Mr. Davies, not only for their essays but for the help they have given in discussion and criticism. R.W.B.E.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the term was devoted to a number of sharp practice debates, in which the sharpness was considerably augmented by both the proposer and opposer of the motions being chosen by ballot. At the end of the meeting, the luckless wight who had to propose that the evening’s debate had been a failure, had his proposal very properly defeated, it being pointed out that every member present had spoken at least twice. At the second meeting, the subject of modern dress reform (supported by Mr. Graham and R. C. Harris, and opposed by R. Ellis and W. M. Elverston) furnished quite an amusing debate. After considerable mud-slinging and an orgy of outrageous suggestion, the motion (in favor of reform) was lost by eight votes to nine. R.W.B.E.

L.H.A. SOCIETY.—At the first meeting this term we had an interesting talk by Mr. Unwin on the subject of "Miracle and Morality Plays." He dealt with the beginnings and gradual growth of playacting in England, and showed how the original religious purpose of the miracle plays became secondary and finally absent. The paper would have been a very good introduction to Mr. Adrian Harley's lecture on "The Elizabethan Drama." A reading by several members from "Everyman" (a morality play) concluded the evening. L.B.P.

THE ART FELLOWSHIP has had several meetings this term, but owing to the weather only one has been out-of-doors. At the first evening meeting Kessler, as a Red Indian, was the model. At another stuffed birds were drawn or painted, while an oil painting formed a model for a third. Mr. J. E. Hodgkin, of Darlington, showed a number of his water-colour sketches at one of the meetings. L.B.P.

CAMERA CLUB.—We have held one business meeting and one practical meeting this term. At the latter, members made or learnt to make lantern slides, with Mr. Unwin's guidance. Another meeting is to be held shortly for binding up the slides made. The membership keeps up satisfactorily. R.C.H.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—The newly-formed Choral section has met regularly each week with Mr. Dobbing for the study of "H.M.S. Pinafore." The Band has been engaged on the Overture and other parts of the opera, and it is hoped that it may be performed this term. R.C.H.

CHESS CLUB.—We have had three meetings this term, at the first of which Mr. Graham was re-elected President, and Hudson Secretary in place of Russell, who resigned. The following openings have been played at the meetings—Evans' Gambit, King's Knight's Gambit, Ruy Lopez. Two matches have been played with the W.E.A. on February 28th and March 13th, the Club losing by 7 to 1 and drawing 4 to 4 respectively. Many thanks are due to Mr. Graham, upon whom the duty of arranging

for the W.E.A. matches fell. A Handicap Tournament has been started, but is not yet finished. Evans and Slater have joined the Club, bringing the number of members up to 16. W.F.H.

MECHANICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—The Society has held two meetings so far this term. At the first our President very kindly displayed his Geissler tubes, explaining at the same time their action and something of their history. This display was greatly appreciated. At the second meeting P. Holmes and Cooke read papers on Pumps. Some of the time not taken up by the lecturers was used for questions, one of which raised a point which the meeting spent the remainder of the evening in trying to answer.

The Society is extremely grateful to Lawrie for so ably conducting it through the first year of its existence. P.W.
J.F.P.

JUNIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—This Society has grown considerably since the blow it suffered last term, and now numbers some 16 or 17 members. Two meetings have been held this term, and interesting essays read at both of them—the subjects varying from “Sea Monsters” to “The Camp,” and from “William Blake” to “Shooting at home and abroad.” D.A.H.K.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.—We have had three meetings of this Society since last report. In the first one it was proposed that “England does not need a violent revolution to bring about a better state of affairs.” The motion was lost by one vote. The next meeting was devoted to a sharp practice debate. In the third the subject debated was whether “Compulsory Military Training should be instituted in England”: the motion was eventually lost by eight votes. The Society now contains twenty-three members, an increase of three on last term. H.A.M.

TO A GOLF BALL.

(Reprinted from “*Golfing*,” 27th February, 1920.)

○ MIGHTY atom of such wondrous sport!
What magic lies within your white rotundity;

That you—with awful power have wrought
Such ghastly chaos in the calm profundity
Of cabinet ministers and even kings ?
Can make god-fearing men say fearful words
And nice young ladies mutter things
Of impropriety quite unheard.
What demon in you lives
That tells small boys of tender age
Undictionaried adjectives,
That makes them storm in futile rage ?
Whose myrmidon is that grisly sprite
Of topped and scooped and sliced balls ?
The bane and curse of every wight
Who — chained to the golfing craze — falls
Headlong to the deepest pit
Of hopeless dull despair.
On his shoulder the demons sit
Laughing at his language rare,
But—little sphere—what charm is yours
When well-disposed towards your slave !
What joy is there to watch you soar
From untopped stroke or undigged grave !
How swell we with deserved pride
Before your other slaves—O priceless sphere,
Who stand in reverent awe, tongue-tied
Where they were just prepared to sneer.
O goddess (far too fickle for a god),
Who sway'st the world with power supreme,
With mercy toward me wave thy rod
That I may live to realize my dream.

R. PETRIE.

 FOOTBALL.

REPORTS of the following two matches were omitted from last issue, as they were played after the magazine had gone to press.

L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Reading College (2nd XI.)—For this match we were without Cole, so Mr. Davies played centre-half. Mr. Unwin played outside right. The ground was extremely slippery at our end of the field in the first half, with the result that the backs were hopelessly at sea, and by muddling succeeded in letting through 3 goals. Sherborne scored for us owing to a muddle in front of their goal. The second half was more even, both sides scoring twice more. The school backs were distinctly "off," but fortunately Brain succeeded in redeeming many of their mistakes with excellent saves. Goals: Sherborne, Priestman, Holmes.

House Match, December 8th.—This match was not quite so fast as the first one. For the first fifteen minutes Grove had it all their own way, but, although peppering the School goal, did not succeed in scoring. Then the School House forwards woke up, and gradually worked the play down to the other end of the field. Ten minutes before half-time Lawrie scored for School House with a pretty cross shot. Near the beginning of the second half School scored again through Cole, and the play slacked off considerably. The shooting of both sides was conspicuously bad. Perhaps Hockin's play at right back deserves special attention.

School Team:—Brain; Southall, Hockin; Elverston, Cole, S. C. Morland; Lawrie, Priestman, Wertheimer, Penny, Smith.

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

HOCKEY.

THE second season in which Hockey has been played as a school game has been perhaps as successful as could be expected, taking into consideration the facts that Hockey as a school game is very much in its infancy (many hope that it will never grow up), and that all the matches played have been club matches against men's teams. The only school matches arranged, against Magdalen College School, were scratched owing to infection.

Owing to the Measles epidemic the team has been a very varied one, and this has accounted for the lack of combination so obvious in the forward line. The great fault of the team is in the shooting, which is extremely poor. The halves do not keep close enough up to the forwards when attacking, and thus many goals have been missed.

We are grateful to those members of the staff who have helped us by their presence either in compulsories or matches.

The matches played have been 9 in number, 2 of which we have won, 2 drawn, and 5 lost.

January 21st.	Reading College	...	Lost	3—1
„ 24th.	Caversham	...	Lost	4—0
„ 31st.	Merton College, Oxford	...	Lost	8—1
February 7th.	Huntley & Palmers	...	Lost	10—2
„ 11th.	Reading College	...	Lost	4—2
„ 14th.	Caversham	...	Drawn	0—0
„ 21st.	Pilgrims	...	Won	4—2
„ 28th.	Merton College, Oxford	...	Drawn	2—2
March 3rd.	G. D. March's Team	...	Won	10—0

ANALYSIS OF THE TEAM

PETRIE (centre-forward).—Is clever with his stick, and can shoot quite well. He succeeds in keeping his forwards together, but should learn to use his right wing a little more.

SHERBORNE (centre-half).—For the first part of the season he was the mainstay of the team. Latterly he has either grown stale, or has attempted too much, by never using his feet or hands to stop the ball. He has succeeded in feeding the right wing well with his passes.

KNOTT (left back).—Has come on tremendously since the beginning of the season. He has a powerful hit and is reliable. He will have to regulate his passes a little more.

BRAIN (goal).—He is the only school goal keeper who succeeds in using his feet to much advantage. He has not played often enough to give a fuller analysis—suffice it to say that we missed him when he was away.

IMAM (right back).—Has played right back almost throughout the season owing to PRIESTMAN'S absence. He is not very reliable, has a powerful hit, but keeps the ball too long in his possession before clearing.

S. C. MORLAND (right half).—Has speed which he uses to advantage. He plays a hard game, and tackles strongly. He has not played often enough to give a full analysis.

PENNY (outside left).—It is difficult to give a fair analysis of anyone playing in this most difficult position. He is not fast, but succeeds in worrying down the wing. His centres, latterly have been quite good.

H. A. MARCH (inside right or left).—Has been improving gradually throughout the season. He is clever with his stick and combines well, but must learn to shoot.

ELVERSTON (left half).—Handicapped by his speed. His passes are accurately placed, but he tends to give up too soon in tackling.

J. Hockin, J. Richmond, and F. H. Gillett (Vice-Captain), have also played.

G.A.C.

January 21st, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Reading College.—This match took place before I returned, and owing to the departure

of the Vice, I have been unable to obtain any information on the subject. I gather however that it was a good game, and that we lost 3—1.

January 24th, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Caversham.—For this match Mr. Dobbing played inside left, and S. C. Morland inside right. The game was fast and fairly even, the great difference between the two sides being in the shooting and combination of the forwards. The School forwards had no combination in front of goal and shot extraordinarily badly. Our opponents scored three times in the first half, and once in the second. The second half was distinctly slower than the first owing to a heavy fall of rain. Brain played a good game in goal.

January 31st, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Merton College (at Oxford).—For this match Knott took Priestman's place at left back, Mr. Dobbing played inside left, and H. A. March inside right. S. C. Morland went right half instead of F. H. Gillett. Although we were quite outclassed it was a most enjoyable one from every point of view. Our opponents gave us an exhibition of good combination, speed, and shooting, and succeeded in showing up our great weaknesses in these respects. The defence played a better game than against Caversham. In spite of this our opponents obtained 8 goals. The second half was the more even. Our only goal, scored by Petrie, was not an inspiring performance, as it resulted from a muddle in front of their goal. It was in this match that Mr. Dobbing's bad luck began to assert itself.

February 7th, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Huntley & Palmer's (at Reading).—We were without S.C. Morland, Knott, and Priestman. Mr. Davies played right back instead of Knott, and Hockin took S. C. Morland's place at right half. The first half was fairly level, our opponents scoring four times to our twice. In the second half the team went to pieces and allowed six more goals to be pushed through them. The match terminated with an unfortunate incident. Mr. Dobbing's bad luck again asserted

itself, and he received a rising ball "flush on the boko." with the result that he has not been able to assist us in any of the later matches.

February 11th, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Reading College.—Brain having succumbed to "imps," Knott played in goal, and Mr. Davies took his place at back. Mr. Graham, again proclaimed fit by his "man," took S. C. Morland's place at right half, and was of great assistance. Mr. Unwin filled Mr. Dobbing's place at left inside. The team showed some signs of combination, but the forwards still showed no improvement in their shooting. In the first half the College scored all their four goals, while the School forwards seemed quite unable to press. The second half was more successful; L.P.S. pressed continually and succeeded in scoring twice. If the shooting of the forwards had been better, we should probably have won the match.

February 14th, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Caversham.—Caversham turned up with 8 men and were provided with 2 substitutes, an eleventh man being recruited at half-time. The game was even, and again L.P.S. failed to win owing to their bad shooting. We ought to have scored certainly in the first fifteen minutes of both halves. Neither side succeeded in scoring, although Caversham made desperate efforts in the last ten minutes, forcing corner after corner. We were without Brain, S. C. Morland, Imam, Mr. Unwin, and Mr. Dobbing, so did not do so badly. Mr. Graham and Mr. Davies helped the team considerably. Hockin played outside left, Penny inside, and J. Richmond in goal.

February 20th, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. Pilgrims.—The Pilgrims turned up with a team, strong individually, but lacking any sign of combination. L.P.S. played a better game than usual, the forwards especially getting in shots whenever possible. The first half was very level, both sides scoring twice. After half-time our forwards went away with a rush, and the play was mostly in their half. If our shooting had been better we should

have scored many times—as it was we only succeeded twice. The backs were playing a good game and our opponents failed to break through again, the final score being therefore 4—2 in our favour.

February 28th, L.P.S., (Club XI.) v. Merton College.—After our inglorious exhibition at Oxford we turned out with little hope of victory. The team we were faced with was not quite so formidable as on the previous occasion, but the result served to show that we had improved considerably in combination, passing, and shooting. The game was extremely even throughout, both sides scoring once in each half. Knott played a particularly good game at left back, saving the defence on several occasions.

March 3rd, L.P.S. (Club XI.) v. G. D. March's Team.—This match gave L.P.S. a chance to show what a really superior team they were. For the first 15 minutes our opponents were without a goalkeeper, their substitute being late in arriving. In that 15 minutes L.P.S. scored twice. As the game went on the shooting of the forwards improved, and at half-time it became evident that the real struggle for supremacy lay between Mr. Davies and Petrie, both of whom had scored three times. The struggle ended perhaps as happily as it possibly could, in a draw, these two stalwarts scoring 5 goals each. These ten goals were the only ones scored during the match.

March 6th, House Match.—The ground was slippery in the extreme, and grew steadily worse throughout the game. School should have scored in the first five minutes, the forwards missing several easy chances. However, there had been about 20 minutes' play before the first goal was scored by School House. After this play slackened off considerably. There was no further score in the first half, and during the beginning of the second half the Grove forwards threatened to break through on several occasions. Spurred on by this, the School House forwards woke up and succeeded in scoring two more goals. The standard of play was not up to that of most House Matches,

owing a good deal to the weather and a good deal to the shortness of tempers.

March 8th, 2nd XI. House Match.—The Junior House Match played on the Monday was a more even game than the first had been. School House were lucky in scoring their two goals early in the game. For the rest of the match they only barely succeeded in holding their own. The game showed a bad standard of Hockey, as there was no sign of combination on either side, and clean hitting was infrequent. It points to the fact that the second and third games fields are not sufficiently level to be productive of good hockey, and the result of this will be serious in influencing the athletics of the School.

G.A.C.

O.L. NOTES.

Mr. Ballard has left Belfast, and is with the firm of Messrs. Walpole Bros. at Dublin. E. Horace Walpole has just returned from America, where he has been visiting the New York branch of Messrs. Walpole Bros.

J. S. W. Richardson is studying the linen business with the firm of Richardson, Owden & Co.

Rob. Goodbody has been frequently seen in Dublin, and is doing a good deal of singing in local concerts.

L. F. Bigland has been made a partner in the firm of A. F. Brain & Co., Insurance Brokers, of Bradford. Report says that his son is on the books to come to L.P.S.

Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Jones left the Downs School, Colwall, at Christmas. They propose spending some time abroad and think then of living near London.

J. T. Wotherspoon has gone to India with the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

L. Victor Smith is working in the firm of Huntley & Palmers' in Reading.

Dr. Leonard Doncaster has just published a new book entitled "Introduction to the Study of Cytology" (Camb. University Press). He now has a professional chair at Liverpool University.

C. Gilbert Alexander has been working since November with Mr. J. J. Armistead's Mission among the Norwegian fishermen. At present he is on the Vigten Islands off the coast of Norway, and finds his knowledge of First Aid, acquired in the F.A.U., most useful. He also does dispensing.

T. D. Heald was in Russia for two years, through various revolutions, being on one occasion taken for a German spy by a Bolshevich Government. It appears however that he escaped, for he now employs himself with work, golf, reading, and arguments about Russia.

His brother, William Heald, is in New Zealand, but hopes to return this spring and attend next O.L.'s.

Philip King is still working in Manchester.

Guy Jefferys in his mill work rises at 5 a.m. during alternate weeks, but is still quite active—there is no need for concern.

A. B. W. Baynes has moved to Hove, and divides his spare time between chess, stamp collecting and fishing.

T. Lawrie has gone to U.S.A. for six months' study of engineering. He reached the country in a cattle-boat, working as an attendant on prize cattle, exported for breeding.

Several Birmingham O.L.'s, amongst whom Ronald Lloyd is suspected, have been guilty of joining an Amateur Dramatic Society.

G. B. Lloyd has left Stewarts & Lloyd's, and joined the firm of Morland, Impey.

Olaf Hodgkin returning to England was detained at Hyeres by the news of the coal shortage at Winscombe, where he was proposing to stay. His daughter Erica is with him.

Basil H. Backhouse is also returning to England. He is

entrusting his life, those of his wife and two children, to a native-owned boat which is said to "feed people badly and be a slow tub." We wish them a pleasant voyage.

Alfred E. Backhouse and his wife are returning from the Caucasus. In Paris he hopes to reclaim what is left of his car, which has been used by the F.W.V.R. during the war.

Henry T. Hodgkin and his wife have been visiting Scandinavia in the interests of Universal Peace. They are reported to be closely in touch with the highest ecclesiastical and court circles.

J. Edward Hodgkin's chief occupation of late (more or less) has been the attempt to raise money enough to pay for the new buildings. He invites any O.L. with surplus war profits to communicate with him.

Edward Backhouse has returned from Vienna, where he has been organizing relief work. He has been enjoying himself immensely and his letters are full of descriptions of his very charming fellow-workers.

E. Gayner Grace is farming near Bristol, and captains a Friends' mixed hockey team.

A. P. Cotterell is at present working in his father's office and hopes to enter London University next October.

G. D. March is doing 1st M.B. work with the VI. form as an external student, until Guy's Hospital has room for him.

J. D. Barlow is in London giving attention to dancing, to the further study of French, and to business. The information to hand is that he throws himself into each one of these, as if it were his sole occupation in life.

T. B. Barlow is now at Manchester, having returned from the U.S.A., where his adventures included (if a Somerset paper may be believed) a journey from San Francisco to Skagway and back in order see if the thing could be done without expense. The newspaper left it in doubt as to whether the journey had been thus cheaply performed.

Mr. Attenborough has this term started teaching at Ipswich Grammar School, where he occupies the position of sixth form master. He teaches English and is supervising the games.

Lloyd Fox's collection is increasing. Besides the motor car, house, two pigs and a cow, mentioned in the last number, he has since added a dog, a calf, and some fowls. His crowning achievement was to produce eggs dated February in January.

Ronald Lloyd is working very hard in Birmingham and has a beautiful motor car. Friends wishing to call, are requested to do so before 8-40 a.m., when he goes into the city.

Mr. H. M. Wallis has presented to the School a large oil painting by J. Walter West, in memory of his two sons, Anthony and Basil Wallis. The picture is at present placed in the Peckover Hall: it is entitled "Many waters cannot quench love."

Congratulations to Oliver Holmes on his engagement to Miss Marie Crompton; and to Cuthbert Ll. Fox on his engagement to Miss M. F. Sullivan, of Woking; and to Alan Gilford on his engagement to Miss Manning, of Bristol; and to Julian P. Fox on his engagement to Miss Margaret Gibbins, of Birmingham.

Bertram F. & Eleanor Crosfield have another son who was named Michael.

OXFORD O.L.'S.

There have recently been four O.L.'s at Oxford, but as no trace of BRETHERTON can be found it is presumed that he has gone down. ROBIN HODGKIN is, as before, a Don at Queen's, but as our correspondent remarks his position should spare him from the sacriligious pen. Of the remaining two, R. T. V. CLARKE (Oriol) is reading Chemistry and moves in musical circles: he also puts the weight and throws hammers about with considerable success, and employs his spare moments with an organ. In his absence his scout volunteered the following information: "Mr. Clarke is a very regular gentleman, sir; takes beef and mutton for lunch alternately: I never 'as no trouble with 'is meals."

R. A. U. JENNINGS (New College) plays for the 3rd XV. and is so ardent a convert to the game that he would suggest rigger propaganda at L.P.S. He would like more O.L.'s to go to Oxford, but thinks the reason for their absence may be put down to fear of Popery : what this means we do not know but, as he says it, it must mean something. Finally, he has been a very charming host to the occasional Cambridge O.L.'s who visit Oxford.

CAMBRIDGE O.L.'S.

It is impossible to keep in touch with the various activities of all O.L.'s in residence but the following facts may be of interest. In the literary (?) world one O.L. has been offered the editorship of a joint Oxford and Cambridge production, whilst at least two others have appeared in print in "The Granta."

LIONEL PENROSE was very largely responsible for the tremendous success of "The Fairie Queen." The exquisite music and dancing of the opera would have lost very much of their charm if it had not been for his conceptions of the various scenes and their reproduction on the stage and the resulting splendid harmony of dress and stage scenery.

SEFTON JONES and ALAN BELL have been rowing and the latter was in the orchestra of "The Fairie Queen." In the Lents A. J. HODGKIN rowed in 1st Trinity 2nd boat, and G. R. FOX in King's 2nd boat.

ROLAND PENROSE is in the 2nd team of the University Hare and Hounds and was one of the first three men home in a match against the Royal Air Force.

V. H. MERTTENS has got his colours for hockey in the "Cats" 1st XI.

O.L. CRICKET TOUR.

IT is proposed to get up an eleven of O.L.'s as usual to play cricket matches against Friends' Schools, etc. The first match will probably be on Saturday, July 17th, and the last at L.P.S. on Saturday, July 24th.

The expense is not great (usually about £5), as it is generally possible to do most of the travelling by car; and the tour is an ideal holiday.

It will greatly help the Organising Committee if any O.L. likely to be able to play will write to R. Ll. Lloyd, Edgbaston Grove, Birmingham.

For the O.L. Games Committee,
LLEWELLYN MARRIAGE.

THE LIBRARY.

DURING the last two terms thirty-one books have been added to the Library, among which are two on the Peace Conference.—H. Wilson-Harris' "The Peace in the Making," and J. M. Keynes' book, "The Economic Consequences of the Peace." Mr. George Cadbury, Junr., has presented the School with the new "Times" Atlas, and Mr. J. E. Hodgkin with an old book on the Whiteknights Estate. Other notable additions are five volumes of "European History" beautifully illustrated, and two books on Ancient Man: "Men of the Old Stone Age," by H. F. Osborn, and Breasted's "Ancient Times," as well as others on Implements, etc.

No. of books in the Library about 1,400; including Additions since November, 1915, 442 books; including Backhouse gift of about 200 books. J. R. A. H.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In reply to the circular which the editors sent round, requesting suggestions anent the Third House, the following have been received :—

I.

"The Sixth Form are satisfied to observe that their research into the housing problem has come to such adequate, though

tardy, fruition. At the same time, they beg to stipulate that:—

- (i.) If A be a member of the House, B certainly must not be.
- (ii.) That any studies containing gramophones or phonographs be forthwith stopped with stones and barred with stakes,.....”

[*The rest of this valuable communication remains unbegotten, since the Form then adjourned for a trigonometry class.*]

II.

The following telegram from a Member of the Governing Body:—

“Sorry no information. Impossible attend board, buttonholes unobtainable.”

III.

From the O—— of W———:—

“Sir,

We regret that we were not consulted earlier, since:—

- (a) the paucity of flat roof-space leads to jealousy in camping, and
- (b) the banisters being of iron, they cannot be used for firelighting whilst members slide down to breakfast.

In conclusion: *E omnalis unibus.*”

Heron.”

IV.

From a Secret Institution:—

“We feel it our duty to freely (since we attempt to—in so far as in us lies—benefit humanity) and openly (since we know clearness of diction to almost invariably go hand in hand with clarity of thought) express our conviction that, while running this House upon what is, under the circumstances, an evolutionary (meals being voluntary) basis, we, from a synthetic point of view, would deprecate the iconoclasm involved in an attempt to

wantonly and sans forethought, sans self-knowledge, and sans prayer do away with the eutopian eikon of compulsion."

As we go to press we have received the following, written in white chalk upon a filter paper :—

"Call it Home of Rest."

* "If one goes, all must."—Ed.

L.H.A. PLAY.

ON Saturday, the 20th March, the Members of the L.H.A. gave a performance of G. B. Shaw's play : "The Admirable Bashville." We believe that the decision to present this play was only reached after much altercation and considerable doubts as to its suitability. To act Shaw well is always somewhat difficult, but, we are glad to say, hardly beyond the capabilities of the L.H.A. The interest of the audience never flagged ; the humorous situations were taken full advantage of ; and we must not omit to mention the unrehearsed incident at the end of the boxing scene, when Cashel Byron and Lydia became part of the struggling mass of humanity on the floor of the Agricultural Hall, Islington.

S. C. Morland made an admirable Cashel Byron. His speeches were always well and clearly delivered, especially the speeches in Act II., Scene I., probably the most typically Shavian lines in the whole piece, where the dramatist mocks the false sentiment which condemns prize fighting as brutal, but does not object to killing for sport, the gallows and the lash, vivisection, and the shameless robbing of the poor. We would also like to compliment him for his rendering of the lines :—

"A gentlemen ! I, Cashel Byron, stoop
To be the thing that bets on me."

Slater, as Lydia Carew, was quite a charming-looking lady. He knew his part well, but in future performances it would be

well if he pitched his voice a little higher. Hockin showed skill in his interpretation of the part of Mellish, his facial contortions being both amusing and appropriate. Harris, as Lucian, and Knott, as the Admirable Bashville, were two of the big successes of the evening. The lisping drawl which the former contrived to put into his speech was very effective, while Knott's clearness of enunciation and commanding presence were always noticeable. He well deserved the applause of the audience for the speech at the end of Act II., Scene I., in which he declares his love for Lydia, and the unworthiness of Cashel Bryon :—

“This hero of the pothouse, whose exploits,
Writ in my character from my last place,
Would damn me into ostlerdom.”

The remaining characters all exhibited little excellences which did not pass unnoticed. Cetewayo (H. M. Hodgkin) and the Zulu chiefs (P. Whitlow, W. Hudson and Kemsley) were so well disguised as to be unrecognisable. J. H. Richmond (Paradise) was the typical “bruiser,” rough and uncouth. Pitt (Lord Worthington), Sherborne (Master of the Revels), and the seconds in the glove-fight (H. Morland and Hockin) were most realistic. Scanlan was a lively and entertaining policeman, and G. N. Fox showed his usual command of face and gesture in the part of Adelaide Gisborne.

In conclusion, we would compliment Mr. Robson for building up such a powerful caste, and for the cleverness of his stage managership.

H.A.D.

SCHOOL NOTES.

TOWARDS the end of last Term, the Musical Society entertained the School with a programme half of Bach and half of modern music. We feel that this course was rather illuminating in exposing the school's musical taste, for in spite of Mr. Daughtry's valiant efforts to organise a kind of ballot

whereby Bach should be honored, the audience was quite unmoved during this part of the programme. A great success of the evening was the singing of Mr. West, of Reading School.

The Half-term Social was this Term arranged after the House Match, when one section of the school, at any rate, was sure to be jubilant. The first part consisted of songs and instrumental music. Part II. was a dramatised version of Kipling's "Old Men at Pevensey," performed by the Third and Fourth Forms. Although—as was afterwards elicited—only 43% of the School noticed the veiled reference to gorillas in the first act; the dramatisation (with which Mr. Graham gave some help) was very successful. The scenery also was admirable, and the acting delightful. Gilmour distinguished himself in the difficult part of De Aquila, and the knights were hardly less successful. M. L. Jacobs, as Fulke, and D. Cadbury, as Gilbert, also deserve special mention. Mr. Graham and his company are to be congratulated on their success in such a difficult venture.

The subjects of the four Lectures delivered this Term to the School have all possessed a pleasant odour of antiquity. The first lecturer, Mr. Turtle, with the aid of much historic lore and many brilliantly coloured lantern slides, conducted us in a charmingly reverent manner through the intricacies of Parliament (the buildings, the institution, and the customs). He enlivened the lecture with picturesque reminiscences, and corroborative detail.

Later in the Term, Mr. Adrian Harley gave a very illuminating account of the Elizabethan Stage, with special reference to the rise of the drama in England. In illustration he gave several recitations from Shakespeare, most of them involving at least two characters.

Mr. Urquhart, on Michael Angelo, dealt not less interestingly with a sister art; his slides—photographs of the various masterpieces about which for the most part he spoke—were everything that slides should be, giving as good an idea of the originals as anything short of the originals could do.

Mr. Evans, continuing the series of Staff Lectures in a Lecture on "The Monuments of Prehistoric Man," described Stonehenge and many of the French remains. It was especially pleasant to the School to catch glimpses of a familiar figure in many of the pictures.

Seemingly, this Lecture, together with the democratic methods on which the School is run, inspired one unfortunate to ask himself why only the Staff should be privileged to lecture. We trust that he and his lanternist now know.

We hear it suggested that a hymn, beginning: "Lest we forget the sun, the moon, the stars," shall be chanted twice daily in the geography room before the high altar. In other words, the centre of interest is no longer the embryo laboratory, but a wonderful conglomeration of pulleys, strings, stresses, tensions, cams, crotchets, and gadgets, being a working model (the munificent gift to the School of Mr. J. H. Lloyd) of the Solar System. Future followers of Icarus have now no longer to consult Whittaker's almanac for the distance to the sun, but may obtain their information direct by measuring on the model and adding the required number of noughts. It is even claimed that by it eclipses and the moon's way of never turning the other cheek may be illustrated, but we have not as yet succeeded in verifying this statement.

Early this term, sceptics and mockers (till then ever ready to wax witty at the one word "Woodcraft") were left dumb-founded and penitent by a unique exhibition of "How to light fires without matches," provided by Mr. Classey. Incredible as it may seem to those who were not present, the genial backwoodsman did the trick with two pieces of wood, with a piece of porcelain and a pocket knife, and yet again with a little air and a compression tube. The interest of the audience was not lessened by all the demonstrations being on either the floor or the table of the hall. We doubt if even the most hardened cynic remained unmoved; in fact, it was quite touching to see how the "fools that came to scoff remained to"—play with firefighters.

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