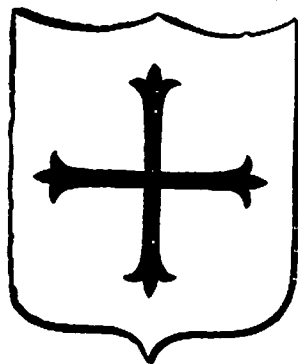


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EDITORIAL.

Once again the ever active wheel of life has turned to that most weary of afternoons—the one on which the Editorial *must* be written.

Caught in a vain attempt to elude the watchfulness of his colleague, the hapless Editor is dragged forcibly to his sanctum and there he is kept till, in sheer desperation, he seizes a pen and scribbles the terminal article.

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The Hockey season has started under the leadership of a most enthusiastic and painstaking Captain, and, granted a fair amount of good weather, a good season may be expected. We offer our best wishes to the Captain and his team.

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This term a great many activities are giving us material for a more athletic number than heretofore. This, in conjunction with a fair amount of poetry, should help to satisfy the Athletes, the Poets, and those who are '*strictly neutral*.'

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A word about the aforesaid poems. We find a great number of poets in the School, but very few prose writers. We are at a loss to explain this fact but we hope some of our readers will take it upon themselves to remedy it. Poetry is very good, and we are very thankful for it, but, we can have too much of a good thing.

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We have a new Sub-Editor this term, R. F. Taylor. We seem to see him in the near future as sole controller of the Magazine, for stress of work and the weariness of old age overtake us and we are well nigh exhausted.

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Some of the Dormitory matches played this term have proved very good games

and we are anxiously looking forward to the Final, which also should be exciting.

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The Steeplechase aroused a great deal of interest in the School and a large number of entries is recorded. *Sed de hoc alias.*

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We should like here to draw attention to the fact that Dormitory Correspondents are not merely nominal officials. They should hand in to the Editor every term reports of all Dormitory Matches as soon as possible after they are played; and also any news of importance connected with their Dormitories.

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In conclusion may we offer our heartiest thanks to all those who have helped by contributing to this number.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects of the School.

- C. B. Coney—Captain of School; Captain of Hockey; Sergeant-at-Arms of the Debating Society.
- W. H. Pilkington—Prefect of Hall; Member of Debating Society Committee; Member of Games Committee.
- F. B. Topham—Prefect of Chapel; Sub-Librarian; Reporting Secretary of the Debating Society.
- A. Ericson—Member of Games Committee.
- N. P. Vanderbilt.
- W. R. Goodman—Secretary of Games Committee.
- S. L. B. Smith—Member of Debating Society Committee; Member of Games Committee.
- C. D. Quilliam—Member of Debating Society Committee.

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We welcome this term on the Staff, Miss M. I. Scott, B.A. (1st Class Hons.), Queen's

University, Belfast. All success to her in her work here.

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The Rev. T. H. Hennessy, Mr. Cooper's successor as Chaplain, was only able to stay with us for the first week or two of the term. He was followed by the *Rev. A. W. G. Murphy, B.A.* (Cantab.), Moral Science Tripos, Sub-warden of the House of the Sacred Mission, Kelham. We extend a hearty welcome to him, and also to *Mr. B. Hoole, B.A.* (Queens' College, Cambridge) *Mr. W. Browett* (Keble College, Oxford, and Queens' College, Birmingham), and *Mr. Mann*, who comes to be Assistant Music-Master.

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Mr. Firth, whom we are sorry to lose this term, has been succeeded by *Mr. C. Allwood, B.A.* (Univ. Coll., Durham), to whom in the name of the School, we extend a similar welcome.

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Until *Mr. Allwood* came, we had with us also *Mr. C. Archer, B.A.* (Oriel College, Oxford), to whom we are especially indebted for a contribution to this issue.

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We congratulate the following on their appointment as *Prefects* :—*A. Ericson, N. P. Vanderbilt, W. R. Goodman, S. L. B. Smith, C. D. Quilliam.*

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The Captain of School is *C. B. Coney.*

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The Hon. Secretary of the Games Committee is *W. R. Goodman.*

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The two new Dormitory Masters are :—*Violets*—*Mr. H. Pelham Pestle* ; *Juniors*—*Mr. T. E. Williams.*

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The new members of the Games Committee are as follows :—*C. B. Coney (ex-officio), W. H. Pilkington, A. Ericson, W. R. Goodman, S. L. B. Smith, E. Garnett iii.*

Last term's Football Colours were :—*1st XV.*, *W. T. Donovan, W. H. Pilkington* (regained), *C. B. Coney, A. Ericson, N. P. Vanderbilt* (regained), *H. M. Feltham, W. A. Kimpster, E. Garnett* and *R. F. Taylor.* *2nd XV.*, *A. J. T. Topham, S. L. B. Smith iii., W. L. Richards, W. R. Goodman, F. W. Smith* and *K. J. Slater.*

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Term ends on April 11th.

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R. F. Taylor has been appointed Sub-Editor of the "Ellesmerian."

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This term the number of masters on the Staff is a record ; we think this should be recorded in the annals of the school.

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We congratulate *T. L. Minniece* who passed into the Royal Military College at Sandhurst and took a high place in the list of successful candidates.

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We congratulate the following on their appointment as Dormitory Prefects :—*H. M. Feltham, and R. F. Taylor.*

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Mr. W. A. Surfleet, a late Master, has relinquished his Commission in the O.T.C. and is at present in charge of a German Internment Camp in British Borneo.

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For the last year the Dormitory finalists have been the *King Harold* and the *King Edward.*

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The new Assistant Librarians are *C. B. Coney* and *W. H. Pilkington.*

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The new Officers of the Debating Society are :—*Vice-President* : *Mr. Hoole* ; *Hon. Secretary* : *W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson* ; *Reporting Secretary* : *F. B. Topham* ; *Sergeant-at-Arms* : *C. B. Coney* ; *Committee* : *W. H. Pilkington, S. L. B. Smith, C. D. Quilliam.*

Boxing has once more been introduced to the public notice. A good many boys have entered and some good bouts are expected.

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As we go to press, we hear that the Debating Society Supper is to be held on March 25th. We hope it will prove a success.

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W. R. Goodman left soon after Half-Term to enter Drummond's Bank.

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There was a Half Holiday on S. Patrick's Day, when the weather was more propitious than usual.

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We apologise for not having offered our congratulations before to *W. H. Pilkington* on his appointment as Prefect.

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J. P. Edwards, Captain of School last term, has joined the Artists' Rifles and is now in France.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

[We must apologise for the absence of very correct reports of the meetings. The late Secretary left no definite information of them.—*Ed. Ellesmerian*.]

At one meeting, held in the Boys' Library on Sunday evening, the motion was "That, in the opinion of this House, the Colour system is preferable to the Dormitory one."

Proposer : Mr. Cope.

Sec. Prop. : J. E. Edwards.

Opposer : Mr. Williams.

Sec. Opp. : A. J. T. Topham.

The Hon. Proposer laid down the system which he advocated—Each House should play the other three at Hockey, Cricket and Football. He said that people might say that this would debar the younger fellows from getting a chance.

He suggested a Junior House Challenge Cup. Each House should have marks for Cricket, Swimming, Sports, Football and Hockey and should add up at the end of the year; the highest should have the Cup for that year.

He laid down the necessity for a change in the standard of the present games, in which brute strength often played a large part. The smaller fellows were apt to lose their nerve if they were hurt.

The Hon. Opposer said that each school had a system of its own, and that separate Houses were here impracticable. Nowhere was more keenness displayed than in the dormitory matches.

The Dormitory system too, was an old tradition; why alter it? The XV. was very good this year and the present system quite successful; therefore why change it? He concluded by reading a piece of poetry—

"Have we not said, O boys, and sworn it

By all oaths valid on earth and sea
That while one blast is left to our cornet?
Not—if we know it—shall these things
be;

Not till the lion shear his locks
And share his crib with the craven ox;
Not till the fierce, unyokéd hornet
Mate with the mere performing flea

Will we change our Dormitory."

J. P. Edwards suggested that there should be two Shields with the names of persons in one Dormitory underlined.

The new system would make the weakness of some Dormitories less apparent.

The House System had not yet been tried. Let it be given a trial.

A. J. T. Topham endeavoured to point out the folly of the proposition. Visitors would say "You say this is a House match but where are the *Houses*?" "Oh," you reply "they are only *called* Houses."

An old boy would come back and ask if his Dormitory had got any shields.

"Oh, there are Houses now—no Dormitories." What would he think?

There would be a great deal of rivalry, he pointed out, in the Houses.

The present system worked well; each shield showed what happened in a certain Dormitory each year—why any alteration? With a wave of his hand and a determined air the speaker remarked "May we keep our traditions till we die!" and sat down amidst cheers.

W. T. Donovan asked why the weak Dormitories should become practically non-existent if the two were joined together.

W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson said that the number of fellows over sixteen were comparatively few and so the Senior Dormitory matches would be lacking in players.

H. J. Clee exclaimed that in that case he would not play in the Senior Dormitory Match.

The Hon. Proposer in his reply said that he had never been so misunderstood in his life. The Junior House Cup had been totally ignored. Success must be attained by improvement in traditions. Everyone must work for the School and try to do better.

The votes, we are sorry to relate, are unrecorded.

Later in the Session a Mock Trial was held. No records are left but we have it that the prisoner, *K. J. Slater*, accused of 'smoking' was pronounced guilty and sentenced to five weeks' holiday.

ON SERVICE.

The following names should be added to the lists which have already appeared:—
C. E. B. Girling (i.): (Harold). May 1911—Dec. 1914. Inns of Court O.T.C.

- C. F. A. Perkin*: (Edward). May 1914—July 1915. R.A.M.C.
R. F. Taylor: (Edward). May 1913—Dec. 1914. K.S.L.I.
N. V. Craddock: (Harold). May 1911—July 1914. 2nd Lieut., 2nd Battn. E. Surrey Regt.
W. Charlesworth: (Alfred). Sept. 1908—July 1909. 2nd Lieut., 13th Battn. Sherwood Forresters.
H. A. Philpotts: (Harold). Sept. 1905—July 1910. 18th Battn. Australian Exped. Force.
H. M. Thomas: (Alfred). Sept. 1908—Dec. 1909. Lieut., King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt.
G. Carter (i.): (Woodard). Sept. 1907—April 1910. Shropshire Yeomanry.
J. P. Edwards: (Arthur). May 1913—Dec. 1915. Artists Rifles O.T.C. (in France).
A. J. T. Topham (i.): (Alfred). May 1909—Dec. 1915. Cadet Batt., Bristol.
C. G. Powell: (Alfred). April 1910—Dec. 1912. Machine Gun Section, Shropshire Yeomanry (in Egypt.)
R. H. Palfrey: (Woodard). Jan. 1898—Dec. 1903. 50th Battn. Canadian Exped. Force.
W. Ll. Griffith: (Conqueror). Sept. 1911—July 1912. 2nd Lieut. 2nd Battn. Glamorgan R.N.A.
C. S. Attwood: (Conqueror). May 1905—Dec. 1908. Lieut., 4th Battn. Essex Regt.
J. M. Benoy: (Alfred). Sept. 1905—July 1907. 2nd Lieut., South Staffs. Regt. *Wounded*.
H. Cooper: (Alfred). Jan. 1887—July 1890. Staff Surgeon, Naval Hospital, Dunkirk.
C. A. Gurley: (Heywood). Oct. 1910—Dec. 1912. L/C. 1/5th South Staffs. Regt.
A. Haydon: (Heywood). May 1902—Dec. 1903. and Lieut., R.E.

- R. L. Francis : (Edward). May 1900—Dec. 1901. Sergt., 1st Canadian Contingent (in France).
 J. A. Robinson : (Gordon), Sept. 1905—July 1907 (in France.)
 S. H. Lane-Williams : (Arthur). Jan. 1913—July 1915. H.M.S. Powerful.
 G. R. V. Slater : (Arthur). June 1912—July 1915. H.M.S. Powerful.
 F. W. Wood : (Woodard). May 1902—July 1907. Sergt., King's Own Lancaster Regt. (*Prisoner of War*).
 A. D. Donovan : (Arthur). Sept. 1896—April 1898. Inns of Court O.T.C.
 T. V. B. Hook : (Harold). May 1906—Dec. 1908. 6th Somerset L.Inf. (*wounded in Flanders, July*).
 C. A. Gurley : (Heywood). Oct. 1910—Dec. 1912. (*Wounded in Flanders*).
 H. J. Pratt : (Heywood). Jan. 1913. Worcestershire Yeomanry.
 H. A. Philpotts : (Harold). Sept. 1905—July 1910. Australian Div. (*wounded and missing Suvla Bay*).
 W. A. Kimpster : (Harold) : Dec. 1915. Cadet Battalion.

CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS.

- A. C. Shepherd : 2nd Lieut. 9th Battn. King's Liverpool Regt. (Gained Commission for particular gallantry at Festubert).
 G. G. Lomas : Lieut. 14th Battn. Manchester Regt.
 L. V. Wakefield : Lieut. & Adj. N.R. T.F. 1/9th Middlesex.
 Searls, T. H. (Master) : 2nd Lieut. 11th Battn. attchd. 2nd Battn. S. Staffs. Regt. (*wounded March 1916*).
 J. G. Sinclair (Master) : Major, 3/5th Northumberland Fusiliers.
 [Todd, B. H. (Harold). May 1902—Dec. 1905. 1st Battn. Grenadier Guards. *Killed in France, March 11th, 1915.*]
 H. Curtis (Master) : Lieut. 9th West Yorks Regt. (*Missing in Gallipoli since Aug. 7th, 1915*).
 E. D. Greeves : Lieut. 3rd Connaught Rangers. (*Wounded while on service with General Aylmer's relief force on 21st Jan.*)
 H. R. Curtis (Master) : Capt., 12th R.W.F. at Salonica.
 P. T. Kingston : Lance-Corporal, Motor Machine Gun Section (in France).
 F. Spilsbury : 2nd Lieut. 1st Devon Regt. (*Wounded*).
 P. F. Wilberforce-Bell (iii.) : Lieut. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt., *Wounded in Flanders. Mentioned in Dispatches. Military Cross.*)
 L. T. Lonergan (iv.) : 13th Batty. Motor Machine Gun Section (in France).
 H. Lonergan (iii.) : 2nd Lieut., 2nd East Surreys. (*Wounded 2nd Battle of Ypres, May, 1915.*)
 C. J. Lonergan (i.) : Lieut., 2nd East Surreys. (*Wounded 2nd Battle of Ypres, May 1915.*)
 G. H. Gallogly : Lieut. 6th Royal Irish Fusiliers (*Wounded in Gallipoli*).
 A. E. Blunden : Corp., London Rifle Brigade. (*Wounded 1st Battle of Ypres.*)
 H. A. Smith (Master) : 6th North Staffs. Regt. (*Wounded in France*).
 F. A. Ninis : Lieut. & Adj., 12th Cheshire Regt. (at Salonica).
 R. L. Skinner : Sergt., 8th Cameron Highlanders.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS, 1915.

		<i>Receipts.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
Jan.	Balance in hand ..	10	16	1
Mar.	Cheque from Secretary ..	2	15	0
April	Paper Club ..	2	17	9
June	Cheque from Secretary ..	2	18	9
July	Paper Club ..	1	15	6
Nov.	Cheque from Secretary ..	3	5	0
Dec.	Paper Club ..	3	8	6
		<u>£27 16 7</u>		

		<i>Expenditure.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
Dec.	Carbide ..	0	3	6
Oct. 14	Paper Cases ..	0	9	0
Mar.	Book Case (Carpenter) ..	5	0	0
April	Papers for Club ..	2	1	4
	Books ..	2	18	5
	Cheque Book ..	0	1	0
July	Papers for Club ..	2	13	9
Sept.	Books ..	0	4	5
Nov.	Spirit Lamp ..	0	15	9
	Mantles and Slides ..	0	7	8
	Postage on Slides ..	0	3	6
Dec.	Papers for Club ..	2	15	4
	Balance in Hand ..	10	2	11
		<u>£27 16 7</u>		

G. E. COPE (Librarian).
Audited D. R. EVANS, Esq.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, 1915.

		<i>Receipts.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
	Balance from 1914 ..	0	10	9
	Subscriptions ..	0	12	0
		<u>£1 2 9</u>		

Expenditure.

		£	s.	d.
	Candles ..	0	0	6
	Dark Room Lamp ..	0	4	0
	1 oz. Pot. Bromide ..	0	0	6
	11 lbs. Hypo. ..	0	3	8
		<u>0 8 8</u>		
	Balance in hand ..	0	14	1
		<u>£1 2 9</u>		

G. E. COPE.

TUCK SHOP.

		<i>Receipts.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
1915.	Sales: Lent Term ..	91	7	3
	Trinity Term ..	118	1	3
	Michaelmas Term ..	117	19	0
		<u>£327 7 6</u>		

		<i>Expenditure.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
	Barker & Dobson, Sweets ..	34	14	1
	Cadbury Bros., Chocolate ..	54	17	10
	W. Carter, Mineral Water ..	13	8	8
	Jos Jones, Confectionery ..	92	8	6
	Peak Frean & Co., Biscuits ..	24	19	0
	C. W. Sherwin, Biscuits ..	6	5	0
	Imposition Paper ..	1	7	6
	Postage and Parcels ..	0	5	3
	Working Expenses ..	14	16	9
		<u>£243 2 7</u>		

Profit for the year

Allocated as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
	To Games Fund ..	5	0	0
	„ Gymnasium ..	73	13	6
	„ Swimming Bath ..	5	11	5
		<u>£327 7 6</u>		

GAMES' ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1915.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, 31st, Dec. 1914	4	1	3
Boys' Subscriptions :—			
Lent Term	21	10	0
Trinity Term	22	11	3
Michaelmas Term	24	16	6
Material Sold	11	15	11
Tennis Subscriptions	2	16	7
Part of Tuck Shop Profit—			
Summer Term	5	0	0
	£92	11	6

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Hockey Material	4	3	6
Cricket	11	19	9
Football	6	16	11
Tennis	0	19	0
Repairing Machine and Imple-			
ments	4	13	9
Groundsman—Wages	47	3	2
Groundsman's Assistant's Wages	10	15	2
Postage, Telegrams, & Parcels..	0	11	0
Sundries	0	18	3
Balance, amount in hand	4	11	0
	£92	11	6

RETROSPECT OF THE RUGBY SEASON.

The term did not open well owing to the scarcity of old colourmen and the absence of fixtures. However things brightened considerably after the first week, and the nucleus of the team was formed. The first match was not exactly a success but it served to find our weak points, especially at three-quarter. To add to our troubles our full back left at half term. A substitute had to be found and Kimpster filled the position.

Despite our doubts, Willaston proved the wisdom of the choice, for Kimpster played a splendid game and retained his position with ease. Later we found that our "threes" were not strong in defence, so Pilkington was brought out of the pack to aid the defence. He proved his worth at centre throughout the season. The forwards packed well, worked well in the tight and fairly well in the loose. Their tackling was rather inclined to the "strangulation" order. The halves were good, the scrum half was too prone to dribble from his own side of the scrum. At three-quarter we were good in patches, but solo efforts do not tend to a successful line. Summing up the results one can arrive at the conclusion that the team "played the game"—which is more important than a brilliant record sheet—and considering the size of our opponents did very well.

The Dormitory Matches served their purpose in giving players to the first team. They were fought out in splendid spirit and the smaller boys of the weak dormitories rather taught the bigger boys the art of tackling. In future seasons it is to be hoped that time will not be wasted before the matches in indulging in useless "spleen." The Shield is of secondary importance.

The final dormitory match was very exciting and worth going a long way to see.

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MATCHES.

Y.O.C. v. S.O.C. (Home).

The Military of Prees Heath paid us a second visit and on this occasion matters were equalised, the College having got more combined practice. The game did not furnish any great incidents or surprises. Coney scored a good try early on, which gave the team much courage. During a period of attacking the Officers got over.

It was a doubtful try but the referee gave them the benefit of the doubt. The game resulted therefore in a draw, 3—3.

The forwards showed more dash than in former games and thoroughly deserved the draw. In this match again we were unfortunate in having a disorganised three-quarter line, and one or two passengers in the front rank.

The Soldiers played a very hard game.

Tompkins was quite a creditable substitute for Kimpster at back. The forwards line was a bit weakened owing to the early departure of two of its usual members but it played well.

S.O.C. v. WILLASTON. (Home).

This match was begun under auspices favouring nothing so much as water-polo—a cold raw day with much rain. Both teams were short of their full complement of players. The game from the initial whistle resolved itself into a slithering scramble. Surprises were numerous in the pools of mud and water. The School "threes" got going several times, but, as one could expect, the final dash was not evident. Ultimately, after numerous efforts, the home team crossed. Garnett gave the "dummy" beautifully and scored the prettiest try of the season. However it was not converted. The second half was very stubbornly contested and at times the School tackling was not all that could be desired: there was too much of the half-finished neck-hold. The Willaston skipper played very well and could be seen in the thick of it throughout. The keenness of our side was rewarded by a second try by Pilkington, which was not converted. A further attempt to score was made but was unsuccessful, the three-quarters, from whom the School expected much, being too cold and damp and muddy to handle the ball with accuracy.

Result 6—0.

The Willaston team showed commendable pluck in keeping this fixture under such wretched climatic conditions. Kimpster tackled excellently for S.O.C. After the match he and Garnett and Taylor received their 1st XV. Colours, and Topham and Smith 2nd XV. Colours.

S.O.C. 1st XV. v.

16TH KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT.

Team:—*Back*, N. V. Hulme; *Three-quarters*, J. P. Edwards (Capt.), A. Ericson, C. B. Coney; N. P. Vanderbilt; *Halves*, E. Garnett, F. W. Smith; *Forwards*, W. T. Donovan, W. H. Pilkington, A. J. T. Topham, R. F. Taylor, H. M. Feltham, T. L. Minniece, W. J. Butterworth and S. L. B. Smith.

Owing to the late arrival of the visitors the kick-off was three-quarters-of-an-hour late. Our opponents were severely handicapped for a short time by the absence of two forwards. For the first ten minutes it was merely a give-and-take contest. Then, however, with a forward rush, the visitors took the play into the home 'twenty-five,' and this resulted in the opening score of an unconverted try. On resuming the school attacked energetically and were rewarded with a try scored by C. B. Coney. Donovan failed with the kick. This try was quickly followed by a brilliant run along the touch-line and a score by Vanderbilt, which was also not converted. Half-time: S.O.C. 6 pts., 16th King's 3.

During the interval the remaining two players of the visiting team arrived.

On the restart it soon became evident that the visitors' forwards, strengthened by the inclusion of two more players, were greatly superior to ours. Almost immediately they scored with a converted try. They were now easily the better side, though the School put up a stubborn defence, and succeeded in adding to their score with another try before "No Side"

was blown, leaving the score 11—6 in favour of the visitors.

For the Home side Pilkington and Hulme played well. The forwards were rather disappointing in their inability to combine. Had the Richmond three-quarter been marked in the first half the issue would have been beyond doubt a victory for S.O.C.

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

Team :—*Back*, W. A. Kimpster ; *Three-quarters*, E. A. Vanderbilt, A. Ericson, W. H. Pilkington and C. B. Coney ; *Halves*, E. Garnett and F. Smith ; *Forwards*, W. T. Donovan (Capt.), N. P. Vanderbilt, H. M. Feltham, L. B. Smith, A. T. Topham, R. F. Taylor, K. J. Slater, W. R. Goodman.

The game at Willaston was our first School match and therefore a real test. We started minus a forward. The pace was made by our opponents who were a well balanced team and extremely virile. There was no score for some time, and unfortunately we lost a forward injured. Near half time S.O.C. started controlling the scrums and the ball was sent out amongst the threes, but unfortunately the passing broke down in the wings. A solo effort by Coney opened the score. After half time Ericson scored a pretty try which was converted by Donovan who soon afterwards dropped a goal. The Willaston captain was doing great work for his side and made some brilliant runs. The Ellesmere forwards persisted in feeding their halves and threes, which resulted in Pilkington scoring an unconverted try. Final score, S.O.C. 15, Willaston 0.

This match was the means of discovering a new full back in Kimpster whose display was very fine. Pilkington at three was steady and could be depended on. Ericson and Garnett combined well. Most of the scores came from the openings made by the forwards, amongst whom Taylor,

Feltham and S. Smith were conspicuous. After the match Donovan, Pilkington (regained), Coney, Ericson, N. Vanderbilt and Feltham received their 1st XV. Colours.

CONVALESCENT SOLDIERS v. S.O.C. (Association).

A match was arranged between the wounded soldiers and an XI. from the School. The warriors started very vigorously and quite surprised the School team, who of course were not so well acquainted with the "Soccer" Code.

Collisions of a friendly nature were numerous and afforded the spectators much amusement. It was obvious that some of the men came from hotbeds of "Soccer" and consequently they gave our goal many anxious moments. At last success came to the military in the shape of a good goal, much to the delight of the crowd. After the interval "there was nothing to report from the front." Later "there was slight activity" near the S.O.C. goal. The College now woke up and gave a pretty display, Kendall and Ellis being especially good. Bowyer in goal was also good.

Near time the home team became busy and the soldiers evinced some anxiety. Finally the School scored and the game concluded with the score 1—1.

The visitors were later entertained to tea and the Staff presented them with cigarettes. They were not slow in showing their appreciation and one of them (who a short time before was administering gas at Loos) made a short speech thanking the Head for his kindness.

Team :—R. Bowyer, *goal* ; W. H. Pilkington, A. Ericson, *backs* ; N. P. Vanderbilt, J. P. Edwards (capt.), C. B. Coney, *halves* ; W. Kendall, F. Smith, C. Quilliam, C. Ellis, Sergt. Bloxham, R.W.F. *forwards*.

DORMITORY MATCHES.

K. HAROLD v. WOODARD.

This match needs no record as the score was 109—0 for the King Harold.

Teams :—KING HAROLD—E. Garnett iii. ; R. F. Taylor iii., W. A. Kimpster, W. H. Pilkington (Capt.), E. A. Vanderbilt ii., E. Girling, E. Pilkington iii. ; R. Bowyer, F. W. Smith ii., R. V. Settle, Thomas i., Tindall, G. Cameron, H. K. Davy, Garnett iv.

WOODARD.—H. J. Clee, Hey, Davies v, Ashby, Berry i., N. V. Dickinson (Capt.), Rice, E. H. Woodward, Ryan i., Parkinson i., Hughes, McIntyre, Wardle, Steele, Euing.

Clee and Hey played well for the Woodard.

KING ALFRED v. KING ARTHUR.

Although a very much heavier team, the King Alfred did not make full use of their advantage. The King Arthur played a very plucky game and were only beaten by the strength and occasional brilliancy of their opponents.

Teams :—KING ALFRED.—N. Hulme ; N. P. Vanderbilt, A. Ericson, Bromley, L. R. Tompkins ; S. L. B. Smith iii., G. T. Cattell i., A. J. T. Topham i. (Capt.), F. B. Topham ii., F. R. Law, C. D. Quilliam, W. L. B. Richards, D'Arcy A. Aubrey, C. Bullard, H. D. P. Cooper.

KING ARTHUR.—W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson ; C. Ellis, E. B. Balfour, J. P. Edwards (Capt.), G. R. B. Dixon ; F. J. S. Barclay, D. C. B. Bradburn, J. Huntington, K. J. Slater, C. G. Skinner, G. H. Adams. D. D. Parnell, A. V. L. Huxham, L. Irwin i. R. Irwin ii.

GORDON v. HEYWOOD.

This match was played on Nov. 4th. The teams were fairly evenly matched but

for the first few minutes the Gordon pressed and nearly got over the line. From a free kick however the Heywood broke away and Andrews scored a good try.

Shortly before half-time the Gordon scored from a scrimmage near the line but failed with the kick.

In the second half Prodger scored five times for the Heywood. The final score was 28—3 in favour of the Heywood.

For the *Heywood* Andrews, Prodger, Davies i., and Keatinge played well, while for the *Gordon* Howard and Keeley were the best.

Teams :—*Heywood*—L. R. Keatinge i., E. H. Fenton, A. G. C. Prodger, C. W. Bradley, J. Foster, J. O. Davies i., D. la C. Keatinge ii., J. W. Andrews (Capt.), J. Long, T. P. Farr, H. R. Oldham, S. G. Ellams, C. M. Amor, D. Riseley i., G. G. Osborne.

Gordon.—R. J. Everall ; C. L. Younger, O. F. J. Watkins, B. Carrick, B. H. Cathrick ; N. C. Harper, B. Howard (Capt.), C. R. Nevett, W. J. Keeley, A. B. Milton, W. D. L. Aherin, J. W. Robinson, C. F. Morris iii., G. M. Whiteway i.

K. EDWARD v. CONQUEROR.

The King Edward won the toss and elected to defend the College end of the ground. The Conqueror played a plucky game but owing to the weight of the King Edward team they lost by 17 points to nil.

Teams :—K. EDWARD.—F. A. C. Lindholm ; F. R. Hitchmough, C. B. Coney, W. E. W. Kendall, E. L. Coney ; W. R. Goodman, E. Corker, W. T. Donovan (Capt.), W. J. Butterworth, H. W. Garforth, F. Booth, T. C. Parkinson, S. L. Tims, R. Morgan, and W. A. Godwin.

CONQUEROR.—J. F. Bolland i. ; T. W. F. Bolland ii., H. C. Shingler, F. W. Williamson i., S. T. Morris ; J. R. de M. Jeffrey, J. W. Jones viii. ; T. L. Minniece

(Capt.), H. M. Feltham, A. Manley, V. T. Payton, Williamson ii., T. E. Aston, E. Pavillard, and McFall.

W. T. Donovan, C. B. Coney, W. T. Butterworth, and W. E. W. Kendall played well for the Edward, and for the Conqueror T. L. Minniece, H. M. Feltham, F. W. Williamson i., Bolland i., and Bolland ii.

Second Round.

K. ALFRED v. K. HAROLD.

This was a very good match and the King Alfred again lost through not using their weight to the best advantage.

For the *K. Alfred*, A. J. T. Topham i., A. Ericson, W. E. L. Richards and L. R. Tomkins played well. For the *King Harold* W. H. Pilkington, E. Garnett, R. F. Taylor, and R. Bowyer were the best.

The same teams were played as in the previous matches.

K. EDWARD v. HEYWOOD.

This game like too many of the matches, was a very one-sided one. The King Edward were superior in every way to the Heywood, and soon opened the score. Half-time arrived with the score 21-0. Later Prodger scored and converted with a good kick. The whistle blew with the score 35-5 in the K. Edward's favour.

For the K. Edward, W. E. W. Kendall, F. R. Hitchmough, F. Booth, and E. L. Coney played well.

For the Heywood, J. W. Andrews, A. G. C. Prodger, O. J. Davies i., L. R. Keatinge and D. la C. Keatinge played the best.

The same teams were played as in the previous matches.

Final.

KING EDWARD v. KING HAROLD.

This was the most exciting match of the season; the two strongest dormitories met.

The match was played on a very sticky ground and was a forwards' game throughout. At half-time neither Dormitory had scored. Shortly after the restart, C. B. Coney received the ball from the scrum and scored between the posts. Donovan converted it. After this respite the Harold forwards pressed but with no success. Just before the close of the game C. B. Coney again scored and Donovan converted, leaving the Edward victorious by 10 points to 0.

Teams:—KING HAROLD.—*Back*, Garnett iii.; *Threequarters*, Settle, Kimpster, Pilkington i. (Capt.), Vanderbilt ii.; *Halves*, E. Girling, and Pilkington iii.; *Forwards*, R. F. Taylor, R. Bowyer, F. Smith, G. Thomas, G. Cameron, W. Tindall, P. H. Greenhow, E. Thomas ii.

KING EDWARD.—*Full Back*, H. Lindholm; *Threequarters*, F. R. Hitchmough, C. B. Coney, W. E. Kendall and E. L. Coney; *Halves*, E. Corker, W. R. Goodman; *Forwards*, W. T. Donovan (Capt.), W. J. Butterworth, J. C. Parkinson, H. W. Garforth, H. Betteridge, W. A. Godwin, R. Morgan.

For the victors, J. C. Parkinson and H. W. Garforth played well and received their Dormitory Colours. F. Booth also played well.

For the losers, W. H. Pilkington, E. Garnett and W. A. Kimpster played well. R. F. Taylor and R. Bowyer might have done better.

THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian gratefully acknowledges the following gifts of books:—

"The Captain," 9 years. Miss Lewis (late of Beech House).

"Land and Water": Mr. Whiteway.

Le Queux: "The Unnamed." Chaplin-Wilkinson.

H. Caine : " The Shadow of a Crime." F. B. Topham.

J. Porter : " The Scottish Chief." J. P. Edwards.

Mrs. Craik : " John Halifax, Gentleman." J. P. Edwards.

Irwin i. (?)

APPEAL FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

On behalf of the School Library I am venturing to make an appeal for Subscriptions for the following objects :—

- (a) Repairing and Refurnishing.
- (b) Standard Literature—Historical, Literary, Scientific, Classical, &c.—and Works of Reference.
- (c) Works of Fiction suitable for a School.

The annual income of the Library is rather less than £9, and as that sum has to cover the cost of new books, repairing and rebinding books, lantern lectures, and the upkeep of the room, it is obviously impossible to make improvements without a substantial addition to its finances.

Practically nothing has been spent on it for ten years, and at the present time the floor-covering and a great part of the furniture need renewing. Also new book-cases are required.

Works of Fiction, suitable for a School, are comparatively few in number and it is impossible properly to supply the wants of the School. Sets of Standard Novels are also needed.

Works of Reference and Standard Literature are practically non-existent, whereas the library ought to possess a large and varied assortment to meet all requirements.

To make the library at all worthy of the School and to enable it to fulfil its purpose,

a large sum of money is required, and so I am asking all who take an interest in the school to contribute something to what is one of the most important institutions in the general life of the School.

G. E. COPE (Librarian).

Donations to the Library Fund (to March 9th) :—

	£	s.	d.
The Rev. Provost Talbot ..	5	0	0
Sir Offley Wakeman (Custos) ..	5	0	0
R. E. R. Brocklebank, Esq. ..	3	0	0
Sir Arthur Heywood ..	2	0	0
Earl Brownlow ..	2	0	0
Rev. L. A. Phillips (Senior Chaplain) ..	1	0	0
W. H. Mason, Esq. ..	0	10	0
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The following have also promised donations : The Head Master £5, The Librarian £2, The Chaplain £1, Dr. Drawbridge.

Further donations will be acknowledged in the next number of the ' Ellesmerian.'

STEEPLECHASE.

The Annual Steeplechase was run on Wednesday, March 15th. This year there were two separate events, Open and Junior (under 15), the former being about 2½ miles and the latter 1¼ miles. The number of entries were considerably larger than usual, 30 in the Senior, 59 in the Junior, and most of them turned out. Unfortunately the weather was wretched in the afternoon, snow or sleet falling the whole time, but the competitors pluckily turned out and nearly all completed the course. Considering the conditions the times were very good. The following were the results.

		<i>Seniors.</i>		Time.
		Secs.		
1	Ellis ..	(75)	17 min. 30 secs	
2	Bolland ii.	(15)	16 min. 44 secs	
3	Morgan ii.	(5)	17 mins.	
4	Manley ..	(90)	17 min. 52 secs	
5	Jones..	(105)		
6	Everall ..	(105)		
7	Coney i.	(Scr.)		
8	Tomkins ..	(35)		
9	Cattell i.	(90)		
10	Price i.	(15)		
11	Bullard ..	(25)		
12	Aubrey ..	(60)		
13	Huxham ..	(95)		
14	Shingler ..	(90)		
15	Garnett iii.	(30)		
16	Parnell ..	(100)		
17	Weeks ..	(90)		
18	Morris i.	(110)		
19	Smith ii.	(15)		
20	Feltham ..	(35)		
21	Vanderbilt i...	(5)		
22	Pilkington i...	(10)		
23	Ericson ..	(10)		

		<i>Juniors.</i>		Time.
		Secs.		
1	Williamson i.	(35)	13 min. 50 sec.	
2	Skinner ..	(40)	13 min. 59 sec.	
3	Harper ..	(45)	14 min. 17 sec.	
4	Slater ..	(Scr.)	13 min. 33 sec.	
5	Younger ..	(40)		
6	Price ii.	(55)		
7	Kendall ..	(15)		
8	Adams ..	(Scr.)		
9	Pavillard i.	(55)		
10	Lindholm ..	(10)		
11	Keatinge ii.	(20)		
12	Watkins ..	(75)		
13	Roberts ..	(40)		
14	Bruxby i.	(40)		
15	Euing ..	(60)		
16	Carrick ..	(65)		
17	Rice ..	(60)		
18	Nevett i.	(10)		

		Secs.
19	Ryan iii. ..	(45)
20	Pavillard ii.	(55)
21	Amor.. ..	(40)
22	Andrews ..	(75)
23	Garnett iv. ..	(50)
24	Hope ..	(75)
25	Shirlaw ..	(50)
26	Blake ..	(95)
27	Wardle ..	(75)
28	Bradburn ..	(30)
29	Horne-Roberts	(65)
30	Ryan ii. ..	(45)
31	Steele ..	(85)
32	Garnett v. ..	(60)
33	Riddall ..	(85)
34	Pilkington iii.	(50)
35	Taylor ii. ..	(80)
36	Walker ..	(70)
37	Lane-Williams	(55)
38	Morgan ..	(65)
39	Wilks ..	(50)
40	Fox-Russell i.	(85)
41	Bruxby ii. ..	(70)
42	Riseley ii. ..	(65)
43	Nankivell ..	(40)
44	Lee ii. ..	(75)
45	Riseley i. ..	(45)

The times were all from scratch, and the prizes for the best times were won by Bolland ii. (Senior) and Slater (Junior).

CHARACTERS OF XV.

**J. P. Edwards* (forward).—A forward with pace and a good dribbler. Led the pack well. Was not a success at threequarter. Good kick.

**W. T. Donovan* (forward).—Hard working and dashing forward. Quite a good place-kick. Rather erratic in his tackling. A little too verbose at times.

**W. H. Pilkington* (threequarter).—A much improved player with weight and grit. A safe kick and cool in

emergencies. Has the makings of a class player, when he has learnt the art of passing. Taken from the pack to strengthen the backs.

- *C. *B. Coney* (threequarter).—A speedy and dashing threequarter. A little prone to wandering from his position. A good tackler. Proper position is on the wing.
- *A. *Ericson* (threequarter).—A centre of good quality. Uses his head, and has an eye for an opening. What he lacks in pace he makes up in judgment. He tackles consistently, and is an excellent kick.
- *N. *P. Vanderbilt* (threequarter).—A wing of the old order, goes for the line with much dash. Does not make enough use of the touchline. Fair tackler. Hands off well.
- *H. *Feltham* (forward).—A consistent worker. Puts every ounce into the "tight." The most improved forward and easily the safest tackler. Should remember that there are fourteen other players waiting for the ball when he is hard pressed.
- *W. *A. Kimpster* (full back).—The surprise packet of the season. Splendid touch-finder. Quite a good tackler. What he lacks in weight he makes up in coolness and pluck.
- *E. *Garnett* (stand off half).—A much improved player who uses the "dummy" to effect. Splendid in defence and using judgment in attack. Sure tackler, and quite a success in his position.
- *R. *F. Taylor* (forward).—Has found his position in the pack. A good bustling forward. Much improved his defence. A good kick.
- S. *L. B. Smith* (forward).—A forward who lacks weight but not courage. Keeps up the pace from the kick-off to the

end. One of the solid scrimmagers of the team.

- W. *L. Richards* (forward).—A fast forward and a hard worker. His early departure rather interfered with the composition of the pack. Made rapid progress within a short period.
 - W. *R. Goodman* (forward).—A "heady" forward. Quite useful for filling a back position at a crisis. With another season should become a really good forward.
 - F. *W. Smith* (scrum half).—Small and plucky. The best dribbler in the side. Should remember to feed his partner in the opposing half of the field. Not afraid to go down on the ball.
 - A. *J. T. Topham* (forward).—Heavy and slow but fairly good in the tight. Does not use his weight to the best advantage.
 - K. *J. Slates* (forward).—A "find" of the Dormitory matches. A rare tackler and scrimmager. Consistent. Should improve with a little avoirdupois.
- * Signifies 1st XV. Colours.

MUSICAL NOTES.

Our Chapel Services have been steadily improving since Mr. Righton joined us as Musical Director. The Choir are most keen; and the trebles are wonderfully good. Stainer's service in F has been added to the list of services, and forms a pleasant change after so much Merbecke.

Quite a good Concert was held at the end of last term. Both Russell and Younger shewed to advantage in their respective songs, and bore evidence of careful training; whilst Farr (who has now left), Clee and Locke played interesting Piano Solos. The unison songs and part-songs were well rendered; and the tone of the trebles was excellent. The following was the programme:—

PART I.

1. UNISON SONG "Let the hills resound"
Richards.

THE SINGING CLASSES.

2. PIANO SOLO "Spinnerlied"
Mendelssohn

H. V. LOCKE.

3. SONG "Angels ever bright and fair"
Handel

C. L. YOUNGER.

4. SKETCH (HUMOROUS)

MR. SAXELBYE.

5. UNISON SONG "Under the Flag" *Lane*
THE SINGING CLASSES.

6. VIOLIN SOLOS:

(a) "Sérénade" *Schubert*

(b) Norvégienne, A. Von Ahn Carse

MR. BARTON.

7. SONG "The Troubadour's Song" *Verdi*
("Il Trovatore")

MR. EVANS.

8. PIANO SOLO "Crépuscule" . *Friml*
T. P. FARR.

9. GLEE (4 voices), "The Three Chafers"
Truhn

MESSRS. EVANS, PESTLE, SAXELBYE
AND WILLIAMS.

10. SONG "Somewhere a voice is calling"
Tate

MR. WILLIAMS.

PART II.

11. PART-SONG "O, who will o'er the
downs so free" *Pearsall*

THE CHOIR.

12. PIANO SOLO "Deuxième Mazurk"
Godard

H. J. CLEE.

13. UNISON SONG "The Admiral's Broom"
Bevan.

THE SINGING CLASSES.

14. GLEE (3 voices) "Ye Shepherds tell
me" *Mazzinghi*

MESSRS. EVANS, PESTLE & SAXELBYE.

15 PIANO SOLOS

(a) Nocturne in E Flat *Chopin*(b) Norwegian Bridal Procession *Grieg*

MR. RIGHTON.

16. SONG "The Chorister" *Sullivan*
F. W. RUSSELL.

- 17 TWO-PART-SONG "The Fairies"
Righton

THE CHOIR.

18. VOCAL (a) "Ma Normandie" *Béral*
(b) "La Marseillaise"

19. DUET "Hearts and Homes" *Blockley*
W. J. KEELEY AND MR. RIGHTON.

20. Vocal "Russian National Hymn"

—
GOD SAVE THE KING.

BOOKS.

When your indefatigable Editor invited me to write for the "Ellesmerian" he did not come alone; in what capacity the gentleman who accompanied him came I am at a loss to conjecture, whether to overcome any refusal or unwillingness by reasoned argument or to support that much maligned species of men (if we may rely on various contemporary comic (?) papers which portray Editors going through various exciting times) in case of violence, I must leave to your imagination and go on to declare that, in a moment of weakness I consented to send a contribution.

I asked, before the departure of the gentleman aforesaid, what kind of articles would go down and was told it should be breezy.

I felt perhaps a few words about books might not be out of place.

If the very name of books bores you, take my advice, and pass on to some article more to your taste.

When Charles Dickens was a boy there was, in a house in which he at one time lived, a small selection of books, which, it

is more than likely played on small part in producing one of the greatest novelists the world has ever seen. Having nothing else to read, he read and re-read these and we are told, in Forster's life of Dickens, that he became so steeped in the characters and scenes that he would for one week imagine himself to be one character and the next week another.

Probably it was owing to this that he had such a wonderful imagination, for, like the muscles, that also can be hardened and developed.

"Well!" you will say, "What are you driving at?" It is this—Take some of the best novels of our wonderful literature, and read and re-read them until you become steeped in them—then you too will come to find the characters old friends, who will always give you a welcome—and the scenes will be to you as familiar as home. You will not gain this by the practice of *glancing* through books.

Does it not appear good to know such friends and scenes? There are times in the lives of all of us when we are smarting under some wound caused, either by others or, worse, by our own fault. At these times we should like to talk to a friend about it but do not like the idea of being told we have acted foolishly, which very likely we have. Then, it is, that our silent friends will cheer us up. We can commence with them and they will not—cannot—be brutally frank with us.

A DESCRIPTION OF A MORNING OF 'WORK' IN THE SIXTH.

Every morning punctually at four minutes to nine the various members of the Sixth form may be seen casually wending their way towards their places in the School Room—I say "may be seen," but this is perhaps not quite accurate as

the upper portion of a Sixth Former's body is invariably concealed by a mountain of dictionaries, library books and black notebooks.

The Sixth form spend the few minutes which elapse before the bell rings, in counting up the number of "slacks" for the day or in idly wondering what coloured tie the master, who takes the form for the first hour, will be sporting. Presently the bell rings. Now begins the anxious task of collecting one's books into a neat, portable pile—a difficult job for while one is laboriously picking up the remains of a catechism which has fallen on the floor, the cumbersome Greek Lexicon slides down the inclined plane of the desk with an accelerated velocity only equalled by the speed with which the bending one leaps up when the Lexicon catches his neck. At length all enter the class-room for the French lesson.

The first thing which strikes us as we enter the Sixth, is a horrible odour of toasted scones, condensed milk (liberally scattered over the floor and the master's desk) and oily hockey sticks. The lengthy process of obtaining permission in French to open the windows is then gone through. Then the work begins and we really work very hard—at evading a promised French test. However, we soon wriggle out of this by suddenly discovering that we have "forgotten" our exercise books. Having gained this victory we suddenly recollect that the master promised to read us somebody's English verse translation of some French poem or other. By the time that this has been read and the various members of the form have been awakened from their deep sleep, the First Bell sounds. Thus endeth the First Lesson.

The next lesson is, let us say, Latin. At Latin we are absolutely "it." Well, the Classical master says himself that he

doesn't like marking our Latin proses because they often contain subtle idioms that he hasn't met before. We are great believers in free translation. We translate everything freely. "Cave canem" is translated freely into "Look out, I am going to sing." The fact that the literal rendering would be "beware of the dog" does not matter to us. We spend the first part of the hour in laboriously copying out from dictation the fair copy of a Latin prose we did a week ago, while the last portion of the period is spent in trying to understand the fair copy. In this way the second hour is spent.

The next two hours are, let us say, maths. Sometimes we do mental Geometry. At these times we train our minds to see imaginary triangles and circles floating about in the air before us. Often you are going through lengthy theorems in this way when just as you are getting to the final "therefore" somebody taps you on the arm to know the time. It is very annoying but teaches you self-restraint among other things. At other times we do differential calculus and we draw pictures of hills and valleys which we afterwards learn is the graph of $y=f(x)$ (or function x). Then we find gradients, turning values, differential co-efficients and a multitude of similar atrocities. By the time the bell goes we are simply exhausted, mentally at least, by our hard morning's work.

POETRY.

*Hymnus Vespertinus in usum
Defensorum Nostrorum.*

I.

For Chorus.

Vix per igues, vix per enses.
Longos iam salvati menses—
Grates, Pater, agimus !

Diris glandibus vexatos,
Paene quassos, dissipatos—
Nos servabit Dominus.

II.

In Unison.

Tibi dico sacramentum ;
Mihi Hades vult tormentum—
Tu sed cuncta ordinas :

For Chorus.

Fidum Te habemus ducem,
Noctu tandem reddis lucem—
Tu pro bello pacem das.

III.

For Chorus.

Tum ad Domum nos vertemus,
Cordis spem inveniemus—
Caritatem, requiem,
Aut—sub cespite longinquo,
Caelo omnibus propinquo—
Exspectabimus Diem.

Carolus Arcarius.

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AN EVENING HYMN FOR THE

DEFENDERS OF OUR COUNTRY.

Fresh from fields of fire and slaughter
Saved from death in air, earth, water—
Thanks we tender, Lord, to Thee.
When the guns athwart us thundered
When we reeled, or failed, or blundered—
Thou from harm hast kept us free.

Holders of Thy High Commission,
Fiends would hurl us to perdition—
But Thy might shall all transcend ;
Days of gloom shall set in gladness
Smiling peace succeed to madness—
For the weariest war must end.

Then to Home at last returning,
We shall gain our hearts' true yearning—
Rest, and greet the souls we love :
Or—beneath the soil of strangers,
Far from fears and pains and dangers—
Wait Thy summons from above.

C.A.

EXTRACTS (FROM THE GREEK).

'Tis here I, Dionysius, lie.

Evil my days have been and few.
I passed through life without a wife,
O that my sire had done so too !

* * *

(*Gold*).

Gold ! thou sire of sordid flattery,
Gold with wasting care begot ;
Always fearful he who holds thee,
Fretful he who holds thee not.

* * *

(*Secrets of the Toilet*).

Nicylla dyes her hair ; who would have
thought it ?

Not so ! the hair was dyed before she
bought it.

* * *

(*An Evil Conscience*).

Short is life's whole career to those
Who think and act aright,
But wicked men will find an age
E'en in a single night.

* * *

(*The Slothful*).

In gaol the slothful Marcus lay
With charge of crime no longer press'd ;
Rather than rise and walk away
He closed his eyelids and *confess'd*.

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TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH OF
THEODORE DE BAUVILLE
(1823—91).

Oh fair as sun of Italy,
Youth who from sadness still doth flee,
Keep ever thy divine folly.

For that is wisdom, love of mine,
Beauty and springtime the divine,
That is enough ; nought else be thine.

Smile even if harsh fate oppose
And, when returns the rathe primrose,
Its flowers in thy glass dispose.

To bodies poison'd in cold clay
What's felt but memory to-day
Of having loved in months of May ?

Effects and causes ye should learn
Thus speak the sullen dreamers stern
Vain words ! For roses yet we yearn.

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THE GIFT OF PEACE.

When England dwelt in peace
But two short years ago,
The greatness of that gift
The Nation did not know.

The homes of England then
Were full of joy and mirth ;
But little did they know
How much that joy was worth.

For now o'er England fair,
O'er this once peaceful shore
Is hanging day and night
The cloud of darkest war.

Now sad are English homes
Which once were gay and bright
And heavy are the hearts
Which in those days were light.

There's many a child who waits
For those he'll never see ;
There's many a loved one lost
Across that narrow sea.

There's many a yearning heart,
There's many a tearful eye,
There's many a quivering voice
That says its last " Good-bye."

It's for a noble cause
That England suffers so ;
And soon a victory
Shall end this cry of woe.

And then will England know,
How great are peace and rest.
And find of all great gifts
These truly are the best.

T.E.H.W

PRIZE POEM.

O fairest ! Blythe April's returned at last,
The sun's shining bright now drear winter's
past.

The birds from their nests fill the air with
song,

Come out unto me, I have waited long.
The breezes are soft and the sky is blue.
O fairest : Here I am waiting for you.

O fairest ! Forget your seducing glass.
Flee away and haste or the moon will pass,
Trouble not to arrange your golden hair,
Leave ribbons and bows and leave flowers
there ;

For the bushes and thorns will kinder be,
O fairest, if thou art simple and free.

O fairest ! Come quickly ! We'll find our
way

To the glade where butterflies always play,
Where dragon-flies dart o'er the shady
pool

In the wood with the deer, how sweet and
cool.

Ah ! she's coming at last ; I hear her call,
O fairest ! I'm here by the water-fall.

C.B.

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TOMMY ATKINS.

Three cheers for Tommy Atkins,
The foe of Germany,
The son of dear old England,
The maker of the Free.

Though I am just a school-boy,
I'd like to do my bit,
I'd like to be a soldier
With my uniform and kit.

I'd like to shoot the Germans
As they proudly charge along
I'd like to singe the Kaiser's beard
As Drake did in a song.

H.E.S. (aged 12).

THE HEROIC MARQUIS OF DELORILLE.

Can these be men ? this wild and beggared
throng ?

With lust so mad, they know not right
from wrong.

With blood enough to swim, they cry for
more.

This awful frenzied slaughter's worse than
war.

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The galleries round that lofty hall

Were packed from pillar and rail to carven
wall

And down below, long rows of armed men
Stood grimly still and silent till the hour of
ten.

The clock up in the tower chimes out loud
and clear,

The strokes that some desired, but that
many'd learnt to fear.

Hushed is the recent babble, hushed the
eager mob,

Only in the distance drums faintly beat
and throb,

At last a curtained portal in the gloomy
farther wall

Swings slowly on its hinges and we hear
the warders call.

A man with hasty gesture comes swiftly
through the door

And his footsteps in the silence, echo
weirdly from the floor.

A fierce, exultant shout swells loud and
dies away,

Like the billows on the shingle on a wild
and stormy day.

But heedless of the clamour he takes his
velvet seat,

While nearer and yet nearer comes the
tramp of marching feet.

Again the door swings open, again the
warders call,

Then a troop of stalwart soldiers come
filing through the hall,

And 'midst them pale and weary, though
 with pride unbending still
 Walks the once all-honoured Marquis of
 the lands of Delorille.
 His fine and graceful figure is clothed in
 faded silk,
 And his hair, well curled and powdered, is
 brushed back, white as milk.
 Now there he stands, erect and tall
 And gazes scornful round them all ;
 'Till the man before him seated, with harsh
 and grating voice,
 Bids him hasten quickly to make his fatal
 choice.
 Then flashed those fearless eyes of his with
 a deep and haughty light,
 " My choice is made already, I'll die before
 to-night."
 Still smiled the man beside him with his
 cruel sarcastic smile ;
 " Tarry but a moment, sire,—it will be
 worth your while,"
 Then signalled with a careless hand
 To the soldiers who behind him stand,
 Another door was opened wide,
 And the noble Marquis looked and sighed
 Some more brave men were come, thought
 he,
 To walk to death as well as he.
 But scarce had he raised his eyes again
 When he started back as if in pain.
 For there he saw his long lost wife,
 Her, whom he loved far more than life.
 Was she to die as well as he ?
 Alas ! this dreadful cruelty.
 He passed his trembling hand so white,
 Across his eyes to hide the sight.
 But then his manly strength returned
 And he looked at her for whom he yearned.
 While she, that young and tender bloom,
 Beside him stood in the silent room ;
 For the crowd seemed afraid of the man in
 the chair
 With his curling lip and his lank brown
 hair.
 The Marquis stooped with his grace refined.

The whispering throng he did not mind,
 This was his loved and gentle queen,
 It mattered not how strait the scene ;
 He kissed her hand and turned around
 But his voice in an angry buzz was drown-
 ed.

He stood and held his proud head high
 Knowing that both were prepared to die.
 But longer yet had they to wait,
 Before they should pass the dreaded gate ;
 For there came a long and dreary speech
 Telling them what were the faults of each :
 Yet as time was dear they listened not,
 Their troubles and trials were all forgot ;
 Fondly together they whispered low
 The words of love used long ago.
 Great tears trickled down her tender cheeks
 And her fair young head his shoulder seeks.
 'Tis time, alas ! She hides her face
 And he holds her in a last embrace.
 He kisses the tiny wisps of hair, that stray
 around her brow,
 O cruel tyrant in the chair to part these
 lovers now.
 But go they must ; he firmly draws apart
 Those gentle arms that twine around his
 heart
 And she with one last bitter, bitter sob
 That overawes the silent wondering mob
 Stands still beside the calm, courageous
 man, who loved her so.

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Then passed this proud, yet noble pair
 away,
 And France long since repents that awful
 day,
 When the flower of the land were cruelly
 slain and killed,
 Just simply that with vengeance the peo-
 ple might be filled.

C.B.

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RONDEAU.

His garment Time hath ceased to wear
 Of wind, of frost, of chilling rain ;

His raiment hath he donned again
Of shining sun all bright and fair.

Nor bird nor beast is anywhere
From song or shout that can refrain ;
His garment Time hath ceased to wear
Of wind, of frost, and chilling rain.

With drops of gold or silver rare
Each river stream and cool fountain
To deck its pretty robe is fair
Now dressed in all beyond compare
His garment Time hath ceased to wear.

[Translated from the French of Charles
d'Orleans (1391—1465)].

O.T.C.

Execrable weather has hindered the work of the Corps this term to a very large extent. Several parades have been held in the Big School, which, however, is a very poor substitute for a drill-hall. The number of 12.15 parades a week has been cut down to three, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Simultaneously there has been a great increase in keenness among the cadets, especially the N.C.Os.

The strength of the Contingent is at present 137. The following are this term's recruits :—F. B. Greenwood, F. R. Hitchmough, E. Hughes, C. Hutton, J. D. Jones. G. S. Morgan (i.), R. W. Price (i.), Ryan (ii.), Ryan (iii.), G. H. Sturgess, D. Thompson, O. F. Watkins, G. Martyn.

N.C.O.'s :—*Sergeant* : C. B. Coney, N. P. Vanderbilt. *Lance-Corporal* : F. B. Topham, A. Ericson, W. H. Pilkington, R. Bowyer, E. Garnett, R. F. Taylor, R. V. Settle.

Shooting at the Miniature Range has been prevented by the cold weather. It is hoped that it will be possible to have a Field Day on Thursday, March 30th,

Circumstances have now placed the Officers Training Corps in quite a privileged position. Some time ago the Army Council issued orders restricting Commissions in the future to N.C.O.'s and men in the ranks. Since then it has been decided that all such candidates for commissions should do four months' training in a Cadet Battalion before being gazetted; and recommended cadets of the O.T.C. are now also allowed to apply for admission to a Cadet Battalion. O.T.C. Cadets are thus given the same facilities as soldiers for obtaining commissions. In the case of a cadet of a school contingent leaving before he is old enough to join a Cadet Battalion, the War Office recommends that he should join a Contingent of the Senior Division to continue his training until he is old enough. For this purpose, University Contingents are now accepting extra-mural cadets, *i.e.*, one need not be an undergraduate of the University to become a cadet in its O.T.C. If however a boy remains at school until he is 18½ years old, he may apply to be admitted direct to a Cadet Battalion.

The General Inspection will be in June. Everyone should therefore make it a point to attend every parade until then, and avoid catching a cold, spraining his ankle, etc., as far as he can.

IN MEMORIAM.

FREDERICK CHARLES CAMPBELL.

We regret very much to record the death on March 21st of an Old Ellesmerian, Frederick Charles Campbell, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. T. S. and D. Evans, tanners and leather merchants, Oswestry. Mr. Campbell was at St. Oswald's College from September 1884 to July 1888, and took a great interest in the School. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son (now in France with the 6th K.S.L.I.), to whom we tender our deepest sympathy.

VALETE.

- J. P. Edwards.* Entered May 1913. Dormitory Prefect, March 1915. Prefect March 1915. Captain of School September 1915. Shooting Eight Colours December 1914. Captain of Shooting April 1915. 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1915. Captain of Rugby 1915. Sergeant O.T.C. Secretary of Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Arthur).
- W. T. Donovan.* Entered September 1910. Dormitory Prefect October 1914. Prefect November 1914. Prefect of Hall September 1915. 2nd XV. Rugby Colours 1914. 1st XI. Cricket Colours 1915. 1st XV. Rugby Colours 1915. Lce.-Corporal O.T.C. Sergeant-at-Arms Debating Society. Form VI. (King Edward).
- A. J. T; Topham.* Entered May 1909. Dormitory Prefect April 1915. Prefect May 1915. Prefect of Chapel September 1915. 2nd XV. Rugby

Colours 1915. Sergeant O.T.C. Reporting Secretary Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Alfred).

- J. Huntington.* Entered September 1911. Dormitory Prefect May 1915. Prefect October 1915. Lce.-Corporal O.T.C. Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Arthur).
- J. W. Andrews.* Entered May 1913. Prefect October 1915. O.T.C. Debating Society. VI. Form. (Heywood).
- F. R. Law.* Entered January 1914. Prefect October 1915. Sergeant Armourer O.T.C. Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Alfred).
- W. A. Kimpster.* Entered January 1913. Dormitory Prefect October 1915. 1st XI. Cricket Colours 1915. 1st XV. Rugby Colours 1915. O.T.C. Member of Committee of Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Harold).
- W. L. Richards.* Entered May 1915. 2nd XV. Rugby Colours 1915. O.T.C. Debating Society. (King Alfred).
- T. L. Minniece.* Entered September 1913. Dormitory Prefect October 1915. O.T.C. Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Arthur).
- W. R. Goodman.* Entered September 1912. Dormitory Prefect October 1915. Prefect January 1916. 2nd XV. Rugby Colours 1915. O.T.C. Debating Society. VI. Form. (King Edward).

The following also left :—P. H. Greenhow, J. Parkinson, H. Parkinson, T. P. Farr, N. Thomas.

SALVETE.

R. W. Price i., L. A. Price ii., D. W. Jones, C. Hutton, H. E. P. Hurford, F. B. Greenwood i., T. J. Greenwood ii., D. L. Farrar, G. Sturgess, A. W. Lee i., T. C.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ELLESMERIAN."
SIR,

When I entered the School one of the first things to catch my eye was the row of Shooting Eight boards in the Headmaster's corridor. They were then needing one more to bring them up-to-date. Since then no others have been added, although there has been a Shooting Eight each year. I should very much like to know why the others have not been put up.

I am, Sir,

Yours etc.,

"INQUIRER."

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ELLESMERIAN."
SIR,

At the risk of incurring your displeasure may I venture to remark on the monotony of your prefacing every "Editorial" with a reference to the irksomeness of the task of writing it. No one is readier than I am to admit that it is rather annoying to have to sacrifice ten minutes or so (which might be more pleasantly and profitably employed on the composition of Latin Prose) to such a thankless job. But why mention it in every number? It only makes the editorial longer and the task therefore more irksome still. And besides it can easily be remedied. What Junior, for instance, would hesitate to supply an 'editorial' in return for, say, a jam bun. Other methods of evading the duty will readily occur to your readers. But to complain of it every term is to my mind

unconscionable. One does not usually begin a Latin prose like this: "At last the weary task has come; once more we take up our pen to translate exercise 156"; or a maths test paper like this: "For the seventh time since we were promoted to the fourth form are we called upon—much against our will—to lay before an indulgent master a suggested solution of the binominal theorem." No, Sir; let us perform all our tasks without complaining. But if you insist on opening your heart thus to your readers, we shall retaliate by issuing a manifesto which will begin thus: Once more, yes, once more we open our mags. to perform the most thankless of tasks, the most distasteful of duties: once more must we plough through the "Editorial" in "The Ellesmerian."

Hoping that these remarks will be taken seriously,

I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

"CONSTANT READER,"

[A reference to our Editorial notes of this issue will shew our readers what value we place on the above remarks.—ED.]

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