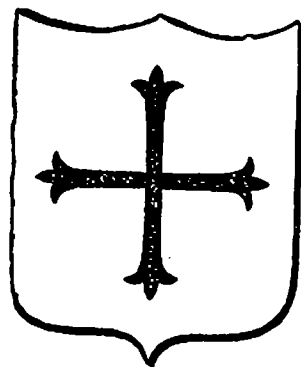


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## EDITORIAL.

Herewith we present to our readers what may be termed the first full number of the new series of the "Ellesmerian," containing so far as possible a complete account of last term's doings. We trust that we shall not be found wanting from a literary point of view, of course; but financially speaking we are already assured of success. We are now living within our income, and should be able to announce very soon that the Magazine is entirely free from debt.

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Having arrived so far with comparatively little trouble, we are rather at a loss how to proceed. Of all the difficulties attending the production of the "Ellesmerian," the greatest and most appalling is the penning of the collection of phrases that forms the Editorial. The position of the Editor during the Summer Term is not always a happy one. When, after a day's hard toil, he retires to bed and rests his weary head upon the pillow, his efforts to sleep, like those to write, are not invariably successful; and when they are, his dreams are haunted by the epigrams he has been striving to incorporate in his *bête noire*. In the day time too, the claims of composition are rather ousted by tennis, cricket, shooting, and swimming—not to mention work.

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All this notwithstanding, we are faced by the necessity of writing something, since a Magazine without an Editorial would be unthinkable, even if not more unreadable. So if our ideas seem rather limp, we can only throw the blame on the heat.

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For the Sports we were favoured with a fine day, and the whole programme was

carried through without a hitch. There was a good muster of visitors, and everyone showed great interest in the events, though very few results came anywhere near previous records. In short, our congratulations are due to those responsible for the management on a great success.

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The Debating Society brought a very busy session to a close at the end of the term. In our last Editorial, it may be remembered, we promised full reports of its meetings in the "Ellesmerian," and we should like to take this opportunity of stating that we have done our best to keep that promise. Our Parliamentary Correspondent informs us that the verbatim reports of some meetings are missing, but he has managed to fill all the space we could spare for all that, and we think our readers will find his remarks not uninteresting.

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The Hockey Eleven, it will be seen, held its own well in the matches played, but the same cannot be said, as yet, of the Cricket Eleven, whose performances, on the whole, have not been worthy of it. However, there is no need to despair, as there is plenty of time for improvement; and we hope by the time the Worksop XI. arrives that the team will have reached the top of its form. We are looking forward also to an interesting contest between the Dormitories.

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Bathing, tennis and the other delights of the term are now in full swing. We are no sympathisers with the "Early Holidays" campaign, which aims at depriving us of the best time of the year at school. The only improvement we can suggest is the total abolition of the Locals—and with this laudable sentiment we conclude.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

*Prefects of the School.*

- S. Garnett—Captain of School ; Captain of Cricket.  
 D. H. G. Manley—Prefect of Hall ; Captain of Shooting.  
 O. G. Dennis—Prefect of Chapel ; Captain of Tennis.  
 K. B. Halley—Assistant-Librarian.  
 N. M. Greeves.  
 H. G. Harper.  
 H. K. Jones—Captain of Swimming.  
 L. C. Brentnall.  
 A. F. Ross.  
 C. L. T. Barclay—Secretary of Games Committee.

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Dormitory Prefects—H. A. Olphert, P. G. Sworn, R. L. G. Skinner, N. V. Craddock.

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The thanks of the School are due to Mr. G. Tower for his kind offer of a copy of the Badminton "Cricket" as a prize for the member of the First XI. who possesses the best batting average for the season. Also to Mr. F. W. Wood who has presented a set of china ornaments (Indian servants) made in Lucknow, to the Museum.

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Our congratulations to Mr. Miller on taking his M.A. Degree, Oxford.

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Also to D. H. G. Manley on having passed the Latin Prose papers at Respon-  
 sions.

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The term divides on June 15th.

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Speech Day will be held on July 16th.

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The term ends on Tuesday, July 28th.

E. D. Greeves has obtained his Certificate "A."

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The Shropshire Gentlemen are to play two matches on the School ground this summer, the first, July 7th and 8th, and the second, August 3rd and 4th.

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The Oxford Locals commence on Friday, July 17th.

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We congratulate the following on gaining their 1st XI. Hockey Colours :—O. G. Dennis, S. Garnett, H. G. Harper, H. K. Jones, C. L. T. Barclay, K. B. Halley and J. F. Woodall.

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We are glad to chronicle the fact that this term the number on the School Roll has reached two hundred ; we believe this constitutes a record.

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Mr. Searles is now the Assistant Dormitory Master of the Reds.

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The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Old Boys took place at the School on Whit-Monday.

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H. K. Jones has been appointed Captain of Swimming.

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The following new boys entered this term :—Dixon, Taylor iii., Perkin, Roberts ii., Dewhirst, Hempson, McCubbin ii., Bayly, Ives, Rolfe, Everall, Shrimpton, Page, Andrews ii., Parkinson, Clendinnen, Younger, Slater iii., Ecclestone, Wilks, Cristall, Pilkington iii., Taylor ii., Lane Williams ii., Teviotdale, Langford, Bruxby ii., McMahon.

## FROM THE DINING HALL ROOF.

I feel very much flattered because the Editor has asked me to contribute a few more notes to the "Ellesmerian." He is really such a nice fellow, the Editor—you've no idea. Now I always thought—judging by my own sensations—that these literary people were rather high and mighty—inclined to be pleased with themselves and displeased with everyone else. But nothing of the kind! When I flew down to have a word with him at the beginning of the term, he just slapped me on the back in a friendly way—nearly dislocating my right wing in the process—and said as no one had offered to strangle him for publishing my article last term, I might as well do another. So here goes!

Turning to my diary—which has been rather compressed of late, owing to the holiday scarcity of paper—I seem to find more in it about the Sports than anything else. Beeki—you remember my youngest of course—took a tremendous interest in them. I found him perched solemnly on a twig one day watching one of *them* running round and round the track. "What is he doing, Pa?" he asked me. "Training for a race," I said. That didn't satisfy him. "Why does he look so unhappy, Pa?" was the next question. This was a poser, and no mistake! However I told him that probably it was due to a guilty conscience, or too much pudding.

The next night Beeki came in so exhausted he could scarcely hop; he had been flying the track, trying to do four laps in a minute. Poor little chap—his wings were so stiff he couldn't fly for a week afterwards.

Another day he came in greatly excited and said he had just seen twenty-four of

*them* training together for a race. I was so impressed by this unusual enthusiasm that I went out with him to see; and what do you think? *They* were doing drills! But when I explained, he was still puzzled. "Why do they look so happy, Pa?" he enquired. "My dear boy," I said, "they *like* it. Most of them spend their time asking for drills, and they would be quite miserable if they didn't get them." I'm sorry I told him now, because ever since then, Beeki has been asking for drills too.

We were both out to watch the Three Mile of course, and Beeki was very contemptuous. He said he could get round ten times as fast, and when the winner collapsed in a heap, he was absolutely disgusted. "It's all very well to shout 'Well run, Squeaker'\* isn't it?" he grumbled. "Why, he hasn't a squeak left in him." I reprimanded him pretty sharply for this want of proper respect, whereupon he got sulky and said he wished he'd never come out of his egg! My youngest is a little trying at times.

Sports Day was very jolly too—quite the most tempting thing about it was the tea, and I'm afraid some of *them* had more in their pockets than they ought when it was all over. I occupied an exalted position in the Ante Hall at the Prize Distribution and chirped and flapped with the rest of them. I almost died of fright when little Beeki shouted for cheers at the end, and no one responded because they weren't expecting it; however I got over it fairly soon. My youngest didn't!

Holidays I don't much care for. The corridors look very desolate, and there are no pickings in the way of buns from the Tuck Shop. This time however, towards

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\* No offence to the gentleman in question, we trust. Our contributor's remarks are printed exactly as he wrote them. [Ed.]

the end, I got several shocks. First of all little Beeki was in bed for two days with nervous prostration. He had been out for a short fly round, and on his way back, he ran across a fearful-looking animal glaring at him from the wall. He reached our beam in a pitiable condition. Shortly afterwards I was returning home from a nocturnal visit to my brother-in-law in the Schoolroom Roof—charming fellow he is, but with no idea of literature. The frightful howlers he hears from time to time floating up from below seem to have a very bad influence on his intellect—well, as I said, I was returning from a visit to him, and in the dark I nearly impaled myself on a terrific horn from some fearsome beast, which had been stuck up over the Dining Hall door.

On enquiry—the Cat was my informant, for we are great friends in holiday-time, though he thinks it beneath his dignity to be seen about with me during term—I found these relics had been brought from the museum. So I took a fly round those parts to see what was going on. When I got up, there was no museum. I found a new dormitory there instead, so of course I was quite prepared to see more of *them* than usual the first evening in the Dining Hall.

From my point of view, naturally, this term is the most pleasant of the three—I can get out so much more and sun myself. Beeki is too worried to enjoy himself, because he has to take the Preliminary Vocal, and spends all his spare time practising a triple chirp in O Flat. *They* have to take exams, too, but they seem to have a very good time though some of their ideas of pleasure strike me as being peculiar. Do you know, *they* spend whole hours day after day over what *they* call a game. One of *them* is put into a kind of bird-cage with one side open. The others give him a wooden club to defend himself

with, and then throw hard balls at him—they *are* hard, I know, because I took a peck at one once and nearly broke my bill; the subsequent dentist's bill nearly broke me. The idea seems to be to hit the man with the club as often, and in as many places as you possibly can, while he must on no account get out of the way. Silly fool, I call him! He has three sticks, like substantial perpendicular perches, stuck in the ground behind him, but I don't know what they are for—no one ever seems to hit them—if now and then someone does, everyone else says it was an accident.

Little Beeki having just read this, says I don't know what I'm talking about. My youngest is getting very uppish and bad to manage. He got a new suit of flannels at the beginning of the term, and came in to breakfast one morning grumbling because the trousers didn't fit. I pointed out he couldn't expect any trousers to fit if he put them on back to front—he *had*, you know, really. This was bad enough, but when he came down in what he was pleased to call the latest colour scheme, including a most outrageous pair of strawberries-and-cream socks, I felt I'd had enough of it. So I took him firmly down and soused him in a bowl of porridge. It was a little drastic, perhaps, but effective. These fancies need suppressing in infancy, don't you think? One or two of *them* . . . . .

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[As our Correspondent's remarks grow rather personal after this point, we have unhesitatingly decided to cut out the conclusion of his article. Editor "Ellesmerian"].

## LIBRARY NOTES.

Last term Reading Cases were provided for the periodicals, magazines, etc., supplied to the Library; this has given the

room a much more tidy appearance, besides adding considerably to the life of the papers.

Several books have been added to the Library, including 'The Encyclopædia of Sport' (4 vols.)

Gifts of books are gratefully acknowledged from the following: T. G. Keyworth Esq., and C. A. G. McMinn. We are pleased to record also the promise, from the Rev. G. Kenyon, of a copy of the Journals of the late Capt. Scott.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

In the midst of the Summer Term, with its many attractions (and *distractions*), it is a matter of some difficulty to sit down and in cold blood set forth an account of the half-forgotten happenings of last term; the command, however, has gone forth from "They-(or should it be Them?)-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed," to wit, the Editors: 'Write an account of the Sports!' So perforce I take up my unwilling pen.

Let it be said at once then that the weather, so essential to the enjoyment of Sports Day, was all that could be desired. The wind, except for occasional short intervals, was negligible, and the sun shone with such strength that the idea of having tea in the 'Quad' was entertained for some time. Under such conditions, the number of visitors was considerably above the average, an encouraging feature being the large number of Old Boys present, in spite of the postponement of their meeting.

Although no Records were broken, an inspection of the results will show that, on the whole, they were very creditable, and in almost every case there was an improvement on last year's times. The

Committee, wisely we think, reverted to the practice of running off the Steeplechase previous to Sports Day, thus largely increasing the entry for that event. To expect boys to go through such a 'gruelling' race at the end of a strenuous afternoon's work, is rather unreasonable, and we are pleased to see that the change is justified by the results. The winner, V. B. Walker, is to be commended for running a most plucky race.

The other event which was decided before Easter Monday, the Three Miles, produced a record 'field' of about forty, of whom many, we regret to say, failed to finish the course. Many much fancied runners were seen in a piteous plight after a few laps, and the first and second places were obtained by boys who have not previously won renown in this race. Congratulations to both!

To turn to the events of Sports Day, a most noticeable improvement was seen in the Jumps; Hesketh, in the 'Junior' High, approached within a very short distance of record, and in the Long Jumps, also, good performances were put up, while Harper's Throw of upwards of 80 yards was the best for several years.

The Hundred and Quarter both produced good finishes, the running of W. V. Jones in the latter event being very praiseworthy.

The Mile was won by Dennis, who ran with great judgment throughout, and thoroughly deserved his victory. It is much to be regretted that out of a very large entry there was such a small number of starters. The mile is one of most important, and most interesting events on the Programme, and is deserving of better support than it obtained this year.

The ever-popular Tug-of-War was won by the King Alfred without any difficulty, but in spite of this, the Dormitory Challenge

Cup went to the King Edward, who are to be congratulated on its passing into their possession for the first time.

This year saw the institution of a new Challenge Cup, open only to members of the King Arthur dormitory. This trophy, which is to be known as the 'Armstrong' Cup, is in memory of the boy who had the chief share in winning the Sports Championship for the King Arthur in 1907, and whose most sad and untimely death was recorded in a recent number of the "Ellesmerian." In this connexion it may not be out of place to give Armstrong's performance in the Sports of 1907. He gained a total of 34 points, being 1st in the Three Miles, Mile, and Quarter, and 2nd in the Hundred. This is an achievement which we imagine has seldom been excelled. The gift of the Cup, we may mention, is due to the generosity of Mrs. Armstrong.

At the conclusion of the Sports an adjournment was made to the Ante-Hall, where the prizes were presented by Miss Tower. Our thanks are due to her for her kindness in undertaking this function, also to the Judges, and to all our friends who by their generosity helped to bring the day to a most successful conclusion.

The following are the results :—

#### *List of Events.*

*Three Miles Flat Race (Open).* 1st, R. Lawrence ; 2nd, J. P. Edwards ; 3rd, O. Thomas ; 4th, C. B. Browne ; 5th, F. A. Ninis. Time 18 min. 5 secs.  
*Steeplechase (Open).* 1st, V. B. Walker ; 2nd, T. W. F. Bolland ; 3rd, C. B. Browne.  
*High Jump (Over 15).* 1st, J. C. Brewer ; 2nd, H. G. Harper. 4ft. 11 ins.  
*High Jump (Under 15).* 1st, J. Hesketh ; 2nd, A. McCubbin. 4 ft. 4 ins.  
*100 Yards Flat Race (Under 12).* 1st, R. Fricker ; 2nd, C. S. Jessop. 14 secs.

*100 Yards Flat Race (under 15).* 1st, H. A. H. Coombes ; 2nd, H. Shingler. 12½ sec

*100 Yards Flat Race (over 15).* 1st, N. M. Greeves ; 2nd, J. H. Morris. 11½ secs.

*120 Yards Hurdle Race (over 15).* 1st, H. G. Harper ; 2nd, N. M. Greeves. 20½ secs.

*Quarter-Mile Flat Race (under 12).* 1st, C. S. Jessop ; 2nd, R. Fricker. 72½ secs.

*Quarter-Mile Flat Race (under 15).* 1st, C. B. Coney ; 2nd, W. T. Donovan. 67 secs.

*Quarter-Mile Flat Race (over 15.)* 1st, W. V. Jones ; 2nd, J. H. Morris. 61½ secs.

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15).* 1st, B. W. I. Davies ; 2nd, A. McCubbin. 73 yds. 1 ft. 10 ins.

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (over 15.)* 1st, H. G. Harper ; 2nd, J. C. Brewer. 88 yds. 0 ft. 8 ins.

*Long Jump (over 15).* 1st, J. C. Brewer ; 2nd, S. Garnett. 18 ft. 1 in.

*Long Jump (under 15).* 1st, J. Hesketh ; 2nd, C. B. Coney. (16ft).

*Half-Mile Flat Race (under 15).* 1st, C. B. Coney ; 2nd, W. T. Donovan ; 3rd, B. W. I. Davies. 2 min. 35½ secs.

*One Mile Flat Race (Open).* 1st, O. G. Dennis ; 2nd, R. Lawrence ; 3rd, J. F. Woodall. 5 min. 20 secs.

*220 Yards Flat Race (under 12).* 1st, C. S. Jessop ; 2nd, R. Fricker. 29 secs.

*220 Yards Flat Race (under 15) Handicap.* 1st, Fenton ; 2nd, Milton.

*220 Yards Flat Race (over 15), Handicap.* 1st, N. M. Greeves ; 2nd, J. Butterworth.

*Old Boys' Race, 220 Yards.* 1st, W. Jones ; 2nd, T. A. Toote.

*Half-Mile Flat Race (Open) Handicap.* 1st, J. P. Edwards ; 2nd, S. Garnett.

*Consolation Race, 220 Yards (under 12.)* 1st, N. C. Harper.

*Consolation Race, 220 Yards (under 15).* 1st, F. R. Hitchmough.



*Consolation Race, 220 Yards (over 15).*  
1st, T. Charles.  
*Tug-of-War (Final).* King Alfred.  
*Champion Dormitory:* King Edward.  
49 points.  
*Victor Ludorum:* J. C. Brewer.

### LINES TO HIS PEN.

(Being a soliloquy of the expert line-writer of the IVth Form delivered on a busy afternoon).

[Editor's Note: We have endeavoured, wherever possible, to correct the orthography of this contribution. In some cases, however, to do so would mean the ruin of the rhyme, and we therefore print certain words as spelt in the original M.S.]

My faithful friend !  
There was a time, in days of yore,  
Whose loss I heartily deplore,  
—Of years 'twill be some quarter score—  
When I pretend—  
ed to be a model child,  
Whose ways were meek and manners mild,  
And masters on me always smiled.  
But what an end !

A hundred up !  
Those were the days when life was sweet,  
My fingers clean, my writing neat,  
My lessons learned, and quite replete  
With joy my cup.  
Through all the pranks I used to play,  
Detection never came my way—  
What ? Used up all your ink, you say ?  
There ! Take a sup.

That's fifty more.  
Ah me ! With what delight I'd holler,  
When flicking blots on Simkins' collar

—And then the ructions that would foller  
With Simkins sore.  
What ? Dry again ? Go take a drink !  
You're always running short of ink.  
You waste more time than you would  
think,  
And that's a bore.

Two hundred done.  
Your tablets then were white in hue,  
But now you grind o'er paper blue—  
I find it rather costly too—  
And that's no fun.  
I sit and write here day by day,  
And with me you, my friend, must stay  
To help me on my troubled way.  
That's finished one !

My score is mounting.  
Come on, old pen, begin anew  
On number three—more paper blue—  
What, dry again ? Well bother you !  
I'm tired of counting  
How often to the well I send  
Your thirsty nib—this is the end !  
I'll have to give you up, my friend,  
And buy a founting.

### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

(From our Parliamentary Correspondent).

The first meeting of the term was held in the Library on Sunday, Feb. 8th. All the regular officials being absent, the proceedings were informal.

The Business was to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and a member of Committee. As President, Mr. Saxelbye was proposed by Brentnall and seconded by Greeves i. No other name being put forward, he was declared elected.

For the Vice-Presidency two names were suggested : Mr. Searls (proposed by Heath, seconded by Sworn i.), and Mr. Maughan (proposed by Topham i. seconded by Mr. Searls). Mr. Searls was elected.

Mr. Saxelbye proposed Garnett as Secretary, and was seconded by Greeves i. Topham i. proposed Woodall, seconded by Ninis. Garnett was elected.

Jones i. (proposed by Sworn i. and seconded by Brentnall) was next elected Sergeant-at-Arms, and Brentnall (proposed by Heath and seconded by Martin) was elected a member of the Committee.

The new President then proceeded to address the meeting, saying that as the Society seemed to want more members and fewer visitors, he thought it would be well to declare members of the IV. and V. Forms eligible for election. He further suggested that, in order to secure only competent members, there should be a set test for would-be candidates. Some of those present seemed to relish the idea of watching their unfortunate victims grappling with Examination papers set by themselves, but the idea was not accepted owing to the fear that it might act as a deterrent rather than as an encouragement.

Finally it was agreed that a new set of rules should be drawn up and submitted to the House at the next meeting, and after arranging for a Debate on the following Sunday, the House adjourned.

The next meeting took place on Saturday, Feb. 14th, being designed to clear Business out of the way in readiness for the Debate the next day. The President was in the Chair, and began by reading to the House the new rules, which are printed in full at the end of this report. One or two amendments were suggested and adopted, the House then passing the rules *en bloc*. Several candidates for election were then proposed and seconded by various mem-

bers, Manley in particular, having secured quite a nice bag. The actual voting was, in accordance with the rules, postponed until the next Meeting and the House adjourned.

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At 6-45 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15th, the House assembled in the Library. First of all the following new members were elected : Peacock, McMinn, Jessop ii., Perry, Summers, Minniece, Huntington, Law, Hughes, Skinner i., Dickinson, Jones ix., Blackwell and Cooper.

These having walked up the floor of the House and signed the Register in turn, the House proceeded to discuss the motion, which was :

" That in the opinion of this House,  
Town Life is Preferable to Country  
Life."

The Proposer, Mr. Gass, after a brief discussion on the exact dictionary signification of the word " preferable," turned his attention to Shakespeare's 'Seven Ages of Man.' The much-quoted infant, he opined, could not have been town-bred, as the plentiful supply of toys and a competent medical man must have infallibly removed those distressing symptoms with which the poet associated it. By the time school age was reached, however, the infant must have removed to the town, as the snail-like progress to work could only be explained by the presence of so many fascinating things to look at on the way. As for the lover, how could one compare the delights of theatres and tea-shops with those of muddy lanes and the proverbial stile. The effect of the country he said, was stultifying, and communication, postal or railway, was bad. (At the mention of this last item the House heaved a sympathetic sigh).

Opposing the motion, Mr. Searls confessed to an inability to answer the preceding speech in the limited time at his

disposal. In only one point could he agree with the Proposer, viz., that Town Life sharpens the wits; and even then country people had plenty of brains. The ennobling influence of the fresh air and natural beauty of the country made life in it infinitely superior to that in towns, where a man was constantly over strained and could find nothing better to do than criticize the food at breakfast. (Hon. Members could not, of course, understand this tendency, as they lived mostly in the country).

L. C. Brentnall rose to second the motion. He had once caught a bad cold in the country, and, in consequence, had done with it. Various members seeming to be unduly tickled with this remark, he reminded them severely that it was a matter of life and death; but even then the House displayed a callous indifference. Proceeding, the speaker said the town was blamed for being hot and stuffy in the summer time, but so was the country, and he personally could not enjoy repose under a shady tree when he had to share it with earwigs, ants and gnats. Where in the country could one find delights like trams, picture palaces and so on? Finally a far better education was procurable in the town than in the country.

O. Thomas seconded the Opposition, saying he had not heard any arguments which could induce him to change his mind. Country amusements were far more profitable and lasting than town ones one soon grew weary of picture palaces and entertainments. As for education, people who lived in towns, as many hon. members would know, generally sent their sons to be educated in a country boarding-school. And why did men who had made their money in a town go and live in the country when they retired?

N. M. Greeves supported the motion. Criticizing the last speaker's remarks about

education, he remarked that in the town there were Inspectors whose business it was to see that things were all right.

C. A. G. McMinn opposed the motion. Speaking from the depths of his vast experience, he informed the Hon. Proposer that lovers found the park more delectable than the Cinema.

K. B. Halley, also opposing the motion, thought that the attractions of the town for the countryman were great but short-lived. In the end he would stay in the country.

The Proposer, in his reply, said he had failed to discover where any of the opposition speakers did live, as they seemed to know very little either about the town or the country. He would be glad to know why people who lived in the country and could afford it spent three quarters of their time in the nearest town.

On the motion being put to the vote, a tie was the result, 17 votes each way. The Chairman accordingly gave his casting vote in favour of the motion. The Visitors' vote was 17-30.

The House then adjourned.

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On Sunday Feb. 22nd, a brief meeting was held at 5-30 p.m., for the purpose of proposing a large number of new members. At the following meeting, on Sunday, March 1st, in the Library, the following were admitted to the Society: Lawrence, Hitchmough i., Edwards ii., Barclay i., Wright, Browne, Andrews, Kingston, Butterworth, Charles, Pilkington i. and Ericson.

The House then proceeded to discuss the motion, which was,

"That in the Opinion of this House, the School Year should be divided into Four Terms."

The Proposer, H. A. Olphert, effectually killed the motion at the outset by stating

baldly that this would not mean more holidays and less work; which was possibly true but certainly not diplomatic. The face of the House at once took an expression which said plainly "That settles it!" The sop which he threw it, in the shape of four half-term holidays and extra allowances was of no avail, and his statement that in those schools where the experiment had been made it was a great success met with such palpable disbelief, that he gave it up and weakly subsided.

The Opposer, C. L. T. Barclay, succeeded where his predecessor had failed, by demonstrating that three terms did mean less unpleasantness all round. Masters, he opined, certainly did have some work to do at examination time, and in writing reports, and would not therefore relish an additional term; whilst boys would not only have to face the unpleasant prospect of returning to school four times instead of three per annum, but, when they got there, the term would be too short to get anything done in the way of games (a very astute touch, this!). Finally the holidays would also be too short to be satisfactory.

P. G. Sworn seconded the motion. He showed a fine disregard for the feelings of masters, and commented feelingly on the hardship of being expected to do a Latin Exercise on the very first morning of the term. According to the motion, he pointed out, no one's opinion mattered except that of the House. More journey money and four Society Suppers (quite a new idea to the House by the way) would indeed be a delight. As for games, it would really be better to begin Dormitory matches much earlier in the term.

Rising to second the Opposition, J. F. Woodall lamented over the additional opportunity of catching measles in the train. As the holidays would be much shorter, parents would be deprived of their

children's society. (Hon. Members here showed visible sympathy with the parents). The arrangement of the terms would, he thought, be very awkward.

Martin had an argument all his own. If there were four weeks in the year and we wasted a week each term in starting and stopping, where should we be? Warned by the hilarity of the House that something was wrong, he shuddered over the prospect of an extra holiday reading.

Huntington thought that four terms would make things less monotonous, while Jeffrey dilated upon the possibilities of more tuck. The House reflected upon the possible extra administrations of a certain well-known mixture, and did not seem convinced.

Payton ii. remarked upon the enormity of having to buy four fixture cards, while Dickinson objected that the O.T.C. camp would be disarranged. Lindop said terms would be so short that one would not be able to have measles decently without spoiling one's holidays.

Ross iii. supported the motion from a very disinterested standpoint. Four subscriptions to the Library and Debating Society would be far better than three.

The remarks of Edwards ii. leave one in some doubt whether he was for or against the motion. He said the holiday reading set was far more profitable than penny bloods, but he found the present holidays all too short.

Other speakers were Mr. Poole, Mr. Gass, Thomas, Browne, Hughes, Skinner i., Jessop ii., Jones ix., and McMinn.

On being put to the House the motion was lost 11 votes to 29. Visitors 4—12.

The House then adjourned.

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A meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Sunday, March 15th. Mr.

Saxelbye first proposed that the following rule be added to those already passed :

"When time allows and speakers are not forthcoming, the Chairman may call upon members, who have not spoken before during the session, to make their speeches."

On being seconded by Greeves i. the proposal was carried unanimously.

The motion before the House was : "That in the Opinion of this House, Compulsory Training is very Necessary at the Present Time."

Unfortunately the records of this meeting have perished, and it is therefore impossible to set forth the arguments which were advanced. Lieut. H. R. Curtis proposed the motion, and after having given the numbers of the British Army down to the last drummer-boy, asked how such a puny force could be expected to defend the vast possessions forming the Empire if a determined attack were made upon them.

Mr. Saxelbye, opposing, admitted that the Army was too small and also that the present Volunteer Force was not all it should be. But the Volunteer idea was infinitely superior to that of Conscription and he was not convinced that it need necessarily fail if only the authorities would make up their minds to give us a sensible system and spend enough money upon it.

N. M. Greeves seconded the motion and P. J. Martin the opposition. We cannot, however, at this date remember what they said. Mr. Maughan addressed the House in support of the motion and Girling i. and Brentnall spoke against it. After the Proposer's reply the motion was put to the vote and lost, 19 votes to 22, Visitors 10-13

The House then adjourned.

A Special Meeting was held in the Library on Sunday, March 22nd, to which the whole School was admitted. That something unusual was expected was evident from the tense attitude of the House. The Chairman enquired about private business, and L. C. Brentnall instantly arose and demanded the arrest of D. H. G. Manley for the breach of Rule 3. The delinquent was at once taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Chairman called upon Mr. Gass to undertake his defence. Brentnall was then requested to make his statement.

He would not, he said, go into details, as his supporters had each of them definite charges to make ; but that the prisoner was guilty there could be no doubt. "See, gentlemen," he cried, "how his knees tremble, his face blanches, and his lips quiver with unmistakable guilt."

Proceeding, he delivered an impassioned harangue, for which he was largely indebted to Cicero (*Vide* Catiline I.), and ended by demanding Manley's instant deportation as the only adequate penalty.

The Secretary, S. Garnett, now proceeded to state the gravest of the charges against the prisoner. He had, in pursuance of his duties, asked the accused three times to make a speech. On the first occasion the answer was a polite but emphatic negative ; on the second a stream of Latin which could not be found in the Dictionary ; on the third it consisted of language that would not bear repeating. To aggravate this offence, D. H. G. Manley had, on the previous evening, attended the supper, with the result that he could not fasten his waistcoat, thus enjoying the privileges of membership without fulfilling its obligations. His well-known accomplishments made it evident that it was pure obstinacy that caused his refusal to speak ; and as he was a compatriot of a certain Cabinet

Minister, it would be well to suppress him before he could put a tax on hair-oil.

O. Thomas and C. L. T. Barclay then spoke, seeking to demonstrate that the accused was even then maturing plots to blow up the establishment and was responsible for the destruction of the Rokeby Venus.

The House having listened to these addresses, Mr. Gass rose to cross-examine the accusers, which he did in a most able fashion. In particular he commented on the absurdity of supposing that the privileges of membership consisted in permission to eat too much—moreover the Secretary's own waistcoat buttons would not bear too close an inspection. In his concluding address, the eminent counsel said that never in his experience at the bar had he been called upon to deal with such an empty case. The real charge against his client was that he had not spoken during the Session; but as there was another meeting still to be held, this accusation must necessarily fall to the ground. Let the accusers read the rules instead of making malicious charges against an innocent member.

Hereupon the Chairman, addressing the prisoner, asked if he would pledge himself to speak at the next and final meeting of the session. The necessary pledge being given, the Chairman declared the prisoner discharged without a stain on his character. The House then adjourned.

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The final meeting of the Session was held on Sunday, March 29th, the Debate being Impromptu. The records of this meeting have likewise perished—we understand that the Reporting Secretary was so overcome with merriment that he was incapable of writing anything down.

D. H. G. Manley was first of all requested to make his promised speech, which con-

sisted of a vigorous defence of his actions and scathing comments on the ineptitude of his accusers. He then took his usual place on the front Government Bench, amid great applause.

The first motion submitted to the House was: "That the Hon. Proposer does not know what he is talking about."

Kingston, called to propose, was heard to address the Chair, and then he treated members to a most illuminating silence of some minutes duration, finally resuming his seat amid enthusiastic plaudits. The opposition of Perry was very nearly as convincing.

Mr. Saxelbye sought to demonstrate that the proposer having said nothing, talked about nothing, and therefore must have known what he was talking about. Had he said that cabbages were pink before being pickled, that would have been a different matter. Whereupon Harper remarked that some cabbages *were* pink before they were pickled.

Mr. Gass, rising in support, said that no one knew what nothing was, and therefore the Hon. Proposer, having talked about nothing, did not know what he was talking about. Halley also spoke, but his remarks are veiled in the mists of antiquity. The motion was carried by 29 votes to 6.

The next motion was: "That this House strongly condemns the Use of Hair Preparations."

H. K. Jones rose to propose this, but his well-greased locks convinced the House of his insincerity before he had uttered a word. Exactly what he said tradition does not state.

Cooper opposed the motion, which was subsequently discussed with some acerbity by a large number of speakers, including Brentnall, Mr. Gass, Ericson, Garnett, McMinn, Heath, Topham i., Mr. Saxelbye,

Perry and Worthington. Finally it was carried by 22 votes to 16.

The House then adjourned.

### THE SUPPER.

The Supper took place on Saturday, evening, March 21st, practically every member of the Society being present. The guest of the evening was Dr. Drawbridge.

The function was most enjoyable in every way, and all were very grateful to Miss Atkins and the Matron, who were chiefly responsible for it but were unfortunately prevented from accepting the Society's invitation to take part in it. The programme—exclusive of extra songs by Mr. Evans and Mr. Gass—was as follows:—

Toast. "The King"....Mr. Saxelbye.

Song. "Young Tom o' Devon" Mr. Gass.

Toast. "The Society" The Rev. R. H. Phillipps.

Trio "Maiden Fair"

Messrs. Evans, Miller and Gass.

Reply. "The Society".....S. Garnett.

Quartet "Peaceful Night"

Messrs. Evans, Miller, Gass & Saxelbye

Song. Selected.....Mr. Evans

Toast. "The Visitors"....L. C. Brentnall

Quartet "Laughing"

Messrs. Evans, Miller, Gass & Saxelbye.

Reply "The Visitors" ..Dr. Drawbridge

Song "My Word"....Dr. Drawbridge.

Song. Selected ..... J. H. Morris.

Chorus "We're Going to Sing"

The Prefects.

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY RULES.

#### A. MEMBERSHIP.

- 1.—The VI. are ipso facto members.
- 2.—Any boy in IV. or V. may become a member on being proposed, seconded and elected at two consecutive meetings.
- 3.—Members are expected to speak at least once each session.

#### B. SESSIONS.

- 4.—A Session shall last from the Second Sunday in the Christmas Term till the last Sunday in the Easter Term.
- 5.—There shall be a recess at Christmas, the House to reassemble on the Second Sunday in the Lent Term.
- 6.—During the Session there shall be a Debate, set or impromptu, every Second Sunday after the first meeting in each term.
- 7.—Always provided that the Committee shall be empowered to cancel any debate if it think fit.

#### C. THE COMMITTEE.

- 8.—The Committee shall consist of the President, Three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Reporting Secretary and three ordinary members.
- 9.—These shall be elected by ballot, as need arises, at a general meeting of the Society.
- 10.—The Committee shall meet at least once every fortnight.
- 11.—It shall decide on a Subject for Debate at the next meeting, or whether the Debate shall be impromptu.
- 12.—In which case it shall draw up a list of subjects for discussion.

- 13.—It shall be empowered to call extraordinary meetings on Sundays between Debates for readings or other forms of entertainment.

#### D. OFFICERS.

- 14.—The President or Vice-President shall take the chair at general meetings.  
15.—Failing them the Secretary or such gentleman as he may appoint shall be Chairman.  
16.—The Secretary shall publish notices of any prearranged private business and of the subject for discussion for Debate, etc., together with the names of the four leaders.  
17.—It shall be his business to choose the four leaders for each debate.  
18.—He shall carry out the arrangements made by the Committee for meetings other than debates.  
19.—He shall be responsible for the correct keeping of minutes of all meetings.  
20.—The Reporting Secretary shall record the speeches and arguments of the various speakers at all debates. His report shall be embodied in the minutes of the meeting.  
21.—The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the orderliness of meetings and shall assist the Chairman in upholding the dignity of the House.  
22.—He shall supervise the admission of visitors to all meetings.

#### E. MEETINGS.

- 23.—At least 12 members shall be required to form a quorum.  
24.—No member shall speak more than once on any motion except only the Proposer of all motions.  
25.—The Proposer and Opposer shall be allowed at most fifteen minutes for their opening speeches.

- 26.—No other speech to exceed five minutes in length.

- 27.—No speech must be read wholly or in part.

- 28.—Personalities, interruptions, misquotations of previous speeches, etc., are out of order.

- 29.—Any member may at any time address the Chair on a point of order.

- 30.—At the end of a debate the proposer shall be allowed five minutes in which to reply.

- 31.—Voting shall be by show of hands—Visitors' vote to be taken first.

- 32.—The Chairman shall have the casting vote in all cases of a tie.

- 33.—The Chairman shall allow two minutes to elapse at most before calling on the proposer after the last speaker has sat down.

#### F. VISITORS.

- 34.—No person eligible for membership shall be admitted as a visitor under any circumstances except to one debate each term.  
35.—No boy below Form Upper IIA shall be admitted as a visitor unless the Committee otherwise determine on special dates.  
36.—The Committee only shall be empowered to give admission checks to intending visitors.  
37.—Admission checks will not be given for any meeting after the Saturday night immediately preceding.  
38.—Visitors shall be invited to address the House between the speeches of the last member and the Proposer's reply, when time allows.  
39.—These rules suspend all other rules and regulations whatever previously made for the Society.  
40.\*—That when time allows and speakers are lacking, the Chairman may call



upon members who have not yet spoken during the Session to support one side or the other.

\* Passed at the end of last Session.

### GAMES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Games Committee was held in the Boys' Library, on Sunday evening, May 10th.

*Business :—*

- (1) To elect a Secretary.
- (2) To elect a Captain of Cricket.
- (3) To elect a Cricket Selection Committee.
- (4) To elect a Captain of Tennis.

- (1) C. L. T. Barclay, pro. S. Garnett, sec. H. K. Jones was elected Secretary.
- (2) S. Garnett, pro. O. G. Dennis, sec. H. G. Harper was elected Captain of Cricket.
- (3) The Selection Committee elected was :  
The Chaplain, pro. D. H. G. Manley, sec. H. G. Harper.  
O. G. Dennis, pro. S. Garnett, sec. H. K. Jones.  
S. Garnett, *ex-officio*.
- (4) O. G. Dennis, pro. D. H. G. Manley, sec. K. B. Halley was elected Captain of Tennis.

It was also decided that the boundary line should be marked for cricket matches. The Meeting then adjourned.

### CRICKET PROSPECTS.

As far as can be ascertained at present, the Cricket Eleven will be quite good.

There are five old colours left and with these as a foundation on which to build, the prospects are rosy. So far we have played three matches and have won, drawn and lost.

The batting generally is good, but we suffer from a lack of bowlers.

The fielding so far has been wretched and unless considerable improvement is made, we cannot hope to do as well as last year. Boys should remember that the art of fielding is only to be acquired by practice and determination.

S. GARNETT.

### CRICKET FIXTURES.

#### FIRST XI.

May	20	W.	Oswestry Gram. S.	Away
"	30	S.	Willaston School.	Home
June	1	M.	Past v. Present.	Home
"	3	W.	Overton ..	Away
"	6	S.	Willaston School	Away
"	10	W.	Ellesmere ..	Home
"	13	S.	Wem .. ..	Home
"	17	W.	Shrewsbury Belvedere ..	Home
"	20	S.	Newport Gram. Sch	Away
"	24	W.		
"	25	Th.	Worksop College	Home
July	1	W.	Wem .. ..	Away
"	4	S.	Ruthin Gram. Sch.	Away
"	7	Tu.	Shropshire Gentlemen	
"	8	W.	v. Worcestershire Gentlemen	Home
"	15	W.	Overton ..	Home
"	18	S.	Newport G. School	Home
"	22	W.	Ellesmere ..	Away
Aug.	3	M.	Shropshire Gentlemen	
"	4	Tu.	v. Free Foresters	Home

#### SECOND XI.

June	20	S.	Newport G. School	Home
July	18	S.	Newport G. School	Away

## HOCKEY.

### S.O.C. v. WREXHAM.

This match, the first of the season, was played on Saturday, February 14th, the ground being not specially suited for hockey.

The School pressed for the first five minutes, and then the Wrexham forwards forced the play into our circle when a good save by Halley resulted in our clearing. We again attacked but offside was given; soon after Manley scored the first goal for the School with a good shot.

Wrexham quickly retaliated, and scored a goal.

After this Wrexham still continued to press and forced a corner but Dennis cleared and we in turn pressed and a corner was given. A goal here seemed imminent but the brilliant play of the Wrexham goalkeeper averted this.

Half-time came with the score still 1 all.

Wrexham attacked from the bully, but some good work by Manley and Dennis resulted in relieving our goal.

Harper rushed through but was stopped by the goalkeeper, and so failed to score.

A penalty corner was next awarded but nothing came of it. Wrexham looked like scoring but Garnett saved the situation and passed to Jones IX., who transferred the ball to Woodall and he scored our second goal.

The School again became dangerous and some good passing by our forwards nearly ended in a goal.

Wrexham next gained a corner and soon after they scored their second goal.

After some good combination Manley got through but the ball went behind.

Until nearly the end of the game each side pressed in turn, then Harper again got through but failed to score. Result: drawn 2—2.

*Team.*—K. B. Halley, O. G. Dennis, H. K. Jones, S. Garnett, D. H. G. Manley (Capt.), E. D. Greeves, B. Coney, H. G. Harper, J. F. Woodall, W. V. Jones, C. E. B. Girling.

### S.O.C. v. WEM.

Played at home on Feb. 21st.

The ground was in excellent condition. Ellesmere won the toss and elected to play towards the College.

From the bully-off, the School began to press and after some brilliant combination, Manley scored.

After some further pressing by our forwards, the defence of our opponents' goalkeeper being excellent, Wem got the ball and began to press. Some very even play was now carried on in the middle of the field.

The Wem forwards then ran up the field and scored.

The School made some further unsuccessful attempts to score.

The score was unaltered when the whistle went for half-time.

Half-time score: School 1. Wem 1.

On resuming, the play was very even for some time. Wem then took up the offensive but found our defence very difficult to break through. After some mid-field play Wem managed to score. But just before the whistle went for time, Jones ix. scored thus making the final score School 2, Wem 2.

*Team.*—K. B. Halley, O. G. Dennis, H. K. Jones, J. Butterworth, S. Garnett, C. W. Payton, C. B. Coney, H. G. Harper, D. H. G. Manley (Capt.), W. V. Jones, J. F. Woodall.

### S.O.C. v. OSWESTRY.

On Saturday, February 28th, the Ellesmere team visited Oswestry, and sustained what must be admitted to have been a

serious defeat, the score being 5 goals to nil. From the outset it was evident that our opponents had put an exceptionally strong team into the field to meet us, and the Oswestry Captain's candid admission to our representatives of the fact that a particular dread of Ellesmere's prowess had induced Oswestry to meet us with a team of picked men, was a compliment which went far to lessen the sting of defeat.

Though it soon became evident that Ellesmere had met their match, they played a spirited game; and several well-delivered, if unsuccessful, assaults on the Oswestry goal proved that they were not by any means forced to confine themselves to a defensive game. The weakness on our side appeared to be a certain lack of cohesion in the Forward line, though several individuals—and, conspicuously, the Captain—played a fine game, upon which admiring comments were subsequently made by our opponents, who also paid a glowing tribute to the powerful and steady play of the Ellesmere Backs; "even the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer." Yet, in spite of a dogged fight, the score against Ellesmere at half-time was 4—0, and before "Time" was called, Oswestry had added 1 goal more to their score. Our opponents played a fine game, and their victory was well earned: but our team returned with the knowledge that they also had done their best, and looking forward to the return match on the home ground, which, it was hoped, would have a very different result.

*Team*—K. B. Halley, O. G. Dennis, H. K. Jones, S. Garnett, D. H. G. Manley (Capt.), J. Butterworth, C. B. Coney, H. G. Harper, J. F. Woodall, W. V. Jones, C. L. T. Barclay.

#### S.O.C. v. OSWESTRY.

This match was played on Saturday, March 14th. Oswestry began early to press, and for some time the game was carried on in our half. Afterwards the game became fairly even for some time, both teams making unsuccessful attempts to score. Just before the whistle went for half-time, Oswestry scored after a struggle in the goalmouth, making the score 0—1. On resuming play, our opponents forced two corners in quick succession, and after the second, scored, thus making the score 0—2. After several attempts by our forwards, Jones IX. managed to score. But soon after the Oswestry forwards rushed and scored two goals one after another. Then after a good centre by Barclay, Harper scored, raising the score to 2—4. After further attempts to score by both sides the whistle went leaving the final score 2—4.

#### S. O. C. v. WREXHAM.

This match was played at Wrexham on March 28th, and proved, on the whole, to be more exciting than scientific. Manley and Garnett, especially, played very well to begin with, but the apparent inexperience of the referee, who certainly was badly in need of a new whistle, gave wide scope for illegalities, and towards the close of the game, hockey was rather in the background. However the School had the satisfaction of winning by 2 goals to 1.

*Team*.—K. B. Halley, O. G. Dennis, H. K. Jones, S. Garnett, A. F. Ross, D. H. G. Manley (Capt.), C. L. T. Barclay, J. Woodall, H. G. Harper, A. T. Worthington, B. Coney.

## DORMITORY MATCHES.

### 1st Round.

#### GORDON v. K. EDWARD.

The first dormitory match, Gordon v. K. Edward, did not prove a very exciting encounter, the Gordon winning by a large majority.

Harper soon opened the score for the Gordon, and until half time the Edward rarely assumed the offensive.

After half-time the Edward began to press a little, but failed to score.

The Gordon were too quick for their opponents, who, however put up a good game.

The final score was 8—0 for the Gordon, the scorers being Harper (7) and Manley (1).

For the victors, Manley, Dennis and Harper were by far the best, while for the losers, Donovan, Coney i; and Butterworth were the best.

*Teams*—GORDON—J. Robinson, O. G. Dennis, W. Huggins, P. J. Martin, D. H. G. Manley (Capt.), B. Cathrick, H. K. Wright H. Harper, H. G. Harper, J. H. Morris, T. Howard.

EDWARD.—W. Garforth, J. Butterworth C. Coney, H. Goodman, W. T. Donovan, R. Lawrence, G. Hitchmough, M. Hitchmough, Corker, T. Charles, J. Hesketh.

#### K. ALFRED v. K. ARTHUR.

The field was in splendid condition for hockey, and a somewhat fast game resulted. The Alfred opened the scoring through Ninis soon after the commencement of the game.

The Arthur then began to press and Barclay nearly scored. Soon after Kingston scored for the Arthur. The Alfred pressed from the bully off but Woodall shot over the goal. After this Halley

scored a second goal for the K. Alfred. Then the whistle went for half-time. On resuming the game Woodall scored for the Alfred. For a time the play was even, each side attacking in turn, then Sworn i. scored for the Arthur. After some good combination Halley scored for the Alfred from a penalty corner with a good shot. Until the end of the game play was very evenly contested. Then Ninis scored again for the Alfred in the last minute. The game throughout was interesting, the Alfred winning by 5—2.

For the Alfred, Halley, Ninis and Somerville played well, while for the Arthur, Jones i. Barclay ii., and Skinner i. did the best work.

*Teams* :—K. ALFRED—O. Thomas ; H. A. Somerville, E. D. Greeves, L. C. Brentnall, K. B. Halley (Capt.), N. M. Hughes, N. M. Greeves, F. A. Ninis, J. F. Woodall, N. P. Vanderbilt, C. Ericson.

KING ARTHUR.—J. Huntington, T. P. Edwards, F. J. S. Barclay, R. L. S. Skinner H. K. Jones, (Capt.), E. E. Sworn, C. L. T. Barclay, C. Ellis, G. Sworn, G. R. V. Slater, P. T. Kingston.

#### CONQUEROR v. WOODARD.

The ground was in very bad condition owing to the rain, and so the play was of a very poor quality.

The Conqueror and Woodard both pressed in turn and, as both were light teams and the ground sticky, play was exceedingly slow.

After half-time Jones ix. scored for the Conqueror, and then Worthington for the Woodard. The play now became brisker and Brewer scored a second goal for the Conqueror.

Play was very even for a short time and then the Woodard scored again with only about two minutes left to play.

The game ended in a draw with the score 2 all.

For the Conqueror, Ross, Jones ix. and Brewer were good, while for the Woodard, Worthington and Dickinson were the best.

Teams :—CONQUEROR—G. L. Ross ii., A. F. Ross i., (Capt.), A. McCubbin, S. Yeal, C. W. Payton, D. R. Ross iii., J. Bolland i., J. C. Brewer, W. V. Jones ix., J. W. Jones viii. H. A. Olphert.

WOODARD.—T. Ascough, A. McMinn, H. Clee, C. Watkins, V. N. Dickinson, J. Hall, J. Owen, C. Davidson, A. T. Worthington (Capt.), S. Smith v., S. Davies.

#### CONQUEROR v. WOODARD (Replay).

The ground was still in poor condition but the play of both teams was much better.

The Conqueror pressed from the bully off and forced a corner, but failed to score.

A little later an individual rush by Worthington nearly succeeded in giving the Woodard first goal, but McCubbin saved the situation. The Conqueror then pressed but owing to offside being given, the Woodard cleared. Jones ix. again attacked but "sticks" was given and the Woodard cleared again. When half-time arrived there was no score.

The Woodard pressed soon after the re-opening of the game and nearly scored but a foul was given, so the Conqueror cleared. The Conqueror pressed but were repulsed and Worthington scored with a good shot for the Woodard. Soon after Brewer scored for the Conqueror. The Conqueror now began to attack and a corner was given, but they failed in front of goal. Jones ix. ran through later and scored a second goal for them.

The whistle went for time with the score 2—1 for the Conqueror.

For the winners, Ross i., Jones ix., Brewer and McCubbin played well and for the losers, Worthington, Dickinson, McMinn and Davidson were all good.

Teams :—CONQUEROR..G. L. Ross iii., A. F. Ross (Capt.), A. McCubbin, S. Yeal, C. W. Payton iii., D. R. Ross, J. Bolland, J. C. Brewer, W. V. Jones ix., J. W. Jones viii., H. A. Olphert.

WOODARD.—T. Ascough, A. McMinn, H. Clee, C. Watkins, V. N. Dickinson, J. Hall, J. Owen, C. Davidson, A. T. Worthington (Capt.), S. Smith, S. Davies.

#### HAROLD v. HEYWOOD.

This match proved very uninteresting from a spectacular point of view, the Harold gaining an easy victory.

Soon after the start Girling scored for the Harold.

There was not much exciting play as the Harold had it all their own way, and half-time arrived with the score 4—0 for the Harold.

The second half was a repetition of the first, except that the Harold scored with greater frequency. The result of the match was a win for the Harold by 12 goals to none, the following being the scorers, Girling (4), Smith (4), E. Garnett (2), S. Garnett (1) and Browne (1).

For the victors, S. Garnett, Smith and Girling played the best, while for the losers, Pratt, Davis and Andrews were the best.

Teams :—K. HAROLD—R. Boywer, F. Pilkington, N. Craddock, E. Peacock, S. Garnett (Capt.), O. Jessop, C. Kimpster A. Smith, C. Girling, E. Garnett, C. Browne.

HEYWOOD.—S. Ellams, H. A. Coombes, J. W. Andrews, J. Long, R. Pratt, H. Moseley, A. H. Prodger, O. Davis (Capt.), C. Skinner, S. Walker, P. T. Farr.

*2nd Round.***GORDON v. CONQUEROR.**

This match was played with the ground in a slippery condition, and during the game there were several showers.

The Gordon soon started to take the lead and at first scored three goals in quick succession.

Then after some good combination Morris i. scored for the Conqueror. The Conqueror pressed again from the bully-off for a short time, and then the Gordon seemed to do as they pleased.

After half-time the game developed into a monotonous succession of goals for the Gordon, relieved now and then by a really good individual run from Harper or Manley.

At the close of the game the score was 12—1 for the Gordon, who all played well.

The pick of the Gordon were Manley, Dennis, Harper i. and Wright.

Ross i., Brewer, Jones ix. and Morris i. all played well for the Conqueror.

Teams :—GORDON.—C. Nevett, O. G. Dennis, W. Huggins, P. J. Martin, D. H. G. Manley (Capt.), B. W. I. Davies, H. K. Wright, H. Harper, H. G. Harper J. H. Morris, T. Howard.

CONQUEROR.—G. L. Ross, A. F. Ross, (Capt.), A. McCubbin, S. Veal, C. W. Payton, S. Morris, J. Bolland, J. C. Brewer, W. V. Jones, J. W. Jones, H. M. A. Olphert.

**K. ALFRED v. K. HAROLD.**

Soon after the opening of the game the Alfred began to press. After some good combination Ninis scored the first goal for the Alfred.

After this the Harold forced their way to the Alfred circle, but Somerville cleared. The Alfred forwards made a determined rush and Perry scored the second goal.

The Harold now became dangerous, and would have scored if Thomas had not made a good save. A little later Browne had hard luck in not scoring.

The Alfred made several individual attempts to score but these were defeated by Garnett and Craddock. The Harold continued to press, and a foul was given from which Smith i. nearly scored. The Alfred forwards now began to attack and Ninis scored.

Half-time arrived with the score 3—0 for the Alfred.

On the resumption of play the Harold began a good attack and Smith i. scored from a good pass by Garnett.

The play for a time was mainly in mid-field, but Ninis ran through and scored again for the Alfred.

Soon after Woodall made a good individual run and scored with a hard shot.

The Harold started another attack but were repulsed by the Alfred defence. The Harold continued to press until just before the end, and then Ninis scored from a pass by one of the forwards just as the whistle went.

The full time score was 6—1 for the Alfred.

Halley, Woodall, Ninis and Somerville all played well for the Alfred, and Garnett, Girling i. and Smith i. were the pick of the Harold.

Teams :—K. ALFRED.—O. Thomas, H. A. Somerville, E. D. Greeves ii., L. C. Brentnall, K. B. Halley (Capt.), N. M. Hughes, N. M. Greeves i., F. A. Ninis, J. F. Woodall, A. N. Perry, A. Ericson.

K. HAROLD.—C. S. Jones x., S. Pilkington, N. V. Craddock, E. Peacock, S. Garnett (Capt.), O. Jessop, C. Kimpster, A. Smith i., C. B. Girling i., E. Garnett iii., C. B. Browne.

*Final.*

## GORDON v. K. ALFRED.

This match was played on Tuesday, April 7th, and resulted in a win for the Gordon by 3 goals to nil.

The ground was in splendid condition, but there was some rain during the game.

Manley scored for the Gordon inside the first five minutes.

The Alfred attacked from the bully, but were repulsed by Dennis and Manley.

The ball was passed to Harper who made an attempt to score but was stopped by Somerville. After some combination Morris ii. scored the second goal for the Gordon.

The Gordon forwards now began to combine and Harper was dangerous to the Alfred; the latter's defence however proved equal to the occasion and the Gordon were prevented from scoring.

The Alfred now began a series of rushes and on several occasions nearly scored but Dennis and Manley were too much for them.

At half-time the score was 2—0 for the Gordon.

The Gordon started to attack immediately after the game was re-opened, and the play developed into a series of Gordon rushes which were not able to penetrate through the Alfred defence. The Alfred then began to show up and after one of their rushes nearly scored; for some time the Alfred forwards now kept the Gordon defence on the alert, but at last were driven back, and the Alfred goalkeeper was called upon to save several shots.

The Alfred now pressed and forced a corner which failed, however, owing to a rush by Manley; the Alfred forced a second corner, but again failed to score.

After this spell of attacking by the Alfred, the Gordon brought the ball down to the Alfred goal but did not score.

The Alfred now forced another corner, and very nearly scored but the decision was given for the Gordon.

Harper scored the third goal for the Gordon after some combination of the Gordon forwards.

Until the end of the game the Gordon continued to press but, although they forced a corner, failed to score.

For the Gordon, Manley, Dennis and Harper were excellent and for the Alfred, Halley, Woodall, Ninis and Somerville played well.

Teams :—GORDON.—C. Nevett, O. G. Dennis, W. Huggins, P. J. Martin, D. H. G. Manley, (Capt.), B. W. I. Davies, H. K. Wright, N. C. Harper, H. G. Harper, J. H. Morris, T. Howard.

K. ALFRED.—O. Thomas, H. A. Somerville, E. D. Greeves, L. C. Brentnall, K. B. Halley (Capt.), N. M. Hughes, N. M. Greeves, F. A. Ninis, J. F. Woodall, A. N. Perry, A. Ericson.

## HOCKEY XI., 1914.

- \*O. G. Dennis (Right Full-back). A reliable and brilliant player with plenty of "go." Hits hard and feeds the wings well. Has often saved his side.
- \*S. Garnett (Left Half-back). Plays a good steady game. Keeps the opposing wing well in hand. Tackles well. Should be more careful in placing his passes.
- \*H. G. Harper (Centre Forward). Played well in a strange position all through the season. Quick to see and make use of an opening. Very clever with his stick, but should have made more use of the left wing.

- \**H. K. Jones* (Left Full-back). Tackles well. Inclined to take too many risks, and is handicapped by lack of pace. Very keen.
- \**C. L. T. Barclay* (Left-Outside). A player who was only "discovered" towards the end of the season. Clever with his stick, has a good turn of speed, and combines well with his inside forwards. Keen.
- \**J. Woodall* (Inside Left). Combines well, but is weak in front of goal. Must learn not to pass to the wing when nearing goal.
- \**K. B. Halley* (Goal). Must not hesitate when leaving his goal, and should use his feet more. Made some brilliant saves.
- A. F. Ross* (Right Half-back). A good half, who plays a sound, steady game. Tackles well but lacks pace.
- A. T. Worthington* (Right Inside). A plucky forward who scored some good goals but on the whole was weak inside the circle. Keen.
- C. B. Coney* (Right Outside). Rather disappointing player, who must learn to dribble with two hands before he can excel at the game.

\* First XI. Colours.

D.H.G.M.

### ODE TO THE ELLESMERE CAMPAN- OLOGIST.

Most puissant toller of the deep-toned bell,  
That rouses us from early morning slumbers,  
And with its brazen clanging sounds the  
knell  
Of sweet repose with melancholy numbers,

That starts the feathered inmates of the  
Tower,  
That spurs the toilets of the Blues and  
Reds,  
That drags, with notes of undiminished  
power,  
The Violets and Yellows from their beds,

What means this clatter? Is it then the  
time  
At which the edict states the bell should  
ring?

Why sound so early your melodious chime,  
And consternation to each bosom bring?

Five precious minutes had we counted on  
Ere we should drag our drowsy steps to  
Chapel.

Here's S. his trousers but commenced to  
don,  
And B. with his left sock has yet to grapple,

Here's K. has just withdrawn his dripping  
head,  
From out his water-basin's soapy surges,  
While W. as yet reclines in bed,  
And from his couch reluctant J. emerges.

Throughout the length and breadth of all  
the land

Confusion reigns supreme; and collar-  
studs

And collars, ties and brushes aren't to hand  
While each one seizes someone else's  
"duds."

Five minutes early! Come you must con-  
fess

It is too bad to make us all so late.  
At best of times, I think, you cannot guess  
How often we've been rescued by the  
"date."

And when the ev'ning shadows dim the sky  
And Preparation grips our puzzled brains,  
Mute contemplation of our  $x + y$   
Is shattered by those all-familiar strains



Five minutes early. Do you then suppose  
We like our Preparation thus confined?  
Nay, add five minutes to our morning doze,  
And lengthen Prep—we none of us should  
mind.\*

[\* Our poet must here be understood to  
speak strictly for himself.—ED.  
"Ellesmerian."]

### O.E. NEWS.

We were delighted to welcome the following Old Boys, who paid us a visit this term: H. S. Jones, H. T. Rees, N. L. Simpson, F. A. Lidbury, C. H. Scott, E. J. Guest, S. F. Heath, A. P. Swindell, W. H. Bruxby.

*F. A. Lidbury* is, we hear, to be next year's President of the American Electro-Chemical Society.

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*St. G. O. Lloyd* writes from Manitoba to say that he is getting on well in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and likes the life exceedingly.

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May we make an appeal to those Old Boys who read this column to help us to extend it by sending us news about themselves or other Old Boys, whom they know, from time to time. We should be exceedingly grateful to them if they would do this; at present we are entirely dependent upon occasional letters and chance information.

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### E. O. B. C.

The annual General Meeting and Dinner were held at the College on Whit-Monday, June 1st.

There was quite a gathering of spectators for the match with the First XI. and the weather, though a trifle cold, was fine. The game resulted in a win for the Old Boys.

After the Meeting, a fairly large gathering sat down to dinner. The speakers were as follows:

"Church and State"—The Rev. B. R. Hibbert.

"School and Staff"—The Rev. H. E. Averay Jones.

Reply—The Headmaster.

"The Old Boys"—Dr. Greeves.

Reply—The Rev. B. R. Hibbert.

Later the company spent a most enjoyable evening in the Headmaster's house.

The following Old Boys were present at the dinner: The Rev. B. R. Hibbert, the Rev. R. H. Robinson, the Rev. H. E. Averay Jones, Messrs. C. F. Austin, S. J. Wesson, W. E. O. Rutter, E. C. Lindop, H. W. Bateman, E. W. Burnett, C. Skinner, and B. Codling.

### BOXING.

A Boxing Tournament was held last term on Monday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 8th; this, we believe, is about the first record of such an event. The whole affair was a great success, and we hope to see a repetition of it in following years.

There was a good entry for the light weight event, and some of the pairs were very evenly matched. As a result of this some pretty fighting was witnessed, and all the wins were awarded on points.

In the middle weights, Morris ii. had things all his own way, though Ninis fought pluckily in the first heat, and kept

his end up during the regulation three rounds.

In the heavy weights Manley, having disposed of Jessop ii., met Thomas in the final. This event produced a very vigorous contest, and eventually Thomas succumbed to the sledge-hammer tactics of his opponent and was counted out.

The full programme was :

#### LIGHT WEIGHTS.

##### *Heat I.*

Ericson beat Slater.  
Edwards ii. „ Taylor.  
Jones ix. „ Hitchmough ii.  
Vanderbilt bye.

##### *Semi-Final.*

Vanderbilt beat Ericson.  
Edwards ii. „ Jones ix.

##### *Final.*

Vanderbilt beat Edwards ii.

#### MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

##### *Heat.*

Morris ii. beat Ninis.  
Coney bye.

##### *Final.*

Morris ii. beat Coney.

#### HEAVY WEIGHTS.

##### *Heat.*

Manley beat Jessop ii.  
Thomas, bye.

##### *Final.*

Manley beat Thomas.

### O.T.C. NOTES.

The Corps is still up to strength and with the great influx of new boys we expect that this term will see a record number of cadets at Ellesmere.

Unfortunately the two field days which were fixed for last term came to nothing owing to the measles. It would be far more convenient if boys who must have measles had them during the holidays.

The results of Certificate 'A' are most gratifying. Both Candidates (Greeves ii. and Sworn i.) were successful in Part I., the written Examination. Greeves has been granted his Certificate. Sworn will obtain his when he has satisfied the visiting officer in an oral examination. Greeves ii. is about to take up a Commission in the Special Reserve of the Connaught Rangers.

Our heartiest thanks are due to the Rev. B. Browne for his gift of two Miniature Rifles.

We were pleased to note the great keenness displayed by the band at the end of last term and we hope that the other cadets will respond to the invitation to Camp in order to give the band a chance in the band contests.

Extracts from the *London Gazette* :—  
Feb. 14th. Cadet Colour Sergeant Lomas of the Ellesmere College Contingent Officers' Training Corps to be Second Lieutenant for Service with that Contingent.

March 5th. Second-Lieutenant R. W. Elverson, of the Ellesmere College Contingent Officers' Training Corps to be Lieutenant.

Promotions :—

May 8th. Sergeant Manley to be Colour-Sergeant, Corporal Garnett and Lance Corporal Greeves to be Sergeants.  
Cadet Sworn to be Lance Corporal.

## THE CAMERA CLUB.

Born in 1890, The Camera Club is still going strong and boasts at present of seventeen members, all of whom are in the state of either having cameras at present or of obtaining them. A meeting was held at the beginning of the term, and it was agreed that, in future, the subscriptions should be 6d. for the two winter terms and 1/6 for the Summer term.

The First Outing took place on Saturday June sixth and its success was largely due to the presence of Dr. Drawbridge and Mr. Searls. The place chosen was Erbistock Ferry, (no! not Chirk this time!!), a delightful spot on the Dee. Lunch was eaten on its banks but a deep gloom was cast over the otherwise merry company by the absence of one of its members. It is reported that the aforesaid member was retrieved from the dark room at Ellesmere and taken unwillingly (?) to join his "Sodales," just in time to eat his lunch, while the rest played "Rounders," and then to start on the tea. Tea went off very well, except that the oranges somehow seemed to favour some of the members more than the others. After the tea the Heavy Brigade set out home.

## THE TRAGEDY OF THE BROWN HAT.

With a pent-up enthusiasm which threatened to burst forth in torrents of fatuous raptures as soon as I could find a listener, I boarded the train at Turin on a certain never-to-be-forgotten day, in the year 1904: for the evening of that day was to see my arrival at last in the city of the Cæsars and the Popes.

How oft doth grim tragedy, with stealthy tread, dog our footsteps even at the most exalted and blissful moments of our life. Little did I dream, as I sat and rhapsodised in my corner seat, that I was even then on the brink of a tragic episode which, to the end of my life, I should never be able to forget. The whole scene rises before my mental vision, with appalling lucidity, whenever I see a bunch of ripe cherries or a brown straw hat trimmed with a russet ribbon; and since in summer such things are common objects, it follows that at this season the memory becomes an obsession.

I was not destined to make that journey alone. A portly and genial Englishman, from whose breast-pocket the stopper of a silver flask protruded suggestively, invaded my carriage and made himself extremely affable; by the time we reached Genoa he was like an old acquaintance.

At Genoa we were joined by a pleasant-faced Frenchman, escorting a lady whose Parisian air proclaimed her his countrywoman: a second furtive glance declared them obviously bride and bridegroom on their wedding tour, for their efforts to be obtrusively unconscious of each other's presence were so elaborately overdone that only one conclusion could be drawn. Madame's dress, moreover, had "trousseau" writ large all over it. It must be admitted, however, that it displayed with equal clearness an excellent taste in dress. In particular, I noticed her hat: it was *big* and *round* (and that is about as far as any man can get in describing a lady's hat, unless he happens either to be in love with her or to hold a commission as reporter for '*The Lady's Pictorial*'); but it was made of plaited straw, brown, and trimmed with a broad russet ribbon, and having the crown surrounded with a chaplet (one can't help using more or less poetic words

on such a theme) of cherries far too large and luminously bright in colour to look natural—but extremely effective notwithstanding. I wondered how much care and anxious thought had been devoted to the designing and construction of that masterpiece of millinery; I have often wondered since;—the thing haunts me.

The bright Italian sunshine beat down remorselessly on the dusty windows of the carriage as the Rome express lumbered out of Genoa, and began to thread its way through the eighty-odd little tunnels in the cliffs, through which the railway winds its tortuous course from Genoa to Spezia, following the line of the coast. The ravishing little peeps at the blue Mediterranean, which might be caught in the momentary intervals between the tunnels, were not sufficient to compensate for the discomfort of sitting, with necessarily-closed windows, in a temperature that must have registered something like 85°. And, worst of all, one began to be conscious of a phenomenally violent thirst, for which, the restaurant car having been detached at Genoa, one possessed no means of satisfaction. It is greatly to be feared that, in spite of all my efforts, my gaze wandered furtively, every now and then, to the flask protruding from my companion's pocket, and that a gleam of covetousness flared reprehensibly in my tired eyes. There are times when our lower nature asserts itself most uncomfortably, and laughs at our confidence in our puny powers of self-control.

"We'll have some presently," said my affable companion, intercepting one of my involuntary glances with its mute appeal. "We stop at Livorno, and I'll get some soda-water there."

I thanked him fervently, and waited with what patience I could muster, while the train sped along the plains of

Tuscany, between the purple line of the Apennines on the one side and the azure Mediterranean on the other, revealing and displaying an ever-shifting panorama of natural beauties which—but for that appalling thirst—would have filled the traveller with delight. But even Pisa, with its exquisite Baptistery and Leaning Tower, failed to arouse the appreciation that was its due. It is curious how a raging thirst will render one oblivious to everything but itself.

Our fellow-travellers also seemed to find the stifling heat almost unbearable. Monsieur leaned back in his corner and tried to doze: Madame daintily withdrew the long pins from her hat—that hat which I may never forget—and laid that whole magnificent creation, that masterpiece of the Rue de Rivoli, upon the seat beside her, and sat back with closed eyes, being doubtless aware that her long dark lashes became her right well; and so, I must admit, they did.

At length patience was rewarded. The express slowed down, and jolted, as only an Italian train can jolt, into the station; and there on the platform—just opposite our compartment as we came to a standstill—stood a refreshment trolley laden, amongst other things, with little straw-cased fiaschi of chianti and, above all, with bottles of soda-water. Eagerly we flew to make our purchase, for the train made only a brief stop at that station.

"Please open the soda-water while I attend to the flask" said my friend, as he fumbled with the screw-stopper. Now sundry wire entanglements had to be laboriously untwisted before I could release the cork, and it was necessary to be near the open window in order to render the coming explosion harmless to myself and my companions. Warily I began to untwist the exasperating wire, and sat down to my task.

So engrossed was I in my all-important business that I did not heed at the time (though I remembered it afterwards, so that I must have been subconsciously aware of it) a little gasp from Madame. The wire yielded to my vigorous onslaught, the cork popped neatly through the window, and the sparkling liquid was deftly intercepted and caught in the tumbler: the moment of fruition, long deferred, had come at last.

Then I felt a light touch on my arm: Monsieur stood over me, smiling with inimitable urbanity. "Pardon" he said, and, taking me gently by the arm, urged me to rise from my seat: then he drew from the place where I had been sitting a curious object. It had no particular shape, but there could be no doubt about its material and colour. It consisted of many square inches of plaited straw, and it was of an unmistakably brown hue. From its crumpled confusion sprouted here and there, clusters of crushed and distorted cherries, entangled in folds of creased russet ribbon. There was something oddly familiar about this object: I could not tell exactly what it was, but I felt certain I had seen something like it before: then my puzzled gaze happened to light upon Madame, and, in a dazed kind of way, I noticed that she was hatless. What had she done, then, with her hat? Why, I remembered now; she had taken it off, and laid it —.

I looked at Monsieur: smiling on me still in a most cordially friendly fashion, he handed the object to Madame. She gave me one glance: I can't describe it, and I don't want to; but it suggested the glance of a wounded hen-pheasant which has had one barrel and is waiting for the second one. Then she gave a little moan, spread the wreckage out on her lap, and, with feverishly busy fingers, began to try to restore it to (alas, in vain) some sem-

blance of shape and coherence. She uttered no word: there are occasions when the language of the eyes is more eloquent than any speech.

Monsieur was also silent, though the smile (surely one of the most admirable smiles ever seen) still lingered on his good-natured face. From first to last, he had said nothing at all—except that one word as he caused me to rise from my seat—"Pardon."

His silence was strange, but mine was stranger still. I longed for speech; I wrestled fearfully within—*parturiunt montes*—but, alas, no single word passed my agitated lips. I remember feeling a sudden murderous hatred towards my French masters, who had pretended—long ago, in my schooldays—to teach me French. Impostors! Why hadn't they taught a fellow what to say when he finds he has sat on a French lady's brand-new 'trousseau' hat?

There are times when a man may find himself wishing that the earth would open and swallow him up, when he may wish that he could vanish into thin air—yea, even at the risk of finding himself unable to materialize again and return,—rather than remain in the intolerable situation into which for the moment he has landed himself. The tension of those few moments of inarticulate distress was indescribably awful. I had a thousand things to say, and I knew not enough French to say a single one—at least, the words would not come.

But there is always one word which, though undoubtedly and characteristically English, is now understood in all lands where the Anglo-Saxon has set foot. This word the Englishman can always say; and I said it—with emphasis.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

DEAR SIR,

It is quite obvious to the most casual observer that the School Cricket XI. will in the near future be composed exclusively of Reds. These enterprising gentlemen are now the possessors of two nets and there is nearly always a good attendance thereat. What are the other Houses going to do about it?

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

"PALMAM QUI MERUIT."

[Comment is needless!—ED. "ELLESMERIAN."]

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."  
SIR,

A little originality on the part of the authorities would serve to render the Tennis Season more interesting to the ordinary player. The Dormitory Matches are very well, but only two players from each Dormitory are needed for them. Could not we have an American Tournament or something of the kind—a very small entry fee would supply prizes to add to the excitement. The prospective Secretary would also gain very valuable experience in handicapping.

I am, Sir,

"THE MAN AT THE NET."

[More brilliance! Why does not "The Man at the Net" come forward with his proposals and see them carried through? He has our Editorial blessing, anyway.—ED. "ELLESMERIAN."]

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."  
DEAR SIR,

I write to ask you what is, under the circumstances, rather a delicate question.

Can you score with certainty and accuracy from your corner of the pavilion? I do not desire to cast any aspersions on your performance, but merely to express my admiration of it. I myself should find it very difficult to keep an exact record from the midst of a crowd of agitated batsmen. Could not some of our carpenters set to work and build you a detached scoring box far from the crowd?

I am, Sir,

Yours apologetically,

"A SYMPATHISER."

[We print this letter because we profess to keep our columns open to all Correspondents and one half of us is disinterested. With this, we leave the matter to the judgment of our readers.—ED. "ELLESMERIAN."]

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

DEAR SIR,

I was greatly interested in O.E.'s letter in your April number, and think his idea a splendid one. I hope the matter will not be allowed to rest there.

Yours, etc.,

"ANOTHER O.E."

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

DEAR SIR,

There are many things which go to make up the success of a Public School and one of them—by no means the least—is the necessity of having an active Old Boys' Club. Ever since I was at Ellesmere I have thought that this side of the School life has somewhat been neglected. There is I know a Club and the usual meetings are held; but it seems that little or no information as to the results of these meetings is forthcoming, and no circular is ever sent round urging upon Old Boys the

necessity, the duty which still lies with them to support their Alma Mater in as practicable a manner as lies in their power.

Ellesmere was once a great factor in the life of everyone who has spent however short a time within its walls. There is no organised attempt made to enroll members as boys are about to leave the School. It would seem that the usual procedure is to become a very passive member of the Old Boys' Club—possibly—for a few years and then drift further and further away—for lack of information breeds lack of interest, and where interest is dormant it is but a short time before interest is dead.

To the corporate life of a school a strong and active Old Boys' Club is an essential thing in every way. Would it not be possible for this problem to be faced by those who are now in the school and an effort made to strengthen the Club—to put before boys, past and present alike, the real obligation they are under to support the school although they may be no longer within its walls?

With many apologies for the grumble, and with hope that you may have both the space and the inclination to publish this in your Magazine—

I am, Sir, etc.,

O.E.

[This letter arrived just too late for publication in our last number, but we commend it now to the earnest consideration of our readers—particularly those upon whom the obligations mentioned by our correspondent will shortly devolve. May we once again suggest that the regular receipt of the "Ellesmerian" would at least do something to keep interest alive? Will other Old Boys write to us on this subject?—ED. "ELLESMERIAN."]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."  
DEAR SIR,

I wish to state a complaint which is echoed by several boys in the same condition as myself.

When a boy leaves, nothing is said in his "Valete" as to whether he has played for the First Eleven at any game, unless he secures his colours; this seems to me hardly fair. Would it not be better to put in the "Valete" of any boy who has his photograph taken as a member of an eleven, that he was in that eleven, for instance "First Eleven 1903," or "First Team 1913." Hoping that I shall at least receive the satisfaction of having my complaint answered even if in the negative:

I remain,

Yours etc.,

"A NON-COLOUR."

[Our correspondent desires us to open our columns to a multitude of 'hangers-on' we take it. Frankly we think that to have his face on a plate is sufficient reward for the mere fact of his having played—whether well, ill, or indifferently he does not state—for the First Eleven or Fifteen. Let him then win the hall-mark of capacity—Colours—ere he desires us to include him in our roll of honour.—ED. "ELLESMERIAN."]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."  
DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On visiting the College after a lapse of many years, I was pleased to note the many improvements that have been effected in the buildings and general life of the place. One cannot but congratulate the boys of the present, when one compares them with those of the past.

On inquiring as to the observance of two old customs I learnt with regret (for the boys' sake) that they had fallen into oblivion.

One of the good old customs was connected with Ascension Day. The whole School met round the tree crowning Spy Bank and sang a hymn, I fancy it was in Latin, and then descended to the foot of the hill, there to await sundry cocoa nuts and other good things which the masters hurled upon us from the hill-top. The scramble and struggle that followed made a lasting impression on the mind and probably on the person.

Then again in the good old days the whole school would be taken for a day by train down to Aberystwith, to enjoy a dip in the sea, or to the Breidden Hills to climb the steep hill side and view the ancient British dykes.

These events helped to relieve the monotony, and were looked forward to with eager anticipation by the boys of long ago. Perhaps the boys of to-day would also like to see these two old customs revived and so would a

"LAUDATOR TEMPORIS ACTI."

[We cannot say that the idea of these old customs appeals to us very much. We think a nice little party of two or three on these holiday occasions very much preferable to scrambling for cocoa-nuts at the foot of Spy Bank or climbing the Breiddens en masse; the ancient Britons would probably turn in their dykes at such a sight. Our readers, however, are welcome to their own opinions on this matter.—ED. "ELLESMERIAN."]

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