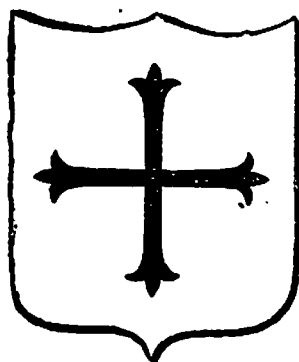

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IN MEMORIAM

K. J. M.

The School has suffered a severe loss this term in the untimely death of Kenneth Miller. Mr. Miller joined the Staff in 1910 : previous to that he was acting as Assistant Organist of Wells Cathedral. He was an accomplished musician, and an energetic and conscientious teacher, and during the five years he spent amongst us he endeared himself to Staff and Boys alike. His death has created a void which will not easily be filled.

On Thursday, May 27, in the midst of his many activities, he was suddenly seized with severe palpitation of the heart. Drs. Drawbridge and Crofton were called in, and it was found that he was suffering with valvular inflammation of the heart. At first there was a hope that he might recover, but in the course of a few days it became evident that the disease would prove fatal. On Saturday, June 12, he sustained a severe collapse and became unconscious, and in the early hours of Sunday, June 20, God took his soul. His medical advisers and those who nursed him did all in their power to make his last days as comfortable as possible.

On the Wednesday preceding his death, he became conscious for a short period, and the Chaplain was able to give him the Last Sacraments.

His Requiem was said in the School Chapel on Monday, June 21, and the funeral took place later in the week, at Wells Cathedral.

We offer our sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

As we look back and think of him, we begin to realise the extent of our loss, for he was a man of sterling qualities. He was a courteous and kindly Christian gentleman, a devout and regular Communicant, a consistent and conscientious worker, and although he was a man of many accomplishments, yet he was at the same time of a very humble and self-effacing disposition. What better epitaph can man desire !

May God rest his soul !

EDITORIAL.

Once more the summer is upon us with all its attractions, the least of which, by the way, is the writing of an Editorial, and already the dread Locals are here. The weather has been rather changeable of late, but we may yet, we think, look forward to a fair amount of sunshine.

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The term has been saddened by the death of one whom we must all be proud to have had for a friend and teacher. Only five years had Mr. Miller been with us but those five years were enough to reveal to us a personality of extraordinary charm. We had almost written "indefinable," but that would have been untrue, as there can be no doubt wherein it lay. Loftiness of aim, kindness, and unassumingness combined in him to produce what the Romans called *modestia*; and the cultivation of a like *modestia* in ourselves should be our tribute to his memory

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The war continues to pursue its relentless course, but this is no place to write of it, nor could we say much, if it were, as, for obvious reasons, we have not seen many papers this term.

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Ere these lines meet the light of blessed day, the *bête noire* of the term will have arrived. The Oxford Examiners will be "with full power upon us," and we offer

our heartiest good wishes to any who may have to submit to the ordeal of "Locals."

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At last we have received what we have for years been patiently awaiting, an article from a member of the School! This should be chronicled in the annals of the Magazine. Let us hope that others will follow his example.

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It is a revival, even though only in part, of the old state of things. We think that the ideal school magazine is not a mass of uninteresting matter wrung from the pen of an unhappy and unskilful Editor, but, primarily, a permanent record of all the School's activities, and secondarily, an outlet for what might otherwise conceivably find no outlet, namely, the early inspirations of incipient *littérateurs* in the school. We hope that this view will be taken by our readers generally, and that the innovation will not be greeted with disfavour.

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The Cricket Season has started well and we have managed to give Overton a very good beating. Let us hope that this state of things will continue.

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Owing to the fact that there was no 1st XI. Hockey last term, this number contains very little Hockey. For this we could obviously find no remedy, but next term we shall have, no doubt, more Cricket to delight the eyes of cricketers.

S. OSWALD'S COLLEGE ROLL OF HONOUR. III.

Name.	Dormitory.	Period.	Rank.	Unit.
Aston, J. E.	Heywood	Sept. '07—April '12	Private	R.W.F.
Booth, H. ..	.. Gordon	Sept. '00—July '04	Sergt.	
Bottomley, A. E. ..	.. Harold	Dec. '10—Dec. '11	Private	R.A.M.C.
Bourn, J. ..	.. Edward	May '04—April '11	2nd Lieut.	8th North Lancs.
Boyce, I. D. ..	.. Arthur	Sept. '99—April '02	Lce-Corp.	Royal Berkshires
Bright, F. C. ..	.. Arthur	Jan. '08—Dec. '08	Sergt.	K.S.L.I.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Dormitory.</i>	<i>Period.</i>	<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Unit.</i>
Burkett-Goltwaltz, B.	Arthur	May '05—April '10	Private	1st Sportsman's
Bushell, T. O. ..	Harold	May '02—July '10	2nd Lieut.	
Calcott, C. S. ..	Gordon	Sept. '99—April '05	Trooper	Montgomeryshire Yeomanry
Calcott, J. H. ..	Gordon	Jan. '99—Dec. '03	Corp.	Montgomeryshire Yeomanry
Edwards, ..	Heywood		Trooper	Montgomeryshire Yeomanry
Ellis, R. ..	Woodard	Jan. '09—Dec. '09	Private	2nd K.S.L.I.
Evans, W. A. ..			Private	Grenadier Guards
Fearenside, E. ..	Conqueror	Sept. '90—July '98	Capt.	7th Manchesters
Fletcher, H. ..		Sept. '84—July '86	Corp.	Natal Light Horse
Griffiths, W. L. ..			2nd Lieut.	11th Welsh Regt.
Hill, G. M. ..			2nd Lieut.	4th West Ridings
Howell, C. R. ..	Conqueror	April '04—July '04	2nd Lieut.	
Jessop, O. ..	Harold	Jan. '11—April '14	Private	7th Manchesters
Jessop, T. D. ..	Harold	Jan. '11—Dec. '11	2nd Lieut.	3rd Manchesters
Johnson, H. V. ..	Harold	May '97—July '00	Private	Royal Fusiliers
Jones, D. E. ..	Gordon	Jan. '08—July '12	2nd Lieut.	Roy. Reg. of Artillery
Keppel-Palmer, C.	Heywood	Jan. '12—July '13	2nd Lieut.	21st Lancers
King, E. G. W. ..	Arthur	May '79—Dec. '98	Lieut.	C.F.E. (S. Africa)
Merritt, F. J. ..	Arthur	Sept. '01—July '02	Lieut.	R.N. (H.M.S. Partridge)
Miller, G. T. ..			2nd Lieut.	1st So. Staffs.
Norris, A. H. ..		May '88—July '91	Capt.	6th Manchesters
Patterson, G. O. S.	Arthur	Jan. '09—April '10	Private	1st Brigade 1st Canadian Con- tingent
Peacock, E. F. E. ..	Harold	May '11—Mar. '15	2nd Lieut.	11th West Ridings
Powell, J. Ll. ..	Harold	Sept. '95—July '99	Lieut.	5th Warwickshires
Pugh-Morgan, R. B.	Harold	Sept. '91—July '95	Major	Brecknock Batt. So. Wales Borderers
Ramsell, C. H. ..	Heywood	Sept. '10—July '12	Trooper	2nd Montgomery Yeomanry
Richardson, V. ..	Edward	Sept. '97—April '00	Trooper	Cheshire Yeomanry
Robinson, P. ..	Conqueror	Jan. '03—April '04	2nd Lieut.	8th Yorkshires
Rowlands, L. L. ..	Gordon	Jan. '06—Dec. '08	2nd Lieut.	7th R.W.F.
Simpson, D. A. ..	Heywood	Sept. '00—July '06	2nd Lieut.	7th Gordon Highlanders
Simpson, N. L. ..			Private	3rd Cameron Highlanders
Somerville, H. A. ..	Alfred	May '09—April '15	2nd Lieut.	North Staffs.
Smythe-Lanyon, T.	Alfred	Sept. '06—July '11	2nd Lieut.	3rd K.S.L.I.
Stealey, E. T. ..	Harold	Sept. '10—July '13	2nd Lieut.	1st Monmouthshires
Stobbs, H. ..	Arthur	'03—'09	Trooper	Northld. Hussars.
Swindell, J. A. ..	Conqueror	May '97—July '01	Private	Royal Fusiliers
Taylor, C. H. ..	Arthur	Jan. '99—July '01	2nd Lieut.	4th V.B. Manchester (Mtd. Infantry)
Taylor, H. V. ..	Gordon	May '97—July '99	Private	9th K.S.L.I.
Thomas, O. ..	Alfred	Sept. '13—Dec. '14	2nd Lieut.	
Tilt, T. A. ..	Harold	May '05—April '10	Private	R.A.M.C.
Todd, B. H. ..	Harold	May '02—Dec. '05	Lieut.	Roy. Irish Fusiliers
Wakefield, H. S.	Woodard	Jan. '96—Dec. '96	Lieut.	1st S. African Mtd. Riflemen
Wakefield, L. V. ..	Woodard	Jan. '96—Dec. '96	2nd Lieut.	N.R.T.F. 1/9th Middlesex

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects of the School.

N. M. Greeves—Captain of School.

A. F. Ross—Prefect of Chapel.

J. F. Woodall—Prefect of Hall ; Captain of Cricket ; Captain of Shooting ; Secretary of Games ; Sergeant-at-Arms of Debating Society ; Assistant Librarian.

H. M. A. Olphert

J. H. Morris—Captain of Tennis.

W. T. Donovan—Assistant Librarian.

J. P. Edwards.

A. J. T. Topham.

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J. Huntington has been appointed Dormitory Prefect.

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E. F. E. Peacock obtained a Commission last term, in the 11th West Ridings and is now in training at Lichfield.

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Congratulations to A. J. T. Topham on his appointment as Prefect.

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H. A. Somerville has obtained a Commission in the North Staffs.

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C. L. T. Barclay has sustained a serious accident at Ashford, Kent, where he is billeted. While motor-cycling he was run down by a heavy transport waggon and his left thigh was fractured. He is now getting along very well in the Hospital at Ashford.

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We regret to announce that Mr. W. A. Hanson our Art master, is leaving us at the end of this term. We wish him every success in his new position as Art Master at Leys School, Cambridge.

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Our heartiest welcome to Mr. W. H. Lonsdale, A.R.C.M., our temporary organist and music-master. He comes to us

from S. John's School, Leatherhead, where he was Organist.

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During the Easter Holidays a Dormitory Honours Board was placed in the King Arthur Dormitory. The board is to bear the names of any members of the Dormitory who attain any special honours in the School. A boy may be quite an important personage in the School and yet have the misfortune not to have his name on a shield. If this should be the case no record is kept of his prowess or position in the School. The Honours Board will bear the names of any boys who hold the office of Captain of School, Cricket, Football, or Hockey and the winners of the Armstrong Cup and the Provost's Belt.

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The Armstrong Cup made its appearance at the Sports Prize Distribution last term. We congratulate the K. Arthur on their fine trophy.

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The Shooting Cup is being competed for this term ; the Competition began on July 9th at the Miniature Range.

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A good number of people have entered for the Oxford Locals this term and we wish them every success.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. H. Pelham Pestle on gaining his M.A. Degree.

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Mr. Pestle has taken on the arduous duties of Hon. Treasurer of the "Ellesmerian" this term. "May he long reign over it" is our hearty wish.

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The School breaks up on July 27th.

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The members of the Games Committee are J. F. Woodall, W. T. Donovan, N. M. Greeves, A. F. Ross, H. M. A. Olphert, J. H. Morris, J. P. Edwards, C. B. Coney i.

The Headmaster has taken charge of Swimming this term.

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W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson has been appointed Editor of the "Ellesmerian" vice H. M. A. Olphert.

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The follownig new boys entered this term :—C. M. Amor, H. G. G. Birch, C. St. C. Blackwell, C. W. Bradley, G. T. Cattell (i.), A. G. Cattell (ii.), W. R. Cutler, S. B. Durrant, L. G. St. C. Euing, H. L. Evans, B. V. Greene, H. E. B. Horne-Roberts, T. R. D. Jenkins, C. F. Morris (iii.), F. J. Nevett (ii.), G. G. Osborne, R. W. Over (i.), A. B. Over (ii.), T. S. Powell, C. D. Quilliam, W. L. B. Richards, J. Ryan, H. G. Swindells, L. R. Tomkins, R. Walsh.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

It was decided quite late in the term to hold the Sports as usual on Easter Monday, in spite of the War. The only departure from normal procedure was the substitution of simple medals for the prizes of former years, which it was felt would be quite out of place under the circumstances. The money thus saved will, we understand be suitably disbursed.

We were favoured with a brilliantly fine day, it would indeed require some effort of memory to recall a Sports Day of more ideal conditions, and the kindness of the weather was not limited to this, for the Heats, the Three Miles and the Steeplechase were all run on beautiful afternoons. There was a good muster of visitors, and all seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

With regard to the actual performances, we have no records to chronicle, though Edwards made very good times in the Three Miles and One Mile. As he did not appear to be running all out, we shall hope to see him make some new records next

year. The Junior High Jump provided a good deal of interest, and Cathrick should have no difficulty in beating Schweitzer's previous best at the next opportunity; the Seniors for some reason did not do themselves anything like justice. The Steeplechase course was considerably lengthened this year, but failed to produce a really good finish; the race would possibly be improved by a drastic revision of the handicapping system. Edwards again ran well, and Keatinge and Bolland earned their medals fully.

The Victor Ludorum for 1915 proved to be C. B. Coney, whilst the Challenge Cup went to the King Alfred with sixty-five marks. The Armstrong Cup, so generously presented to the King Arthur by Mrs. Armstrong, was won for the first time by Edwards.

Our best thanks are due to our subscribers, and to those who, on Sports Day itself, gave their services in the judging and other duties; also to Mrs. Greeves for her kindness in consenting to distribute the medals.

The programme was as follows :—

- i.—*Three Miles Flat Race, Open.* 1st, J. P. Edwards; 2nd, E. R. D. Storrar; 3rd, W. T. Donovan; 4th, A. J. Smith; 5th, C. Davison. Time 17 min, 37½ sec;
- ii.—*Steeplechase, Open.* 1st, D. Keatinge; 2nd, T. W. F. Bolland; 3rd, J. S. Foster.
- iii.—*High Jump, Over 15.* 1st, C. B. Coney; 2nd, N. M. Hughes; Height 4 ft. 4 ins.
- iv.—*High Jump, Under 15.* 1st, B. H. Cathrick; 2nd, N. Hulme; Height, 4 ft. 5½ ins.
- v.—*100 Yards Flat Race, under 12.* 1st, H. E. Lane-Williams; 2nd, D. Langford; Time 14½ secs.
- vi.—*100 Yards Flat Race, under 15.* 1st, W. H. Pilkington; 2nd, H. Shingler. Time 12½ secs.

- vii.—100 Yards Flat Race, over 15. 1st, N. M. Greeves; 2nd, J. H. Morris. Time 12 secs.
- viii.—120 Yards Hurdle Race, over 15. 1st, C. B. Coney; 2nd, N. M. Greeves. Time 20½ secs.
- ix.—Quarter-Mile Flat Race, under 12. 1st, J. S. Foster; 2nd, H. E. Lane-Williams. Time 75½ secs.
- x.—120 Yards Hurdle Race, under 15. 1st, W. H. Pilkington; 2nd, N. Hulme. Time 22 secs.
- xi.—Quarter-Mile Flat Race, under 15. 1st, C. Ellis; 2nd, N. Hulme. Time 67½ secs.
- xii.—Quarter-Mile Flat Race, over 15. 1st, J. F. Woodall; 2nd, C. B. Coney; 3rd, N. P. Vanderbilt. Time 61½ secs.
- xiii.—Throwing the Cricket Ball, under 15. 1st, W. H. Pilkington; 2nd, R. Bowyer; Distance 60 yards 1 ft. 8 ins.
- xiv.—Throwing the Cricket Ball, over 15. 1st, J. H. Morris; 2nd, N. P. Vanderbilt. Distance 68 yds. 2 ft. 9 ins.
- xv.—Half Mile Flat Race, under 15. 1st, F. R. Hitchmough; 2nd, S. Farmer; 3rd, W. E. W. Kendall. Time 2 min. 38½ sec.
- xvi.—Long Jump, over 15. 1st, J. F. Woodall; 2nd, C. B. Coney. Distance 16 ft. 10 ins.
- xvii.—Long Jump, under 15. 1st, H. Shingler; 2nd, W. H. Pilkington. Distance 15 ft. 1 in.
- xviii.—One Mile Flat Race, Open. 1st, J. P. Edwards; 2nd, W. T. Donovan; 3rd, J. F. Woodall. Time 5 mins. 8½ secs.
- xix.—220 Yards Flat Race, under 12. 1st, H. E. Lane-Williams; 2nd, J. Foster. Time 35 secs.
- xx.—220 Yards Flat Race, under 15, Handicap. 1st, E. H. Fenton; 2nd, S. Farmer.
- xxi.—220 Yards Flat Race, over 15, Handicap. 1st, N. M. Greeves; 2nd, J. H. Morris.

- xxii.—Old Boys' Race, 220 Yards. 1st, W. E. O. Rutter.
- xxiii.—Half Mile Flat Race, open, Handicap. 1st, W. T. Donovan; 2nd, N. P. Vanderbilt.
- xxiv.—Consolation Race, 220 Yards, under 15. 1st, J. Butterworth.
- xxv.—Consolation Race, 220 Yards, over 15. 1st, C. Davison.
- xxvi.—Tug-of-War. Winners: King Alfred.
Victor Ludorum: C. B. Coney, 26 points.
Armstrong Cup: J. P. Edwards.
Champion Dormitory: King Alfred, 65 points.

AN IRISH RIOT.

As everyone knows an Irish riot is a thing to be dreaded, since a mob of Irishmen, when they get their tempers strained to a pitch never know when to stop. In nearly every case these riots result in bloodshed; and in some places in Ireland the National Anthem cannot be sung without riots, on a small scale, breaking out.

These disturbances are led by the Roman Catholics, whose 'war-cry' is "Home Rule, and a Fenian King." [Fenian, by the way, being a slang expression for Roman Catholic]. The members of the Royal Irish Constabulary are, for the greater part, Fenians, and even now, when everything is quiet, these guardians of the public peace carry loaded revolvers day and night! Notwithstanding their arms, however, rumours have got about, containing a certain amount of truth, that these valiant custodians have fled before the awful antagonism of a crowd of children armed with bricks.

I will now proceed to give an account, rather dry I am afraid, of an Irish riot at which I was present.

On August 12th, 1913, I took up a favourable position in one of the squares

in a certain Irish town to view the annual procession, comprising a score or so of bands, bright coloured banners, and flags.

On the opposite side of the Square to me, some hundreds of Fenians had gathered, with the usual intention of causing a disturbance.

When half the procession had passed, some unlucky man got pushed out of it into the mob and was immediately knocked down and brutally kicked. After a short time the mob became unruly and the mounted police, a very fine set of men, were compelled to charge them.

Before the return of the procession a cordon of police was drawn across the Square and as it passed by, a number of revolver shots were heard, and a large stone, missing my head by inches, struck the foot of my friend who was standing beside me.

On returning home I happened to glance round and caught sight of a man throwing the very stone into the mob, where, owing to the tight pack, it no doubt found its mark.

That night the street behind my house was a perfect hell as revolvers were being fired continuously for over three hours. However, about 10 o'clock a man was shot and this unhappy event helped to quieten the enraged mob. An empty cartridge case, belonging to that make of bullet used by the police was afterwards found. When the District-Inspector of Police was asked whether he had inspected his men's cartridge pouches he answered in the affirmative but refused to answer any other questions as to whether any were found missing; so that, to this day, the suspicion has rested on the police.

These riots lasted, off and on, for over a week, but quieted down when the soldiers were called out. During this week the street in which the unfortunate man met his death was void of policemen. I say

'unfortunate' because the man happened to be a harmless looker on; but such is the irony of Fate!

These unfortunate occurrences, such as the one I have attempted to describe, have happily subsided since the beginning of the War, and the Irish unrest, on which the Germans are supposed to have counted so much has absolutely disappeared. This is perhaps one of the best auguries for the success of the Irish troops on the Continent.

In conclusion, let us hope that, when this War has ended, the Irish may return to their homes a wiser and less headstrong nation.

HOCKEY.

Owing to the fact that there was no 1st XI. last term and consequently no matches to report our Hockey column is naturally shortened.

The Dormitory Matches were arranged on a totally different system—the League system—and thus the contest lasted for a much longer time than usual.

The Dormitories were divided into two leagues and the top team of each league played in the final for the Flag.

The following were the leagues:—

A.	B.
Conqueror	K. Alfred
K. Arthur	K. Harold
Heywood	Gordon
Woodard	K. Edward

To write an account of each match would be a tedious task and twelve accounts would take up an enormous amount of our precious space. For this reason, if for no other, we refrain from the usual method of writing the accounts, and simply give a table of the matches and a short account of the Final.

LEAGUE A.

Conqueror	beat the Heywood
Conqueror	beat the K. Arthur

Conqueror beat the Woodard
 The K. Arthur beat the Woodard
 The K. Arthur beat the Heywood
 The Woodard beat the Heywood

FINAL ORDER OF LEAGUE.

Conqueror	..	6
K. Arthur	..	4
Woodard	..	2
Heywood	..	0

LEAGUE B.

K. Alfred beat the K. Harold
 K. Alfred beat the K. Edward
 K. Alfred beat the Gordon
 K. Harold beat the K. Edward
 K. Harold beat the Gordon
 K. Edward beat the Gordon

FINAL ORDER OF LEAGUE.

K. Alfred	...	6
K. Harold	..	4
K. Edward	..	2
Gordon	..	0

FINAL DORMITORY MATCH,

K. ALFRED *v.* CONQUEROR.

The match was played on a fairly good day and the Conqueror, contrary to all expectation, led off from the bully by scoring two goals in rapid succession. For these Yeal and Jones viii. were chiefly responsible. Then, however, the K. Alfred began to wake up—their forwards began to press and through the good work of Storrar, Ericson and Vanderbilt the score had reached 2—2, when the whistle blew for half time. On the resumption of play the Conqueror began to press again and scored. This was their last spurt, however, and gradually the Alfred added goal after goal to their score.

When the final whistle blew the score was 7—3 for the Alfred.

The game was a far better one than had been expected beforehand and the Conqueror were a very hard working team.

The Alfred, of course, were the superior

team though in the first part of the game they did not seem to make full use of their superiority.

The teams were

K. Alfred — Bruxby (i), Somerville, Hughes, Cooper, Woodall (Capt.), Topham (i.), Greeves, Ericson, Vanderbilt, Storrar, Hulme.

Conqueror.—Feltham, Olphert, Minniece, Williamson (i), Ross, Yeal, Bolland (ii.), Morris (i.), Bolland (i.), Jeffrey.

GAMES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Games Committee was held in the Boys' Library at 8-45 p.m. on Sunday, May 2nd.

Business :—

- (i.) To elect a Captain of Cricket.
 - (ii.) To elect a Selection Committee.
 - (iii.) To elect a Captain of Tennis.
 - (iv.) To discuss Cricket Fixtures.
- (i.) Woodall, pro. Donovan, sec. Greeves was elected Captain of Cricket.
 - (ii.) The Selection Committee elected was Mr. Cope, pro. Mr. Saxelbye, sec. Woodall.
 Donovan, pro. Coney, sec. Olphert.
 Woodall, ex-officio.
 - (iii.) Morris, pro. Olphert, sec. Edwards. Greeves, pro. Coney, sec. Woodall. were proposed and on a vote being taken Morris was elected.
 - (iv.) The Secretary reported that Matches had been arranged with the following Schools :—

Newcastle High School	Home
Workop	Home
Oswestry Grammar School	

Home and Away
 Willaston .. Home and Away
 Mr. Evans proposed and Olphert seconded that this should be passed.

Greeves proposed and Ross seconded that the Secretary should try to arrange matches with Ruthin Grammar School.

Donovan proposed, Morris seconded that two matches should be arranged for both the Ist and IIInd XI's. with Newport Grammar School.

These motions were carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned.

J. F. WOODALL, Hon. Sec.

CRICKET.

As the publication of the "Ellesmerian" has been unavoidably delayed, 'Cricket prospects' seem a little out of place. On the other hand tradition demands that a review of the Cricket Season should appear in the Michaelmas number. There appears therefore to be nothing whatever to say on the subject. Reports of the two matches, against Overton and against the Masters respectively, and of any others that may be played will appear as usual in our next number.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

June	Overton	..	..	Home
July 3rd	Mr. Cope's XI.	..	..	Home
July 10th	Ellesmere	..	..	Home
	Overton	..	..	Away
	Ellesmere	..	..	Home

ANOTHER MISCALCULATION.

Herr Karl Uberalles sat in a safe disguise and a snug sanctum in the recesses of the — Hotel, and chewed the end of his imperial moustache—turned down at one corner expressly for that purpose—in savage disgust. He had wandered from end to end of the United Kingdom endeavouring to sow the seeds of panic, with but poor success; but nowhere, he told himself, had he met with a town in which the Swine—by which term it is to be feared he alluded to the noble English nation individually and collectively—seemed to treat the German menace with more contempt than they did in X. As he put it in his last excited confabulation

with his superior, "Id absoludely dis-goosting vos!"

Nowhere in the district was the state of things worse from Herr Karl's point of view than at the school which was the town's special pride. That several hundred young pigs of English boys should not be shivering with fright at the armed might of the Fatherland he took as a personal insult to his own intelligence; so there he sat concocting a diabolical scheme to upset their serenity forthwith, and with it that of the neighbourhood. It took him some time to perfect his plans, but at last he sallied forth to the post office and returned armed with a sheaf of telegraph forms and a large sheet of stamps. Back in the safe seclusion of his room, he produced from a bag a copy of the School Roll—how he obtained it history does not relate, but Germans always have the requisite information—and several local directories.

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Next day a small and perfectly insignificant youth whose parents resided in the neighbourhood received a telegram, signed "Dada," which ran something like this: "Is it true that term ends three weeks earlier owing to scarcity of provisions?" After the unlucky recipient had been thoroughly well mobbed for daring to have a parent who signed himself Dada, the School settled down to discuss the gorgeous prospect, whilst a return telegram brought an irate gentleman by the next train to expostulate in person.

That happened on Tuesday; but on Wednesday two more boys received telegrams. The first one said "Have just heard that the rhubarb-bed is to be planted with beet for sugar. Come home at once. Mama;" and the second ran "What is this about no more impositions owing to scarcity of blue paper? Don't like it, Auntie."

Never had the School had such a good

time. The scandal-mongers went around busily multiplying rumour by rumour, until the entire building was humming like a hive. Everybody agreed that life for the first time was really worth living. Meanwhile the Head had heated interviews with the recipients of the telegrams, and despatched notes to the senders thereof, which resulted in stormy and tearful episodes in the drawing-room the very next day, one lady protesting that "she never had sent such a wire to poor little Johnny," the other maintaining her unalterable conviction that "Everyone was going silly."

Thursday was a blank day in the matter of orange envelopes, but some excitement was caused by the Third who, relying on Auntie's telegram, omitted to do their Prep. and received impositions of appalling length and difficulty for three separate subjects. They went to the Tuck Shop in a body, smilingly confident that such a wholesale order for blue paper would be met with a blank refusal. They were somewhat consoled later by the reflection that at least they were suffering as pioneers in the noble work of getting rid of the surplus stock, and general sympathy enabled them to start a subscription list in aid of impoverished workers, and the over-employed.

Friday was the great day. Telegrams kept on arriving all the morning from ten o'clock onwards, the first of which caused a great sensation. It ran "Hear all the VIth have accepted commissions in Cadbury's Battalion. What is going to happen? Nunkie." This went round the School like lightning, and amid the general excitement the fact that the youth who started it was very severely handled by the VIth escaped notice altogether. Nunkie however was considerably surprised to receive a note from his suffering nephew the next day, requesting a hand-

some donation to defray the cost of a new suit of clothes and a set of false teeth. But the climax came at lunch, when a wire from "Nurse" was handed in, saying "Am told that to compensate for disappointment at the fall of Antwerp, there will be extra halves every day till Xmas." The recipient of this document promptly deposited a plateful of soup in his lap in his anxiety to pass the news round, and was requested to leave the table. Later the glorious tidings were read out to the assembled multitude, and everyone rushed to the notice-board to see whether the official announcement had yet been made. It hadn't.

On Saturday Herr Karl issued forth with a satisfied smile and strolled up to the School to see what was going on. He had heard of strange doings at the College from various townsfolk, and confidently expected to find everyone in a state of extreme terror at the strange tidings they had received. As he put it to himself, "Der leedle Cherman poys at der stoppage of der learning of Kultur would not horrified be," which only shows that the German boys do not greatly resemble their cousins. Thus he was amazed to find nothing but smiling faces and joyous expectancy all round him the moment he set foot inside the door.

Now the Head had long suspected that he had something to learn about the mysterious telegrams, and so, directly Herr Karl was announced as a distinguished Belgian refugee anxious to inspect the School, he began to put two and two together. The amiable visitor's first remark that "Efery body very cheerful seemed," confirmed his worst suspicions, and he engaged him in friendly converse whilst a notice was sent round that the School should assemble in the Hall instantly. He then took Herr Karl into the room, and announced in loud tones,

"This is the German who has been sending you bogus telegrams all the week."

After the first shock of disappointment at the realisation that their hopes were illusory, the indignation of everyone was unbounded. A P.M. was hastily called and Herr Karl tried in a formal manner. He began by denying everything, until one ingenious gentleman collected all the stores in the VIth Room, ranged them side by side, and lit them. The victim was then forcibly seated on top, and a miscellaneous necklace of pans and kettles hung round his neck. In this position he remained until he confessed that the telegrams had been sent from the proper post offices by agents who received them from himself by post. He was thereupon condemned to be ducked in a neighbouring pond, and the whole School was invited to participate in the ceremony. History adds that he departed from X in a towering Passion, vowing that the next time they heard from him it should be via a 17 inch gun and that he would obtain permission from Wilhelm to fire the shot himself.

O.E. NEWS.

- F. Cross* has become a member of the "Institution of Municipal and County Engineers."
- H. Wilberforce-Bell* has been attached to the 6th Jat. Light Infantry in France. He left Korachi on May 15th in charge of a draft of reinforcements for that regiment.
- C. Keppel-Palmer*, who finished training at R.M.C. Sandhurst, in March last, writes to say that his regiment is now in India, but that he will probably go to France with the 9th Lancers.
- L. C. Brentnall* writes that he is to enter S. Paul's Missionary College, in August next.
- T. O. Bushell* (4th Public Schools Batt.) has accepted a Commission.

- R. Ellis* (2nd K.S.L.I.) is stationed at Shrewsbury.
- A. H. Norris* (Capt. 6th Manchesters) is stationed at Cairo. He is Medical Officer to the Batt.
- E. Fearenside* (Capt. 17th Manchesters) is stationed at Heaton Park, Manchester.
- L. V. Wakefield* (Lieut. 1/9th Middlesex), is now at Norwood Junction, guarding lines of communication.
- H. S. Wakefield* (Adj. 1st S. African Mtd. Riflemen), is now a prisoner at Sandfontein, German S.W. Africa.
- C. T. Lonergan* (Lieut. 2nd East Surreys) has been wounded.
- Wyatt A. Evans* (Grenadier Guards) has been wounded.
- C. H. S. Goldberg* writes to tell us that he has recently had a motor-cycle presented to him by his district to assist him in his parochial work.

OBITUARY.

- Gerald Patterson* (Arthur; 1909—1910), 4th Batt. 1st Brigade, 1st Canadian Contingent, died on March 8th, 1915, at St. Omer, from wounds received in action.
- B. Hall Todd* (Harold; 1902—1905), Lieut., Royal Irish Fusiliers was killed in action in France.
- Ralph L. Breckell* (Alfred; 1900—1905), 2nd Lieut. 3rd So. Lancashire, attached 2nd Lancs. Fusiliers, was killed in action on July 9th.
Requiescant in pace.

THE OLD BOYS' CLUB.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Ellesmere Old Boys' Club took place on Easter Monday. The attendance was disappointing, and it was specially noticeable that no representatives of the younger generation of Ellesmerians were present. No doubt this was partly due to the fact that a large number of Old Ellesmerians

are now serving their King and Country at the Front. They may be sure of a hearty welcome when they return to us again.

Although the attendance was so small, a very pleasant Reunion took place.

After Dinner at the Bridgewater Hotel, the Old Boys were present at a very entertaining Concert which was held in the College Ante-Hall. Later in the evening, the members of the Club, accompanied by the Staff, proceeded to the Headmaster's House for a smoke and chat. And in this way a very pleasant Reunion was brought to its conclusion.

At the Annual Meeting, which took place earlier in the day, the following officers were elected :—

Vice-President — The Rev. Douglas Cooper (Chaplain).

Secretary—The Rev. B. R. Hibbert. (Re-elected).

Ellesmere Secretary—The Rev. Douglas Cooper.

The following members of the Club were present at the Meeting :—D. Quilliam (President), H. W. Bateman (London Secretary), J. Colbeck, W. E. O. Rutter, E. C. Lindop, D. Cooper.

The Minutes were taken by the London Secretary (H. W. Bateman), as the Secretary (Rev. B. R. Hibbert) was unable to be present.

In addition to the above, Drs. Greeves and Drawbridge were present at the Dinner.

We wish to draw the attention of all present members of the School to the Old Boys' Club, and to express the hope that they will make a point of becoming Members as soon as they leave School. Full information will gladly be given by the Ellesmere Secretary, and boys are invited to apply to him. The Old Boys' Club has a great part to play in the future, but it cannot effectively do so unless it has the hearty support of the present generation.

CHAPEL NOTES.

CONFIRMATION.

On Friday, March 19th, the sacrament of Confirmation was administered in the Chapel by Bishop Hine (formerly Bishop of Zanzibar) acting on behalf of the Bishop of Lichfield, who was unable to come to us himself this year. The Bishop was received on his arrival by the Chaplain. A procession was formed in the Ante-Hall, and made its way to the Chapel singing hymn 155. The Bishop, vested in cope and mitre, was conducted to his throne in the Sanctuary. The Altar had been tastefully decorated with flowers, and the sacred rite was administered with as much dignity and impressiveness as was possible in the present temporary and inadequate chapel. A number of parents and relatives of the candidates were present, and the chapel was crowded. At the conclusion of the Service, the procession returned to the Ante-Hall, where all knelt to receive the Bishop's benediction.

The Bishop afterwards received certain members of the Staff and School, and, before leaving the College, requested the Headmaster to give an extra half-holiday in honour of the occasion, which was given that afternoon.

The names of those who received the grace of Confirmation are as follows :—
T. H. N. Ascough, H. Betteridge, R. Bowyer, D. C. B. Bradburn, W. J. Butterworth, B. H. Cathrick, E. L. Coney, J. O. Davies, J. D. Dewhurst, S. G. Ellams, C. Ellis, R. J. Everall, H. W. Garforth, E. Garnett, J. B. Hall, R. B. Hammersley, F. R. Hitchmough, C. S. Jessop, J. W. Jones, W. J. Keeley, E. C. C. Lindop, H. V. Locke, H. Manley, J. W. Nankivell, C. F. A. Perkin, W. H. Pilkington, H. S. Pilkington, W. W. Roberts, R. H. V.

Settle, H. C. Shingler, C. G. Skinner,
E. R. D. Storrar, L. Walker, T. E. H.
Weeks, G. M. Whiteway, S. H. Lane-
Williams, E. H. Woodward.

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Last term, mainly through the generosity of the Provost, "Hymns Ancient and Modern" were replaced in Chapel by the "English Hymnal."

THE CRACKING OF A TOUGH KNUT.

He'd bragged about his being 'tough'
Until we'd had about enough.
(But still his luck *was* rather rough.)

No chicken-pox for him, he said.
He'd never spent a day in bed.
(He must have been supremely fed.)

"Measles, complaint of babes, to me
Are an impossibility."
(He had them pretty thoroughly).

And mumps were naturally not
A thing his family ever got.
(What absolutely hopeless rot !)

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One of the three we knew would serve
To squash his beastly blatant nerve.
One would have been quite enough
(And after all his luck *was* rough)
O great, stupendous shock of shocks !
Measles, mumps, *and* chicken-pox !

O.T.C.

The strength of the Contingent is at present 146.

The following are this term's recruits, in order of joining :—E. Hinton (i.), G. T. Brooke (i.), F. Garnett (iv.), C. D. Quilliam, G. L. Riseley (ii.), E. H. Woodward, B. V. Greene, C. W. Bradley, C. M. Amor, R. C. Ives, R. Hammersley, G. D. Cattell (i.), J. C. Parkinson (ii.), J. A. Esplin, H. L.

Evans, J. W. Jones (viii.), V. T. Payton W. L. B. Richards (ii.), C. S. Ashby, B. Carrick, R. W. Over, W. A. Godwin, C. S. Jessop, E. L. Coney (ii.), E. Pilkington (iii.), B. Horne-Roberts, L. Euing, T. P. Farr A. V. L. Huxham, M. H. F. Bayly, D. Perrot, G. G. Osborne, C. Ellis, R. L. Tomkins, A. G. Cattell (ii.), J. Ryan, J. H. Morris (ii.), D. Hinton (ii.) E. McCubbin B. E. Brown.

The following promotions were made at the end of last term :—

Sergeant : Corp. Woodall.

Corporal : Lce-Corpls. Dickinson, Ross.

Lce-Corporal : Cadets Topham i., Topham ii., Law, Vanderbilt i., Somerville.

This term parades have been every day at 12-15 p.m., while Tuesday afternoons from 2—4 p.m. have been set apart for manoeuvres. On Whit-Monday there was a route march to Overton and back. The Annual Inspection took place on June 11th, at 3-15 p.m., when the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command, Gen. Sir Henry Mackinnon, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., inspected the Contingent. He was accompanied by Major Maconaghey, of the General Staff. After the general salute and march past, some platoon drill under the senior N.C.O.'s was carried out. Finally, the Contingent was formed up and addressed by the General. Owing to sickness and lack of equipment, only 115 were able to parade. The Headmaster gave a half-holiday in honour of the occasion.

The General had spoken of the need for a Sergeant-Instructor, and within three weeks, as a result of his efforts, Sergt. Bloxham, of the 1st R.W.F., reported for duty with the Contingent. He has seen service at the front, and has been wounded.

As everyone's first duty nowadays is to his Country, cadets must make every effort to leave the period 12-15 to 1 p.m.

and Tuesday afternoons free, so that they can attend as many parades as possible.

With regard to equipment, as a consequence of the great increase in the strength of the Corps, the tailor's stock of uniforms for hire has been seriously diminished. The most expeditious way, therefore, of obtaining a uniform, is now to buy one. In the event of their being grown out of, they will always be re-bought by the tailor at a valuation.

All those who enlist or obtain Commissions in His Majesty's Forces after leaving school, should at once inform the Officer Commanding the Contingent, giving full details of rank, unit, and station. Unless this is done, the records of the Corps cannot be kept properly. Cadets should understand that, as the primary object of the Officers Training Corps is to supply officers to the Special Reserve and Territorial Force, and also at the present time, to the New Armies, it is the duty of every Cadet, on leaving School, to apply for a Commission, unless he has special reasons for doing otherwise. Forms of application may be obtained from the Officer Commanding.

HOW TO WRITE AN ARTICLE.

[Thinking that the lack of contributions to the Magazine might possibly be due to sheer inability to write, we applied to our journealese expert to set down a few hints for the instruction of our readers, with the following result.

ED.]

The first thing to do in writing an article is to procure pen, ink, and paper. The next thing is to sit down and ask yourself what it is you are going to write about. And this depends on the purpose you have in view. Do you wish to be amusing, or instructive? If the latter, it is simplicity itself. All you do is get hold of the En-

cyclopaedia Britannica, turn up the *Pyramids*, the *Chinese Alphabet* or *Fire-Flies*, and transcribe a yard or two. Having done this, you put the MSS. in an envelope, and take it at once in person to an Editor; the editor, of course, of a serious periodical, *Enormous Thoughts*, *The Ellesmerian*, or what not. The following conversation will ensue (you have done the Chinese alphabet);

ED.: Good morning. What do you want?

You: I've brought an article, I thought per—

ED.: What's it on?

You: The Japanese alphabet—I mean the Chinese alphabet.

ED.: Really! I am a bit interested in Chinese myself. Do you agree, by the way, with Professor Poppenheim's theory of the Chinese alphabet?

You: (flabbergasted, but taking your courage in your hands): After making a careful study of the professor's arguments, I can safely say that I cannot see how his theory can be supported (you take another breath here.)

ED.: You have made up your mind about it then, evidently. Still, don't you think that the mere fact that it was put in the Encyclopædia Britannica gives it some moral weight?

You (undone, but grasping at a straw): Well, now you come to mention it, I suppose it does. In fact, if I may, I shall withhold my article a day or two and give the problem further consideration. Good morning.

On the way home, you secretly resolve to write an amusing article. This is written in the following way.

Once more you take pen, ink, and paper, and sit down. Now unless you possess an encyclopædic work on wit, such as "*The World's Wit*," you will be under the apparently painful necessity of providing the

fun yourself. But nothing is simpler. A good opening is "Mr. Binks had lost his collar-stud." That will strike the note at once. The merest idiot will see that it is going to be screamingly funny. Well, all you have got to do is build on that statement, keeping, of course, the actual discovery of the stud till the very end. Anything will do. A good way to proceed till you have found your funny feet would be, for instance, to enlarge on the stud itself. Take this for example. "Mr. Binks had lost his collar-stud. Mr. Binks' stud was no ordinary one. It was a patent stud, with a top that moved about at will (its own will) and even on occasion came off altogether. Further, it was of purest gold, nay, more, of purest Abyssinian gold," and so on *ad libitum*. A good ending is to find that Mr. Binks had got the stud on all the time, and had not lost it at all.

And there we are. Do not be discouraged if the following morning the article appears to be funny no longer. It simply means that you are making progress, that your standard of wit is getting higher every day.

A chatty personal article is a good change from the ordinary thing. The opening is invariably the same: "It is not generally known that, etc. . . ."; and then you can proceed to make any statement you care to about anybody, provided of course that there is no truth in it. One must draw the line somewhere.

Finally, remember that nothing succeeds like success. It is not generally known— (Ring off.—ED.)

VALETE.

E. F. E. Peacock. Entered May 1911. Prefect Jan. 1915. Debating Society. Corp. O.T.C. King Harold Dormitory.

H. A. Somerville. Entered May, 1908 Dormitory Prefect Jan. 1915. IIInd XV. Football Colours 1914. Swimming Colours 1913-14. Debating Society Lce.-Corp. O.T.C. King Alfred Dormitory.

J. N. Blackwell. Entered Jan. 1911. IIInd XV. Football Colours 1914. Reporting Secretary of the Debating Society Jan. 1915. Corp. O.T.C. Woodard Dormitory.

F. Bottomley. Entered Sept. 1913. Provost's Belt 1914. Debating Society. O.T.C. King Harold Dormitory.

The following also left:—E. R. D. Storrar, J. Brook (ii.), H. K. Wright, J. T. McMahon, J. Manning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

DEAR SIR,

A small matter came to my notice the other day whilst viewing a parade of the O.T.C. This was the fact that several N.C.O.'s other than the Platoon Commanders, appeared on Parade with 'Swagger' sticks under their arms. Now this is not correct—the only two N.C.O.'s allowed to carry swagger sticks are the Platoon Commanders—simply because they really take the place of the subalterns in the regular army. I think that this should be stopped. Hoping you will find room for this little protest in your columns.

I am,

Yours, etc.,

"MILITARY."

[We have referred this letter to the Military authorities and are told that the protest is perfectly well founded. We hope that this will be rectified in the future.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

DEAR SIR,

Last Michaelmas Term a plan of awarding Dormitory Colours was adopted and Football caps were accordingly awarded—furthermore we were told that the plan was to be put into action with reference to Cricket and Hockey. So far we have seen no reference to Hockey Dorm. Caps. Perhaps someone can tell me why this is?

Yours etc.,

"INTERESTED."

[Yes—we have noticed this too, but have been too shy to enquire into the matter. Perhaps some kind friend will enlighten us on the matter.]

'SMOKES' FUND.

At Half-term a fund was started for helping to supply the wounded soldiers and Sailors in hospital with tobacco, and during the next three weeks the following contributions were made:—

	£	s.	d.
K. Alfred Dormitory ..	0	17	6
K. Edward Dormitory ..	0	16	9
Woodard Dormitory ..	0	12	6
K. Arthur Dormitory ..	0	10	6
Conqueror Dormitory ..	0	9	6
K. Harold Dormitory ..	0	8	5
Gordon Dormitory ..	0	3	9
Heywood Dormitory ..	0	3	9

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G.E.C.

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