



SPRING

Meanwhile the rural ditties were not mute,
Temper'd to the oaten flute:
Rough Satyrs danced, and fauns with cloven heel,
From the glad sound would not be absent long:

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SCHOOL NOTES.

It was our privilege this time last year to be able to congratulate ourselves on the fact that there had been an increase in the number of subscribers to the Magazine from among the members of the School. It is with still greater pleasure, therefore, that on this occasion we are able to state that we anticipate that all previous records will be surpassed, inasmuch as a very large majority of the School have signified their intention of becoming regular subscribers.

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Apart from this fact, we are also pleased to state that the number of contributors is on the increase; and we have little doubt that their efforts which appear in this number will arouse interest and not a little amusement.

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Further, a somewhat new departure has been made in the substitution in place of the usual photograph of a cartoon which appears on the opposite page. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Rigby for the trouble he has taken, and of hoping that at some future time he will favour us with another. We have also to thank Mr. Bennett ('94-'01) for the vivid account of a Persian execution which appears in this number.

Though uttering a platitude, we make our Editorial protest against the weather! Those who looked forward to a good term's Hockey have, for the most part, been grievously disappointed. Flagge Meadow has been practically flooded for the greater part of the term. This is all the more unfortunate when it is remembered that a large number of boys were intending to make their first acquaintance with Hockey.

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We welcome three new members on the Staff this term. Mr. Hooker comes in the place of Mr. Bradley, who has this term taken up the Headmastership of the County School, Penzance. Mr. Hooker has taken over the Presidency of Yewle House and has interested himself in several phases of School life.

Mr. Chessall and Mr. Rebsch have come into The School House in the place of Mr. Crudgington and Mr. Coward, who left last term.

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We have to record the departure of A. H. Phillips, the School Captain and Head Boy of the School House. Under his captaincy the football season was the most successful for many years; not a little of this was due to his own effective play at centre half.

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The accounts of many of the usual School events of this term are necessarily held over until the Summer number of this Magazine, as this number will be published before they are brought to a conclusion. Among them are the Fives Competitions and the inter-house Hockey Competition—the latter of which, owing to the vagaries of the weather, is working on the 'knock-out' system, and which promises to have an exciting finish. We may also mention the Boxing Competition, which has this year attracted quite a large number of competitors, especially among the junior members of the School.

The Debating Society's Annual Concert will take place on ~~Saturday~~, March 19th.

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The following are the School Officers for this term:—

Captain of Hockey - W. N. Riley.

Secretary - - - E. H. Hiscock.

Games Committee:—

The Headmaster.	E. R. Appleton.
Mr. Carter.	O. Gardner.
Mr. Morris.	W. H. N. Shakespeare.
Mr. Francis.	H. E. Butler.

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The following have left since last term:—H. W. Emerton, A. H. Phillips, D. C. Royce, C. Grafton, R. Y. W. Holmes, F. E. Smith, P. R. Zealley, F. W. R. Byron, C. W. Clift, A. H. Langford, P. M. G. Merrett, A. J. Sim, S. O. Smith, H. M. Grundy, C. J. F. Kane, B. W. Price, K. A. W. Taylor, W. Ayrton, E. S. Hope, A. T. Keen, G. D. Preston, C. J. Ricketts, A. W. Wood, H. B. Downes.

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The following entered the School this term:—H. K. Marriott, W. Mander, H. S. Melhuish, H. R. Cooper, A. Y. Lees, A. S. Menzies, H. P. T. Phipps, B. H. Wyatt, A. W. Bishop, R. S. Simons, H. E. Barnard, T. W. C. Crimp.

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We have to offer our heartiest congratulations to O. S. Phillips, on winning an Open Science Scholarship of £80 for four years at Keble College, Oxford. The news of his success comes just as we go to press, and is the more gratifying as he is two years under the age limit for this Scholarship.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual distribution of prizes took place privately on Thursday, December 16th, at the School. Ald. W. Stallard (Chairman of Governors) presided. There were present also: Mrs. Stallard, Mr. F. A. Hillard (Headmaster), Mrs. Hillard, Alderman H. A. Leicester, Messrs. F. A. W. Simes and T. G. Hyde, and the Masters.

The Headmaster said the prize-giving was not a public one because one function, the opening ceremony of the new buildings by Lord Coventry, had already come into the term, and it was undesirable to have any further disturbance of work. During the 12 months ending July last they had not the same heavy list of University Scholarships, for H. M. Gardner, with his £60 Exhibition for four years at Merton College, Oxford, was their only candidate. But when a school like that had forged ahead there would come years when the supply failed, and when they must rest on their oars to gather strength for another effort. This week they had begun the old practices with Appleton's success at New College, where he went to join Pritchard. The successes in the Oxford Locals last July had never before been so good in the number of First Classes, or the proportion who got through. No less than six boys obtained First Class Honours, three Second Class Honours, and 11 Third Class Honours, and out of a total entry of 86, five only failed. If only a fair proportion of the boys would stay on to scholarship age, there would be no lack of scholarship honours in the future. The expansion of the School during the year had been great, and he at times doubted whether he had advised the Governors to build large enough buildings. The only serious comment he had to make upon the buildings was that they were too luxurious. Boys of the last generation never had such comforts. The Sixth Form had obtained a Sixth Form room, and he praised them for the proper stand they were taking in the ruling of the School. If they would continue in this good path they would set a wonderful example of responsibility that would cause him to rejoice. The redistribution of the School

into new Houses had been an unqualified success, and he congratulated the presidents and captains of the clubs. He specially praised the captain of the first eleven, A. H. Phillips, for the admirable way in which he had done his work, and which had its reward in a succession of victories. The completion of the pavilion late in the summer prevented any great use being made of it then, but in future seasons it would be a great help and advantage. The fine panelling which they saw round the room was soon to record the achievements of the Old Boys. The difficulty was to know how far to go back. Officially, this term, they had become a more representative school. They had on the platform three who had been staunch upholders of the School for many years longer than he had been connected with the School. He referred to the Chairman, Colonel Stallard, Mrs. Stallard, and Mr. Hyde. It would be presumption on his part to pretend to say how much the School owed to Mr. Stallard's chairmanship, and still would owe, he hoped (for the School was always looking onward), and to Mr. Hyde's long years of work, and in Mrs. Stallard the School had had a loyal supporter. (Applause.) They appreciated her visit and her long interest in the School. She was the first person to welcome him to Worcester after his appointment as Headmaster. (Applause.) This term they were losing one of the staff, who was leaving to take up a double responsibility, a headmastership and a wife. (Applause.) Mr. Bradley had done excellent work there, and he was glad that Appleton's success had come just before he went to reward him for his work. They wished him and the future Mrs. Bradley health, happiness, and prosperity in the distant home to which he was going. (Applause.)

Mrs. Stallard then distributed the prizes.

Mr. Simes, in a humorous speech, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stallard for distributing the prizes. Those who were prize-winners would value their prizes they had had that afternoon, because they had been given by the hands of Mrs. Stallard. (Applause.)

The thanks were cordially given.

Mrs. Stallard, in reply, said she was glad to have that

opportunity of visiting a school in which she and Mr. Stallard took very much interest. (Applause.)

The Chairman said he was glad to hear the Headmaster speak well of the new buildings. He disclaimed any credit for what he had done, saying the Governors had merely backed up the Headmaster.

HONOURS LIST.

H. M. Gardner, Open Exhibition at Merton College, Oxford, of £60 for four years; H. M. Gardner, Woolfe Exhibition (awarded by the Governors); H. M. Gardner, Worcestershire County Council Scholarship of £50 for four years; H. W. Emerton, Honours in Chemistry in the Board of Education Examination; I. T. Pritchard, New College, Oxford, Goldsmith's Exhibition of £50 for four years; L. Sadler, Hertford College, Oxford, First Class Final Honour School of Natural Science (Physics), the only First Class given in 1909; R. T. Hughes, Queen's College, Oxford, Second Class Final Honour School of Natural Science (Physics); F. W. Hemming, Jesus College, Oxford, Third Class Final Honour School of Mathematics; B. Hartley, Hertford College, Oxford, Second Class Final Honour School of Mathematics; F. L. Parker, Jesus College, Oxford, Second Class Mathematical Honour Moderations; R. P. Page, Fellowship of the Institute of Chemistry; A. L. Fletcher, Trinity College, Dublin, Second Class Honours in Science (B.A.I.); T. H. Jones, First Place, Bankers' Institute Examination, 1909; A. Lisle, Intermediate Science Examination of London University, and Scholarship at the East London Polytechnic; H. M. Glover, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Punjab; H. G. Bray, First Class Diploma, Kingston Agricultural College, Derby. The following obtained certificates exempting from the London Matriculation Examination:—H. P. Firkins, W. E. Wood, L. Morris Wilson, A. G. Tuttell, L. Portman, S. Bannister, W. H. N. Shakespeare, P. B. Thomas, S. Hartley, C. E. W. Simes, G. Westwood.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION.

Senior.—1st Class Honours: H. P. Firkins and W. E. Wood (distinguished in Physics, 21st place). 2nd Class: L. Morris Wilson, A. G. Tuttell, L. Portman. 3rd Class: S. Bannister, W. H. N. Shakespeare, P. B. Thomas. Pass: S. Hartley, F. Heath, A. B. Phillips, C. E. W. Simes, F. Stanway, A. E. Taylor, G. Westwood. Special Certificates: E. H. Hiscock (distinguished in higher mathematics, bracketed 3rd), W. N. Riley (distinguished in higher mathematics, 10th place), O. Gardner.

Junior.—1st Class Honours: H. G. Watts (9th in the United Kingdom, distinguished in Latin, mathematics, higher mathematics, 2nd place, Chemistry and Physics), H. R. Creese (distinguished in higher mathematics, 5th place), A. E.

Gibbs (distinguished in Greek), H. E. Wyatt. 3rd Class: G. W. Cox, R. A. Done, A. E. Hall, A. A. Painting, W. F. V. Ryder, J. H. Yard (distinguished in Chemistry), S. H. Smith, H. J. Watkins. Pass: C. E. Baylis, A. H. M. Brierley, A. Dowty, S. T. Francis, R. H. Gardner, G. H. Gibbs, F. H. J. Osborne, S. J. Pickard, A. J. Sim, H. Williams, P. R. Zealley, H. E. Butler, H. T. Gough, C. Grafton, G. V. Hobson, T. R. Mills, W. J. Palmer, A. G. Parker, R. H. Phillips, W. R. Ward.

Preliminary.—Pass: G. L. Watkinson (distinguished in geography), G. A. Aldington, D. G. Hemus, H. Smith, L. J. Wareham, C. N. Wedge, H. G. Wyatt, P. Appleyard, F. B. Chambers, C. Darke, D. C. Ellis, L. T. Flux, O. A. Fortey, J. P. R. Golightly, R. E. Grant, H. J. Hales, H. W. Harper, J. W. Hawkins, E. R. A. Jackson, C. F. Kimber, J. Lampitt, J. S. Lewis, P. J. Lingwood, F. S. Mayers, C. N. Rowe, S. T. Rowley, F. Walker.

PRIZE LIST.

The Chairman's Prize for Public Spirit; H. M. Gardner. Goulsborough Mathematical Prizes—Senior, H. M. Gardner, E. R. Appleton, E. H. Hiscock, W. N. Riley; Junior, H. R. Creese. Special Prizes for Science: Senior, O. S. Phillips, A. D. Robinson; Junior, H. G. Watts. Classical Prize: S. Hartley. Special Latin Prizes: Senior, H. E. Wyatt, H. G. Watts; Junior, A. G. Smith, G. A. Mackie, A. E. Grant. Divinity Prizes: Senior, H. G. Watts; Middle, A. H. M. Brierley; Junior, R. D. Partridge. The Head Master's Prizes for English Literature: Senior, E. H. Hiscock, C. E. W. Simes; Junior, A. H. M. Brierley. Geography Prizes: Senior, S. J. Pickard; Junior, G. L. Watkinson. Prizes for Modern Languages: French, Senior, H. W. Emerton, S. Hartley; Junior, A. E. Gibbs, C. Grafton; Junior School, J. Lampitt; German, L. M. Wilson. Drawing Prizes: Senior, H. T. Mapp; Junior, J. C. Latham. Writing Prizes: Senior, G. W. Cox; Middle, S. G. Smith; Junior, G. E. Winterbourne. General Knowledge Prizes: Senior, H. M. Gardner; Junior, C. N. Wedge.

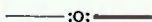
Oxford Local Examination Prizes. — Senior, 1st Class Honours: H. P. Firkins, W. G. Wood; Second Class, L. M. Wilson, A. G. Tuttell, L. Portman. Junior, 1st Class Honours: H. G. Watts, H. R. Creese, A. E. Gibbs, H. E. Wyatt.

Form Prizes.—Upper V., H. G. Watts, W. E. Wood; Upper V., Classical, A. E. Gibbs; Lower V., A. G. Parker, A. E. Hall; Upper IV., S. J. Pickard, S. H. Smith; Remove, F. H. Osborne, J. H. Yard, A. A. Painting; Lower IV., C. Darke, H. T. Mapp; Upper III., H. W. Harper, S. T. Rowley, C. N. Wedge; Lower III., G. A. Mackie, S. G. Smith, L. B. Heath; II., C. H. Hemus, G. E. Winterbourne; I., C. K. Lee, J. G. Tarrant, C. R. Knight.

Preparatory School Prizes.—P. J. H. Wasley and J. G. Joseland.

MR. G. L. BRADLEY.

It is with sincere regret that we chronicle the departure of Mr. Bradley from our midst; for, though he was with us for little more than two years, he filled an important position in the life of the School and early won the esteem and affection of all. Of wide interests and ready sympathy, he identified himself so completely with all the varied phases of School life and threw himself so unselfishly into every School activity, that he has left a place which will be very hard to fill. He was always ready to answer any call, however exacting, upon his time and energies to advance the success of the School and its institutions, and no labour was too great when its interests were involved. To the value of his teaching many will bear grateful testimony; to his personality and enthusiasm the success of his House was directly due. In football, hockey and cricket he proved an invaluable support, and all the School societies will sadly miss him. An inspiring master and a most congenial colleague, he carries with him to his new field of labour and wider sphere of influence the good wishes of us all, and it is our confident hope that he will reproduce under fresh conditions the success which he has hitherto so signally achieved.



OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Hon. Sec. O.E. Association—Mr. Geo. Gascoyne, jun.,
23, Sansome Street, Worcester.

Hon. Sec. to the Dinner Committee—Mr. E. C. Harrison,
High Street, Worcester.

On Dec. 15th the Old Boys played the School for the second time during the term. At the close of a hard game the score was 5—3 in their favour.

The same evening the O.E. Association held a smoking concert in the Hall, when Mr. Carter presided over a good attendance. A varied programme had been arranged by Mr. Gascoyne. Messrs. Mason, Monckton, B. Hartley, H. M.

Bennett, Park, T. Wyatt, Mortimer-Booth and Carter contributed. Apologies were received from Messrs. A. W. Tyers and E. C. Harrison. During the proceedings a letter from the Headmaster was read, expressing pleasure at the re-establishment of the Association.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Arthur Carlton, a most successful dance was held at the King's Hall on Friday, Jan. 6th, when over a hundred Old Boys and friends were present. The arrangements had been carried out by Mr. Edward Lamb, and it is very largely due to him and his Committee that the dance was such a success, and there is no doubt that this function will become an annual one to be looked forward to by all Old Elizabethans.

It is pleasant to record that there remains a substantial balance, which the Committee have decided to utilise in reducing the debt inherited by the re-organised Association.

A useful list of Hockey and Football fixtures had been arranged, but they were completely disorganised by the weather. Of the games played to a finish, only one was won—against the Worcester Hockey Club. The match against West Worcestershire was spoilt by absence, the O.E. team being several men short. As a result they lost by 7 goals to 2, in spite of good play by the whole of the team present. This, indeed, has been characteristic of all those who have turned out to play, several of whom gave up playing for their own clubs for some weeks.

With regard to Football, there is, at present, a difficulty, as so many players belong to other clubs. If a succession of good matches could be ensured by players turning out regularly, this difficulty would disappear. The two things are thus mutually dependent.

Much interest has been aroused in the projected Fives Competition, and although it is not yet possible to announce dates, it is certain that there will be many entries.

- H. P. Weaver ('87-'88), of the School of Art, Shrewsbury, had a picture, "The Market Place, Dinan, Brittany," hung in last year's Academy.
- J. Gordon Hayes ('86-'88) has been ordained at Southwell Cathedral. He at present holds a curacy at Derby.
- Baron Smith ('97-'98) is now on a business tour in Cuba and Brazil.
- D. A. Baldwin ('05-'07) is now at John Hassall's School, having previously spent some time at the Slade School of Art.
- F. H. Heppel ('94-'01) has qualified as an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- J. C. Gibbs (1900-'03) has been elected Captain of the Worcester Rowing Club.
- A. E. Bibbs ('99-'04) has recently taken up the post of Cashier at the Northern Crown Bank, Govan, Saskatchewan.
- A. G. Bennett ('94-'04) has played cricket for the Rio State (Brazil) in the annual match *v.* San Paulo State.

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The Old Elizabethans' Annual Dinner, which was postponed from January owing to the General Election, will take place at the Star Hotel, on Tuesday, April 12th. Mr. W. H. Garbutt will be in the chair, and Mr. G. Gascoyne in the vice-chair.

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DEBATING SOCIETY.

President - Mr. Morris.

Secretaries - Messrs. Booth and Hiscock.

The first debate of this half-session was held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, when the subject for discussion was:—

"That in the opinion of this House, there is no foundation for the present anxiety with regard to Germany."

The leading defenders of the motion were more frivolous than convincing, but the opposition was much more serious, Gardner and Robinson making clever speeches.

In spite of this weight of argument, the motion was only lost by one vote.

Stone, G., inflicted a few volumes of statistics upon the House, doubtless to lull his opponents to sleep.

Messrs. Ryder, Hartley, Sharp, L., Stone, G., and Hooker spoke for the motion, whilst Messrs. Gardner, O., Hiscock, Robinson, Shakespeare and Coney spoke against it.

The second debate was held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, when R. H. Gardner proposed "That this House deplores the effeminacy of the present age."

He was supported by Messrs. Baylis, Ellis, Coney, Morris, Gibbs, G. H., Hartley and Rebsch.

Those who spoke against the motion were Messrs. Ryder, Flux, L. T., Watts, Butler, Hobson, G. V., Pickard, Done, Gough, Darke, Brierley and Ward.

The motion was lost by 21 votes to 9. It should be remarked that out of the nine voters for the motion, eight spoke.

On Saturday, Feb. 26th, the House, by 16 votes to 15, rejected the idea "That female labour, irrespective of household duties, should be abolished."

Shakespeare, who proposed the motion, pointed out that one of the primary causes of national degeneration was the employment of women. Watts, in his usual bright manner, supported him.

Robinson showed how the ideas on the position of women had been modified in the course of time, and that the present view was that women were not inferior to men. Many women were entirely dependent on their own efforts, and, if men had the right to work, why should not the women?

Butler rose, and after assuring the House that he was in his usual state of blankness, paused, and then sat down amidst loud applause. Mr. Hooker said that while it was man's privilege to earn his living, it was woman's misfortune, and that she should, as far as possible, be protected from it.

Other speeches were made for the motion by Messrs. Ward, Coney, Brierley, Gibbs and Morris, and against it by Appleton, Simes, Ryder and Ellis.

The House met on Saturday, March 5th, when the subject for discussion was:—

“That this House deploras the absence of provisions in the King’s Speech, regarded as the policy of the Government, for the alleviation of unemployment.”

The proposer, Robinson, suggesting Tariff Reform as a remedy, was attacked by Simes, who thought unemployment was due to unwillingness to work.

Ryder, one of the most regular speakers, said that causes of unemployment were so complex as to defy remedy.

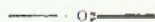
Mr. Hooker argued that the Liberals would attend to unemployment merely because they had omitted it from their programme.

Gardner, O., thought the unemployed should be instructed in the colonies, and Mr. Rebsch, with a parable, proved Tariff Reform to be a remedy.

Hiscock proved from history that the rich owed a debt to the poor.

Other speakers were: *For*—Gibbs, A. E., Hartley and Butler. *Against*—Hobson and Wyatt.

For the motion, 19 members voted, whilst 17 voted against. Two debates have been decided this term by one vote, and one debate by two votes.



HOCKEY.

The 1st XI. played their first match of the season on Saturday, January 29th, against the Old Elizabethans. Unfortunately the ground was in a very soft state, and it was thought advisable to stop the match at half-time, when the score was 5—1 for the School.

The team was:—Ryder; Hiscock, Butler; Hartley, Gardner, Pickard; Appleton, Firkins, Shakespeare, Riley, Mapp.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, the 1st Club XI. played Worcester 2nd XI. at Boughton. Worcester soon began pressing, and were not long before scoring the first goal. The Worcester forward line was a strong one, Lunn especially giving the School backs a lot of trouble. The School then began pressing but were unable to score before half-time. In the second half the School continued to press, and were not long in scoring four goals, three of which were shot by Riley. The result was a win for the School by 4 goals to 2.

Team:—Mr. Carter; Mr. Booth, Hiscock; Ryder, Gardner, Pickard; Appleton, Firkins, Shakespeare, Riley, Mr. Rebsch.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9th, the 1st XI. played Bromyard G.S. at Bromyard. In the first twenty minutes Bromyard scored two goals and seemed much the better team, but towards the end of the first half the School improved considerably and obtained two goals, through Shakespeare and Hartley. In the second half the School continued to press and Hartley and Shakespeare each scored another goal. Bromyard had throughout the game continued to make dangerous rushes, but were well checked by Gardner at half and by Riley, who was playing back. The final score was 4—2 in the School's favour.

Team:—Ryder; Riley, Watkins; Gibbs. Gardner, Pickard; Appleton, Hartley, Shakespeare, Firkins, Mapp.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16th, the 1st Club XI. played Upton. The journey was made in a motor-bus. Upton soon began scoring and at the end of the match had obtained five goals, all scored by their centre forward, while the School had been unable to score.

Team:—Ryder; Mr. Morris, Mr. Carter; Appleton, Gardner, Pickard; Mr. Rebsch, Hartley, Shakespeare, Riley, Butler.

The 1st XI. played Malvern on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at Malvern. During the first part of the game the ball was in the Malvern half most of the time, but later on the game became more even. It was not long after the start when Riley opened the score for the School from a penalty corner. Some time after, he had a good pass from Gardner, and scored a second goal. Then again Riley scored, penetrating the defence himself. Thus the score at half-time was 3—0 against Malvern. In the second half Malvern kept the School busy, and by rushing one goal, and hitting the ball into the net off a School back, made the final score 3—2 for the School.

Team:—Butler; Hiscock, Ryder; Watkins, Gardner, Pickard; Appleton, Hartley, Shakespeare, Riley, Firkins.

On Saturday, Feb. 26th, the 1st Club. XI. played West Worcestershire at the Blanquettes. The chief feature of the game was the good attack made by the School forwards, who kept the opposing defence busy most of the time. The School defence had comparatively little to do, although Beckingham, with occasional rushes, gave the backs some anxious moments. Riley, who was again in good form, scored three of the School's six goals; Shakespeare, who also played well, scored two. The final score was 6—0 for the School.

Team:—Hiscock; Mr. Booth, Mr. Carter; Mr. Morris, Gardner, Pickard; Appleton, Hartley, Shakespeare, Riley, Mr. Rebsch.

W.R.G.S. v. MALVERN.—In order to retrieve their defeat at Malvern the visitors brought a strong side against the School and avenged themselves by defeating the School by 5—3.

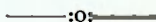
The game was very fast and even throughout. The School forwards, who were without Shakespeare, lacked combination occasionally but were too good for the Malvern defence during the first half, and the score at half-time was 3—2 in favour of the School. Firkins scored the first goal with a good shot, Riley and Hartley adding one each. In the second half the Malvern team went ahead and scored three goals, the School failing to score again, although Riley was very unfortunate on

one or two occasions. Appleton and Hartley again showed to advantage, and Thomas at outside left put in many fine centres. Gardner, Ryder and Hiscock were good for the defence, but Butler in goal let some easy shots through.

Team:—Butler; Ryder. Hiscock; Watkins, Gardner, Pickard; Appleton, Hartley, Riley, Firkins, and Thomas.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. WORCESTER 2ND XI.—There was a steady downpour of rain for many hours before the School played Worcester 2nd XI. at Boughton, on Wednesday, March 9th. The home team was very strong and included several of the 1st XI. players. The play throughout was fast and exciting. The opponents repeatedly ran through the School defence and at half-time the score was 4—1 against the School. Lunn was very prominent for Worcester, and Gardner had great difficulty in keeping him in check. In the second half the School got together better. Mr. Booth played a sure game at back, and Hartley and Shakespeare did well in the forward line. Riley also scored one, and the final score stood at 5—4 against the School. Riley got a hit on the knee, and the effect of this was to upset the efficiency of the forward line. Hiscock was weak in goal.

Team:—Hiscock; Mr. Booth, Mr. Carter; Mr. Morris, Gardner, O., Pickard, S. J.; Appleton, E. R., Hartley, S., Shakespeare, W. H. N., Riley, W. N., Mr. Rebsch.



SUMMARY JUSTICE IN PERSIA.

A day or so ago there arrived in Teheran from Odessa, where he had sought refuge with his dethroned Shah from the long pent-up fury of the notorious constitutional movement, an important personage, by name, the Morekhtersh es Saltaneh, a son-in-law of the late Muzaffer ed Din Shah, and one of the most rabid and violent of the many reactionaries bred under the last twenty years of despotic rule. His chequered career seems

to have been one long series of treacherous infamies, unilluminated by one single act of worth.

At the time of the abdication of Mohamed Ali Shah last year, this man, whose very name is hated by the people was allowed, under the protection of the British and Russian governments to proceed into exile in Russia with many others of his kind, due warning being given them at the time that any attempt to return would be rewarded with an ignominious death.

In spite of this warning, however, this man arrived in Teheran two days ago. Nominally he came to ally himself and his wealth to the Nationalist cause; in reality, he came as an emissary of the dethroned Shah (who still has hopes of some day regaining his lost power and throne) to endeavour to lay the foundations of an intrigue that might eventually culminate in the destruction of the Nationalist Party.

Unfortunately for his plans, Nemesis in the shape of a far-seeing Nationalist leader refused to entertain him, and he was stripped, searched and, sufficiently compromising papers being discovered, thrown into prison—to be executed by hanging the following day.

On the next day, in the big square of Teheran, feverish preparations were eagerly made. Scaffolding consisting of two upright poles with a cross-bar about twice as high as a soccer-goal was made ready in an incredibly short space of time. The cross-bar had a ring driven in it, through which the rope was passed. Everything was ready!

At the appointed time a crowd of some 15,000 people throng the square. We are in the thick of them—15 yards only from the scaffold. A thousand ruffians armed to the teeth guard the approach with drawn revolvers.

A shout! All eyes are turned toward the guard-house and see the poor brute, hatless and without boots, dragged and thrust forth. The crowd cheer and hiss! Those near him spit at him and revile him as he passes, and even his guards do not refrain from prodding him with their bayonets.

More dead than alive he arrives at the rope, while a whisper

goes round that his father has offered £30,000 for his life, and that it has been refused—for he is an enemy of the constitution!

In vain he struggles. They club him with their rifles and quieten him, and the rope is loosely fixed round his neck. His hands and legs are free—that he may fight for life. Willing hands pull at the rope and up he goes—very, very slowly.

Every eye is strained watching this gruesome sight. A shout of dismay suddenly goes up from the mob. The ring has collapsed, and the victim has come tumbling down four or five feet to earth once more. The guard close round him, cocking their arms, and immediately all is confusion. With a terrified howl, the mob, suspecting a volley, turn and run for their lives, and for a moment things look very ugly. Hundreds are trampled under foot, and we, a party of four, have our work cut out to keep clear. We use our weight and fists freely, and manage it.

Gradually the crowd becomes reassured and quieten down. We see the doomed man on the ground covered in blood from a wound in the head, but he is perfectly conscious, and a most pitiful sight.

But the murderers are not to be baulked of their prey. They coil the rope and fling it over the cross-bar, and in a few minutes the man is again swinging in the air, fighting for his life. Six feet they hoist him from the ground, and tie the hoist rope to one of the uprights, while the crowd gloat at the sight, applauding each fresh struggle vigorously.

He means to die hard, this villain; his hands are free, and, by holding the rope above his head, he can support his weight a little. With the desperation of a doomed man he clutches it and gains a few moments' respite from the horrible death he must surely know will overtake him. The crowd yell with derision! Again, his legs are free! By swinging a little there is a chance of his getting his legs round the hoist rope tied to the upright, slantwise away from him. He tries desperately, and succeeds, but the effort has told on his swiftly waning strength. The poor brute struggles to retain his hold,

but we can see he is weakening. His legs let go, and a final attempt to regain the rope fails!

He can still hang on above his head, which he does with all his dying strength, but in vain! We notice his face growing darker, and his hands fall. He hangs limply by his neck; his face becomes completely black; a hand rises spasmodically only to fall again, and all is over! The crowd give one more revengeful shout, for he has paid the penalty of his many crimes, and they are satisfied.

I left this disgusting scene with feelings of nausea mingled with a great relief that I, personally, belonged to a civilization that was an established fact, and not to one which rested on foundations of such enormity.

R. G. L. BENNETT.

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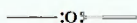
CROSS COUNTRY RUNS.

The first paper-chase held left many, including a few masters, stranded in regions unknown to them. The hares, Gardner, O., Hiscock and Riley, first went out to the Golf-links, past the hospital at Nunnery, and carried the line over to within half-a-mile of Crowle. Coming down the main road from Crowle they arrived at the Golf-links, whence they made for the school. Amongst those up at the front throughout the run were Butler, Gibbs, A., Hartley, Winterbourne and Wood, W. E.

On Saturday, February 5th, there was a run along the old Senior Cross-country course, parallel to the river to Bever and thence back again to school. Thomas was the first to reach home, followed closely by Riley, Hartley, Gardner, O., and Wood, W.

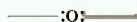
On Wednesday, February 23, another paper-chase was held, when Duckworth, Gibbs, A. E., and Hartley were the hares. Going past Lyppard Grange Farm they reached the Crowle Road. Thence they went to Tibberton, and following the Senior Cross-country course to Warndon, arrived home. The ground was very wet and the going heavy. Baylis, C.,

was the first to arrive after the hares, followed by Gardner, O., and Thomas.



FIVES COMPETITION.

After an enforced lapse of a year the Fives Competitions have been again attracting the attention of the possessors of iron hands and nimble feet, and some good matches have been witnessed. Palmer, W. J., has disposed of good men, while Gibbs, G. H., has proceeded farther in the rounds than many bigger boys. Butler and Appleton provided an interesting match, the latter's experience standing him in good stead. Simes showed good form against Shakespeare, W. H. N. The House captains up to the present have not been fully extended, though in two cases two of them have been matched together. The semi-final is in view and some good games should be seen. The buttresses introduced into these courts have caused dismay to many, but have had the effect of making the game more open.



CHESS CLUB.

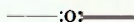
This term there has taken place the first Inter-House Competition in Chess. Owing to the shortness of the term the knock-out system was employed. In the first round Woolfe House defeated Temple House by three games to one, and Yewle House defeated Wylde House by $2\frac{1}{2}$ games to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Watts was the only victor for Temple House, and Harper for Wylde House.

In the second round Woolfe House defeated Tudor House by 3 games to 1, and School House defeated Yewle House by 3 games to 2. Hiscock was defeated by Gibbs after a long game, while Darke, Firkins and Done each won their games. In the second match Robinson and Hobson won for School House and Gardner and Brierley for Yewle. Shakespeare then

appointed Brierley to play Robinson, and, the latter winning, the match went to School House.

School House met Woolfe House in the final and defeated them by 3 games to 1. Darke won the only point for Woolfe House, thus going through the competition undefeated. The absence of Firkins considerably weakened the chances of this House.

As last year, Stourbridge are our only opponents in the Worcestershire Schools' Chess Trophy. The match will be played at Stourbridge towards the end of the term. Our hopes of success run high.



NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

In many ways we have to record a very encouraging term's work by the Natural History Society.

Our collection of fossils has been considerably enlarged by the efforts of several boys who live in the outlying districts, showing that the surrounding country is full of the history of past ages.

Mr. Hooker gave a most interesting and lucid explanation of the general disposition of the Rocks of England in a lecture before the Society and illustrated his remarks by some of our specimens.

We have received some of the representative birds of the district, which have been carefully stuffed, and we are looking forward to next term, when the already large number of birds' eggs may be made more instructive by being formed into clutches and carefully mounted.

But perhaps the most interesting addition to the museum is a human skeleton, which wise boys are too ready to connect with the ancient legend surrounding the monastery of the White-ladies.

A number of excursions are being arranged for next term, which should prove popular.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

This term has not been an ideal one for the Society as regards out-door work, yet many of the members have obtained some creditable negatives. The coming holidays and the following term are of course the delight of all photographers, and we hope both to show and to be shown some pretty pictures of the arrival of Spring, on our return from the holidays.

The Society has done some good work in previous years, and we must take care that the standard of this year's work is no low one. Some good enlargements have been made this term, while many of us have gloated over old favourites printed in various styles.

The Society will greatly miss the able criticism and cheerful assistance of Mr. Bradley, who will find a magnificent hunting ground for his lens in his new county.

"RAPID SYMMETRICAL."

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HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE LETTER.

On our return this term, we found that we had lost both our house-masters, Mr. Crudgington and Mr. Coward, and we welcome Mr. Chessall and Mr. Rebsch in their places. We also sustained severe losses in the persons of A. H. Phillips and Royce. Phillips, who held the position of head boy last term, had been an occupant of the House for many year, a useful member of both cricket and football teams, and was an able and popular lieutenant when the House was under the command of Gardner, H. M. Royce had only been with us for a short time, but his sportsmanlike nature had made him extremely popular. Robinson and Simes are now the joint heads of the House, seconded by Hobson, while Butler has joined Pickard as a prefect of the Top dormitory.

This has been a more than usually quiet Spring term; gymnasium alone materially breaking the monotony of work. Half way through this term certain well-known members of the House were bitten by "bacillus philatelicus" and have been suffering severely ever since. One of these sufferers has now also taken the post of School draughtsman and carpenter, the chief results being a blast furnace and a cut finger.

We have successfully negotiated the first round in the Hockey Competition under the pilotage of Butler, who says he is thereby losing many pounds per day.

HORS DE COMBAT.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

Up to the present we have had little scope for showing our prowess in the Hockey matches, having drawn byes.

We are glad to record that we have entered well for the gymnasium classes and that every Tuesday evening sees a considerable number of us cultivating bulgy biceps or trying to counteract the effect of frequent visits to tuck shops.

In the cross-country race we centre our hopes in Hartley for the senior and R. J. Browning for the junior, provided the former is not previously slain by the inmates of Room B for his outrages upon the English language. We hope to do great things in the sports if a certain member, the unfailing regularity of whose attendance at House meetings cannot fail to have been noticed, supplies the necessary fillip to our efforts.

Concerning a more intellectual pursuit, in chess, we are only able to muster a few players, with the result that we were defeated in the first round of the competition by three games to one.

We regret to record the departure of Emerton, who proved a very useful house member last term.

TEMPLE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

This term has been so short and uneventful that there is very little to be said, except perhaps to deplore the effect of the weather on games.

The knock-out system of House competitions is working satisfactorily. We stand a good chance of getting the cup. We were the first day-boy House at football and there is no reason why we should not be the winners at hockey. There has been so little hockey this term that it has been almost impossible to estimate the value of some of the players. Hayes shows promise at forward and Ryder has become a sound back. With Gibbs, A. E., in the half line and Painting ready to rush for a goal, the team should come out well in the semi-final and final rounds of the competition.

The paucity of entries from this House for the Boxing is to be deplored. Shakespeare, W. N., should do well in the light-weights and Ryder in the heavies. We wish them success, and all hope for better weather next term.

TUDOR.

 WOOLFE HOUSE.

Unfortunately we have not done much to talk about this term; at any rate we have not excelled ourselves. We were knocked out in the first round of the Hockey Competition by Tudor House, whose victory was mainly due to the fine display given by their captain.

We did better than this in the Chess Competition, however, beating Temple House and Tudor House, but going down in the final to School House. Firkins' absence was much felt in this event.

We have about a dozen boys in for the Boxing Competitions, but they are mostly light-weights. We wish that they may all justify their phonetic House name.

It is to be hoped that a good number of our members will train during the latter part of the coming holiday, with a view to winning the cross-country events.

WULFUNIAN.

WYLDE HOUSE.

We have been unfortunate in our efforts to capture the Hockey Cup. We ought to be able, however, with the proper application of the forces at our disposal, to put in a very strong claim to the Sports Cup, and there is no reason why we should not do much better in the cricket than we have done in the hockey matches. Besides this Wylde House ought to make a very creditable appearance in the Inter-House Fives. With regard to the Sports Cup, I hope all the members of Wylde House will remember the saying that "he runs best who trains best," and that they will make every effort to appear in good training on sports day.

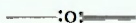
WYLDE.

 YEWLE HOUSE.

It was with great regret that we viewed the departure of Mr. Bradley at the end of last term. He took a great interest, as President of our House, in the sports which came under his care, and to his enthusiasm and energy may be partly credited the fact our occupying third place in the Football Competition. Our deep sense of appreciation for his many kindnesses was shown by a small present. We heartily welcome Mr. Hooker in his place, and we entertain the hope that he will be the President of the victorious House in the Hockey Competition. Owing to the inclemency of the weather little opportunity has been afforded for seeing every hockey player perform. But Shakespeare, W. H. N. (captain), Watkins, H. J., and Mapp have played in the 1st School XI., while doubtless Mills would have been a candidate for 1st XI. honours had there been enough practice matches earlier in the term. Gardner, M., though rather diminutive, plays very well indeed. Stephens has weight and strength and should develop as a back. It is pleasing to see that Gymnasium has attracted a large number of the House, but it is not possible to discriminate in any way, as the time put in has been very short. Gardner, R. H.,

should go far in the light-weight boxing, a sport which does not seem to be attracting much attention in the House. Sadler, B. W., is our representative in the final of the Junior, while Shakespeare remains in the Senior Fives.

YEWLE.



OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

If last term can claim to be a 'footer' term, then this is certainly a 'water' term. For not only is the river the chief centre of attraction at this time, but also there has been such a superabundance of the element as to threaten floods of Parisian magnitude.

'Toggers' were rowed under the worst conditions experienced for many years. Very rough water, a strong stream, and heavy storms combined to make the lot of the unfortunate crews as unpleasant and difficult as possible. Their supporters on the banks were considerably damped by a flooded towing-path. Christ Church I. easily kept their position at the head of the river. Of the other crews St. John's II. (6 bumps), Keble I. (5) and St. Edmund Hall (5) were the most successful. To what extent the presence of A. W. Woodhead in Queen's II. was responsible for their lowly position I cannot ascertain correctly.

Of Inter-Varsity contests the Rugger and the Hockey have fallen to our share, and the outlook for the Sports and the Boat Race is highly satisfactory.

Of the doings of the O.E.'s I have discovered that Pritchard and A. W. Woodhead were successful in the Certificate 'A' Examination last December; and that Pritchard was runner-up in the Signallers' Competition for the Henderson Cup.

The duties of a togger coach kept Martin fully employed most of the term. He is now rowing in the Pembroke eight.

Parker and F. C. T. Woodhead have been playing Hockey regularly for their respective colleges.

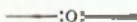
Gardner spends a considerable time planting and felling trees. While engaged on these pursuits he shows a keen desire to get to the root of the matter.

One of his recent opponents tells me that Grisman's Fives is improving.

J. J. S. Hill has been much in evidence at smokers as conductor of the Oxford University Light Music Orchestra.

The O.E.'s here wish to congratulate Mr. Bradley on taking up a double responsibility, and Appleton on his success last December.

Yours sincerely,
OXON.



CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

With regard to the Inter-Varsity Rugger match at the end of last term, the result was certainly rather disastrous for us; this, however, has been in some degree compensated for by the Soccer this term, and we have every hope for the Sports and Boat Race.

Otty is still rowing energetically for "Cats." and has on occasion been seen in a light four, while Clifton, being secretary of the Downing Hockey, spends a good deal of his time on match days running round to find "refs."

In the Lents, Jesus started head, and were bumped by Lady Margaret, whom they re-bumped next day. The Foster-Fairbairn pairs were rowed for the first time this year and resulted in a win for First Trinity. The Clinker Fours have still to be rowed. They should be interesting, as nearly all the colleges are represented.

Yours sincerely,
CANTAB.

MISCELLANEA.

THE MIGHTY VITH, OR A BALLAD OF HIGH OLYMPUS.

In a chamber lofty mounted,
 Mounted high above the ground floor,
 Dwell the gods in high Olympus,
 Hung with scalps from famous wigwams,
 Trophies won by old-time chieftains,
 Trophies won by ancient heroes.
 Thick the air is with the murmurs
 Of the thinkers puzzling deeply,
 Working out with many symbols,
 Covering all the wall with figures,
 How that x squared equals nothing,
 Or that y squared equals twenty.
 But there is another aspect
 When they sit and hold their councils,
 Gazing each towards the culprit.
 He, the victim, weakly shaking,
 Weeps and says he couldn't help it.
 All in vain his tears and tremors
 For the gods advance towards him.
 First the Bunnhi, the rhunquicklee,
 Comes and sternly glares upon him,
 Then the cock, the Beehfitori,
 Comes with aspect grave and mournful.
 Then the cat, the famous Hecklär,
 Stands and guards the door of heaven.
 And the robin, the Borederi,
 Bends the wretched small boy over.
 While the Hermes, famous sportsman,
 He the smeller of the test-tube.
 Goes and brings the rod, the wäckha,
 Which the mighty Malum clutches,
 Towers o'er his trembling victim,
 Raises high the sacred weapon

——Ah! alas, why *should* I tell it?

All is over in a moment
 And the door of heaven is bolted.
 Then the gods in gleeful accents
 Chuckle over many stories,
 Tell the legends of the old-time
 How the gods once dwelt in Hades.
 With a devil for a camp fire.
 How the devil spat out flashes
 At Teekay, the famous songster,
 When he talked of all the poems
 Made by many famous poets.
 Thus the gods live in their heaven,
 High above the petty struggles,
 Of the small-boys far below them.

(With apologies to Longfellow.)

Wolf House stands in a dark wood near a hill from the summit of which wide views across the leas may be had. Included in this mediæval establishment are a bishop and an abbot, and in time of war there are influxes of many from the surrounding country. The doughty deeds in defence of the wall are recorded by a painter who belongs to the house. The cocks, among which is a chief, awaken the inhabitants except the portcullis man, who is awakened by a quiet bray from below. This man's name shows that he also looks after the firkins of wine, on which there is a great demand after success in warfare. On these occasions the bullock is always done well, as a turner is kept for this and also to see that the bread does bake well, and the price of his failure is a dozen strokes with hop wood. A coney or partridge may be seen by anyone walking across the lea.

"TWO YEARS AGO."

The help Melpomene confers I fear I cannot use;
 Of wit then I'll invoke a god, because I can't a-muse!

First, heat I tried, but dropped it soon, by sound I was distracted;

So magnetism I took up, but failed to be attracted!

At light I was quite in the dark, and groped my way about,

For just as I went in for light, the light it just went out!

As soon as I took over light, ill-health soon overtook me;

But now that I had done with light, light-headedness forsook me!

I was laid up, that is, laid down, and in my bed I stayed;

But I was not hard up, because on 'soft down' was I laid!

My head once fell in with the floor, when I fell out of bed;

And though I was quite off my feet, I wasn't off my head!

Though I was nearly well and strong, a week I stayed in bed;

But matters, like myself, I found come quickly to a head!

Now when the Head had heard my tale, he looked a very Mars;

(Such tales, like those of comets, reach a head) so I saw stars!

The resistance of a wire to find, gave me enormous pain;

It hurt much more when I found out the resistance of a cane!

It was a heavier punishment when someone sat on me,

And like Diogenes of old, a tubby man was he!

I wasn't struck by arc lamps then, Archaic things of yore!

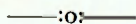
Some say that he who used them first was Davy, I say Noah!

But now I do no heat nor sound, and never look at light;

Electra dark I much prefer to an electrolyte!

Now I must cease, and havn't time to tell my every wrong,

Because this poem's been so short, so now I say 'so-long'!



ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Monsieur X.—Your conjecture is erroneous. The Rev. J. H. Beibitz is *not* the author of "Little by little."

Cavalier.—Give up the buns at interval, *if possible*.

Puzzled.—Chalk-chipping is a geologist's occupation, only it is done with a nail instead of a hammer.

Chantecler.—Yes, the things you mention should be attractive and we *could* give you some more advice about them.

B.R.—We can only answer shortly. The Norfolk you mention is quite good, and is being adopted by all the best people.

D.O.M.C.—Recent researches on the action of this mixture on the epidermis show that it is distinctly exothermic.

Jockey.—Modern surgery has become so rapid that we think a quarter of an hour was too long.

Gymnast.—Have pulleys fixed to the bars and get a gang of your friends to pull your legs up if the instructor is overburdened.

Rybeard.—Calcium sulphide is used on the commercial scale, but you had better get up earlier or else sharpen the implement.

Ossivet.—Try, as a last resource, liquid glue.

Naturalist.—Cases of pseudosymbiosis may be observed in the playground.

To many others.—The socks are, like the ordinary ones you wear, quite washable. Retire early and they can then be dried by morning.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring Term ends	-	Thursday, March 24th.
Summer Term begins	-	Wednesday, April 20th.
New Boys	-	Tuesday, April 19th.
Cross-Country Races	-	Saturday, April 30th.
Whit Monday	-	May 16th.
Sports	-	Thursday, May 26th.
Merit Holiday	-	Saturday, June 4th.
Half-term Holiday	-	Monday, June 6th.
Oxford Locals begin	-	Monday, July 18th.
Summer Term ends	-	Thursday, July 28th.

GAMES CLUB ACCOUNT. WINTER TERM, 1909.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from Summer Term ...	21	10	11	On A/c. Contract on Ground...	10	10	0
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				Postage ...	0	11	3
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				Cheque Book ...	0	2	0
				Balance in hand carried to Easter Term	38	3	0
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