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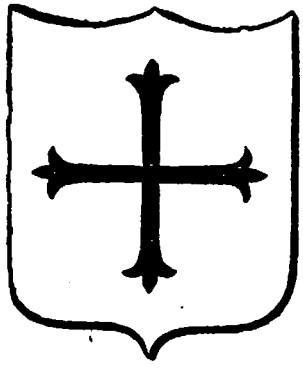

Pro patria dimicans.

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EDITORIAL.

We are conscious of a distinct feeling of dissatisfaction with our present issue, yet we have no intention of crying "nostra culpa!" The war is made responsible for most things nowadays, so we shall simply follow the flock and "blame it on the Germans."

For instance our readers will doubtless criticize our report on the Dormitory Rugby Matches; how are they to know that the most elaborate arrangements were made last term to get better accounts of these than have ever before appeared? Yet this was so. Our departed colleague, P. G. Sworn—to whom the "Ellesmerian" and its readers owe for his work in connection with the Magazine a debt of gratitude which we here hasten to acknowledge—our departed colleague, we say, had taken special care over these arrangements; but owing to his somewhat unexpected failure to return, the records of his labour have entirely vanished. We have done our best to supply the deficiency and are grateful to those who have extended a helping hand; but of course the interesting details of the great School contest are hopelessly lost in the mist of oblivion by this time.

Then there was to have been a graphic account of the Denstone match, our most interesting fixture. The King's Army has claimed the promised author of this, and we know that the exigencies of drill leave no time for authorship. Similarly the war put a stop to our Play and therefore deprived us of this number's leading feature. Truly the Editor's lot is not a happy one!

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We include however a second instalment of the Roll of Honour, and also have to thank a kind friend for a most interesting article from South Africa. If this number comes into the hands of any who are in a position to supply us with similar articles, we can assure them that we shall be most grateful for such; and we might here add our periodic remark that members of the School still fail to send us literary contributions. This, in our opinion, is a pity.

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After depriving us of our Play, the war has now left us in the extraordinary position of having no fixtures for our First XI. This, we should think, is an unprecedented state of things, and it is therefore fittingly marked by an unprecedented departure in the matter of Dormitory Matches. We refer, of course, to the introduction of the League system on a plan fully explained elsewhere. The idea of it is to sustain interest in the Hockey for a longer period than the knock-out system would allow, and this it seems likely to do. Whether it will be as satisfactory a method of awarding the Flag as the old one remains to be seen, and we are told that there is at present no notion of making the arrangement permanent; it is merely a temporary experiment encouraged by existing conditions. Further steps may of course be taken if the venture proves a huge success.

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The Lent Term is always apt to be a broken one for various reasons, and this particular one is proving no exception to the rule. We have had our usual epidemic of colds and influenza to face, not to mention a few more serious cases; and under such circumstances the remarks which a poor Editor makes one day will probably be quite out of date the next. We have no definite tidings of the Sports as yet, and we do not know whether the Debating Society will repeat its Mid-Lent Supper or not. The Society appears to be flourishing, as ever, under its new Presi-

dent, and we hear of some praiseworthy innovations in the conduct of the Library. Apart from these items little news of the School life has reached the Editorial sanctum, presumably because nothing very unusual has happened. We all go on from day to day, retiring now and then to the Sick Room as a mild form of amusement; the war has a great deal to answer for.

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This term the Old Boys usually have their annual meeting, and if this custom also does not give way to the war, we hope to see a large gathering. We should like, as a conclusion to this Editorial, to thank those Old Boys who have supported us during our first year of office and who have sent us news of themselves and others.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects of the School.

N. M. Greeves—Captain of School.
A. F. Ross—Prefect of Chapel.
H. A. Olphert—Editor of "Ellesmerian." Secretary of Debating Society.
J. H. Morris—Gymnastic Instructor.
J. F. Woodall—Captain of Hockey; Secretary of Games; Captain of Shooting; Sergeant-at-Arms of the Debating Society; Assistant Librarian.
E. F. E. Peacock.
W. T. Donovan—Assistant Librarian.
J. P. Edwards.

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After losing several masters during the Summer and Michaelmas Terms, we had to say farewell to three more last December. First Mr. Poole—who, we hear, has joined the Sportsmen's Battalion—decided to follow the general example and enlist. We shall miss him greatly, for as Blues' Dormitory Master, and manager of the Athletic and Swimming Sports, he did an immense amount of work for the School. More recently he joined the Games' Committee and took charge of the Rugby Football, the success of which was largely due to his untiring interest. We can assure him that he takes away with him the School's sincere regrets and best wishes for his future prosperity. Also we venture to offer our hearty congratulations on his recent engagement.

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Mr. Gass also left us to take a Commission in the Worcesters. He had been at Ellesmere for two years, during which time he contrived to do a great deal of splendid work for the School. We shall miss him greatly in the Games, Debating Society and Play, in all of which he played a conspicuous part. Our best wishes to him.

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The third master to leave us was Mr. Lomas, who came on the Staff from the School just a year ago. We shall feel his loss chiefly in the matter of the O.T.C. for which he was always an enthusiastic worker. He has joined the Special Reserve, and we wish him the best of good luck.

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Lieutenant H. R. Curtis left us before the end of the term to take up a Commission in the 12th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, stationed at Wrexham. In him the O.T.C. has lost a capable and enthusiastic Commander and the School will greatly regret his departure. His interest in the School was by no means confined to the Corps, for our readers will remember the Boxing Tournament a year ago, not to mention his appearances on the Hockey and Football fields. We wish him success.

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We welcomed two new masters last term:—Mr. G. Barton, B.Sc. (Honours in

Mathematics) of Liverpool University, who has come to us from Sea Bank School, North Berwick; and Mr. W. A. Hanson, late art master at S. John's School, Leatherhead, who has recently been at Victoria College, Alexandria, Egypt.

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This term we welcome three more new masters:—Mr. G. E. Cope, B.A., Trinity College, Dublin (Maths. and Science), late of S. Lawrence College, Ramsgate; Mr. W. W. J. Carl, of London University (History and English) who has come from Redruth County School; and Mr. W. Acheson who comes straight from Dublin University.

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We congratulate the following on their appointment as Prefects:—E. F. E. Peacock, R. Lawrence, W. T. Donovan, and J. P. Edwards.

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C. L. T. Barclay has taken a Commission in the 12th Durham Light Infantry, and is at present at Little Sandhurst, Berks.

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P. G. Sworn, late Editor of the "Ellesmerian," has obtained a position as master at Colebrook School, Bognor, Sussex.

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The Secretary of Games is J. F. Woodall.

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The members of the Games Committee are J. F. Woodall, N. M. Greeves, A. F. Ross, H. A. Olphert, J. H. Morris, E. F. E. Peacock, W. T. Donovan, H. A. Somerville.

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J. F. Woodall has been elected Captain of Hockey. We wish him and his team every success.

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The new officers of the Debating Society are:—President, The Rev. H. H. Maughan Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Saxelbye and Mr. G. E. Cope. Hon. Secretary, H. A. Olphert. Reporting Secretary, J. N. Blackwell. Sergeant-at-Arms, J. F. Woodall. Committee, N. M. Greeves.

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The Debating Society Supper will be on March 13th.

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The Editor of the "Ellesmerian" is H. A. Olphert, and the Sub-Editor W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson.

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Last term's Football Colours were as follows:—1st XV.: J. F. Woodall, A. F. Ross, R. Lawrence, C. E. B. Girling, N. M. Greeves, W. H. Pilkington, N. P. Vanderbilt. 2nd XV.: O. Thomas, H. A. Somerville, J. N. Blackwell, H. A. Olphert, W. T. Donovan, C. B. Coney, C. A. G. McMinn, and P. J. Martin.

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Half Term Day will be on March 1st.

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The Term ends on April 6th.

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There will be a Confirmation in the School Chapel on March 19th, by Bishop Hine.

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Mr. G. E. Cope has taken charge of the Library in place of Mr. J. Poole.

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The new Blues' Dormitory Master is Mr. Saxelbye.

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Mr. Cope has taken charge of the Camera Club this term.

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The thanks of the School are due to Mr. G. Kenyon for the gift of two volumes of "Scott's last Expedition."

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Mr. Pestle is Acting Officer Commanding the O.T.C. this term.

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The following new boys entered this term:—Bullard, Parkinson ii., Riseley iii.,

Godwin, Farmer ii., Hinton i., Hinton ii., Kent, Bunting, Fox Russell i., Fox Russell ii., Hoyle, Betteridge ii., Berry, Ashby, Williamson i., Williamson ii., Balfour.

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The new Assistant Librarians are J. F. Woodall and W. T. Donovan.

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The Captain of Shooting is J. F. Woodall

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We hear that Mr. Sinclair is now Lieutenant in the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, stationed at Morpeth.

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The School's best thanks are due to Dr. F. J. Greeves for his kind gift of half a dozen framed pictures.

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Our congratulations to the Rev. H. H. Maughan on taking his M.A. Degree, Oxford.

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It is our pleasing duty to announce the engagement of Mr. Evans and Miss Atkins. We offer them our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

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IN MEMORIAM.

HOWARD ARMITAGE HAMILTON COOMBES.
Entered the School, January, 1911.
Died at the School, February 1915.
Aged 15 years.
Requiescat in Pace.

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SONNET.

(*On the occasion of the abandonment of the Ellesmere Play.*)

Immortal Bard, that in the glorious days
When England's sailors buried in the sea
Their Spanish foeman's hope of victory,
Didst live, and with thy pen confirm the praise
Won by thy country's sword ! Thy genius sways
E'en yet the heart of all humanity,
And year by year in Christmas revelry
Ellesmere her tribute to that genius pays.
Yet for this time let not thy spirit grieve
If we neglect thee ; England plays her part
—A nobler part than all thy make-believe—
For she has laid thy lessons well to heart.
And shall we this small sacrifice decline ?
That were unworthy countrymen of thine !

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

(*From our Parliamentary Correspondent.*)

The Society met for the first time on Sunday, Sept. 27th. The meeting was of a purely business character and consisted of the election of a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Reporting Secretary, a Sergeant-at-Arms, two members of the Committee. For the Vice-Presidency Mr. Maughan was elected. As Secretary Olphert was elected. For the Reporting Secretaryship Martin was elected. For the Sergeant-at-Arms Barclay ii. was elected. The two members of the Committee elected were Ross i. and Woodall.

Weston, Davison, Yeal, Garnett iii., Brewer, Ross ii., Somerville, Girling ii., Storrar, Shingler, Owen ii., Clee, Smith v. and Taylor iii. were proposed as members of the Society. The actual voting was, as usual, postponed till the next meeting and the House then adjourned.

On Oct. 11th a meeting was held to elect new members of the Society. Somerville and Garnett iii. were elected. The business having been dispensed with the House proceeded to discuss the motion :— " That in the opinion of this House, Sea-Power is *not* the deciding factor in this War."

O. Thomas, the proposer, began by remarking that he believed the popular

opinion was that an invasion of Britain was impossible provided we had an adequate navy to cope with it. Therefore nothing was to be feared from the sea. He went on to remark, that owing to his vast travels and lengthy experience, he had learned that the British Army had been looked upon with contempt on the Continent, but that now that opinion was changed. [Loud cheers.]

Mr. Beresford, the opposer, remarked that, if England lost control of the seas she would be deprived of vast resources. England would be unable to land troops in Germany and a German invasion would immediately ensue. Aeroplanes would be of no use he said, to the Allies as Germany held all the records for air flight.

C. E. B. Girling, the second proposer, pointed out that air power was the deciding factor in the fighting of modern times. He said that troops could be transported by the Siberian Railway, and food could be taken by means of air-craft.

The second opposer, Topham i., demonstrated the importance of naval supremacy for commercial and transport purposes. Illustrations were taken from the Napoleonic Wars.

The motion now being open to the House, Mr. Maughan pointed out the chief difficulties of a German invasion.

McMinn, the great military authority, deplored the defences of the East coast.

Huntington remarked that starvation would be the natural outcome of an inadequate fleet.

Mr. Gass, Barclay ii., and Olphert also spoke.

The Proposer, in his reply, said that the Siberian Railway would be a good substitute for the Navy in bringing supplies from the East. His remark that there was enough food in England was not greeted with as much applause as the well-fed appearance of the House warranted.

On a vote being taken the Motion was lost in the House by 17 votes to 13 and was carried among the visitors by a large majority.

The House then adjourned.

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A Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Sunday, Oct. 25th. The Motion before the House was "That in the opinion of this House a Classical education is of more benefit than a Modern one."

J. Huntington, the First Proposer, insisted that whereas a Classical Education was that of a Gentleman, a Modern one was essentially that of a shopkeeper. The Hon. Member himself was an example of the refining influence of the Classical education. He pointed out that the three professions, Law, Church and Medicine needed a Classical education.

McMinn, speaking in opposition, remarked that the only reason Doctors had for learning Classics was the fact that they must learn polite names for the different parts of their patients.

Kimpster, the Second Proposer, gave several striking instances of Greek and Latin derivations of English words. He sat down amidst loud applause, and much mystification.

Blackwell, the Second Opposer, regretted that his worthy colleague had robbed him of all his startling and convincing (?) arguments. As a result his speech was painfully brief.

In favour of the motion the Rev. H. H. Maughan, Messrs. Saxelbye and Pestle, and Olphert spoke, while Messrs. Hartland and Beresford, Martin and Girling i. opposed it.

In a short but convincing reply the Hon. Proposer pointed out that, no one having raised any points for the opposition, he was afraid he would have to deprive the House of a long speech, and resumed his seat amidst loud acclamations.

A vote being taken, the motion was lost in the House by 14—7, and amongst the visitors by a large majority.

The House then adjourned.

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At a Meeting held in the Library on Sunday, November 8th, the motion before the House was "That in the opinion of this House, League Football should be abolished during the present Grave Crisis."

Mr. Hartland, the First Proposer, remarked that he quite agreed with League Football in times of peace, but in a grave crisis like the present, patriotism should be pre-eminent over such things. He believed that if League Football were abolished the Professionals then out of work would enlist and their admirers and followers would do the same.

Edwards (ii.), the First Opposer, said that if we were to abolish League Football the Germans would naturally conclude that we were frightened of their Zeppelins. Professional Football was a trade, and therefore must be kept on.

Minniece, the Second Proposer, remarked that people should spend their money on the necessities of life and not on going to Football Matches. He also pointed out that if Football matches were stopped, there would be more chances for recruiting to be carried on.

Barclay (i.), the Second Opposer, said that most of the gate money went to Relief Funds and asked why if Football were stopped, should not theatres and cinemas be closed ?

Mr. Saxelbye, Ross i., McMinn and Smith i. all spoke for the motion while Olphert and Girling (i.) spoke against it.

The Proposer, in his reply, remarked that if people were so unpatriotic as to prefer Football to fighting for their Country, their feelings would not have to be considered.

A vote being taken the motion was carried in the House by 19 votes to 5, and among the visitors by a large majority.

The House then adjourned.

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A Meeting was held on Sunday, Nov. 29th, the motion before the House being "That in the opinion of this House, War is a better Way of settling International Disputes than Arbitration."

Olphert, the First Proposer, found very little to say on the subject. This, he explained, was the fault of the Secretary who had given him so short a time in which to prepare a speech. [It was noticeable that the Secretary, during the delivery of this accusation, maintained his usual expression of bland indifference.]

Greeves, the First Opposer, pointed out the disadvantages of war from a pecuniary point of view. He drew up a very interesting scheme in which justice and reason would take the place of force and violence.

Ross (i.) the Second Proposer, made a very clever and eloquent speech which lives in our memories as one of the masterpieces of the session. Striking an attitude he appealed most stirringly to the patriotism of the House.

Topham (i.) the Second Opposer, remarked that the subject might be divided into two heads—the Sentimental and the Practical. Arbitration held no subtlety, no vice, but was in accordance with the highest Christian ideas.

In the House Mr. Gass, Donovan, Girling i., Huntington, Law and Smith i. spoke for the motion while Mr. Saxelbye, and Topham ii. spoke in opposition. Amongst the visitors Ross iii. spoke highly in favour of the motion.

In reply, the Hon. Proposer touched lightly on various points of minor importance and finished up with an impassioned appeal for support.

On taking a vote, the motion was carried in the House by 18 votes to 3 and amongst

the visitors by a large majority.

The House then adjourned.

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A Meeting was held in the Library on Sunday, Dec. 6th, the motion before the House being "That in the opinion of this House, British Ideas on Food have long been Bad, are growing Worse, and ought to be Improved."

The First Proposer, Mr. Gass, took the chief foods consumed by the average Englishman, and showed how unsavoury they were. The average Turkey and Plum Pudding is far inferior to the Snails on toast and stewed frogs' legs of France, or the Sausage and beer of Germany. He also pointed out that meals were taken at the wrong time in the wrong manner and place.

Mr. Saxelbye, the Opposer, pointed out the folly of voting for the abolition of Plum Pudding and Turkey in favour of fried beetles' elbows, and he explained in great detail the excellence of the English sausage.

Girling (i.) declared that frogs' legs on toast were an ample substitute for roast beef.

C. L. T. Barclay pictured the cunning treachery of the Proposition. They were meditating reforms in the College food, he said, perhaps already the advent of a French Chef and a staff of Frog Catchers and Beetle Squashers, was at hand.

Law, Topham i., and Dickinson spoke for the motion, and Woodall and McMinn against.

The Proposer replied that the British men of old used to feed like Princes but now they eat like beggars.

On taking a vote the motion was lost in the House by 10 votes to 15, and among the visitors it was carried by 20 votes to 2.

The House then adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Society on Sunday, Dec. 20th, there was an Impromptu Debate.

The First Motion was "That in the Opinion of this House, Modern Dress is in need of Improvement."

L. Young, the Proposer, made a very good speech in which he concocted the strange idea of wearing a celluloid suit and so doing away with the many and unnecessary clothes worn by the men of to-day.

C. E. B. Girling the Opposer, pointed out the danger of such a garb when smoking a cigarette owing to the inflammability of celluloid.

Mr. Gass then asked us to picture him in yellow knee breeches and a red coat; alas, our imagination failed us, so he tried to help us by substituting kilts for the aforesaid garments.

Huntington then expressed his entire satisfaction with the colour and shape of the contents of his wardrobe.

Edwards (ii.) suggested the impossibility of Joe Banks, the coalheaver, appearing in a celluloid suit and the Duke of Westminster in one of the same style and material.

Russell injormed us of the alarmingly presumptuous propensity shown by the ladies of Turkey who attempted to copy men's clothes.

Jeffrey, in answer to one of the proposition's suggestions, thought of a complete trouser-sock combination. The Laundry might object to the extra trouble, he remarked.

Sworn, speaking from a vast experience, said that chic clothes were half the battle on the fair sex's side and went on to say that celluloid clothes would prove rather expensive to the small boy who was continually subject to castigation as they would be rather apt to crack.

Grant regretted that if combined trousers and socks were introduced, he would

be forced to give up his annual paddle.

Ross iii. remarked that celluloid clothes would be very draughty and that when the air inside got hot the clothes would explode.

The Proposer, in his reply, said that he would be pleased to go about in a green coat, yellow hat, and purple and blue trowsers if necessary, thus successfully contradicting himself.

A vote being taken the motion was carried in the House by 7 votes to 6, and lost in the visitors by a large majority.

The second motion before the House was That in the Opinion of this House the Practice of Shaving should be emphatically Condemned."

Huntington proposing the motion, said that Shaving was far too expensive and very bad for the skin. He admired men with large beards.

Mr. Saxelbye spoke in opposition to the motion. " What was the use "—he said—" of covering up your face with a growth of obnoxious hair ? " Shaving, he said from personal experience, promotes quickness in getting up.

Jessop complained that there would be no young men. He also feared a Barber's strike if everyone stopped shaving.

Parkinson said it would be awful to see the Prefects with beards down to their waists.

Lindop pointed out how awkward it would be for men with long beards to eat porridge.

Smith (ii.) in feeling and pathetic language, pictured a wife picking up the door mat and likening an embrace with it to her husband's morning caress.

Edwards, we trust not speaking from experience, said that shaving was a preposterous habit—it encouraged bad language.

Girling i. said that no time would be wasted. The 15 (?) minutes spent in shaving *might* (and might not) be spent in grooming the beard.

Jeffrey said that it would be impossible to see with a dense forest of hair all over the face.

Ross ii. ingeniously suggested that there being fewer razors, less murders would be committed.

Lloyd-Davies remarked on the pain to be undergone in a Footer scrum if one had a long beard.

Law (glancing at one or two Hon. Members) believed that people shaved in order to appear young.

Mr. Gass calmly stated, with not a hair on his face, that shaving was but vanity, and a long beard tied with ribbon, preferably blue, would be most becoming. He further remarked that a beard kept your throat warm.

Donovan sprang up, and asked what one would do with the 100,000 hours per annum saved by not shaving.

Prodger deplored long beards for those who had to have an operation to the face.

Russell advised the House, with great philosophy, to leave the matter to the personal taste of the members.

The Proposer, in his reply, said that knives could be manufactured instead of razors and he pointed out the advantages of 15 extra minutes in bed every morning.

A vote being taken the Motion was carried in the House by 6 votes to 8 and lost amongst the Visitors by a large majority.

The House then adjourned.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Balance Sheet, 1914.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	41	11	6

Expenditure.

				£	s.	d.
Postages ..				1	15	0
Prizes:						
Messrs. Alexander Clark ..	3	0	0			
Mr. J. J. Broughton	3	16	6			
Messrs. Mappin and Webb ..	14	9	8			
				21	6	2
Messrs. Davies (Flags)				0	5	6
Messrs. Gamage (Megaphone, etc.)				0	5	0
Messrs. Wilding (Printing and Stationery)				4	6	0
The Secretary (Tea, Carpenter, etc.)				1	19	2
Messrs. Clay (Cartridges and String)				0	8	9
Telegrams and Telephone ..				0	2	6
Balance—						
To Swimming Bath Fund ..				10	0	0
In hand				1	3	5
				£41	11	6

J. POOLE, Hon. Treas.

CHAPEL ACCOUNTS.

LENT AND SUMMER TERMS, 1914.

Receipts.

				£	s.	d.
Balance from 1913 as published in "Ellesmerian"				1	19	1
Offertories in Chapel—						
Lent Term, 1914	£7	9	6			
Summer Term 1914	11	12	2			
				19	1	8
Boxes in Chapel.. ..				1	12	1
				£22	12	10

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Austen, Material for Surplices..	0	15	8
Debenham & Freebody, Silk ..	0	1	4
Griffiths & Son, flower troughs..	0	10	0
Abbott & Co., silk for white Frontal	2	7	9
Thompson—flowers	1	11	6
Mowbray & Co.	1	13	4
Pratt—wafers	0	2	2
Hicks—Altar wine	0	18	0
Cooke—Material	0	2	9
Jones—framing picture ..	0	10	0
Candlesticks for Credence table	0	8	6
Organ-blowing, Michaelmas Term 1913 and Lent Term 1914 ..	0	15	0
Chapel Music	0	6	0
Chapel Building Fund	4	19	3
Chapel Windows Fund	0	10	0
Tucker—candles	1	7	7
Prichard—carpets in Chapel ..	5	4	0
Balance	0	10	0
	£22	12	10

R. H. PHILIPPS, Chaplain.

TUCK-SHOP ACCOUNT, 1914.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Sales :—			
Lent Term	84	1	3
Trinity Term	119	6	0
Michaelmas Term	115	6	0
	£318	13	3

Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Barker & Dobson, Sweets ..	24	5	11
Cadbury Bros., Chocolate ..	69	6	9
W. Carter, Mineral Water ..	11	12	0
Jos. Jones, Confectionery ..	90	13	0
C. W. Sherwin, Biscuits ..	22	4	4
Imposition Paper & Note Paper	2	3	3

	£	s.	d.
Postage and Sundries	0	6	5
Working Expenses	14	14	6
	£235	6	2

Profit for the Year allocated as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Games Fund ..	£21	9	9			
Gymnasium ..	22	2	7			
Swimming Bath ..	19	14	9			
				83	7	1
				£318	13	3

D. R. EVANS,
Hon. Treasurer.

GAMES' ACCOUNT, 1914.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Boys' Subscriptions :—						
Lent Term ..	20	3	9			
Trinity Term	23	0	0			
Michaelmas Term	22	19	9			
				66	3	6
Tuck Shop—Part of Profit, Trinity Term				21	9	9
Material sold				10	10	3
Sale of Fixture Cards				4	1	6
Tennis Subscriptions				2	2	6
Net ,, ...				1	2	0
				£105	9	6

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Hockey Material	3	15	0
Cricket ,, ...	22	4	3
Tennis ,, ...	1	19	6
Football ,, ...	3	14	11
Goal Posts and Flag Posts ..	4	6	10
Implements and Repairs ..	7	6	11
Fixture Cards	4	12	0
Groundsman	30	18	9
Groundsman's Assistant ..	15	7	2
Postage and Telegrams ..	0	14	1
Banker's Charges	2	3	6
Brake and Train Fares ..	2	1	1
Marl and carriage	1	17	3
Sundries	0	7	0
	101	8	3
Balance in hand ..	4	1	3
	£105	9	6

D. R. EVANS,
Hon. Treasurer.

"ELLESMERIAN" ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1914.	£	s.	d.
Lent Term—By Subscriptions	1	16	4
,, Boys' Cheque	8	1	6
Summer Term—Boys' Cheque	9	4	0
Subscription	0	5	11
Subscription	0	3	4
Xmas. Term—Boys' Cheque ..	9	4	0
Subs : ..	0	3	4
,, ..	0	7	6
Subscription ..	0	6	8
Balance Deficit 1914	5	0	0
	£34	12	7

Expenses.

1914.	£	s.	d.
Balance Deficit 1913	11	10	1
Jan. 28th, Cash Receipt Book	0	0	4
Feb. 6th, Stationery	0	0	9
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"FROM S. AFRICA."

Cape Town at the present moment presents a scene of unwonted activity and may rightly be termed the hub of South Africa as regards the fighting forces of the Union. It is a city of Khaki, recalling scenes during the late Boer War, as troops have been coming and going to "destinations unknown" for months past, but now it is evident the time for uncertainty is over and the time for decisive action has arrived.

It is only necessary however to scan the faces of the hundreds of bronzed warriors parading the streets to come to the conclusion that the brunt of the work to be done will fall on the shoulders of the Britishers,—and the brave display of Medal Ribbons testifies to the fact that the Call of the Motherland has been eagerly answered by those who have already tasted of the glamour of War.

If it were possible to single out any Contingent for special admiration, the recently arrived Rhodesian Boys, stalwart in stature and smart in their uniforms and "Shorts," might be awarded the palm of attraction by the ladies, but the Natal Carbineers and Imperial Light Horse from Johannesburg, run them very close, and the workmanlike appearance of all these mounted troops as they roam about with shirt-sleeves tucked up to the elbows makes one feel a thrill of pride in belonging to the same race which has produced such grand specimens of fighting manhood. Then we have the Durban Light Infantry just returned from some hundreds of miles marching in the sandy wastes of the German South West Borders for a well earned period of recuperation, the Rand Rifles, and that fine body of hardy Scots the Transvaal Scottish, who have been hard at it at Luderitzbucht for the past month or two doing navvy's work in trenches and railway repairing. Last but not least we have the Boys who are always with us, the Cape Town Highlanders, Cape Garrison Artillery and Duke of Edinburgh's Rifles who are mostly doing Garrison duty and guarding the Forts, assisted by the Prince Alfred Guards from Port Elizabeth.

There is no lack of amusement in the City itself thanks to the enterprise of the Corporation in recently building a magnificent Pier and engaging a Municipal Orchestra that will compare favourably with any of our Home Organisations of a similar character.

Bioscopes, Opera House and Tivoli are also well patronised, but the work of entertaining the Troops who are unable to leave Camp devolves to a large extent on private effort, and in this respect the Y.M.C.A. have enlisted the services of both Amateur and Professional Artistes, who have willingly responded to the call and visit the Camps situated in various positions in the suburbs for the purpose of giving entertainments to the men on Duty who find the time hang rather heavily in the evenings and are glad of a little variety to relieve the monotony.

An impression of a journey to some of the Camps may therefore prove of interest to old friends at Home and assure them that whatever their opinion may be of South Africa as a whole, there is no lack of the true feeling of Patriotism among the Sons of the Motherland, who are one and

all doing their share to reach the "consummation devoutly to be wished," and I can furthermore assure them that it will be no picnic as the difficulties to be faced in the shape of sandy deserts to be traversed, render the task one of exceptional risk, and will entail considerable hardship on the men and horses, but the only grousing one hears comes from those who have to remain behind to do their share in Home Defence.

"With these few preliminary remarks" I pass on to the Camp Concert of December 12th, which may be taken as typical of similar daily experiences in the same direction.

I was just debating in my mind as to how I should spend the afternoon of a cloudless Saturday when a call on the 'phone decided the matter for me; a lady's voice that I did not recognise came through with the enquiry "Can you oblige me by singing to-night at Simonstown Camp where we are going to entertain the "Boys," by the 5.35 p.m. train?" "Certainly" I replied, "only too pleased to help in the good work, as I have nothing special on." "That's very sweet of you, as you don't know me, I'm Miss Rose, but I was told you would be sure to come if you were free," came the answer, and so at 5-35 p.m. I found myself one of the party of six en route to Simonstown.

The railway journey of about 20 miles occupies exactly one hour, but the scenery it traverses renders the journey itself an experience of surpassing interest and worthy of description by a far more able pen than mine.

Once the Woodstock District is passed with its railway shops and cleaning sheds, Sunlight Soap Works, Biscuit Factory and Brewery—albeit set in the magnificent background of the eternal wall of Table Mountain with its towering crags, and pine-clad slopes,—the diversity of scenery through which the line passes would be hard to equal let alone excel, although personally I might be disposed to prefer the cycle ride of twenty miles from Pitlochry to Kinloch Rannoch in Perthshire, or the railway ride from Interlaken to Grindelwald via Wengen.

Be that as it may, each one possesses a charm of its own and comparisons can hardly be made, but to the Tynesider long accustomed to the dull December days of "Conny Newcastle," the change to cloudless skies is very welcome, and it is difficult to realise Xmas is close at hand and that the old folks at home are probably shivering in a dull and damp atmosphere, while we are revelling in sunshine amid beautiful flowers and strawberries and cream.

We are soon "round the corner" of Devil's Peak and the S.E. slopes of Table Mountain Plateau begin to "open out"—to use a nautical phrase—on our right while on the left the broad and fertile expanse of the Cape Flats stretch as far as the eye can reach to the North bounded by the peaks of Paarl and the Drakenstein Mountains which complete a symphony in blue and gray tones that would delight the eye of any artist.

Perched high up on a lofty eminence overlooking this gorgeous panorama is the Rhodes Memorial, its Grecian columns in white granite standing out in bold relief against the back-ground of sombre pines surmounted by the lofty crags of Devil's Peak. We are now passing Rhodes Park, which comprises the whole of this portion of Table Mountain, with its lovely avenues of old oak and pines, silver-leaf trees, and red and blue gums; herein is "Groote Schuur" the official residence of the Union Premier and the woods and ravines are full of arum lilies and maidenhair fern in wild profusion in September and

October, but the great feature at present greeting the eye is the mass of hydrangeas with their huge blooms in all shades of pale blue and pink, which carpet the woods in its immediate vicinity.

The line hereabouts passes through a wealth of colouring, as each little villa has its complement to stoep plants—hydrangeas, ferns and geraniums set in the ever useful paraffin tins, while the houses themselves are smothered in creepers such as the purplish crimson bouganvilleas, orange begonias or deep blue convolvulus. Every garden has its flowering shrubs, the scarlet trumpet-shaped hybiscus being the most plentiful, and hedges of plumbago—with its delicate green foliage and pale blue flowers—make a fine background for beds of blue and white agapanthus lilies, which also grow wild on the mountain slopes, among the Ericas and Proteas.

But for this display of colour we might be in Perthshire as we pass the grandly situated cricket and football fields at Newlands surrounded as they are by fine old pines and oaks, with the buttresses and beetling crags of Table Mountain in the background, accessible only to the expert climber.

So we pass on through Claremont, beyond which can be seen Bishopscourt with its avenues of stately pines,—and Skeleton Gorge, a favourite route to the top of this side of the mountain, and I know of no more delightful days outing than to make this ascent, which lands you after a two hours' climb at the edge of the fir-clad Lake from which Cape Town obtains its splendid water supply; this gorge is the overflow, which in June and July is a tumbling torrent of cascades and waterfalls, amid tree ferns in the higher reaches, and typical Highland glens lower down, were it not that the sides are clad with maidenhair (which replace the delicate oak ferns of the Scottish glens) and arum lilies in profusion by the side of every streamlet.

Leaving Table Mountain behind, we now reach Kenilworth with its more palatial residences of city magnates, its brick-red roads and Racecourse, and pass Wynberg, the Garrison Camp suburb, and on through sandy flats of Lakeside, an inland "Vlei" or shallow lake whereon canoes with crimson sails are scudding before the rising South-easter, which generally begins to make its presence felt in the evening at this season of the year as it rushes from the warm waters of False Bay to the lower temperature of Table Bay by way of Table Mountain top, enshrouding it in the white cloud known as the "Tablecloth."

After skirting a series of barren-looking stony kopjes, but which on closer investigation are found to be covered with stunted Protea bushes and a wealth of beautiful Bulbous Flora, Ericas and Heaths, we reach the shores of False Bay, at the head of which is Muizenberg, the fashionable resort of surf bathers, and in the season of wealthy Hebrews from upcountry, whose predominance in numbers have given it the appellation of "Jewzenberg." It has not much to recommend it but its magnificent stretch of silver sand and blue sea, which extends as far as the eye can reach, and the temperature of its surf, which renders bathing a pleasure (owing to the presence of a warm current from the Indian Ocean) and surfing is a sport greatly enjoyed by both sexes. The line now hugs the shore and the adjacent rocks, lashed by the white horses brought up by the South-easter, and runs parallel to the road past St. James with its bungalows on the mountain slopes reached by stepped streets reminiscent of some "quaint old Cornish Town," passing on the right Sir Abe Bailey's beautiful white residence in Dutch architecture, set in a

frame of masses of scarlet geraniums, which flourish amazingly here. Cecil Rhodes' humble thatched cottage close by in which he died, furnishes a striking contrast and is resplendent in huge bushes of Hydrangeas, now at their best. Still skirting the shore we reach Kalk Bay—a quaint fishing village and then on through sand dunes and "Bents" to Fish Hook until the beautiful Simon's Bay bursts into view with the "Home Fleet" riding at its safe anchorage and waiting for a chance to have a go at the enemy which were partly expected, but came not, thanks to Admiral Sturdee's round up.

We are stopped at Glencairn for the Military examination of Permits to enter Simonstown, and our lady conductor finds she has left our passports at home; fortunately the Guard on duty had been apprised of our coming and allowed us to pass, much to her relief, although he suggested the advisability of stopping us so as to enable us to relieve their monotony instead of that of the "Boys" at Simonstown.

On arrival we found a "Coach and six" awaiting us in the shape of an ambulance wagon drawn by six mules, so were soon rumbling along past bristling forts and crags surmounted by batteries of heavy guns. The distant mountains at the other side of the Bay were now changing to a rosy pink, lit by the rays of the setting sun, and far ahead of us we could see the grim outline of Cape Point standing out in purple tones against the evening sky, when suddenly the skirl of the bagpipes came wafting down the mountain side and set my blood tingling as it brought back visions of the Trossachs and Highlands.

This was our welcome at "Noah's Ark" as they have christened the "tin Tabernacle" which serves as a canteen for the main Camp of the Defence Force, which consists principally of the Cape Town Highlanders and Cape Garrison Artillery.

We lost no time in being literally "blown" inside by the Southeaster and were greeted with a rousing cheer from some hundreds of young warriors who are performing garrison duty and who were busy rigging up a platform for the concert. Speaking for myself I have found these Camp Concerts the most thrilling experience of my career in the entertaining line. Picture if you can this long tin shanty dimly lit by a row of paraffin lamps with rows of bronzed faces set in a back-ground of khaki, the only dash of colour being the red and white borders of the Glengarries worn by some of the Cape Town Highlanders. They were packed like sardines, kneeling, sitting and standing at the back. Every item was greeted with tumultuous applause, the choruses sung with a resonance unheard of at ordinary affairs, and to those who possess the artistic temperament and know what it means to feel your audience is with you, it is only necessary to add that such appreciation called forth our best efforts.

The Piano was a good old "has been" of Brinsmead's and the charming lady who "fingered the ivories" came in for a special meed of praise as she set the ball a-rolling with popular melodies in which they could join in chorus. The other ladies of the party contributed songs with choruses, sketches and recitations and encores were the rule in every case.

I have resurrected an old chestnut in the shape of "Jujah" which brings back memories of the original Alfresco Concerts at Panama House, Whitley Bay, many years ago—It has gone down like hot cakes out here and there is no doubt will be a by-word in German South West Africa as a remedy, as so many of those who will be fighting there have heard of its wonderful qualities. The "Natal Carbineers" have already sent down for a supply—and it has

also been brought to the notice of the Durban Light Infantry this week and to the Imperial Light Horse, who are being entertained at a private residence in the suburbs by local friends, as were the Natal Carbineers some months ago.

It seemed passing strange to see "Dutch" Highlanders but the muster roll also contains a goodly percentage of names ending in "Sky" and the composition of this regiment would cause the bones of the old Scottish chieftains to turn in their graves if they saw it.

I suppose, however, they must feel proud of being associated with the kilts and certainly they appreciated the items of Lauder origin although I very much doubt if some of them understood the reference to Haggis and Cockie Leekie Soup and other dishes in the humorous menu of Mr. John McKie.

No Camp Concert would be complete without the "National Anthem" of the troops but here "Tipperary" is replaced by :—

"It's a long way to German South West,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to German South West,
To the fighting line I know.
Good-bye dear old Cape Town,
Farewell Table Bay,
It's a long long way to German South West,
But we'll get right there,"

and so they will, as Botha is leaving nothing to chances and like Bob Scott in "Hawk's Mem" is "taking plenty" to make sure. Needless to add the chorus was sung with great gusto which made the tin roof tremble from within, while the South-easter was doing its best to shake it up from without.

But the time passed all too quickly and then the officer commanding proposed the usual vote of thanks which culminated in three cheers which threatened to shake the foundations, and after "God Save the King" we were soon tumbling down the hill again, in our chariot, the twinkling lights ahead across the bay being blotted out by the rays of the search-lights as they lit up the grim grey "Armadale Castle," now a converted cruiser. This brought us back again to earth and again impressed upon us the fact that the dogs of war were very much in evidence and eager to get to work at the task that lies before them.

REVIEW OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON 1914.

On looking back at the past season one cannot say that it was a brilliant or even successful one. Played 9, Won 3, Lost 6, are the figures which meet our eyes; and yet they stand for so many struggles, so many lessons learned and here and there a win to reward our patience. And even those who only played the part of spectators cannot say that those lessons were wasted, for we were a vastly different team at the end of the term from what we were at the beginning. In each defeat we learned something more about the game, and as time went on we progressed in every way. As an example of our progress there is our return match with Newcastle in which it is fully exemplified. We are, step by step, nearing the old standard of our "Rugger" team, and if this progress continues we may hope in a few years to rival the feats of the past. We started the season at a disadvantage, our only other coloursman, besides the Captain, receiving a Commission during the first week of the term. But even with the fact of only one remaining coloursman facing us, our early defeat at the hands of Newcastle is hard to explain, this team also being handicapped by a similar misfortune.

The Denstone Match proved little better than that of the season before; and the Saddleworth team managed to give us some hard work. Of course this was due to their superior knowledge and practice of the game.

The weakest part of the team was probably the three-quarter line. Not so much in individual work were they lacking, but in combination and passing which is the key to a good line. Very many more tries would have been scored had there been more mutual work in our "three line." The Halves were very plucky but not half fast enough and with these drawbacks in our defence we come to the forwards. These were by far the best part of the team, though at first they were sadly in need of practice. Towards the end of the season they became very energetic and useful players. Perhaps their greatest fault was the unnecessary one of too much talk which will, we hope, be remedied next year. There is much to be said about this subject but what we chiefly want to emphasize is that this was only our second season at the game, and considering this we cannot say the term was wasted. If we had had about 30 or 40 years of the game in the School, our men would be trained "from their youth up" in the way they should go.

In summing up we cannot say that the term was wasted, or even a failure. We had quite a lot of experience and next year we hope to see the fruits of this training, more especially as the members of the 2nd and 3rd Clubs proved very good men towards the end of the season.

Of the Dormitory Matches we have, as ever, to say that they provoked the usual enthusiasm. For some time now the result of this great contest has been something of a foregone conclusion, and few surprise victories turn up to stimulate the imagination. This is perhaps a pity, but it naturally cannot be helped, and there is some prospect that before long a more level state of things will be the order of the day.

FOOTBALL.

S.O.C. 1st XV. *v.* NEWCASTLE (away).
October 10th, 1914. (Lost 11—24).

Played on the Newcastle Ground. There had been no rain for some time, and consequently the ground was extremely hard. Newcastle won the toss and elected to play from the School. From the kick-off, our forwards, handicapped by the absence of Woodall, were pressed back, being inferior both in weight and knowledge of the game. Very soon after the beginning a Newcastle forward scored, but Philbin failed to convert. Shortly after this they scored again, this time the kick was successful. Before half-time they had added two unconverted tries, bringing the score at half-time up to 14—0 against us. After the interval things went better for Ellesmere, and soon Lawrence broke away from behind the scrum and scored. Barclay converted. Soon after this Newcastle again scored, this time beneath the posts and again Philbin was successful with the kick. Ellesmere now began to press, and from a penalty near the 25 yds. line, Barclay dropped a goal. After this our "threes" did some good passing which resulted in Blackwell scoring a try which Thomas failed to convert. Then followed an interval of mid-field play, which ended in Newcastle again scoring a try. Shortly after, "No-side" came, the score being 24—11 in favour of Newcastle. The chief cause of our defeat was the inability of the forwards to heel the ball, and the slowness of our halves in smothering theirs. The tackling and touch kicking, taken generally, were good,

Team.—J. H. Morris; J. N. Blackwell, P. T. Kingston, C. L. T. Barclay (Capt.) and N. M. Greeves; R. Lawrence and R. F. Taylor; A. F. Ross, O. Thomas, E. F. E. Peacock, H. A. Somerville, W. H. Pilkington, P. J. Martin, N. P. Vanderbilt and C. B. Coney.

S.O.C. *v.* RUTHIN GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (Home.)

This was our first home match of the season and also our first victory.

The ground was rather heavy but otherwise quite all right.

From the kick-off our forwards began to press and it was not long before our first try was scored.

For some time the game developed into a series of scrums relieved now and then by good individual work and from these efforts several tries resulted.

Until half-time our opponents attack was very weak and play was mainly in their half and twenty-five.

In the second half our opponents seemed to get going better and nearly scored once or twice.

In this time we registered several more tries but the game was rather uninteresting.

Not long before time our opponents scored a try which was converted.

The final score was 26—5 in our favour. This game was very little test for our team as we were heavier than our opponents and also faster.

Team:—*Back*, J. H. Morris; *Three-quarters*, J. N. Blackwell, P. T. Kingston, C. L. T. Barclay (capt.), N. M. Greeves; *Halves*, R. Lawrence, F. R. Taylor; *Forwards*, J. F. Woodall, A. F. Ross, O. Thomas, H. A. Somerville, E. F. E. Peacock, W. H. Pilkington, P. J. Martin, C. E. B. Coney.

S.O.C. *v.* WILLASTON. (Away.)

The first match against Willaston School was played away, on October 31st. From the outset it was evident that we had a very formidable team to encounter both as regards weight and scientific play; and though Ellesmere played with vigour and determination, the game ended in a win for the home team by 34 points to 3.

It was unfortunate that our captain was seriously disabled by a strained muscle which naturally interfered considerably with his play. Within the first five minutes Willaston scored their first try, which was converted. This was soon followed by a brilliant break-away on the left wing by Greeves, enabling Barclay to score a try, which, however, he failed to convert. By half-time Willaston had added a goal and a try to their score, making the half-time total 18 to 3 in their favour. After the interval, the ball was kept mostly in the Ellesmere portion of the field, and before very long another goal was scored by Willaston. This was followed by a brilliant but unsuccessful attempt by Lawrence and Barclay to cross the Willaston line. After this, Willaston steadily increased their score, until at "no side" a dropped goal and four unconverted tries had brought their total up to 34. This may seem a very heavy defeat, but Willaston pressed us hard the whole time, and the superior weight of their men told heavily against us: nevertheless the Ellesmere defence was sustained and vigorous throughout, Greeves and Lawrence especially distinguishing themselves by some very useful work.

S.O.C. *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' (Away).

The team started at 8-55 a.m. from Ellesmere on their first visit to Merchant

Taylor's since the reopening of Rugby Football.

We had an exceedingly pleasant journey and arrived in Liverpool at 11-45 a.m. We lunched at 12-30 a.m. in Liverpool and then took the train from the Exchange to Crosby.

We arrived at the school in good time and at once went to change. The match was played on the Waterloo Club Ground.

This was wet and slippery and the ball soon became difficult to hold. Within the first five minutes our opponents scored, but were unsuccessful when they took the kick.

Our forwards now made a series of rushes in which Woodall, Ross i. and Thomas were prominent and although the lighter pack were more than a match for their opponents.

The Merchant Taylor's three-quarters, however, proved too strong for us and scored repeatedly. Just before half-time Martin ran nearly the whole length of the field with the ball but was brought down about ten yards from the try line. He managed however to pass to Barclay who got over the line; the kick was unsuccessful.

At half-time the score was 21—3 in our adversaries' favour.

In the second half although the opposing three-quarters managed to score several tries, we held them a lot better and Blackwell got away several times only to be brought up by their back.

All this time our forwards had been working hard and their rushes were excellent, Thomas being perhaps the best. Girling at half played a splendid game, his tackling being excellent. The final score was 36—3 against us.

A word of praise must be said for our forwards; they played with unabated vigour all the time, and although a little slow in the scrum they all worked hard and prevented the score from being greater; our three line which is our chief weakness, never got going well together and so failed to score.

We had an excellent tea at the School and then spent two hours in Liverpool, arriving back at a quarter to eleven, having been delayed by the fog, thoroughly tired out and after having had a very enjoyable day.

Team :—*Back,* C. A. G. McMinn; *Three-quarters,* J. N. Blackwell, P. J. Martin; C. L. T. Barclay (capt.), N. M. Greeves; *Halves,* R. Lawrence, C. E. B. Girling; *Forwards,* J. F. Woodall, A. F. Ross, O. Thomas, W. H. Pilkington, N. P. Vanderbilt, H. A. Somerville, H. A. Olphert, W. T. Donovan.

S.O.C. *v.* SADDLEWORTH (Away.)

The game started with a rush which carried our opponents well into our own half. From a successful "scrum" their threes got started but the left wing cross kicked and a try nearly ensued. Attacking again our opponents gained a try which was converted. From the kick our forwards got started and two good rushes carried them well into the Saddleworth half; but owing to the fact that our 'threes' were so outclassed we failed to get a try. The Saddleworth defence was quite good, though Garnett did not kick as well as we have seen him do. Again the School forwards got started, taking the ball with a rush, but none of our threes except Barclay made any progress. At one time a try was imminent but Blackwell saved with a good tackle, then Saddleworth got their second try which was converted. Just before the Half-time whistle blew they scored again making the score about 20 points ahead. Soon after the resumption of play Barclay scored but failed to convert. At the same time our team kept

up well and played hard but Saddleworth scored and converted again. From the kick off we pressed and Martin, securing the ball made straight for the flag. Dodging first one and then another of our opponents he managed to touch the ball down just as Garnett tackled him. This try, Barclay converted with a good kick. Three more tries having been registered by Saddleworth the final whistle sounded leaving the score at 43—8.

Throughout the game the School forwards showed a decided improvement and advance in the knowledge of the game. The threes were quite good individually but did not play well enough together. Lawrence, the scrum half, played a very good game and his tackling proved very effective.

ELLESMERE COLLEGE *v.* DENSTONE 'A'

This match was played at Denstone on Nov. 26th. The ground was in a very bad condition, owing to the recent heavy rains.

From the outset it was evident that we were in for a very bad beating. The Denstone forwards were very much heavier than ours, and in the scrum they always had the advantage of us. Within a minute of the commencement of the game Denstone had got over our line, and this try was but the forerunner of many others. At half time the score was 25—0.

The second half proved but a replica of the first, and we were finally beaten by 61 points to 0. Only poor place-kicking prevented the score from being much larger.

Against the heavy Denstone forwards our light ones put up quite a respectable fight. At half Lawrence and Girling played plucky games, but had no real chance. The weakest part of our team was the three-quarter line, who never showed the slightest knowledge of combination, Blackwell made one or two good runs but was never supported.

Team: McMinn (*back*); Greeves, Barclay, Martin, Blackwell (*threes*); Lawrence Girling (*halves*); Woodall, Ross, Pilkington, Vanderbilt, Thomas, Somerville, Coney, Olphert (*forwards*).

DORMITORY MATCHES.
(*1st Round*).
K. HAROLD *v.* WOODWARD.

This match was the first Dormitory match of the season and was therefore witnessed by a large number of interested spectators. The day was fine but the ground was not in a very good condition owing to recent rain.

The K. Harold pressed from the kick-off, but the Woodard defence was very vigorous, McMinn, the full back, in particular played a good game. The Harold were the stronger team but their combination was weak and the forwards attempted too many individual runs.

The Harold managed to get the ball out of the scrum nearly every time but their halves were too slow.

The Woodard forwards only gave their threes one chance, of which Blackwell took full advantage, and scored a good try which was unconverted.

The Full-Time score was 21—3.

Teams:—K. HAROLD.—R. Bowyer; C. B. Browne, W. A. Kimpster, A. J. Smith (i.), E. A. Vanderbilt (ii.); C. E. B. Girling, R. F. Taylor (iii.), E. F. E. Peacock (capt.), W. H. Pilkington, E. Garnett (iii.), R. Bottomley, E. Girling (ii.), F. W. Smith (ii.), R. A. Settle, H. K. Davy.

WOODARD.—C. A. G. McMinn; T. L. N. Ascough; C. Davison, J. N. Blackwell (capt.), P. S. Smith, V. N. Dickinson, J. H. Owen (ii.); E. H. Woodward, H. J. Clee, W. F. Rimmer, H. V. Locke, P. Owen (iii.), D. S. Davies (iv.), J. B. Hall, J. B. E. Davies (v.)

CONQUEROR *v.* GORDON.

1st *Round.*

The weather was fine and the ground in splendid condition for this game. The Conqueror opened the scoring, but the Gordon soon pulled up and got well ahead by half time. The Conqueror put up a good defence, though they were very much outclassed, in speed especially. The Gordon scrum was by far the weakest part of their team and the Conqueror forwards played very well. The game ended in a win for the Gordon, the final score being 22—8.

For the Conqueror, Ross, Olphert, Minniece and Feltham played well and the pick of the Gordon was Martin, Morris and Davies ii., ably helped by Howard and Huggins.

Teams :—CONQUEROR.—J. F. Bolland (i.); J. W. Jones (viii.), T. W. F. Bolland (ii.), H. Manley, D. R. Ross iii.; S. T. Morris (i.), J. L. Jones (vii.); A. F. Ross (i.) (capt.). H. M. A. Olphert, T. L. Minniece, H. M. Feltham, G. Jones (iii.), H. Shingler, G. L. Ross (ii.), J. R. de M. Jeffrey.

GORDON.—F. J. Huggins; P. J. Martin (capt.), H. K. Wright, B. W. I. Davies (ii.), H. E. Helé; J. H. Morris, B. Howard, R. J. Everall, C. R. Nevett, N. C. Harper, B. H. Cathrick, V. B. Walker, W. J. Keeley, A. B. Milton, L. C. Younger.

HEYWOOD *v.* KING EDWARD.

1st *Round.*

This match was not of much interest from a football point of view owing to the vast superiority of the Edward team. The day was fairly good and play was chiefly confined to the Heywood half. The score 63—0 speaks for itself, and no account is really needed. For the Heywood Davies, Coombes, and Prodger played the best and Lawrence, Donovan and Coney (i.) were conspicuous for the Edward.

Teams :—HEYWOOD.—E. H. Fenton; H. A. H. Coombes, A. G. C. Prodger, L. R. Keatinge (i.), H. Moseley; J. O. Davies (capt.), A. D. Keatinge (ii); J. W. Andrews (i.), T. P. Farr, J. Long, S. G. Ellams, H. R. Oldham, J. Foster (ii)., L. Walker, D. Riseley (i.)

EDWARD.—R. J. Taylor (i.); W. T. Donovan, W. E. W. Kendall, F. R. Hitchmough, E. L. Coney (ii.); C. B. Coney (i.), W. R. Goodman, E. Lawrence (capt.), W. H. Garforth, W. J. Butterworth, S. Farmer, R. B. Hammersley, C. F. A. Perkin, E. Corker, N. P. Davies (iii.)

K. ALFRED *v.* K. ARTHUR.

1st *Round.*

The field was in a terrible condition for this match, and the weather was wet and dull. The Alfred team was much heavier than the Arthur and considering everything, on a fine day they would probably have got more points. As it was, the attack was vigorously kept up throughout the game. Woodall scored the first try for the Alfred but Thomas failed to convert. Two more tries were gained during the first half of the game, both of which were unconverted. In the second half Barclay (ii.) and Kingston made several pressing movements, but were repulsed by the sheer weight of the defence. Perry, Thomas and Vanderbilt scored during this half, leaving the final score at 18—0.

For the Alfred, Greeves, Woodall, Vanderbilt, Thomas and Somerville were the best, whilst for the Arthur, Barclay (ii.) Kingston, Barclay (i.), Edwards and Ellis were the most notable.

Teams :—K. ALFRED.—N. Hulme; A. N. Perry, A. Ericson, N. P. Vanderbilt (i), N. M. Greeves (capt.); W. R. Weston, E. R. D. Storrar; J. F. Woodall, O.

Thomas, H. A. Somerville; N. M. Hughes, A. J. T. Topham (i), F. R. Law, S. L. B. Smith (iii.), N. M. McKinlay.

K. ARTHUR.—W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson; C. Ellis, P. G. Sworn, P. T. Kingston, C. G. Skinner; C. L. T. Barclay (ii.) (capt.), F. J. S. Barclay; J. P. Edwards (ii.), J. Huntington, K. J. Slater, G. R. B. Dixon, D. C. B. Bradburn, S. H. Lane-Williams, A. V. L. Huxham, C. N. Parry.

GORDON *v.* KING EDWARD.

2nd Round.

The game started with a vigorous defence on the part of the Gordon but this did not last very long. At the Edward's first try, the Gordon seemed to break down altogether and the whistle blew for Half-time with the score at 11—0.

On resuming play the Gordon began to pick up again and managed to keep the Edward's score down a little. This was probably due to some good work by Morris and Martin. Perhaps the defeat was chiefly due to the very good football played by the "tail" of the Edward team. The Gordon were outclassed after their first two or three men. The game ended in a win for the Edward by 14—0.

For the Gordon, the best were Martin, Morris, Davies and Howard, and in the Edward team Lawrence, Donovan, Coney (i.), Taylor (i.) and Goodman were the best.

Teams:—GORDON.—F. J. Huggins; H. E. Helé; H. K. Wright, B. W. I. Davies, P. J. Martin, (capt.), J. H. Morris, B. Howard; R. J. Everall, C. R. Nevett, N. C. Harper, B. H. Cathrick, W. J. Keeley F. J. Watkins, A. B. Milton, L. C. Younger.

KING EDWARD.—R. J. Taylor (i.); W. T. Donovan, W. E. W. Kendall, F. R. Hitchmough, E. L. Coney (ii.); R. Lawrence (capt.), C. B. Coney (i.); W. R. Goodman, H. W. Garforth, W. J. Butterworth, S. Farmer, R. B. Hammersley, W. W. Roberts (ii.), W. G. Anslow, H. Betteridge.

K. ALFRED *v.* K. HAROLD.

2nd Round.

Played on a very wet day, this match proved quite good football. The Alfred team was much heavier than the Harold but owing to there being too many captains of the Alfred team the score was lower than it should have been.

The Harold did not play with enough combination though several good individual efforts were made. The Alfred's place-kicking was very bad, as in the other two matches, Greeves, Woodall, Vanderbilt and Thomas scored.

For the Alfred, Greeves, Woodall, Vanderbilt, Thomas, Ericson and Weston played well, and for the Harold, Peacock, Girling, Pilkington, Kimpster and Garnett were the best.

Teams:—K. ALFRED.—N. Hulme; A. N. Perry, A. Ericson, E. R. D. Storrar, N. M. Greeves; J. F. Woodall, W. R. Weston; N. P. Vanderbilt, O. Thomas, H. A. Somerville, F. B. Topham, N. M. Hughes, A. J. T. Topham, F. R. Law, S. L. B. Smith.

K. HAROLD.—R. F. Taylor (iii.); C. B. Brown, R. Fricker, R. Bowyer, E. A. Vanderbilt; C. E. B. Girling (i), W. A. Kimpster; E. F. E. Peacock, (capt.) W. H. Pilkington, E. Garnett, F. Bottomley, E. Girling, F. W. Smith, R. N. H. Settle, H. K. Davy.

K. ALFRED *v.* K. EDWARD.

Final.

The game, played on a very wet and rough day, was practically a foregone conclusion as the Alfred team was so much heavier. The Edward team played very well throughout though hopelessly handi-

capped by lack of weight. As it was the Alfred were expected to score more than they did and it is greatly to the credit of the Edward that they did not.

From the beginning the Alfred pressed and brought off a try through sheer forward work. This, like all the other tries, was unconverted.

After an uninteresting meleé in midfield the Alfred broke away again and another try ensued.

At this point, the Edward began to give way in the defence and a third try ensued. The Half-time whistle blew with the score at 9—0.

On the resumption of play the Edward began a desperate resistance which ended in the retiring of the Edward back.

Several more tries might have been scored but for the persistent talking in the Alfred ranks.

Only one try was added during the second half, making the score 12—0.

For the Alfred, Greeves, Woodall, Vanderbilt, Thomas, Somerville, Weston and Perry played well and the pick of the Edward team was Lawrence, Donovan, Coney i., Goodman, and Kendall.

Teams :—K. ALFRED.—N. Hulme ; A. N. Perry, A. Ericson, E. R. D. Storrar, N. M. Greeves (capt.) ; J. F. Woodall, W. R. Weston, N. P. Vanderbilt, O. Thomas, H. A. Somerville, F. B. Topham, N. M. Hughes, A. J. T. Topham, F. R. Law, S. L. B. Smith (iii.)

K. EDWARD.—R. J. Taylor (i.) ; W. T. Donovan, W. E. W. Kendall, F. R. Hitchmough, E. L. Coney (ii.) ; R. Lawrence (capt.), C. B. Goney (i.) ; W. R. Goodman, H. W. Garforth, W. J. Butterworth, S. Farmer, R. B. Hammersley, E. Corker, W. G. Anslow, H. Betteridge.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV.

**J. F. Woodall* (forward.) A forward with much dash. Has led the pack with untiring effort. Works hard both in the scrum and in the loose. Has a fair knowledge of the game. Can kick, and tackles well.

**A. F. Ross* (forward.) A very hard-working forward who has played well and consistently throughout the season. Is heavy and knows how to use his weight. Can tackle.

**R. Lawrence.* (scrum-half). A disappointing player. Began the season in fine style, but later on passed wildly from the scrum. Must learn that when the ball is at the opponent's feet he must always try to get his hands to it. Can find touch with safety.

**N. M. Greeves* (three-quarter). A wing man with speed and a swerve, but handicapped by lack of size and weight. Made one or two brilliant dashes down the touch-line during the season.

**C. E. B. Girling* (stand-off half). A really plucky fly half. Apt to keep the ball too long instead of letting the three-quarter line have it immediately. Came into the team late in the season but always justified his being included.

**W. H. Pilkington* (forward). A forward who has done well throughout the season, his special accomplishment being ability to break through in the line-out. Should use his feet more in the loose, and remember, when he is using them, to keep the ball close.

**N. P. Vanderbilt* (forward). Light, but makes up for this by hard pushing in the scrum. Exceptionally good in the loose having a fair turn of speed and can dribble. Can kick and tackle.

O. Thomas (forward). A large, bony, forward, who did some good work at times. Must not run back in possession of the ball at the line out. Ought really to remember that he must keep all his breath for the game, and not expend it in useless pursuits.

H. A. Somerville (forward). A heavy forward, who later in the season played some good football. He must always keep in mind that the scrum is not a resting-place, and that he must work there as hard as he does in the loose.

J. N. Blackwell (three-quarter). A wing man, who has speed and a decided swerve. Is, however, sleepy, and does not seem to take that interest in the proceedings that he might.

C. B. Coney (forward). A heavy forward, who must learn the offside rule. Has greatly improved since the beginning of the season. Should be good next year.

H. M. A. Olphert (forward). Came late into the team. Plays the forward game with enthusiasm, but is rather too gentle. Has a useful habit of getting away from a loose scrimmage with the ball at his feet. Keen.

C. A. G. McMinn (full-back). A small full-back, very plucky, but never quite confident in his own power. Fielded indifferently, but brought off some good tackles. As a touch-finder quite safe.

P. J. Martin (three-quarter). Has speed, but no idea when to pass. Should cultivate a hand-off. Is better on the wing than in the centre.

W. T. Donovan (forward). A good and keen forward, who had the misfortune to be crocked the greater part of the season. Should be a useful man next season.

C.L.T.B.

GAMES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Games Committee was held in the Boys' Library at 8-45 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th.

Business :—

(i.) To elect a Secretary.
(ii.) To elect a Captain of Hockey.
(iii.) To elect a Selection Committee.
(iv.) To discuss Hockey Fixtures.

(i.) Olphert and Greeves i. were proposed and seconded but declined to stand. Woodall, pro. Greeves i., sec. Olphert was elected Secretary.

(ii.) Woodall, pro. Peacock, sec. Donovan, was elected Captain of Hockey.

(iii.) The Selection Committee elected was Mr. Evans, pro. Greeves i. sec. Peacock. Ross i. pro. Woodall, sec. Greeves i., Woodall, *ex-officio*.

(iv.) It was decided that the Secretary should try to arrange two matches with King's School, Chester.

On a question about the Sports being raised, it was decided that this should be left over till the next meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned.

J. F. WOODALL, Hon. Sec.

HOCKEY PROSPECTS.

It is rather a difficult task to write about the prospects of a season in which there are no matches as yet arranged, and in which, owing to the War, there is no prospect of getting any. Thus the 1st XI. does not exist, except on paper, and the Dormitory Matches are the chief feature of the term.

With regard to these, the Domitories are to be divided into two leagues which will play amongst themselves; the two teams at the head of each league playing in the final for the Flag.

At a time like the present it must be borne in mind that, although there are no matches this year, good work can, and must be done in laying the foundations of a team for next year; and that it is our duty to the School to do this, by playing our hardest and getting others to do the same.

In the Second, and even more in the Third Clubs there is good material for future teams, and I think that we may look forward with confidence to future seasons.

J.F.W.

ST. OSWALD'S COLLEGE ROLL OF HONOUR.

(*Continued.*)

J. W. Wilesmith (K. Harold). Entered Sept. 1908. Left July 1910. 8th Inf. Battalion, 90th Regiment, B. Company.

R. Bostock (K. Harold). Entered Jan. 1904. Left July, 1908. 5th Cheshire Regiment.

C. M. Kay (Edward). Entered Jan. 1906. Left Dec. 1908. 2nd Lieutenant Royal Engineers Corps.

W. H. Lomas (Woodard). Entered Sept. 1910. Left Dec. 1912. Earl of Chester's Yeomanry.

F. R. Cooper (Conqueror). Entered Jan. 1899. Left April 1901. Royal Fusiliers.

D. C. B. Cotes (Gordon). Entered Sept. 1909. Left July 1912. 2nd Lieutenant Prince of Wales' North Staffs. Regiment.

S. Noon (Woodard). Entered Jan. 1907. Left July 1910. Sgt. 1st Birmingham Battalion.

V. Howell (Heywood). Entered Sept. 1907. Left Dec. 1907.

L. Vaughan (Conqueror). Entered Jan. 1898. Left July 1900. Royal Field Artillery.

O. Jessop (Harold). Entered Jan. 1911. Left April 1914. Welsh Borderers.

F. A. Wilkinson, T. D. Jessop promoted to Sergeants.

H. G. Heath (Heywood). Entered Sept. 1901. Left Dec. 1902. 2nd Lieut., 9th Battalion North Staffs. Regt.

E. Baron. (Harold). Entered May 1902. Left July 1908. 2nd Lieut. No. 5 Platoon, B. Company, 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.

C. J. Lonergan (Woodard). Entered Jan. 1906. Left Dec. 1908. 2nd Lieut., East Surrey Regiment.

K. C. Barfield (Conqueror). Entered May 1893. Left July 1908. R.A.M.C. (Aldershot).

J. E. Ashton (K. Alfred). Entered Sept. 1898. Left July 1900. R.A.M.C. (West Lancs.)

A. E. Gandolfo (K. Edward). Entered Jan. 1904. Left July 1904. 1st P.S. Batt., Royal Fusiliers.

E. P. Wood (K. Edward). Entered Jan. 1902. Left April 1903. K.S.L.I. Trying for a Commission.

G. G. Lomas (Gordon). Entered May 1908 Left Dec. 1913. 2nd Lieutenant, Special Reserve.

C. F. Austin (K. Arthur.) Entered May 1897. Left July 1903. Lance-Corpl. Warwickshire Yeomanry.

T. S. Louch (K. Arthur). Entered Jan. 1905. Left July 1910. (H. Compy.) 11th Battalion 3rd Infantry Brigade. 1st Australian Division. Serving in Egypt.

G. Briggs (Gordon). Entered Jan. 1905. Left April 1909. Public Schools Battalion, C. Compy.

W. A. Hallam (Gordon). Entered May 1899. Left Dec. 1902. Lce,-Corpl. 6th Liverpool Rifles.

B. Holt (Edward). Entered Sept. 1905. Left July 1907.

S. Wesson (Gordon). Entered May 1902. Left Dec. 1904. 2nd Lieut. 6th Worcesters.

L. M. Probert (K. Alfred). Entered May 1895. Left Dec. 1895. Band Corpl., 16th West Yorks. Regt. Bradford Pals.

G. R. Jackson (Conqueror). Entered Jan. 1900. Left July 1902. 2nd Lieut., Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport. At the Front.

F. N. Jackson (Conqueror). Entered May 1902. Left July 1902. King's Liverpool Regiment.

R. E. Rumsey (Woodard). Entered Jan. 1906. Left Dec. 1907. 2nd Lieut., 10th Battn. Royal Welsh Regiment.

R. N. Darlington (Woodard). Entered Jan. 1904. Left July 1904. C. Squadron, Cheshire Yeomanry.

N. L. Simpson (K. Alfred). Entered June 1910. Left April 1912. Trying for a Commission.

D. Horsford (K. Edward). Entered Left 5th Battalion Australian Expeditionary Force. Serving in Egypt.

H. S. Martin (K. Harold). Entered Sept. 1889. Left April 1891. 14911, Squadron C., Troop 3, 3rd Hussars. At the Front.

F. D. Gould ( ). Entered May 1903. Left Dec. 1905. Serving on H.M.S. *Badger*.

A. A. Hannan (K. Arthur). Entered May 1907. Left July 1908. Assistant Paymaster, H.M.S. *Euryalus*. In the Battle of the Bight.

J. A. V. Hulme (K. Alfred). Entered Sept. 1911. Left April 1913. Lance-Corporal Notts. & Derbys.

W. B. Dew (K. Arthur). Entered Left London Rifle Brigade. At the Front.

C. L. T. Barclay (K. Arthur). Entered Jan. 1913. Left Dec. 1914. 2nd Lieutenant 12th Durham Light Infantry.

W. Bottomley (K. Alfred). Entered Jan. 1907. Left Dec. 1907. Royal Naval Engineers.

F. R. Growcott (K. Harold). Entered May 1900. Left July 1904.

H. Wilberforce-Bell (K. Arthur). Entered Sept. 1903. Left March 1904. Capt., Indian Army (Political Department).

R. H. Wilberforce-Bell (K. Arthur). Entered Sept. 1903, Left July 1904. Lieutenant, 105th Canadian Fusiliers and 28th Regiment, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

E. B. Holmes (Edward). Entered May 1905. Left April 1906. Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion Manchester Regiment.

P. F. Wilberforce-Bell. Mentioned in Dispatches and awarded Military Cross.

A. E. Blunden (Woodard). Entered Sept. 1900. Left April 1905. Lance-Corporal, No. 11 Platoon, No. 3 Coy. London Rifle Brigade.

O.E. NEWS.

C. B. Browne has passed the Qualifying Entrance Examination of the Eastern Telegraph Company.

C. H. G. Goldberg has gained Second-Class Honours and Seventh place in all Australia in the Examination set by the Australian College of Theology at Sydney. He has been appointed to take charge of the Mundaring and Smith's Mill district.

St. J. B. Groser has been appointed to take charge of Bellevue, Australia, under the direction of Dr. Parish.

H. G. Heath obtained his B.A. (London) Degree last October, taking Third Class Honours in Modern Languages.

E. T. Stealey passed his Additional Subjects in the Cambridge Previous Examination last term.

T. A. Toote sends us a copy of the "Strombus" for December 1914 from Nassau, containing an account of an interview with himself under the title of "Men in the Public Eye." His reminiscences of Ellesmere occupy no small portion of the article.

G. H. Foster, we are glad to hear, is now well on the road to complete recovery. He has been in the Isle of Wight for some considerable time and we hear rumours that he thinks of becoming a schoolmaster.

W. C. Swindell writes that, since going to Bridport, he has married a wife, and is now installed in his new house, "Ellesmere"—the only one in Bridport!

A. P. Swindell has returned to his duties at George, Cape Province after a short visit home.

F. G. Swindell has safely reached Singapore, after an exciting voyage out. He is Acting Chaplain at the Cathedral.

O.T.C.

The Corps has been parading as usual so far this term, although it is still without a Commissioned Officer. There is also at present a dearth of N.C.O's.

Upwards of twenty recruits have joined making the total strength of the Corps about ninety. There are still very many boys who have not responded to the call of duty.

The Annual Camp, which was to have been held at Aldershot this year, will not be held owing to the War.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The *Paper Club* has been extended and the bigger boys of the Lower School are now allowed to become members. No less than 70 boys have joined either for the half or whole term. The papers taken this term are: *Dailies*—Times, Chronicle, Mail (Manchester Edition), Graphic, Sketch, Mirror; *Weeklies*—Graphic, Illustrated London News, Bystander, Punch; *Monthlies*—Pearson's, Captain, London, Premier.

Chess.—The tournament which remained unfinished last term is now being brought to a conclusion. In connection with this Mr. Cope has offered an annual prize of a Chess Book, instead of the winner holding one for the year only.

Draughts.—As considerable keenness was being manifested in the game throughout the School, a tournament has been started for which over 60 boys entered.

Library.—This term the library has been opened twice weekly, on Sundays after Chapel, and on Wednesdays before tea, also two librarians (Donovan and Woodall) have been appointed instead of one.

A card catalogue is being drawn up and will be placed in the Reading Room so that the school may have ready access to it. As its compilation is a laborious task and its value depends on its accuracy, the school are requested to take every care of it and see that no cards are removed from it. About 100 new books—of Haggard, Conan Doyle, Oppenheim, Orczy and other popular writers, together with some volumes of Nature Stories are being added, and it is hoped that in the near future, extensions will be made to the shelf accommodation

CAMERA CLUB.

As photography during the cold and gloomy weather is a difficult occupation to

carry out successfully, and as otherwise it leads to waste of photographic materials and useless expenditure, it was decided to postpone its operations during the early part of the term. It will be started again as soon as the weather conditions are more favourable.

If possible, instruction at times will be given to its members in its most difficult part—proper exposure; also in development and printing.

VALETE.

C. L. T. Barclay. Entered Jan. 1913. Prefect March 1914. Prefect of Hall Sept. 1914. 1st XV. Football Colours 1913. 1st XI. Hockey Colours 1914. Shooting Colours 1914. Captain of Football 1914. Secretary of Shooting 1914. Secretary to Games Committee Sept. 1914. Sergeant-at-Arms of the Debating Society 1914. Sergt. O.T.C. VI. Form. K. Arthur Dormitory.

P. J. Martin. Entered September 1911. Prefect Sept. 1914. 2nd XV. Football 1914. Reporting Secretary Debating Society 1914. VI. Form. Gordon.

P. G. Sworn. Entered September 1906. Dormitory Prefect May 1914. Prefect Sept. 1914. Corporal O.T.C., Editor of the "Ellesmerian." Debating Society. VI. Form. K. Arthur.

F. A. Ninis. Entered Jan. 1907. Ist XV. Football Colours 1913. 1st XI. Cricket Colours 1914. Shooting Colours 1914. Sergeant O.T.C. Debating Society. K. Alfred.

O. Thomas. Entered Sept. 1913. Prefect Sept. 1914. 2nd XV. Football Colours 1914. O.T.C. Debating Society. K. Alfred.

R. Lawrence. Entered Sept. 1906. Prefect 1914. 1st XV. Football Colours 1914. O.T.C. Debating Society. K. Edward.

C. E. B. Girling. Entered May 1911. 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1914. 1st XV. Football Colours 1914. O.T.C. Debating Society. VI. Form. K. Harold.

C. B. Browne. Entered Sept. 1910. Shooting Colours 1914. 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1914. Lce-Corpl. O.T.C. Debating Society. K. Harold.

C. A. G. McMinn. Entered Jan. 1911. 2nd XV. Football Colours 1914. O.T.C. Debating Society. Woodard.

The following also left:—Weston, Perry, Young, Grant, Jones x, Kingston, Owen ii., Brewer, Darlington, Davies iii., Ross ii., Moseley, Ross iii., Owen iii., Davies ii., Helé, Smith v., Taylor i., Davies iv., Lloyd-Davies ii., Edwards iii., Fricker, Allden, Rimmer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN"

DEAR SIR,

As one of the victims in the last Locals Examination, I should like to make a suggestion for the consideration of the authorities. The Summer term is not conducive to hard work,. with its hot weather, out-door attractions and so on, and we all know that Locals week is generally the finest and most stifling of the thirteen. On the other hand, the two Winter terms with wet weather and long evenings make books—let us say—less of a nuisance. Now why should we not have our Examinations in March, and begin a new year's work in May? The advantages of such a plan seem to me too numerous to be overlooked. A preliminary canter during the Summer, and two solid winter

terms to grind in ought to ensure success for everyone including,

Yours, etc.,
"PIPPED."

[We have several little objections to make on our own account before bringing this to the notice of the authorities. First of all, our correspondent has yet to convince us that books are less of a nuisance in the Winter than they are in the Summer! Next the complete forgetfulness engendered by seven weeks' Summer holiday would invariably mean a wasted term. Thirdly there is, in normal years, the Play to be considered during the Xmas term; and last but not least half the School is always liable to have something with spots in it from January to March.—ED., "Ellesmerian."]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

SIR,

Always a believer in the useful aspect of education, may I be permitted to point out that a sound knowledge of Russian would be of more actual benefit in the future than the ability to speak German. We have no use for Latin and Greek because they are "dead" languages, and ought now to include German amongst the Classics.

I am, Sir,
Yours, etc.,
"PROGRESSIVE."

[Very well! Let our correspondent devote himself to a careful study of the nice pronunciation of Przemysl and Rzeszoff and apply to us for a preliminary test. When satisfied, we will move in the matter. N.B.—Daily Mail phonetics not accepted.—ED. "Ellesmerian."]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

DEAR SIR,

The Shooting Season of 1914 is now long at an end, and it is high time for the 1914 Shooting Eight board to be put up in the corridor along with the rest. On inspection, however, I find that the 1913 board is not up yet, and I begin to wonder whether it is intended to honour the members of the 1913 Shooting Eight as has formerly been the custom. I should like to know whether the custom is to die out, and if so, why."

Yours, etc.,
"AN O.E."

[Our knowledge is not quite so encyclopædic as some of our correspondents appear to imagine. We don't see why the custom should die out—perhaps the artist has run out of paint! ED. "Ellesmerian."]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELLESMERIAN."

SIR,

I wish you to understand to begin with that I do not write this letter from a feeling of jealousy—far from it. I have not been awarded a Dormitory Cap, and I have visions, if I hold out long enough, of being famous in the history of St. Oswald's as the last hero to wear a School Cap. No one, Sir, I feel sure, objects to the system of awarding Dormitory Caps for something really startling in the way of prowess; but I, for one, fail to see the sense of ladling them out like so much soup to everyone who has the hardihood to appear on the playing-field. Granted, however, that they are so given, am I not right in thinking that they should certainly only be worn as an item in a costume of full "change."?

Yours,
"CAPTIOUS."

[And of course it has nothing to do with us. We are naturally inclined to have our own opinions on subjects of this kind, though we do not pose as experts in dress, and know not very much of the method of awarding the Caps. We may go so far as to admit that we *have* noticed a tremendous number about and that we have never seen P. F. Warner parading Regent Street in his M.C.C. cap, and a frock-coat—ED. "Ellesmerian."]

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