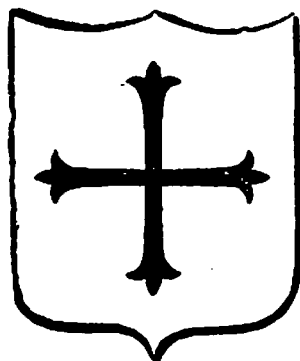


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EDITORIAL.

Perhaps we should begin this editorial with the oft-quoted tag from Horace, *dulce est desipere in loco*, ("sweet it is to play the fool in the Locals."), were it not that we should be guilty of writing what is, to the junior members of the school at least, a platitude. However, we trust that those who have entered will do their utmost to win fresh laurels for their Alma Mater, and we take this opportunity of wishing them all the best of luck in the trying ordeal before them.

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There is very little this term which calls for our editorial comment. No doubt our readers will be as surprised as we were by the amount of Correspondence which has poured in on us. We think an innovation pleasing to all would be the introduction of a "grievance page." This would supply Ellesmere College with a sort of Hyde Park in which the "tub-thumpers" can hold forth and tell us how things *should* be done. At any rate 'tis *one* way of filling the magazine!

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With regard to innovations in *The Ellesmerian* we have had serious thoughts of bringing out the magazine at the beginning, instead of the end, of the term. This arrangement, as has been pointed out from time to time, would enable all the news of one term to be included in the same number, the tiresome necessity of reading the dormitory matches of one term in two issues being thus avoided. Other similar advantages are too obvious to need mention. Will subscribers therefore kindly note that in future *The Ellesmerian* will be published at the beginning of each term, *i.e.*, in January, May and September.

As we go to press we learn that the Camp is to be held at Thoresby, near Worksop. We trust that all in the O.T.C. will do their best to attend this year, as attendance at camp is one of the essential parts of a cadet's training.

We are proud to say that the O.T.C. has once more proved its general efficiency at the annual inspection held in June. The report on the whole was very satisfactory, and should encourage cadets to be keener members of the Corps than they have been in the past.

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We cannot close this Editorial without a word upon the spirited attack on ourselves made by a gentleman whom we shall refer to as X. His contribution is the "star turn" of what should be the "grievance page." He finds fault with everything, yet effects nothing. He suggests no improvements, he merely carps at the genial chit-chat of the Editor—though, mark you, there is no reference to the weather in the Editorial (unless our critic has mistaken the Latin in the first paragraph for a weather report). This fact, however, does not deter Mr. X. No, he is of sterner stuff. He draws freely upon a somewhat lively imagination, and having worked himself into a perfect ecstasy of poetic frenzy he bursts into verse "bold in its fine originality." Personally, we always considered that an Editorial was merely a means of keeping the Editor in touch with his readers—an article written in conversational style *a propos* of nothing in particular. We were even foolish enough to think that the Editor could write what he liked—just as a poet can write what he likes. Always a firm believer in the freedom of the press we must admit ignorance of any hard and fast rules governing the writing of Editorials. Perhaps X. can help us out. He

complains that the Editorial is nonsense : we reply, though in no way wishing to pay Mr. X a subtle compliment, in the words of a famous wit, " It takes a clever man to talk nonsense."

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects.

- W. H. Pilkington*—Captain of School ; Captain of Tennis ; Member of Games' Committee ; Member of Debating Society Committee.
- A. Ericson*—Prefect of Hall ; Captain of Cricket ; Captain of Shooting ; Sergeant-at-Arms, Debating Society.
- S. L. B. Smith*—Prefect of Chapel ; Secretary of Games ; Member of Debating Society Committee.
- H. P. Cooper.*
- D. D. Parnell*—Editor of *The Ellesmerian* ; Member of Debating Society Committee ; Assistant Librarian.
- W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson*—Secretary of Debating Society ; Member of Games' Committee ; Assistant Librarian.
- H. W. Garforth.*
- R. W. Price.*

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Mr. Baker left us last term after being here only a short time.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. D. C. E. Craigie, M.A., Oxford, who was a master at Ellesmere some years ago. He is now Swimming master, and Assistant Dormitory Master of the Reds.

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We offer our congratulations to R. W. Price on being made a Prefect this term.

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A. Ericson is Captain of Cricket and Shooting, and W. H. Pilkington is Captain of Tennis.

A route march took place on June 8th to Baschurch through Bagley and Weston, and back by another route. The day was exceedingly hot, but the marching was quite good.

We regret that the Field Day which was to have been held at Wellington at the end of May had to be postponed owing to an outbreak of measles here.

The Annual Inspection of the O.T.C. took place on June 21st. A camp will be held on August 1st for about 10 days, and it is to be hoped that all members of the Corps who are old enough will attend. It will be at Thoresby, near Worksop, and numerous other contingents of the O.T.C. will also be there.

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The annual Athletic Sports took place on Wednesday, May 16th, after being postponed from Easter Monday owing to the School breaking up last term five days earlier than had been originally arranged. The Dormitory Challenge Cup was won by the King Alfred with 70 points, while W. H. Pilkington (35 points) was Victor Ludorum. Mrs. Evans distributed the prizes.

The Sports' Committee was as follows :

- The Headmaster (President).
 Mr. G. E. Cope (Hon. Treasurer).
 Mr. T. E. Williams.
 W. H. Pilkington i. (Sports' Secretary)
 A. Ericson.
 S. L. B. Smith iii.
 E. Garnett iii.
 R. Bowyer i.

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We congratulate Sgt. Pilkington, Sgt. Garnett, Sgt. Ericson and Sgt. Bowyer on passing a musketry course for N.C.O's. at Altcar during the Easter holidays.

Ascension Day (May 17th), Whit-Monday (May 28th) and Half-term Day (June 13th) were whole holidays.

Four extra half-holidays have also been given this term—one on May 22nd (the Bishop's half), one on June 22nd (Corps' half), one on St. Peter's Day (June 29th), and one on July 5th (after our victory over St. Lawrence College).

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The Annual Confirmation by the Bishop of Lichfield took place on Saturday, May 19th.

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A Russian class has been started this term for members of the upper forms, under Mr. Beresford. So far it only consists of about half-a-dozen members, but it will no doubt increase in size next term.

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As we are going to press we hear that a very satisfactory report of the Inspection of the O.T.C. has been received. The Inspecting Officer, Major Maunsell, was evidently struck by the smartness and good drill of the Contingent. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Officers of the Contingent and to Sgt. Bloxham for their successful efforts to make the Corps really efficient.

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The Dormitory shooting Matches held this term produced keen competition and much excitement. The Challenge Cup was eventually won by the *Woodard*, the K. Harold and Gordon running them pretty close. All congratulations to the Winners! The results of these Shooting Matches are to be found elsewhere.

LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY.

(From our Parliamentary Correspondent).

At the end of last term, the Debating Society decided at a Committee Meeting to form a House of Commons to be presided over by the Chaplain as Speaker. The members of the Society became *ex-officio* Members of Parliament, and the following Cabinet was formed.

Prime Minister—Rt. Hon. D. D. Parnell
Controller of National Service—Sir W. H. Pilkington.

First Lord of the Admiralty—Rt. Hon. R. W. Price.

Chancellor of the Exchequer—Rt. Hon. J. L. W. Johnstone.

Secretary of State for War—Sir Jeffrey Clee.

First Lord of the Admiralty—Rt. Hon. E. Girling.

The Opposition was headed by Sir W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, and among its other leading members were Lord Anthony Ericson, Sir S. L. B. Smith, Sir Henry Cooper and Viscount Garnett.

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The House of Commons assembled on Sunday, March 25th, the Speaker taking the chair at 6-35 p.m.

In the absence of the King, *Mr. Speaker* opened Parliament by reading the Speech from the Throne, in which he urged the people of the country to give the Government all the support it needed, and help it to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

The Rt. Hon. D. D. Parnell then gave an outline of the policy of the Government. He said that he hoped that he would obtain the support of all, and that he would leave it to his colleagues to deal more fully with their programme for the coming Session.

The Rt. Hon. E. Girling then brought forward a bill to regulate the consumption of food in this country. He suggested numerous ways to check over-eating, and to encourage economy.

The Rt. Hon. J. L. W. Johnstone next brought forward his Budget in which he imposed taxes on numerous imports to this School (monkey-nuts, etc.), and also made licences necessary for the use of certain luxuries, canes being included in the list.

After the reading of the Budget, the Opposition asked a few questions on the bills, and the House was then adjourned.

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The House of Commons met again on Sunday, April 1st, the Speaker taking the chair at 6-35 p.m.

After certain preliminary business had been transacted, *the Rt. Hon. R. W. Price* brought forward a bill for the defence of the district from the ravages of U-boats. He said that a fleet would be constructed on Tetchill Brook, together with naval works and fortifications in the region of the college pigsties.

Sir W. H. Pilkington next read a bill dealing with National Service. He said that no work should be done between certain hours of the day, and that none should be done on any account at any other time.

After this, *the Rt. Hon. D. D. Parnell* rose to announce most momentous news; namely, that the German Army had surrendered, and that the Kaiser himself had been captured and would be brought into the presence of the House.

The Kaiser (Irwin i.) was then brought in, guarded by *Inspectors Shrimpton* and *Barker*. The Ex-Emperor looked fierce and imposing in his cloak and grey cap. He was then cross-examined by the House,

but treated the members with profound contempt, and was furious at being addressed as "your *late* Royal Highness," insisting that he still held that rank.

After this, the Opposition withdrew their animosity to the Government, and the House adjourned.

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In conclusion, we should like to thank the Chaplain for his kindness in sacrificing so much of his spare time last session to the Debating Society. He was the life and soul of Committee Meetings, and there is no doubt whatever that the success of the Season was greatly due to his indefatigable efforts. We only hope that he will be able to accept once more the Presidency of the Society next term, and that the coming session will be as successful as the last.

BOXING COMPETITIONS.

The Annual Boxing Competitions were held towards the end of the Lent Term, but though there were a fair number of entries, the quality of the boxing was not so good as in the previous year.

There were to have been six different weights, but the under 9 st. competition fell through owing to the absence of any competitors—this was in marked contrast to the previous year when five entered and on the whole furnished the best boxing of all the competitions.

The best contests in the competitions were those between Slater and Price i. (under 10st. 3lb.) and Wardle and Everall ii. (under 5st. 12lb.).

The winners of the various competitions were :—

Over 10st. 3lb.—Pilkington i. (K. Harold).

Under 10st. 3lb.—Smith iii. (K. Alfred).

Under 8 st.—Ellis (K. Arthur).

Under 7st.—Bradburn (K. Arthur).

Under 5st. 12lb.—Wardle (Woodard).

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Owing to the unfortunate wintry weather at the end of the Lent Term, the Sports had to be postponed until the beginning of the Summer Term. Fortune then smiled upon us, in the shape of brilliant weather, which, however inconvenient it might be to the competitors, was much appreciated by onlookers. The finals were held on Wednesday, May 16th, and considering the lack of training owing to shortness of time, the results on the whole were very creditable.

A Half-Mile Dormitory Relay Race was introduced into the Sports for the first time and produced keen competition and some considerable excitement.

The chief features of the Sports were the competition of W. H. Pilkington and R. W. Price for the Victor Ludorum and the running of J. W. H. Bruxby and J. J. Steele in the under 15 and under 12 events respectively.

Bruxby has an excellent stride and if he had trained properly would have improved his times considerably. Price was an easy winner in the long distance events and should develop into a good runner, if he continues after leaving school. His time for the three miles was quite good.

Of late years the school has seemed to be unable to produce any jumpers, and though the High Jumping was more creditable than for some time, the other three events were very poor. Fancy 15ft. 2½ ins., the winning open Long Jump! Cannot someone do between 17 and 18 ft. next year?

Steeplechase. Open Handicap. (2¾ miles).

1, R. W. Price; 2, L. R. Keatinge.

Best Time—R. W. Price, 18 min. 15 secs.

Steeplechase. Under 15. (1¾ miles).

1, J. J. Steele; 2, R. Irwin ii., H. Collis

Best Time—J. Pavillard, 14 min. 7 sec.

Three Miles. Open.

1, R. W. Price; 2, J. Pavillard; 3, E. Pavillard; 4, A. Ericson; 5, S. L. B. Smith. 17 min. 16 sec.

High Jump. Open.

1, B. H. Cathrick; 2, R. W. Price.
4ft. 9½ ins.

High Jump. Under 15.

1, C. J. Ryan; 2, D. C. B. Bradburn.
3ft. 10 in.

100 Yards. Under 12.

1, J. J. Steele; 2, T. J. Greenwood.
13¾ sec.

100 Yards. Under 15.

1, G. J. Davis; 2, G. M. Whiteway.
13 sec.

100 Yards. Open.

1, W. H. Pilkington; 2, H. C. Shingler;
3, A. Ericson. 11½ sec.

120 Yards Hurdle Race. Under 15.

1, L. P. E. Whitfield. 26 sec.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.

1, W. H. Pilkington; 2, E. A. Vanderbilt.
20½ sec.

Quarter Mile. Under 12.

1, J. J. Steele; 2, T. J. Greenwood.
77¾ sec.

Quarter mile. Under 15.

1, T. W. H. Bruxby; 2, D. C. Keatinge.
67 sec.

Quarter Mile. Open.

1, W. H. Pilkington; 2, A. Ericson;
3, J. Pavillard. 63½ sec.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. Under 15.

1, E. Pilkington; 2, L. G. Berry.
61 yds. 2 ft.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. Open.

1, W. H. Pilkington; 2, H. C. Shingler
77 yds. 2 ft. 2 in.

Half-Mile. Under 15.

1, J. W. H. Bruxby; 2, L. P. E. Whitfield; 3rd, D. C. Keatinge.
2 min. 39 sec.

Dormitory Relay Race, Half-Mile. (Final).

King Harold beat K. Alfred.

1 min. 55 sec.

Long Jump. Open.

1, R. W. Price ; 2, W. H. Pilkington.

15 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump. Under 15.

1, F. Wintle ; 2, D. C. B. Bradburn.

12 ft. 5½ in.

One Mile. Open.

1, R. W. Price ; 2, J. Pavillard ; 3rd,

L. A. Price. 5 min. 26 sec.

220 Yds. Under 12.

1, J. J. Steele ; 2, T. J. Greenwood.

34 secs.

220 Yards Handicap. Under 15.

1, T. Andrews (20 yds.) ; 2, L. A.

Corah (25 yds.)

220 Yards Handicap. Over 15.

1, C. E. Amor (30 yds.) ; E. H. Fenton

(20 yds.)

Half-Mile Handicap. Open.

1, R. W. Price (Scr.) ; 2, R. Bowyer

(15 yds.). 2 min. 29 sec.

Consolation Race. 220 Yards. Under 12.

1, J. R. D. Jenkins.

Consolation Race, 220 Yards. Under 15.

1, A. E. Cattell.

Consolation Race, 220 Yards. Over 15.

1, W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson.

Tug-of-War. Dormitory Final.

K. Harold beat K. Alfred 2—1.

Victor Ludorum.

1, W. H. Pilkington, 35 points.

2, R. W. Price 32 "

Armstrong Cup—(K. Arthur Dormitory)

L. P. E. Whitfield, 11 points

Dormitory Challenge Shield.

1, K. Alfred 70 points.

2, K. Harold 62 "

Mrs. Evans kindly gave away the prizes in the Ante-Hall at the conclusion of the Sports.

The Committee of the Athletic Sports desire to express their thanks to the following for their kind donations to the Sports.

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T. Andrews, Esq.	Dr. Drawbridge
Mrs. Aspinall.	Mrs. Evans
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THE HOCKEY SEASON.

For the third consecutive season we have had to deplore the absence of hockey fixtures. Several matches with regimental

teams were arranged, but all were unfortunately scratched owing to "military reasons." It was a great pity as the team appeared to be rather better than we had had for some years, and with a little match practice might have settled down into a really good eleven.

The strongest part of the team was the half-back line where Garnett iii. at centre-half was a tower of strength—in previous years his great fault had been stopping the ball with his hands instead of with the stick, but this year he always used his stick and at times stopped the ball, especially on his left side, in a wonderful manner. His tackling also was good and he never knew when he was beaten. Bowyer and Price i. ably supported him, but each had one rather serious fault, the former being rather slow in starting and the other too fond of dribbling when he should have passed. The backs, though not so strong as the halves, were a very useful pair, Pilkington being very clever with his stick, and a good tackler, but he also spoilt his play at times with dribbling. Clee was a sound tackler and a sure hitter, but was slow and often did not cover his partner.

Garforth in goal was quite sound on the whole, though rather weak in stopping high shots.

The forwards were a very useful line, the insides and centre combining well together; the former, especially Ellis, must learn to open out the game more, as many promising attacks were spoilt by keeping the ball in the middle instead of letting their outsides have it. Ericson, Ellis and Girling were all very clever with their sticks, and the two former and particularly Ellis were excellent shots.

Jones i. made the best outside left we have had for some years and was only

handicapped by his lack of pace; his stick work was good and his centring much above the school average. On the other wing Vanderbilt was very fast, but rather clumsy, with his stick and at times was too fond of taking the ball right on to the goal line before he centred—towards the end of the season, however, he was rapidly getting rid of the fault.

Pilkington i. made an excellent captain and had a very good control over the team.

Outside the eleven the season disclosed some very promising players, the most noticeable being Smith iii, Chaplin- Wilkinson, Skinner and Fenton.

The dormitory matches on the whole produced great keenness, and, with one notable exception, were fought out to the end, despite the large scores against some of the teams. The chief goal-scorers were Ellis and Jones i. who each scored over 25 goals in 4 matches. The finest match of the series was that of K. Harold v K. Alfred, when the latter, though much the inferior team on paper, ran their opponents to a goal. The only other hockey at all to be compared to it was the second half of the final when the Arthur after being 7—0 down at the interval, made a great effort and scored 4 goals against their powerful opponents.

In conclusion I should like to congratulate the team on the sporting spirit in which they played the game throughout the season; none of them ever showing any tendency to secure an advantage over their opponents by the slightest illegality, not even when playing without a referee, and taking the knocks they received with the greatest cheerfulness. May such a spirit ever remain in the School Games!

G.E.C.

CHARACTERS OF THE HOCKEY XI.

- W. H. Pilkington* (Capt.). Played left back. An excellent tackler and quite good at recovering. Rather inclined to hard hitting. An excellent captain.
- **A. Ericson* (Inside Right). A clever forward who combines pace with good control of the ball. Should learn to play more consistently. A safe shot and a very keen player.
- **E. Garnett iii.* (Centre-half). An excellent half-back. Has a remarkably good eye and can intercept almost any pass. Very enthusiastic and a hard worker.
- **R. Bowyer* (Left half). A keen player. Is inclined to lose his head and become erratic. Should learn that a ball well placed is better than a ball hit hard in any direction.
- **C. Ellis* (Inside-Left). An excellent forward who is very clever with his stick in all positions. Makes good use of his reach and is a splendid shot at all angles.
- **E. Girling* (Centre Forward). A very good centre with perfect control of the ball. He passes well, and gets the best out of his fellow forwards. Is a safe shot and is very keen.
- **R. W. Price i.* (Right half). A keen half. Is very good with his stick but is inclined to dribble too far before passing. He is a safe tackler and should be very good next year.
- †*D. W. Jones* (Outside left). A very clever forward. He always uses his stick to the best advantage and is a safe shot.
- †*H. J. Clee* (Right back). A fairly safe back but is rather slow in clearing.

He tackles well, and can always be relied upon to go "all out" during the game.

- †*H. W. Garforth* (Goal). A good goal-keeper. He uses his feet well and does not lose his head. A very keen player.

* denotes 1st XI. colours.

† „ 2nd XI. „

HOCKEY DORMITORY MATCHES.

The accounts of the two matches given below were unavoidably held over from our last issue.

League B.

K. ARTHUR v. WOODARD.

This match was played in excellent weather. From the start it was evident that the *K. Arthur* were easily the better team. Their forwards broke through the *Woodard* defence time and again, and though the latter put up a plucky fight they were unable to pierce the *Arthur* defence. Ellis and Slater, Clee and Hey were the most conspicuous of the respective teams. [Final score 9—0 for *K. Arthur*].

Teams:—*K. Arthur*: L. Irwin i.; K. J. Slater, G. A. Pennington; J. Esplin, W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, L. P. Whitfield i.; R. Irwin ii, D. D. Parnell (Capt.), C. Ellis, C. G. Skinner, D. C. B. Bradburn.

Woodard: F. C. Ling; H. J. Clee (Capt.), J. H. Ryan i.; C. E. V. Ryan ii., E. H. Woodward, J. J. Steele; J. G. Brooks, G. K. Hey, G. J. Ryan iii., A. E. Wardle, L. G. Berry.

Final.

K. HAROLD v. K. ARTHUR.

This match was played in glorious weather, the ground being in excellent condition. In the first half the *K. Arthur* playing with the sun behind them, were well held by the *K. Harold* halves. The *K. Arthur* soon seemed to tire and their opponents broke through again and again, Girling and Jones i. being conspicuous in the attack. Ellis made several gallant attempts to raise the *K. Arthur* score but without success. At half-time the score stood at 7-0 for the *K. Harold*.

In the second half the *K. Arthur* roused themselves to a tremendous effort and completely outclassed the *K. Harold*. Ellis, who played finely throughout, led the *K. Arthur* attack and scored three good goals in rapid succession. The *K. Harold* replied with four more goals. Another breakaway by the *K. Arthur* towards the end of the game left the final score at 11-4 for *K. Harold*. For the victors Pilkington i., Garnett iii, Bowyer i., Girling and Jones i. played well while on the losing side Ellis was easily the most conspicuous.

Teams :—*K. Harold* : N. Fletcher ; E. Pilkington iii., F. Garnett iv. ; R. Bowyer i., E. Garnett iii., W. H. Pilkington (Capt.), E. A. Vanderbilt, D. W. Jones i., E. Girling, R. Davies i., E. G. Thomas.

K. Arthur : L. Irwin i. ; D. C. Bradburn, G. A. Pennington ; J. Esplin, W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, L. P. Whitfield i. ; R. Irwin ii., D. D. Parnell (Capt.), C. Ellis, C. G. Skinner, L. A. King i.

CRICKET DORMITORY
MATCHES.*1st Round.*

K. ARTHUR v. K. EDWARD.

This match at first proved to be fairly exciting, but the superior batting of the *K. Edward* soon put the issue beyond doubt. The *K. Arthur* won the toss and elected to bat first. They were easily despatched for 58 runs, the batting being very weak except in the case of Whitfield i, who by steady play managed to score 32, finally having the misfortune to hit his wicket.

The *K. Edward* easily surpassed the score of their opponents mainly through the efforts of Garforth and Betteridge i. The *K. Edward* finally retired after winning by 7 runs and 5 wickets.

K. ARTHUR.

G. C. Skinner b Garforth.....	6
D. C. Bradburn run out.....	1
D. D. Parnell b Garforth.....	1
L. P. Whitfield i. hit wicket.....	32
W. A. C.-Wilkinson b Betteridge i.....	4
L. Irwin i. b Betteridge i.....	0
R. Irwin ii. b Betteridge i.....	0
L. A. King i. b Garforth.....	5
N. Wilson ii. b Betteridge i.....	3
J. R. Harmer b Betteridge i.....	1
C. G. Williams i. not out.....	1
Extras.....	4
Total....	58

K. EDWARD.

H. W. Garforth not out.....	41
R. E. Brabyn b C.-Wilkinson.....	0
H. Betteridge i. c Irwin i. b Skinner.....	21
H. Griffith c Williams i. b Skinner.....	0
A. Rice ii. retired hurt.....	0
W. J. Brown iii. c Williams i. b Skinner....	0
G. Martyn ...	} did not bat.
P. W. Russell	
A. G. Warren	
H. W. Fraser	
H. Charles	
Extras.....	3
Total....	65

K. ALFRED v. K. HAROLD.

This match was played on Friday, June 22nd. The K. Alfred, batting on a fine wicket, quickly hit up 105 runs, of which Price i. played well for 36, the *K. Harold* could only reply with 44, as none of their batsmen could get set. The *K. Alfred* fielding was good, Bruxby i. at point deserving special mention.

K. ALFRED.

G. T. Cattell b Bowyer.....	14
R. W. Price b Pilkington i.....	36
A. Ericson c Garnett iii. b Bowyer.....	0
S. L. B. Smith b Garnett iii.....	7
C. W. Savage c Pilkington i. b Garnett iii...	3
L. J. Barrett lbw b Pilkington i.....	10
J. W. H. Bruxby c Garnett iv. b Pilkington i.	3
L. A. Price b Garnett iii.....	17
S. H. O'Connell c Garnett iii. b Pilkington i.	0
A. G. Cattell not out.....	8
G. T. Grandvoinet c Langford i. b Garnett iii.	3
Extras.....	4
Total....	105

K. HAROLD.

E. Garnett b Ericson.....	8
W. H. Pilkington c Bruxby b Price i.....	7
R. Bowyer c Barrett b Price i.....	15
E. G. Girling b Ericson.....	1
D. Jones c & b Ericson.....	5
D. D. Collier b Cattell i.....	3
E. A. Vanderbilt b Ericson.....	0
E. Pilkington c Bruxby i. b Cattell i.....	0
F. Garnett c Bruxby i. b Cattell i.....	2
C. W. Kemp b Ericson.....	0
D. Langford not out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total....	44

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WOODARD v. CONQUEROR.

Played on June 28th, this match ended in a victory for the Woodard, the Conqueror being beaten by 22 runs. For the winners, Clee (20, not out) and Woodward (20) made the best scores, while Payton (18) made the top score for the losers, who were greatly handicapped by the weakness of their fielders.

WOODARD.

G. K. Hey b McFall.....	0
E. H. Woodward run out.....	20
C. E. V. Ryan b McFall.....	7
H. J. Clee not out.....	20
C. J. Ryan c Payton b McFall.....	2
J. H. C. Ryan c Payton b McFall.....	8
L. G. Berry c Payton b McFall.....	0
G. F. Brown run out.....	1
A. E. Wardle lbw b Payton.....	0
F. C. Ling b Payton.....	0
J. G. Brooks b Payton.....	0
Extras.....	0
Total....	58

CONQUEROR.

E. V. S. Pavillard b Woodward.....	1
J. G. Pavillard b Ryan ii.....	0
M. Roberts b Woodward.....	0
H. C. Shingler stumped.....	0
V. T. Payton b Berry.....	18
J. C. McFall c Ryan iii. b Ryan ii.....	2
D. Hinton b Woodward.....	0
A. W. Wright c Ryan iii. b Ryan ii.....	3
Farrar b Woodward.....	0
Hoyle c Ryan iii. b Ryan ii.....	4
Jones not out.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total....	36

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HEYWOOD v. GORDON.

The match was played on June 25th and the following day. The *Gordon*, winning the toss, elected to bat and made 46 runs, Nevett, Cathrick and Keeley making most of their score. Oldham and Sturgess fielded well for the Heywood, and Amor was good as wicket-keeper. The latter dormitory then went in, but were dismissed for a score of 22.

GORDON.

B. Howard c Keatinge i. b Fenton.....	0
N; C. Harper lbw.....	0
W. J. Keeley c Oldham b Fenton.....	8
B. H. Cathrick b Fenton.....	6
C. R. Nevett run out.....	11
O. F. J. Watkins c and b Fenton.....	8
G. M. Whiteway b Keatinge i.....	0
W. D. Aherin b Fenton.....	5
R. W. Everall c Fenton.....	3
A. B. Milton b Keatinge.....	0
J. M. Rowlands not out.....	0
Extras.....	5
Total....	46

HEYWOOD.

C. M. Amor c and b Keeley.....	7
G. G. Osborne c and b Keeley.....	0
H. R. Oldham c Watkins b Keeley.....	6
L. R. Keatinge lbw.....	7
J. S. Foster run out.....	0
E. H. Fenton c Watkins b Harper.....	0
G. H. Sturgess b Harper.....	0
G. A. B. Collis c Aherin b Keeley.....	0
G. L. Riseley not out.....	2
L. H. Bradley b Keeley.....	0
J. W. Nankivell b Keeley.....	0
Total....	22

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Semi-Finals.

K. ALFRED v. K. EDWARD.

This game was played on June 29th, after call-over. The *K. Edward* went in first, but only managed to make 13 runs of which Garforth scored 7. The *K. Alfred* then batted, and scored 26 runs for 3 wickets, Ericson making top score (11, not out).

For the victors, Ericson had a bowling average of 1.2 and Price i. 1.

K. EDWARD.

H. W. Garforth b Price i.....	7
R. E. Brabyn c Smith b Price i.....	2
H. Betteridge c O'Connell b Ericson	1
H. Griffith b Price i.....	0
A. Rice c Bruxby i. b Price i.....	0
W. J. Brown not out.....	0
G. Martyn b Ericson	0
F. W. Russell b Ericson.....	0
C. W. Jones c Bruxby b Ericson.....	0
H. W. Fraser b Ericson.....	0
A. A. G. Warren c Grandvoinet b Price i....	1
Extras.....	2
Total....	13

K. ALFRED.

G. T. Cattell b Betteridge i.....	2
R. W. Price b Betteridge i.....	4
A. Ericson not out.....	11
S. L. B. Smith c Betteridge b Rice.....	6
C. W. Savage not out.....	1
Extras.....	2
Total (for 3 wks.)	26

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GORDON v. WOODARD.

This match was begun on June 30th, and finished on July 5th. The *Gordon* batted first and succeeded in scoring 49, Cathrick making the top score, 13. The *Woodard* only managed to get 32, thus losing by 17 runs.

GORDON.

O. J. Watkins, run out.....	1
C. R. Nevett c Steele b Ryan ii.....	6
B. Cathrick b Ryan ii.....	13
W. J. Keeley c Key b Ryan ii.....	1
B. Howard b Woodward.....	5
N. C. Harper c Ryan ii. b Woodward.....	7
W. Aherin b Ryan ii.....	1
G. M. Whiteway b Ryan ii.....	4
R. W. Everall c Clee b Ryan ii.....	1
A. B. Milton b Ryan ii.....	6
J. Rowlands not out.....	1
Extras.....	3
Total....	49

WOODARD.

G. K. Hey b Keeley.....	3
H. J. Clee b Keeley.....	8
E. H. Woodward b Harper.....	1
C. E. V. Ryan ii. c Whiteway b Harper.....	0
G. J. Ryan iii. c Whiteway b Harper.....	0
J. H. C. Ryan i. c Watkins b Harper.....	4
G. F. Brown c Howard b Harper.....	10
A. E. Wardle b Keeley.....	1
L. Berry b Keeley.....	2
J. J. Steele c Howard b Watkins.....	0
F. C. Ling not out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total....	32

TENNIS DORMITORY MATCHES.

The dormitory matches for the Tennis Challenge Cup were not so well contested as last year, the victorious dormitories winning in most cases by a substantial margin. Contrary to expectations the *K. Alfred* finally proved to be the victors and A. Ericson and R. W. Price i. are to be congratulated on winning the cup for their dormitory.

1st Round.

K. HAROLD v. K. EDWARD.

W. H. Pilkington i.	v.	H. W. Garforth.
E. Garnett iii.		G. Martyn
Score in games :		
	6—2	for K. Harold
	6—3	for K. Harold.

CONQUEROR v. GORDON.

E. V. S. Pavillard i.	v.	B. Howard
J. G. Pavillard ii.		B. H. Cathrick
Score in games :		
	6—0	for Gordon
	6—1	for Gordon

K. ARTHUR v. HEYWOOD.

W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson v.	L. R. Keatinge i.
C. G. Skinner	H. R. Oldham
Score in games :	
	6—0 for K. Arthur
	6—1 for K. Arthur.

K. ALFRED v. WOODARD.

A. Ericson	v.	H. J. Clee
R. W. Price i.		E. H. Woodward
Score in games :		
	6—3	for K. Alfred
	6—2	for K. Alfred

Semi-Finals.

K. HAROLD v. K. ARTHUR.

W. H. Pilkington	v.	W. A. C-Wilkinson
E. Garnett iii.		C. G. Skinner
Score in games :		
	6—3	for K. Harold
	9—7	for K. Harold

K. ALFRED v. GORDON.

A. Ericson	v.	B. Howard
R. W. Price i.		B. H. Cathrick
Score in games :		
	6—3	for K. Alfred
	8—6	for K. Alfred

Final.

K. ALFRED v. K. HAROLD.

A. Ericson	v.	W. H. Pilkington i.
R. W. Price i.		E. Garnett iii.
Score in games :		
	6—4	for K. Harold
	6—4	for K. Alfred
	6—1	for K. Alfred

CRICKET.

This term opened with every prospect of a successful cricket season. Seven of last year's XI. were still left and we were lucky in securing several fixtures, both at home and away, with other schools.

Altogether the prospects of the team were decidedly rosy. Our hopes were soon damped by an outbreak of measles at the beginning of the term. This, for the time being, necessitated the cancelling of all matches. Thus, during the first month of the term, the team had no "match practice" so that they hardly did themselves justice in subsequent games.

However, at the present time things are beginning to look better, for we are succeeding in securing one or two fixtures which may, or may not, come off. The XI. has been under the care of Mr. Cope this term, with Ericson as Captain. All success to the Captain and his team

The following are the fixtures which have been arranged :—

June 16th.	The Masters. (Home).
June 23rd.	1st Reserve Batt. Herefords (Home.)
July 4th.	St. Lawrence's College (Home).
July 7th.	Willaston School (Home).
July 11th.	Willaston School. (Away).
July 21st.	Oswestry Grammar School (Home).

A DICKY CAT FANTASY.

There was a little boy,
The name of him was Dick,
He tied a string round pussy's neck
And sunk her with a brick.

But pussy knew the pond ;
(She'd been in there before !)
She merely sauntered out again,
And mewed at the back-door.

When Dicky heard her mew
He thought her ghost had come ;
A pain it started in his chest
And settled in his tum.

His mother heard him moan
And poured some mixture white
Out of a bottle ; down his throat
She poured it day and night.

Eight days have passed since then ;
The pain has left his mid ;
He now subsists on toast and slops,
This small and silly kid.

And if the pond itself
Had washed him inside out,
He'd hardly feel more fed with life,
Unhappy little lout.

The cat, with " amber eyes,"
Perambulates his bed,
And Dicky dare not turn her out
Because he thinks she's dead.

His mother strokes the ' ghost ' !
Which purrs (!) beside her chair,
And stares. While Dicky tries to look
As though it wasn't there.

And when the moonbeams fall
All pale, and on the pane,
Miss Tabby mounts the window-sill,
And looks at him again.

But pussy grows to like
The game of ghost too well,
And nightly wakes the household up
With caterwaul and yell.

Till Dick, inspired by fear,
Lets fly a record shot ;
By desperation rendered bold ;
And lands her with a pot.

Then, strange as it may seem,
Though haunted for a fact,
The youth despised the real ghost,
And registered a pact

As long as it should prowl
To multiply his deeds,
And make the spooks of murdered cats
As plentiful as weeds.

He lived a life of crime,
The hardened little brat !
Advanced toward manhood year by year,
And each day drowned a cat.

No household in the town
But daily mourned its pet :
Yet cats were plentiful at night
And sleep was hard to get.

Some householders there were
Had barely time to sup,
Discharging boots at tabby crowds,
And used their brushes up.

And some of human-kind
Much added to the noise,
Unkindly coaching marksmanship
But they were mostly boys.

The kitchens empty stood,
The bed-rooms nearly bare,
Yet, when a shot seemed sure to hit,
Grimalkin wasn't there.

Immortal phantoms clawed
In palpitating lots :
The missiles incessant fell
In cat-vacated spots.

Three cats by day, by night
Became a trebled score ;
And still the cats increased apace
And nightly numbered more.

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And if you doubt my tale
Count up the feline kind
As seen by day and heard by night,
And you will change your mind.

A.W.G.M.

DONKEYS.

BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

I once had a donkey (not that I wanted a donkey, far from it), but the fact remains I had a donkey. "Some are born donkeys, some acquire donkeys, some have donkeys thrust upon them." Mine was thrust on me. I was one day in Liverpool, and walking along a street I met a crowd (I was walking along the street, not the crowd) and in the middle of the said

crowd was an elevated platform on which was a very red-faced man, who alternately gesticulated with his left hand, smote a table in front of him with a hammer held in his right hand, and pointed at a very diminutive donkey in his rear. A gentleman near me informed me that this was a Red Cross Sale, in which the object seemed to be to buy the miserable donkey and then give it back again, though how the red-faced man could ever bring himself to receive it again, after having once got rid of it, was beyond me. At this moment, the donkey having been bought and instantly returned about five times, the auctioneer became rather confused with his gymnastic exertions, consequently he essayed to gesticulate and strike the table at the same time ; this was disastrous however, for he smote the thumb of his gesticulating hand an immense blow with the hammer. He instantly subsided, and the best part of a large fist disappeared into a still larger mouth. After a few minutes spent in sucking his thumb, and rubbing it on the seat of his trousers, he recovered.

The next accident was not so disastrous for him, as for a timid little gentleman, who was approaching him from the rear. At that moment the auctioneer indicated the donkey with a vigorous wave of his hand, smiting the timid gentleman between the eyes. "This is really er-very unfortunate," spluttered the little man, when he had picked himself up. The red-faced man agreed with him, adding that he thought the little man's spectacles were broken. The latter seemed to think so too ; he also thought that his teeth were rather loose, and proceeded to prove his statement by ejecting several broken teeth from his mouth. At this juncture the timid gentleman retired, leaving his premeditated speech unsaid.

It was later on that I made one of the five great mistakes of my life. They are, (1) When I once put half-a-crown in the collection instead of a penny ; the blow prostrated me with concussion of the brain for a long time afterwards. (2) When I once went to a women's summer sale ; I emerged from this with a black eye, which a stout lady who was fighting for a packet of pins, had dealt me, by way of propelling a flower-pot, which she held in one hand, into my right eye. (3) When I bought a folding-bed. The man at the shop showed me five different ways of putting it together, and when I arrived home I discovered at least twenty other methods, none of which were anything like those which the shopkeeper had shown me. Unfortunately when you lay on the bed (if you managed to get that near to it), after having used one of the twenty ways, you either dropped through, or the bed arched its back and kicked at anything within reach, you included. (4) ; but to return to the sale.

At times I am rather a fool (I expect the reader has gathered that much already) ; this was one of the occasions, for I paid £2 10s. od. and the donkey was mine. I suppose you think this was a very sensible and generous action. That it was generous I agree, for it removed the horrible creature off some wretched man's hands ; but that it was sensible, I firmly deny.

One can imagine my dismay, when, on taking the donkey back to the auctioneer, he shook his head, with a joyful look, and murmured something about "enough money" and "time for tea." Plead as I would, he was adamant, and refused to have anything more to do with me or the donkey. When I at last gave it up and turned to the donkey, I found that it seemed to be in the same state of mind as the auctioneer, for it also was adamant, so

much so that it refused to move in any direction. After being bitten twice, I managed to induce it, with the aid of a hat-pin, and a carrot from an interested errand-boy's basket, to be led to the station. The only other matter of note, before we arrived home, was that it demolished a crate of vegetables, and bit the guard when he remonstrated with it.

My great difficulty, on arriving at home, was what to feed it on, for we have an allotment and therefore no vegetation of any type. The next morning the village green-grocer called on me to ask "how the donkey was getting on." I answered that I did not know how it had got on, but I had just spent an unenjoyable half hour trying to get it off the allotment. All our efforts had been in vain. If one pushed it from the rear, it kicked ; if pulled, from the front, it bit. We then tried lassoing it with the clothes-line, the cook standing on one side of the allotment and I on the other. I am getting quite an expert with the rope, for although I did not capture the donkey, I lassoed the cook twice.

Having answered my visitor, I was informed that he thought I might have some difficulty on the matter of fodder for the donkey. As a matter of fact, he added "for the donkey" more or less as an afterthought. In my opinion this part of his remark was entirely superfluous, unless he thought that I might think that the fodder was for myself. It afterwards transpired that he had recently kept guinea-pigs and white-mice, and it appeared that he thought a donkey would thrive on the same type of food, but unfortunately (I say unfortunately simply as a matter of course) the donkey did not thrive on it, but soon died.

On buying this animal I learned that its name was Neddy, but I instantly fastened the appellation of William the Silent to it,

out of sheer mockery. I may state that this name has always given me the idea of a person of noble and good-looking aspect. This William the Silent, the donkey, was neither good looking nor silent, but was very unprepossessing and had a bray of infinite strength; and to assume a noble bearing when decidedly flea-bitten is not the easiest of accomplishments. Thus although it had the better of the campaign, I at least had the satisfaction of scoring off it on this point.

Although its life with me was a short one it was certainly a gay one (for the donkey at any rate).

WAR WORK.

My holidays are usually spent in a state of semi-hibernation; I simply drift along like a caterpillar which has discovered a pleasant leaf on which to gorge. Such existence may be ideal from some points of view, but eating, drinking, and being merry is apt to be monotonous after a few weeks.

After I had fooled about for several days last holidays, I got extremely bored; in fact I nearly jumped in front of an express one day, just for something to do. I suddenly thought that I might work! This extraordinary idea struck me one night as I was vainly endeavouring to read that entrancing novel *Pilgrim's Progress*—I felt like a pilgrim myself at the time, but I was certainly not making progress with my reading. I threw my book through the window in my excitement and it was devoured with relish by the tame buffalo in the garden. "Work!" I said the word over at least five-million times; then I decided finally I would do some sort of war-work. I then went to sleep amid

vivid dreams of driving cows to market, shearing sheep with hatchets, sweeping streets, and various other remarkable things.

Next morning I arose with the lark—10-15 a.m.—and, without waiting for breakfast, dashed off to the railway-station to see if they had any vacant jobs. The station-master looked at me with a grin and said, "If you are any good at navvyin, I can give you a fine job at two bob a week." I said that navvying was not in my line, but that I was a good writer and knew Latin, Greek, French, German, Dutch, Chinese, Welsh, Aramaic, Hebrew, Russian and Trigonometrish. The station-master now seemed to regard me as a harmless lunatic, and inquired kindly after my keeper. He said that he thought I could get a better job at the "Country Home for Destitute and Distressed Imbeciles." At this I went home in a state of rage, beyond comprehension; I skinned the cat, stoned the family bee to death, boiled the kettle in oil, and did a number of other extraordinary things. Until I was given a banana and a pickled onion, my anger would not be appeased. I then retired to bed for the rest of the day and dreamt about frying station-masters on gridirons, and about being executed for murder.

The following day, I went to the house of Bill Stiggins, cab proprietor, and asked him if he was in need of "cabbies." He said that he had one vacancy, and would be willing to let me have it for 22/6 per week if I could drive. I assured him that I had driven the Coronation coach of Julius Cæsar, and that, if necessary, I could give him a reference from the said Mr. Caesar himself. Mr. Stiggins, however, said that a reference was quite unnecessary as anyone could tell by my eyes that I was used to cab-'osses. (I did not

quite see the point of this most complimentary remark).

The next day, I arrived at the stables of Mr. S., and was shown my nag, Agabus by name. Its name seemed appropriate, and it was a sweet creature. It had, however, a few rather serious faults. One of these faults were the absence of a tail (it fell off in the Wars of the Roses, Mr. Stiggins told me in a confidential way). Its knees also looked very shaky, and one of the cabbies observed calmly that it would need a rest every twenty yards. The beast was perfectly calm while I harnessed him, and went quite quietly to its place in the cab-rank outside the "Ostrich on Wheels" Hotel. Somehow, as I waited there, Agabus reminded me strangely of an ostrich on wheels.

At last, after a wait of one hour, an old lady with a moustache came up and said, "25, Tetchill Avenue, please, cabby." I replied, "Certainly, mademoiselle; 2/6 in advance please." She handed me 5/- and I gave her 6d. change and pushed her into the cab.

We started off beautifully, but as soon as we got into Ellesmere Street the catastrophe occurred. I have always blamed the tram for it all; I am quite convinced it was the fault of the tram; Agabus was good and steady as far as his knees allowed; and, as for me, I was a driver of great and prolonged experience, for did not I drive the Coronation coach of the late Rev. Caius J. Caesar, M.A.? Without doubt I did. But I am wandering from that most charming gentleman, the point.

The catastrophe was as follows:—When I turned into Ellesmere Street, Agabus stopped dead—I do not mean that his life became extinct. Why did he stop? Ah, do not ask me such a question as that. I *presume*, however, that he saw some

picturesque sight in the adjacent "pub"—perhaps his *fiancée* was within. I tugged at the reins, but the dear old gent stood firmly as a rock—he stood as if he were a permanent fixture. Suddenly, that horrid tram moved kind old Agabus—it came round the corner at about 45 miles per hour (exceeding the speed limit, I think). Then, crash! A collision occurred—Agabus went to his *fiancée* in the "pub," the cab and the old lady went through the roof of the "Home for Starving Apricots," and I took a dive into the nearest canal.

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The next thing I remember was waking up in bed at home. I was informed that I had had a very narrow escape from drowning and that I had been unconscious for about eight hours. The cab, I was told, was only fit for firewood, while its elderly female cocupant was at a hospital suffering from concussion of the brain. Agabus had weaker knees than ever, and when he emerged from the public-house, he walked in a very appropriate style. The tram-car was also severely damaged, and the Corporation sent in a bill of forty pounds to Mr. Stiggins for damages. Oddly enough, Mr. S., said that he could not employ me any more, but that he had much pleasure in bestowing upon me the Most Noble Order of the Boot. He also sent me the following bill:—

For damage to tram-car ..	£40	0	0
For damage to "Home for S.A."	£23	2	6
For damage to "Red Cow" Hotel	£6	6	0
For damage to vehicle (cab)	£10	0	0
Compensation for passenger's injuries	£12	0	0
Injury to knees of cab-horse	£1	1	0
Total ..	£92	9	6

I nearly collapsed when this astounding bill was brought to me—the idea of it staggered me, and I made the following resolution and passed it unanimously :—

“That in my opinion, war-work of all kinds is obnoxious and dangerous to life, that trams are especially objectionable, that I will never again in all my life associate or have any dealings whatever with cab-proprietors, cab-horses or station-masters, and that in future I will be content with an ideal holiday, a holiday of peace and quiet, and a holiday of boredom.”

And I will keep this resolution !

J.L.W.J.

DEATH OF LORD KITCHENER.

Most noble general, we lament the day
When thou wast on thy way to mighty
Russia's shores.

England was ignorant of the debt she had
to pay

To the greed of the mighty deep.

When shall thy glory fade away !

When shall thy sons forget that day !

Oh ! never shall England forget to render
praise

To the mighty son of Britain, though dead,
who lives always.

G.F.B.

O.T.C.

The strength of the Contingent is at present 128. The following recruits have joined this term :—A. M. Butt, F. Ling, J. M. Roberts (iii), C. St C. Blackwell, D. L. Farrar, N. Wilson (ii), L. J. Barrett, C. W. Savage, F. I. Creese, J. R. Harmer, T. Hope (i), C. G. Williams (i), F. E. Williams (ii), S. H. Robinson (ii), T. B. Johnson (ii).

The N.C.O.'s are as follows :—*Sergeants*—W. H. Pilkington, E. Garnett, A. Ericson, R. Bowyer ; *Corporals*—E. G. Girling, S. L. B. Smith, H. J. Clee, B. Howard ; *Lance-Corporals*—A. E. Vanderbilt, R. W. Price, W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, J. L. W. Johnstone.

Sgts. Pilkington, Garnett, Ericson, and Bowyer attended a 12 days' musketry course from April 23rd to May 5th at the Western Command School of Musketry at Altcar, and obtained satisfactory reports. As the course was intended primarily for the training of instructors, the musketry instruction of the contingent has been placed in their hands, with good results. It is hoped that further courses may be arranged for the O.T.C.

The general work and progress of the contingent has been this term on the whole satisfactory, in spite of the many other counter-attractions which the summer term offers. Soon after the beginning of the term daily parades were started with a view to the Annual Inspection. The latter took place on June 21st, and was carried out by Major N. Maunsell, from the R.W.F. Depot at Wrexham. The weather was rather unkind (the march-past being singled out for a particularly heavy downpour) but otherwise things were most successful. The general salute was a treat to watch and the drill was good, No. 1 platoon being especially steady. It was a pity that the signallers who are much better this year than last, were prevented by the rain from displaying their skill to the best advantage. The report received from the War Office was an excellent one ; for the first time for many years no fault was found with anything. The various branches of the work were commented on as follows :—

Drill.—Good ; much intelligence shown by all ranks in extended order.

Manœuvre.—Good ; fire discipline, control, and direction well maintained.

Discipline.—Good.

Turn-out.—Contingent turned out smartly.

Signalling.—Signallers showed interest in their work.

Arms and Equipment.—Clean and well kept.

Buildings, etc.,—A shed should be erected covering the firing-point of the miniature range ; this would enable practice to be carried out in bad weather.

General remarks.—The drummers and buglers are well taught. The Officer Commanding the contingent shows great keenness in his work.

An extra half-holiday was asked for by the Inspecting officer, and was given the following week.

A route-march was carried out in the first half of the term to Baschurch *via* Hordley, Bagley, and Weston, and back through Burlton, Cockshutt and Lee, making very nearly twenty miles.

The afternoons during the term have been mainly devoted to the O.T.C. miniature musketry course. The whole of No. 1 platoon and some cadets from No. 2 have completed their tests. Ryan i. comes out as the best shot.

A camp has been arranged for the holidays, in conjunction with some eight or nine other school contingents ; it is hoped that we shall be sixty strong. It is being held at Thoresby near Worksop, and will last ten days.

A recent Army council Instruction has changed somewhat the position of O.T.C. cadets. Under the regulations now in force, every cadet is reported to the War Office immediately he attains the age of 18. If he is recommended by the O.C. the contingent as a suitable candidate for

a commission he remains at school till he is 18½, when he proceeds to a cadet battalion ; otherwise he is called up in the ordinary way.

DORMITORY SHOOTING CUP.

After a rather uneven contest, the *Woodard* succeeded in pulling off this their first cup for ten years. The test was similar to last year's, consisting of two practices, the first at a Bisley 200 yds. figure target, the second at a kneeling figure (300 yds.) 5 rounds to be fired after a run of 75 yards, a minute being allowed. The scores were as follows :—

King Alfred . . .	76	60	136
King Harold . . .	81	80	161
Conqueror	39	5	44
King Arthur	56	20	76
Heywood	43	30	73
Gordon	60	80	140
King Edward . . .	55	25	80
Woodard	86	85	171

SHOOTING VIII.

Only one match has so far been held, against St. Lawrence College, Chester on July 2nd, on the miniature range. Two practices were fired on the Bisley 200 yds. and 500 yds, figure targets respectively. We scored 276 against their 365. The following was the Ellesmere team :—Sgt. Ericson, Sgt. Bowyer, Corpl. Clee, Corpl. Howard, Cadet Cathrick, Cadet Ryan (i), Sgt. Garnett, Cadet Jones.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Rogation Procession. May 15th. In the same way as last year the Litany was begun before the Altar in Chapel and was sung by four Cantors, the responses being

sung by the whole school. After the Invocation of the Blessed Trinity the Procession moved out of Chapel. The weather prevented the outdoor route being followed and at the last moment it was decided to proceed round the Big School Room. The way had been cleared for this purpose by simply moving the small desks and platforms into the spaces between the lines of school desks. The Procession was thus enabled to pass between the desks and the wall up the West side of the room, cross in front of the big platform and down between the wall and the desks upon the East side. By the time the Crucifer had regained the space in front of the door, and the Litany had been sung as far as the Lord's Prayer, and the whole school was in position lined up round the walls. All present then facing towards the middle of the room, the prayers of the first station were sung. Psalm 67 followed and the prayers of the second station. The Procession then moved out of the Big School singing hymn 140, and after that the metrical litany 648. When all were once more in their places in Chapel the Prayer Book Litany was resumed from the Lord's Prayer; intercession for the Allied Powers being included among the final collects.

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Holy Baptism was conditionally administered in place of the school service and in the presence of the school on the evening of the Ascension Day, to Donald Hinton, Frank Ling, and Joseph William Rice.

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THE CONFIRMATION. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, May 19th. The Holy Eucharist was offered at 7 a.m. on behalf of those to be Confirmed. The Confirmation was at 11.30, the Bishop being vested as usual in Cope and Mitre.

All that was done and said and sung was an inspiring witness to that which is the only effectual Confirmation,—the unseen, unheard, realities of the Eternal Spirit through Whose Presence, Power, and Operation may God grant the gift of final perseverance to those who on that day received the Sacrament of Strength, whose names are written here, and for whom it is our hope and prayer that they may be found also in the Book of Life :—

Reginald E. Brabyn, Leslie H. Bradley, Joseph G. Brooks, Harold D. Brown, Lawrence A. Corah, Gerald J. Davies, Arthur S. Denson, Jack A. Esplin, Douglas L. Farrar, Eric H. Fenton, Herbert N. Fletcher, Frederick B. Greenwood, Harold Griffith, Philip A. Hall, Donald Hinton, Harry F. P. Hurford, Douglas F. Homes, Eric H. King, Frank Ling, John C. MacFall, George Martyn, Seymour H. O'Connell, Alfred B. Over, Eugene V. S. Pavillard, Joseph G. J. Pavillard, Leonard A. Price, Robert W. Raby, Joseph W. Rice, Denys Riseley, Cecil E. V. Ryan, Gerald J. Ryan, William H. Taylor, Albert E. Wardle, Samuel P. Williamson, Richard N. Wilson, William A. Wright.

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FIRST COMMUNION. The majority of the newly Confirmed made their First Communion on the following day,—the Sunday after the Ascension Day. Some by arrangement with the Chaplain waited till Whitsunday, when all Communicated. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life."

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1917.

The above were commenced in ideal weather on July 2nd, the water temperature of 63° in the morning and 64° in the afternoon, being sufficiently high though

not erring on the side of warmth. The Headmaster, the Chaplain, and Mr. Williams very kindly consented to act as judges. The Senior High Dive was won by Jones i. with Bradburn as 2nd and Skinner as runner-up; Bradburn's 3rd dive appeared to be the best of any, but boys have to remember that the decision rests upon the total marks for the three dives and therefore it may easily happen that the best diver is not necessarily first, if he does not happen to be in his best form. The initial Senior One-length heats were on the whole not very interesting; this was largely due to boys scratching after their names had been given in, a practice which is rather to be deprecated not only because of the trouble it involves, but also on account of the time it wastes at a period when the latter commodity is very scarce. The Junior High Dive retained the reputation which it has often held of being on an average of a superior quality to the Senior. The judges wished four boys:—Risely ii, Creese, Wintle, and Bruxby ii—to do extra dives, before a decision was reached. Ultimately Wintle was placed 1st and Bruxby ii 2nd; both were excellent, though the latter is inclined to go a trifle deep, a fault which he is able, however, rather cleverly to conceal by his extreme agility in again reaching the surface; his angle was almost perfect and his splash almost nil. Both the Junior One-length and Four Lengths heats suffered rather from the same circumstance as the Senior One Length; perhaps the outstanding feature was the ability of Allison to do one length at an extremely fast pace, while he was of very little use at all in the four lengths, though the most nearly contested heat in the four lengths was Allison, Over, Wilson ii, and Creese. In the Flying Squadron the Heywood beat the Conqueror largely owing to a very plucky

effort on the part of Bradley who had been considerably exhausted at the end of his four lengths junior heat. The Harold defeated the Gordon and the Alfred were victorious over the Arthur. The Edward were in the unfortunate position of having three of their team *hors de combat* but Martyn made a sporting effort to produce a team out of this very small dormitory; the event however was postponed. In the Senior Running Header, Jones i. was placed 1st, Bradburn 2nd, and Skinner 3rd, after the judges had asked for extra attempts; Bradburn's was again perhaps the best individual attempt but he failed to come up with his hands out in his first header and this is a point for which marks are always deducted.

The Sports were resumed on Thursday, July 5th, again in excellent weather, with the water at about 68°, a rather welcome advance. There were several fairly close heats in both Senior and Junior Four Lengths and One Length. In the Junior One Length both Collis and Philip were rather "dark horses" and it was somewhat of a surprise that the former should beat both Over and Wintle, and that the latter should defeat Cattell ii. At the moment of writing it looks as if Allison should win this race, and that there will be a very close competition for 2nd place. In the Senior Four Lengths and One Length Jones i. is so easily superior to anyone else as to make him practically certain of 1st place in both events and his points alone should place the Harold as winner of the Cup. Skinner was unable to swim and Clee, Irwin i, Bradburn, Cattell i, and Keatinge i, seem to be the most likely competitors for the remaining points in these events. The Junior Running Header was not easy to decide; Steele, Allison, Wilson ii, and Cattell ii. were required to do four extra headers each, before Steele was

placed 1st and Cattell ii. 2nd ; originally the judges were all rather in favour of Wilson ii, but his four extra attempts were poor as he went much too deep and rather flat ; boys do not seem to practise for this event as they should, and some enter for it who are unable even to enter the water head first, and whose chief distinction lies in producing a tidal wave and drenching unwary spectators. Martyn was easily first in the Senior Plunge with a very fine effort of 38 feet 3 inches ; Jones i. was 2nd and Brooks 3rd ; Greenwood i. exhibited great powers of staying under water but travelled only a very short distance. The Edward were unable to raise a team for the Flying Squadron and were consequently obliged to scratch. In the semi-finals the Alfred beat the Heywood and the Harold the Woodard ; in each case the fourth man of the defeated team was set a rather hopeless task ; with the aid of Jones i. the Harold should win this event fairly easily, and indeed the position of the fourth man in the opposing team is not very enviable even if he were to get a slight start on Jones in the last two lengths.

TO THE EDITOR.

Term after term you've had occasion to
Observe at length that from your point of
view

'Tis no supremely easy thing to do,
To write an editorial.

This term perchance you have said so again
And platitudinised about the rain,
Of which and other matters to complain
Is truly editorial.

But what about your readers ? Might
they not

Come to regard as more or less a lot
Of hopeless, undiluted, piffling rot
This type of editorial ?

'Tis true they still with wonder and amaze

On all this padding sit and gape and gaze,
And talk about it too for days and days,
This vapour editorial.

But things may change ; another genera-
tion

May fail to feel the same exhilaration ;
And clamour for immediate cessation

Of piffle editorial.

Just think this out ; endeavour to amend
Ere 'tis too late, and cease your pen to lend
To futile trivialities, and end

This madness editorial.

Resolve henceforth to scorn the beaten
track,

To scrap the weather and acquire the knack
Of writing what will strike the eye and
smack

Of genius editorial.

Just throw off once for all the hideous
mask,

Affect to revel in your " weary task,"
Import some new ideas, and joy to bask

In sunshine editorial.

Thus purged of rot, from empty phrases
free,

Bold in its fine originality,
With eager haste we'll turn at once to see
What's in the editorial.

O.E. NEWS.

T. S. Louch (K. Arthur) paid us a visit this term. He was out in Australia on the outbreak of war, and enlisted in the Australian Expeditionary Force. He fought in Gallipoli, and afterwards obtained a commission and went out to France. He has been awarded the Military Cross, and is now a Captain.

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K. B. Halley (K. Alfred) has also visited us quite recently. He is a Second-Lieutenant in the Middlesex Rgt., and has been

wounded in France. He has now rejoined his unit at Chatham.

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F. B. Topham (K. Alfred) is to be congratulated on his success in the recent Woolwich entrance examination.

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[We apologize for the lack of O.E. News in this number: we have held over many items for next term's issue.—ED.]

IN MEMORIAM.

FRANK ALFRED CARL LINDHOLM.

We were deeply grieved to hear in the Easter holidays of the sudden death of F. A. C. Lindholm within a week or two of his leaving school. He entered the school in September, 1915, going into the *Edward* dormitory, of which his athletic abilities made him a useful member. We take the opportunity to tender our sympathy to his parents in their bereavement.

VALETE.

C. Ellis. Entered May 1912; Dormitory Prefect March 1917; 1st XI. Hockey Colours 1917; Debating Society; O.T.C.; Vth Form. (K. Arthur).

D'A. Aubrey. Entered Sept. 1915; 1st XV. Rugby Colours 1916; Debating Society; O.T.C.; VIth Form. (K. Alfred).

J. F. Bolland. Entered May, 1911; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1916; Debating Society; Corporal O.T.C.; VIth Form. (Conqueror).

T. W. F. Bolland. Entered May, 1911; 2nd XV. Rugby Colours 1916; Debating Society; Lance-Corporal O.T.C.; Vth Form. (Conqueror).

The following also left:—*M. H. F. Bayly*, *B. Carrick*, *T. D. Davies* vii., *J. D. Dewhirst*, *W. G. H. Grindrod*, *R. B. Hammersley*, *A. E. Hill*, *D. A. Hitch*, *H. E. B. Horne-Roberts*, *E. Hughes*, *A. J. Irvine*, *N. F. Keane*, *W. E. W. Kendall*, *C. T. Kent*, *F. A. C. Lindholm*, *A. Lumb*, *R. G. O. Moynan*, *G. A. R. Pennington*, *L. Walker*, *R. M. Wilson*, ii., *J. G. Wilson* iii.

SALVETE.

The following new boys entered this term:—*L. J. Barrett*, *R. W. Bowker*, *W. J. Brown* iii., *A. M. Butt*, *D. D. Collier*, *G. H. Cooke*, *O. J. Davies* vii, *L. England*, *J. R. Harmer*, *C. P. B. Johnstone* ii., *T. B. Johnson* ii., *J. S. Jones* v., *T. H. Maddocks*, *B. E. McIntyre*, *E. T. Minshall*, *P. H. Riseley* iv., *E. A. Roberts* iv., *S. H. Robinson* ii., *C. W. Savage*, *W. S. Smith* iv., *N. Wilson* ii.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.

SIR,

A glance at the last three numbers of *The Ellesmerian* seems to point to the fact that many of the dormitory matches each term are little better than "fiascos." It is a common occurrence for a dormitory of little boys just out of the Junior School to be pitted against a team composed principally of Colourmen. In the case of cricket, the Dormitory Match then results in a kind of "net practice" for the stronger team—in fact, in some games it

would seem that one side had kindly consented to give their opponents an afternoon's fielding practice.

A Hockey match of this sort usually develops into an exhilarating, if somewhat monotonous, game of "shooting in." Surely an obvious remedy for this extraordinary state of affairs is the substitution of Colour, for Dormitory, Matches? In that event, the two teams, each representing the pick of two dormitories, would be far better matched and would therefore provide more exciting games, at the same time producing greater keenness in the players themselves.

Trusting that my views will receive your careful attention,

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

PROGRESSIVE.

[Perhaps our correspondent has overlooked the fact that if we played Colour Matches this term the Reds' team would contain eight 1st XI. men while the other Colours would not be correspondingly stronger as a result of the union. No, sir, let us keep to our tradition of Dormitory Matches, and let him who "funks" a hard game against superior odds cry off and practice for the Dormitory Billiard Team. *Blow Football* is more in his line.—ED. *Ellesmerian*.]

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.

SIR,

I do not think that we at Ellesmere are doing enough to promote economy during war-time. I therefore venture to suggest that the terraces should be ploughed up, and potatoes, cabbages, onions, and such articles of food grown on them. It is only right that every available square inch of

ground should be cultivated, and the growing of vegetables on the terraces would not in any way spoil the beauty of the school, as the planting of them could be arranged in quite an artistic way.

Trusting that this matter will receive your consideration,

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

"SPUDOPHILE."

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.

SIR,

I notice that the school flag looks rather tattered and torn. This cannot be wondered at, as it has been in constant use for the last eight years. I think if the school were to have a new flag it would look better, especially on a day on which the school is being visited by parents.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

KEENLY OBSERVANT.

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.

SIR,

In my opinion, I think it would be rather a good idea if Corps work was carried out in a more business-like manner. Everybody knows that this term the Shooting tests have been "worked off." Well! we go up to the range to fire one day, some of us not having fired before, and we fire and probably all get "wash-outs." Then next day, on parade, we are shown how to fire and what part of the target to aim at. I think this very characteristic. If we are shown how to fire and then go to the range and fire, it would give a much better result.

Hoping that my views will receive your due consideration,

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.

KEENLY OBSERVANT.

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