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## SCHOOL NOTES.

We are unable to record any outward and visible sign of the new "Dyson-Perrins" Hall and Library unless it be the attempted transplanting of some of the Headmaster's trees in the orchard from the site where presumably the Hall will be built.

We understand, however, that our School Architect, Alderman Parker, has the plans well in hand and that the design is to be an imposing one in the Jacobean style. There are rumours also of a covered-in range under the Hall, which will be a great gain for the O.T.C.

The provision of a magnificent Library will be a matter of the utmost value to us as a School, and to the boys of all generations.

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We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. F. C. Hobbs, who has taken the place of Mr. Lane. Mr. Hobbs has shown already much keenness in all our games and societies, and we look forward to his effective co-operation in the Cricket and Football matches.

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Congratulations are due to A. H. M. Brierley on his breaking new ground in winning an Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Oxford.

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The following are the School Officers for the Term :—

Captain of Hockey	...	...	S. Hartley.
Secretary	...	...	V. W. Humpherson.



*Games Committee—*

The Headmaster.	B. W. Sadler.
Mr. Carter.	H. A. Crickmer.
Mr. Chessall.	C. N. Wedge.
W. H. Howes.	

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The following left last Term :—A. E. Gibbs, R. E. Grant, G. L. Watkinson, S. T. Rowley, A. G. Jackson, C. F. J. Lisle, C. R. Knight, C. F. Smith, G. F. Green, F. A. Nind, A. W. Bishop, D. R. Bradley, R. H. Jones, H. S. Tyler, A. S. Booth, J. W. Burton, R. T. Ewins, A. E. Cullis. And the following entered this Term :—J. L. Garner, A. J. M. Ross, R. Knight, H. J. Davies, R. F. H. Crisp, G. H. C. Davies, C. Highet, R. W. C. Hook, W. A. Lansbury and H. Phipps. And from the Preparatory :—V. Barnes, D. B. Flux, J. W. Griffiths, A. L. Mutlow, F. Pound, F. Woodward, and A. B. Wyatt.

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## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Probably for the last time Speech Day was held in the Public Hall, on Wednesday, December 18th, when the prizes were distributed by the Countess Beauchamp. Colonel Stallard presided, and he was supported by the Mayor, the Rev. J. H. Maude, Canon Wilson, Canon Longhurst, the Rev. G. F. Hooper, Dr. Crowe, Alderman Parker, and Messrs. F. A. W. Simes and G. W. Grosvenor. There was a large attendance of parents and friends in the body and gallery of the Hall.

The Headmaster said it was a little difficult to realise that it is now nearly ten years since Lady Beauchamp first distributed the prizes to the boys. Then they had their meetings in the Guildhall, from which they overflowed in that hall, and he hoped the time was not far distant when they would be able to welcome Lady Beauchamp on her next visit on their own ground. (Applause). They had with them that afternoon, Mr. Maude, than whom probably no one outside Oxford could speak with more authority on educational matters. They also welcomed the Mayor. The record which he had made by his three years of office would be, he hoped, a valuable lesson in civic patriotism to many of the boys around him. The year had been one of the usual

normal prosperity. The strain of providing new class-rooms, laboratories and art rooms to meet the rapid increase in numbers was over for a time. The year's record of examination successes was a very good one. In the Middle School the results shown were above the average. It was noteworthy that more than half of the successful candidates in the Oxford Senior Local obtained honours showing that as a whole they were all well above the necessary standard for passing. In the VI. Form they had an average number of scholarships. H. G. Watts, whose scholarship in Natural Science he was able just to announce last year, in May was elected to a Senior County Council Scholarship of £50 for four years. He was exceedingly sorry to see that the number of those scholarships had been cut down to one a year for the whole County. On general principles, he wished that more of these were retained for the top of the ladder, even if this entailed fewer entrants at the bottom. In March, H. R. Creese gained an open scholarship in Mathematics at Brasenose College, and in June came out top in the examination for the Worfield Scholarship. C. E. W. Simes was also elected to the Woolfe Scholarship and had entered at St. John's College, Oxford. More recently S. Hartley had been elected to the Meeke Scholarship in Classics at Hertford College. Hartley was Head of the School, Captain of the Games Clubs, and a worthy successor to his elder brother. It was some years since a Classical Scholarship was gained in the School, and this success therefore marked a definite stage in the evolution of the School. When he added that they were shortly sending up candidates in modern languages and in modern history, he was also confessing that they had given hostages to fortune in many ways, and the desire to do this was not to achieve results merely, but to ensure that every boy, whatever his bent of mind, should have the opportunity of developing it to the highest stage possible in school-life. Many other boys had distinguished themselves at the Universities. In the matter of successes of Old Boys other than at the Universities, they had either to adopt a self-denying ordinance or to establish a record office. He supposed he had now the responsibility of nearly 1,000 Old Boys, and any adequate report of their multifarious successes in all the quarters of the globe would fill a good many columns. A beginning in this way had been made under the auspices of the Old Boys' Association, and future generations would be well informed. Among these Old Boys' successes he singled out one other, W. N. Riley, their Cricket Captain in 1910 and 1911, gaining his cricket "blue" in his freshman's year. (Applause). At Easter certain changes would be made in the Preparatory School, whereby the youngest boys would be admitted without even the present qualification of reading and writing. He had been asked so many times to do this that he thought the time had come, and he had no doubt whatever of the advantages that it would bring to the small boys. He expressed his sorrow at the loss of two Governors during the year, the Rev. J. B. Wilson and Mr. J. H. Hooper. Of both it could well be said that

their interest in the School was great, and their kindness to it unfailing. The School was to be congratulated on Mr. Simes being still a member of the Governing Body, and on Ald. Parker being added to the representatives of the City. Both were distinguished Old Boys, and both have occupied the triple position of boy, parent, and Governor. He expressed his thanks to the Governors for their kindness during the year. (Applause).

Colonel Stallard, after speaking of the inadequacy of the accommodation of the Big School for such gatherings as that, said that fortunately they had had a very kind and munificent offer from a member of the Governing Body. That gentleman, Mr. Dyson Perrins, wrote saying the Headmaster had called his attention to the fact that there was no accommodation at the School for the boys who came from a distance, and who had to spend intervals during School hours on the premises. It seemed to him that a library where they could spend such time was not only much wanted, but was a practical necessity, and he asked to be allowed to build such a library as a gift to the School. Necessarily he had no cut and dried scheme, but his idea would be to erect a building somewhere on the site of the present gymnasium which would serve as a library, with reading room, &c., large enough to hold the boys and guests on such occasions as speech days, lectures and concerts. (Loud applause). Colonel Stallard said he had the opportunity of reading that letter to the Governors that morning, and they cordially accepted Mr. Dyson Perrins' munificent offer. He hoped that their next prize distribution would take place in the new building. (Applause).

Lady Beauchamp then distributed the prizes.

Colonel Stallard moved a vote of thanks to Lady Beauchamp, saying it added much to the value of the prizes that they were handed to the recipients by her Ladyship. He said when Lady Beauchamp attended a similar function ten years ago that was the beginning of a period of many advances in the efficiency and strength of the School, and, after the noble offer he had just read out, he hoped that they were now starting another ten years of exceptional efficiency and progress.

Canon Longhurst, seconding, expressed the hope that the prizes won by the boys would be the presage of greater success in after life. He said there was no call coming more forcibly and earnestly at the present time than the call for personal service. To render their best service to God, the King, the Church, and their country they needed all the mental equipment they could acquire, and therefore he urged them to make the best use of their opportunities.

The vote was carried with hearty cheers.

Lady Beauchamp, in reply, said she needed no thanks. It had been a real delight to her to be there that afternoon. She wished them all a happy, joyful Christmas, and all happiness and prosperity in the New Year. (Applause).



The Rev. J. H. Maude, speaking of the difficulty of making an address suitable to boys and adults, recalled an amusing conversation he had recently with his son. The speech day at his school had taken place, and a distinguished educationist had been the speaker. He asked his son what he was like, and he replied, "Oh, he was an old blighter," adding "he spoke the usual sort of rot for three-quarters of an hour, but it didn't matter, because I didn't listen much." (Laughter). He said it had been his privilege to examine the School for many years. The School had advanced wonderfully since he first knew it, both inside and out. The announcement that afternoon had come upon him as a surprise, because he had not been accustomed to think of the School as one in which anything else was required. The history of the School during the time he had known it had been one of extraordinary progress and efficiency, and he thought that the School might look forward to a period of even greater prosperity in the future. They all knew that their own School was the best in the world, and that was not an unwholesome feeling. He was afraid that there was too much danger of schools becoming too much alike. He must not say one word against the marvel of our time, the Board of Education, which they all loved from the bottom of their hearts—(laughter)—but there was a tendency on the part of those in authority on that Board to try to make things too much alike, to apply the same wooden rules to all the schools. That was not a good ideal. If schools were to be successful, they must, to a great extent, work out their own lives. Too much inspection, routine, and red tape, supervised by gentlemen in offices who had no immediate contact with education, did not tend to real efficiency. In conclusion, the speaker said that School was one of which the Headmaster, the Staff, the Governors, the boys, the Old Boys, and the citizens might reasonably be proud. (Applause).

The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the Governors (who, he said, had shown so much kindness to the Headmaster and his staff), and to Mr. Maude for his interesting address.

Dr. Crowe, seconding, said as the School Medical Officer he saw a great deal of the internal economy of the School, and he was always impressed by the excellent arrangements provided for the Governors.

Mr. Grosvenor, in reply, paid a tribute to the work of Colonel Stallard as Chairman of the Governing Body. He said their work would be of no avail if they had not a Headmaster like Mr. Hillard, and so capable a staff. So long as the spirit permeated the Governing Body, the Staff, and the boys, the School would continue to prosper (Applause).

Mr. Hooper also returned thanks, saying he was glad to hear that the Headmaster was going to make a new departure and have a School service. It might be that some other kind friend like Mr. Dyson Perrins would come along and build them a School chapel.

The Headmaster said it would be almost impossible to say too much about the generosity of Mr. Dyson Perrins. A School Hall for the prize givings, concerts, and other functions would add enormously to the dignity and comfort of those proceedings, and the provision of a library would doubtless have a far-reaching effect. In these days when literature was so cheap, and not all of it inspiring, a schoolmaster who wished to keep control of the mind of his boys must be able to keep control to a large extent over their literature, and the library which Mr. Dyson Perrins would give would go a long way towards producing that happy result. Therefore he thanked Mr. Dyson Perrins most sincerely, both for himself and for the boys of the present and future generations, for his most generous gift. (Applause).

#### HONOURS LIST, 1912.

H. R. Creese, Open Mathematical Scholarship of £80, Brasenose College, Oxford; H. G. Watts, Open Natural Science Exhibition of £85 for four years, Christ Church, Oxford; C. E. W. Simes, Woolfe Scholarship of £40 for three years; H. R. Creese, Worfield Exhibition of £50 for four years; H. G. Watts, Senior County Council Scholarship of £50 for four years; I. T. Pritchard, New College, 1st Class, Final Honour School of Mathematics; J. R. Grisman, Worcester College, 1st Class, Final Honour School of Natural Science; H. M. Gardner, Merton College, 2nd Class, Final Honour School of Natural Science; F. C. T. Woodhead, Hertford College, 3rd Class, Final Honour School of Mathematics; A. W. Woodhead, Queen's College, 3rd Class, Final Honour School of Mathematics; E. R. Appleton, New College, 2nd Class, Mathematical Honour Moderations; F. W. Hemming, Final Examination of the Law Society; G. F. Clifton, 2nd M.B., University of Cambridge; A. J. Parry, Final Examination, Institute of Bankers; A. L. Fletcher, Royal Society Grant of £50 for Research at Royal College of Science, Dublin; L. Portman, A. D. Robinson and A. A. Bryant, Intermediate Science Examination, London University; W. N. Riley, Cambridge University Cricket XI. Twenty-one boys passed the Senior Oxford Local Examination.

#### OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION.

Senior.—1st Class Honours: P. Appleyard, J. Holmes, C. F. Kimber, W. A. Young (distinguished in French). 2nd Class Honours: G. A. Aldington, A. H. Crump (distinguished in French), H. C. Dav's, M. R. G. Gardner, W. H. Howes. 3rd Class Honours: G. H. Gibbs, R. E. Grant, S. T. Rowley, G. L. Watkinson. Pass: C. W. Coney, F. S. Farmer, W. M. Hayes, L. B. Heath, J. R. Leeson, R. D. Partridge, A. J. Wilcock. Special: C. N. Wedge (distinguished in History).

Junior.—2nd Class Honours: E. J. Bowen. 3rd Class Honours: A. C. Benyon, G. H. Day, G. R. T. Fairbairn, V. W. Humpherson. Pass: J. A. Bakewell, T. Bartlett, G. E. Brown, J. W. Burton, J. W. Chisholm, H. R. Cooper, R. H. Cowley, H. A. Crickmer, H. M. Day,



A. Douglas, W. Downs, R. E. Gardner, G. A. Goodwin, H. Ingleson, A. G. Jackson, C. H. Law, H. W. Paine, W. G. T. Pearse, D. W. F. Shilton, E. U. Stanton, L. B. Swaffield, J. G. Tarrant, C. H. Walters, H. C. Williams, C. P. Wyatt.

Preliminary.—3rd Class Honours : W. A. Highfield, T. A. Owen, J. C. Walker. Pass : F. R. Burston, R. Cox, C. R. Davis, F. Ganderton, A. W. Harrison, D. G. Johnson, H. T. C. Sanday, P. J. H. Wasley, H. A. Bengier, E. A. Cook, R. V. Craven, J. Currell, A. Dunn, A. H. George, R. W. H. Hancock, B. Heath, J. A. Howfield, C. R. Knight, A. Pasco, E. Rigby, C. F. Smith, A. G. Spicer.

#### PRIZE LIST, 1912.

Special Prizes.—Public Spirit, the Chairman's Prize : S. Hartley. Goulsborough Mathematical Prize : H. R. Creese. Mathematical Prizes : Senior—M. R. G. Gardner ; Junior—E. Wall, C. H. Law ; Junior School—G. E. Glover, D. P. Hoyle. Science : Senior (given by the Mayor)—H. G. Watts ; Junior—M. R. G. Gardner, H. E. Ingleson ; Junior School—J. C. Walker. Classics ; Senior—S. Hartley. The Recorder's Prize for Greek Prose : A. E. Gibbs. Latin : Senior—A. H. Crump ; Junior—E. J. Bowen ; Lower School—W. A. Highfield. Divinity : Senior (given by the Bishop)—J. Holmes, V. W. Humpherson ; Junior—T. A. Owen, J. W. Andrews. English Essay (given by Alderman Leicester) : C. N. Wedge. English Literature : Senior (given by the Rev. G. F. Hooper)—S. T. Rowley ; Lower School—G. W. Dadge. History (given by Mr. E. A. Goulding, M.P.) : Senior—C. N. Wedge ; Upper School—W. A. Young ; Middle School—H. J. George, C. P. Wyatt. Geography : Middle School—E. J. Bowen, V. W. Humpherson ; Lower School—G. E. Glover. Modern Language : A. H. M. Brierley. French : Senior Literature—A. H. Crump ; Senior Language—W. A. Young ; Junior French Prize—A. C. Benyon ; Lower School Oral Work—E. S. Lewis. Art : Upper School—L. B. Swaffield ; Middle School—A. H. George ; Lower School—F. G. Evans. Nature Study : G. P. Hoyle. Writing : Middle School—D. G. Johnson, E. Rigby ; Junior—W. J. Roberts, A. D. Parry. Sixth Form Reading : H. G. Watts. General Knowledge : Senior (given by Mr. F. A. W. Simes)—H. E. Wyatt. Junior—G. E. Glover. Shooting : Full Range and Miniature—R. E. Grant ; Recruits Miniature—C. P. Wyatt. Oxford Local Prizes for First Class Honours : Senior—P. Appleyard, J. Holmes, C. F. Kimber, W. A. Young.

Form Prizes.—Upper V. : W. A. Young, 1 ; G. A. Adlington, G. H. Gibbs, 2. Lower V. : E. J. Bowen, 1 ; V. W. Humpherson, 2. Upper IV. : C. H. Law, 1 ; D. W. F. Shilton, 2. Lower IV. : E. Foxwell, 1 ; A. G. Spicer, 2. Upper III. : W. A. Highfield, 1 ; T. A. Owen, 2. Lower III. : G. E. Glover, 1 ; D. J. Thomas, 2. Upper II. : C. H. Greenhous and J. C. Dillworth, 1. Lower II. : C. G. Thomas 1 ; E. S. Lewis, 2. I. : H. G. Probert, 1 ; R. W. D. Stroyan, 2.

Preparatory School Prizes.—R. O. Elt, R. Price, S. Carpenter.

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## OLD ELIZABETHANS' DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Star Hotel, on Monday, Jan. 13th. Mr. Charles Joseland, of Kidderminster, presided, and Mr. P. J. Roberts occupied the vice-chair. The guest of the evening was the Headmaster (Mr. F. A. Hilard), and others present were: Mr. F. A. W. Simes, Alderman A. H. Parker, Messrs. W. T. Beard, R. G. L. Bennett, O. K. Bevington, W. P. Cross, H. W. Bradley, R. J. Carter, T. E. Wall, and the Honorary Secretaries (Messrs. H. M. Bennett and E. Gascoigne), W. Darch, E. Davies, J. Grisman, J. R. Grisman, A. R. Harris, E. C. Harrison, T. Haines, W. C. Hill, S. Hartley, G. J. Johnson, P. Lamb, E. Lamb, H. Mansfield, J. A. Mason, A. R. Norris, A. H. Parker, A. G. Parker, N. Parker, F. L. Parker, R. E. Roberts, C. Till, R. J. Smith, I. P. Venner, A. W. Woodhead, F. C. T. Woodhead, and P. R. Wall. A telegram from Mr. R. P. Page, Hon. Sec. of the London Old Boys' Association, was read.

After the loyal toast the Chairman moved a vote of condolence with their respected ex-Headmaster, the Rev. F. J. Eld, at the loss he had sustained in the death of his wife. Mr. Eld had hoped to be present that evening, but was prevented by the sad occurrence.

The vote was carried by members standing.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of "The School and our Guest." He remarked that on this, the 22nd occasion of the kind, he would confess that up till then he had neglected his duties as an Old boy. He would be more attentive in his obligations in the future. With regard to the School, he felt that he was at some loss, because it was so many years since he left. He first went to the School in March, 1871, and he looked back on his schooldays as some of the happiest he had ever spent. In his day the School was under the government of Six Masters alone. It was particularly satisfactory to find that on the present Board of Governors they had the sons of three of those Masters. (Applause).

The Chairman then referred to the magnificent gift of an Assembly Hall that had been made to the School by Mr. Dyson Perrins. Mr. Joseland proceeded to say that it was his duty that evening to present a handsome shield to the School, through the Headmaster, that had been given for shooting in the Inter-house Competitions. He thought the trend of modern events showed how important it was for their boys to be taught rifle shooting. (Applause).

The Headmaster, in replying, congratulated the Secretary on the happy combination by which both the Headmaster and the Head Boy

responded. The duties of the Headmaster were many, and certainly not the least pleasant of those was to meet the Old Boys of preceding Headmasters. The generous gift that had been made that evening would, he was sure, go a good way towards stimulating interest in the Officers' Training Corps. It had been whispered that an addition would be made, and that they would get an armoury and a rifle range. He would like to say something with regard to the sympathetic words which the Chairman had spoken with regard to Mr. Eld. With regard to the School, they could say that it had been a year of prosperous advance, and he did not think the School would turn back from producing capable men who were anxious to take their part in the strenuous life of the world. (Applause). It seemed a pity that a lot of the Old Boys, after leaving School, left the neighbourhood and went abroad, but it also seemed that when they were abroad they had the most pleasant recollections of school life. Those of them who remembered their school days would appreciate the great boon that the magnificent gift of an Assembly Room and Library would bestow on the School.

S. Hartley remarked that the School had given them their education, their health, their loyalty, and not least their character. Those were obtained not in the classroom, but on the playing field, and in those spheres which come more directly under the boys' control. The boy who worked for himself, leaving the management of the School affairs to others, even if he won a scholarship, was of less value than the one who endeavoured to get into the elevens or to become a House Captain or an officer of the Training Corps. The School had had a successful year. On behalf of the boys he thanked the Old Boys for the magnificent shield which they had presented for shooting. (Applause).

Mr. Bennett gave "The Governors," and remarked that the School was excellently served in that capacity. They had Governors through whom they were able to approach almost any body. The School was strongly represented in all quarters and institutions in the county, and there was nothing that the Governors set their minds to get, that they could not get.

Alderman Parker, who replied, observed that he preferred being classed that evening as an Old Boy rather than as a Governor. It was an honour for an Old Boy to be a Governor. The Governors were keenly interested in the welfare of the School, and there was nothing the Headmaster laid before them that they were not willing to do. (Applause).

Mr. Simes, in the course of a delightful speech, observed that he was not there as a Governor, but as an Old Boy, and he would like to take that opportunity of congratulating the Head Boy on his excellent speech. So long as the School had boys like Hartley they would have no fear of the reputation of the School. (Applause).



Mr. Carter proposed "The Association," and said that they wanted it to be for high aims and practical purposes, and he thought that in both the Association had made a reputation.

The Vice-Chairman briefly replied, and referred to the excellent work of the Secretaries.

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## LONDON OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The second Annual Dinner of the London O.E.'s was held at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, W., on Saturday evening, February 1st, and an enjoyable time was spent. Though of comparatively recent formation, the London branch is firmly established, and is making considerable progress, and the regularity with which Old Elizabethans attend its functions is evidence of the good work it is doing in preventing past scholars from losing touch with their School. Mr. John Porter presided, and Mr. A. J. Pitcher was in the vice-chair. The Headmaster (Mr. F. A. Hillard) was the guest of the evening, and the company included Dr. G. E. Downs, Messrs. J. W. Somerton, H. Byrne, T. Byrne, E. A. Somerton, G. H. Gibbs, W. H. Sparshott, A. N. Tyers, A. W. Lucy (Bedford), F. W. Hemming, G. Parker, C. R. Pughe, H. J. Dodds, C. F. L. Wyatt, H. P. Maybury, I. T. Pritchard, G. V. Hobson, H. R. Otty, C. P. Park, F. F. Rothen, H. Felton, D. S. Coombes, L. F. Rougeault, and R. P. Page (Hon. Sec.)

The Chairman, in toasting "The School," amused the company by some humorous reminiscences of his school days, which, he said, ended 31 years ago. Why, he asked, were the Old Boys loyal to the O.E.'s Association, and faithful to King and country? Because their revered chief (Mr. Eld) instilled into them one living lasting truth, and that was a code of honour, an *esprit de corps* between boys. At times Mr. Eld would be a big boy himself with them; but he was always the dignified personification of justice, and his Old Boys would always be his boys. In the name of the Old Elizabethans' Association he extended to Mr. Hillard a most hearty reception. (Applause). He had followed the reports of the School, and with the 50 Old Boys now in London, who were informed of the progressive nature of the School with its present 250 boys, of its munificent addition promised by Mr. Dyson Perrins, and of its high position so enhanced by the masterful control of Mr. Hillard; and he congratulated that gentleman, and expressed the confidence the Old Boys had that he would launch his boys into the life of the country, good, zealous, and true, ever a credit to their School, their city, and faithful to their King. (Applause).

The Head Master, who was cordially received, said that the previous dinner was an historic event in the life of the School. Their's was a very ancient School. They did not perhaps come over with the Conqueror—(laughter)—but their ancestry reached back nearly to that time. They were, in fact, the one public school of the city and district in the Middle Ages, and were a very flourishing School. After the Reformation and the establishment of the Cathedral School, their School fell on evil days. It sank until during the first half of the last century it nearly disappeared altogether. During the last 50 years of that century, however, it began to come into its own again and had steadily progressed to its present position. (Applause). The formation of a London Old Boys' Association was an historic moment in the history of the School, because it marked once again the passing of the School from a local institution to an important national position. (Applause). They would think that he was claiming all the honours for the new generation. Far from it. It was Mr. Eld who started the School on its new career, and none more loyally recognised that and paid homage to it than the present generation. They were doubtless aware of the great sorrow which had come into Mr. Eld's life through the death of Mrs. Eld, but they all hoped that he would be spared many more years to encourage them in their progress. (Applause). Mr. Eld's successor—Mr. Perry—also did excellent spade work for the School under most trying and difficult circumstances. As the School moved into its rightful position the responsibility of the part played by the Old Boys was very great. As sponsors and pioneers of the new era whatever they did would go down into tradition with greater force and prominence than the doings of later generations, but when he looked round at the manly and cheerful faces that were around him that night he felt completely happy as to the future reputation of the School. It was asserted that Worcester was not strenuous enough. (Laughter). Perhaps they were like Scotsmen who flourished best out of Scotland—(laughter)—for it was indeed a fact that their Old Boys were doing marvellously well in all parts of the globe and true also that few remained in Worcester. He ventured to think, however, that it was not the increased strenuousness that did it, but the altered point of view that came from a wider knowledge of the world. (Hear, hear). Worcester people were extremely pessimistic. They did not think enough of the institutions near their doors, and always thought that things elsewhere were far superior. He hoped the Old Elizabethans would still think that their School was as good as any, for going into the world put them on their mettle to show that their old School was as good as any. (Applause).

Mr. W. J. Somerton proposing "The Old Elizabethans," said those assembled were but a very small portion of a very considerable number of O.E.'s who were holding honourable positions in all parts of the world. One of the most satisfactory features of the old School was that so large a proportion of the boys had done very well in life. There was

a tendency in the scholastic world to magnify the achievements of boys who obtained degrees, and to pass over "the average boy" who had not as great examination successes, but who nevertheless obtained success in life. The old School could pride itself on a long and honourable list of those who might be termed "the average boys" who had won credit for themselves and the School all over the world. (Applause).

Mr. Pitcher, replying, appealed to all O.E.'s going to London to join the Association. All of them present, he believed, were what were called "average boys." The learned ones became professors and that sort of thing. They did not make a lot of money, but they did a lot of good. (Laughter and applause). The average boys did well in the professions and in commerce, and he had a suspicion that the dull boys made a lot of money. (Laughter).

Mr. F. W. Hemming, in submitting the toast "Our Guest," spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Hillard's work for the School. The Head Master, he said, was the embodiment of progress, and he was always asking and working for improvements. The School was turning out boys as well fitted to fight the battle of life as any other. (Applause).

The toast was musically honoured, and Mr. Hillard, in reply, spoke in appreciative terms of the work Mr. Page had done in founding the Association.

A capital programme was provided entirely by the O.E.'s. Songs were sung in an enjoyable manner by Messrs. Tyers, Park, Rothen, and M. Rougeault. Mr. T. Byrne gave a good recitation, and the Chairman was much applauded for a clever sketch. Mr. Tyers was an excellent pianist. The proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne."

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## OLD BOYS NOTES.

- T. C. B. Boon (1899-1905) is devoting some of his energy to fixing up an O.E. dinner in Winnipeg.
- A. H. Griffiths (1906-09) has been transferred from the Toronto to the Macoun (Sask.) branch of the Northern Crown Bank.
- W. E. S. Tyers (1896-1903) is sailing shortly to take up a post in Bishop Pinkham College, Calgary.
- A. C. W. Hobson (1902-09) is now Second Lieutenant in the 2nd South Midland Brigade R.F.A.
- G. E. Winterbourne (1908-12) is in Rüffer's Bank, Lombard Street, E.C.



- A. H. G. Davies (1904-1906) completed a course of training at St. David's College, Lampeter, last December, and he will be ordained on Trinity Sunday next. He hopes to work in Birmingham.
- L. M. Wilson (1905-09) is now in Glasgow in the Customs and Excise Dept.
- H. P. Firkins (1902-10) has obtained a post under the National Health Insurance Commission.
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#### MARRIAGE.

HOLLIDAY—KIRKE.—On Monday, March 24th, 1913, at S. Mary's Church, Worcester, John G. Holliday (1901-2), of Martley, to Hilda Kirke.

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#### DEATHS.

BRIMACOMBE.—On January 27th, 1913, at the South Bank Nursing Home, John Criage Brimacombe (1885), aged 44.

PARKER.—On March 27th, 1913, at Penbury Street, Barbourne, Tom Wilesmith Parker (1893-98), in his 31st year.

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#### HOCKEY, 1913.

The season has been fairly successful, and the team has shown some improvement on last year. We played ten matches, winning four and losing five. The main strength of the team lay in the defence, and Mr. Dier's skill and energy has contributed in no small degree to the successes the team has met with.

Sadler and Wright have improved considerably and should develop into very sound half-backs. The forward line has presented a difficulty; the inside forwards have displayed little scoring power. Several members of the team are severely handicapped by inability to take the ball and control it on their left-hand side. They should realize that when they get into the circle they must shoot at once and hard. It is heartrending to see the defence repeatedly clearing and feeding the forwards without any result. However, some improvement was noticeable in the last match against Norton.

1ST CLUB XI. v. O'E's.—We commenced the season with a match against the Old Boys. We pressed most of the time, our defence being much too good for the opposing forwards. The forwards worked well together, and Stanton, Hartley and Downs scored. We won by 6 goals to 2.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Dier ; Gardner M., Sadler, Wright J. E. T. ; Mr. Rebsch, Downs, Hartley, Blunt, Stanton.

1ST XI. v. DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL.—This match was played on Flagge Meadow on Feb. 5th, and ended in a severe defeat for us. The visitors were much heavier and faster. Their forwards were clever and combined well, and a one-sided game ended with the score at 14-2 against us.

Team :—Humpherson ; Wright J. E., Sadler ; Ralston, Crickmer, Gardner M., ; Downs, Adams, Hartley, Stanton, Ward.

1ST CLUB XI. v. UPTON.—Played at Upton on February 8th, and resulted in a victory for us by 5 goals to 1. The first half was even until just before half-time, when the forwards got together and scored three goals in rapid succession. After half-time we had the best of the game, Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Dier and Sadler being conspicuous.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Dier, Mr. Morris ; Wright J. E., Sadler, Crickmer ; Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Hobbs, Hartley, Stanton, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. WORCESTER H.C. 2ND XI.—Played at Boughton on Feb. 12th under uncomfortable conditions.

A thick fog seriously interfered with play and rendered the goals invisible from the halfway line. Most of the play took place in our half, the more experienced forwards of our opponents, who were strongly represented, proved too much for us, and the score at the close was 7 goals to nil in their favour.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Dier, Sadler ; Crickmer, Wright J. E., Gardner M. ; Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Hobbs, Hartley, Stanton, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. NORTON BARRACKS.—Played on Flagge Meadow on Feb. 19th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 6 goals to 3. The first half was very even and some good combination was shown, in spite of the treacherous state of the ground. After half-time our opponents had most of the game and scored three more goals. Mr. Dier, Wright and Sadler were conspicuous for good defensive work.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Dier ; Crickmer, Sadler, Wright J. E. ; Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Hobbs, Hartley, Stanton, Ward.

1ST CLUB XI. v. CIVIL SERVICE.—A very even game on Flagge Meadow ended in a draw of 5 goals each. The School kept ahead of the visitors until near the end of the game, but allowed them to score two goals in quick succession and draw level. Mr. Rebsch and Stanton and the backs did well.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Carter ; Sadler, Mr. Dier, Wright J. E. ; Mr. Hobbs, Crickmer, Mr. Rebsch, Downs, Stanton.

1ST CLUB XI. v. PERSHORE "A."—On Wednesday, March 5th, we visited Pershore, and won an interesting game by 2 goals to 1. Hartley and Mr. Rebsch scored for us in the first half, while the home side scored once. The second half of the game was very even, each side pressed in turn, but found the defence too strong. The home side was very near drawing level, hitting the post on two occasions.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Carter ; Sadler, Mr. Dier, Wright J. E. ; Mr. Rebsch, Crickmer, Hartley, Downs, Stanton.



1ST CLUB XI. v. MR. N. H. STONE'S XI.—Played at Stephenson Terrace on March 12th. Although the scratch team was very weak, we lost the game by two goals to nil. The forwards gave a very poor display, especially in front of goal. The backs on both sides played well and Humpherson brought off some good saves. Both goals were scored in the first half.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Dier ; Crickmer, Sadler, Wright J. E. ; Mr. Rebsch, Downs, Hartley, Ward, Stanton.

1ST CLUB XI. v. WORCESTER H.C. 2ND XI.—In this match at Boughton we were handicapped by the absence of Sadler, who was injured in the match the day before. Play was fairly even, but the weakness of the forwards in front of goal caused our defeat by 3 goals to nil. Mr. Dier played very well for us, and Wright was responsible for some very good work at centre half.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Dier ; Crickmer, Wright, Gardner M. ; Mr. Rebsch, Downs, Hartley, Stanton, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. NORTON BARRACKS.—This match was played at Norton, on Saturday, March 15th, and proved to be the best of the season. The home side scored first through their centre forward. They continued to press, but the excellent work of Mr. Dier, Wright and Humpherson prevented any further score. Just before half-time our forwards got together and Downs and Hartley scored. During the second half the home side pressed most of the time and many times nearly scored, and the defence did well to prevent any further score. A most interesting game ended in a victory for us by 2 goals to 1.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Wright J. E. ; Crickmer, Mr. Dier, Gardner M. ; Mr. Rebsch, Downs, Hartley, Stanton, Howes.

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## INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY.

The Shield Matches have been both interesting and surprising. In the first round Yewle beat Temple (who are generally finalists) after a drawn game 3-2, chiefly owing to Sadler and Gardner M., who both played very well. Almost the same thing happened with Tudor and Woolfe, the former winning the replay by 2-1. Yewle played well against School House in the semi-final, but were, of course, overridden to the extent of 8-0. Bad weather threatened to prevent the completion of the matches. Tudor beat Wylde by 6-1, but they should have done better in a game which was not so keen as expected.

In the final, Tudor fought gamely for some time, but then suddenly collapsed, and at half-time the score was 6-0. The School House forwards played unevenly, but were easily good enough to win finally by 12-0.

The House Matches have been more even. School and Temple tied for first place. According to the usual rule of the School goal average does not decide the competition. In the replay much enthusiasm was displayed, led by the megaphone with Adams for the School House. Temple were unlucky, to say the least, in losing by 2-1. Tudor and Wylde have played pretty well, but the less said of Yewle and Woolfe the better.

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## FOOTBALL.

(Continued from Page 18).

1ST CLUB XI v. OLD ELIZABETHANS.—This, the last match of the Term, was played on Flagge Meadow, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. After a keen, interesting game the score was level at 5 goals each. The School managed to keep ahead until towards the end of the second half, when the Old Boys equalized. Mr. Dier, Mr. Rebsch and Sadler played well for us.

Team :—Humpherson ; Mr. Dier, Phipps ; Gibbs, Sadler, Mr. Rebsch ; Hartley, Johnson G. D., Maund R. A., Ward, Howes.

2ND CLUB XI. v. KIDDERMINSTER G.S.—This match was played on Flagge Meadow on Dec. 11th, and resulted in an easy victory for the home side. Highfield kept goal well, but had little chance against the superior weight of the opposing forwards. The score at the close was 8 goals to 1.

Team :—Highfield ; Grant, Phipps ; Wright, Watkinson, Jackson ; Holmes, Hemus C., Lisle, Ward, Hemus D.

3RD CLUB XI. v. KIDDERMINSTER G.S. 2ND XI.—Played at Kidderminster on Dec. 11th, and resulted in a draw, neither side scoring. The forwards combined well, but found the opposing defence too strong.

Team :—Maund F. O. ; Burton, Crickmer ; Thomas C. G., Wyatt C., Cullis S. ; Banks, Vale R. F., Knight W. H., Roberts W. J., Stanton

3RD CLUB XI. v. BROMYARD G.S.—Played on Flagge Meadow on Feb. 26th, and resulted in a win for us by 5 goals to 3. The visitors had the best of the game for the first half hour, scoring three goals, their centre forward proving much too good for our backs. After this our team woke up, and at half-time the score was level. During most of the second half we pressed, but owing to bad shooting were only able to score twice.

Team :—Maund F. O. ; Ralston, Wasley P. J. ; Westwood, Somer, Heath B. ; Banks, Vale R. F., Knight W. H., Roberts W. J., Hemus D.

A TEAM (UNDER 12-9) v. THE DOWNS SCHOOL.—This match was played on Flagge Meadow and ended in a victory for us by 5 goals to 4. The game was remarkable for the wonderful recovery of the visiting team during the second half of the game. The home side, playing with great dash during the first half, crossed over 4 goals to the good. It was then that the visitors set to work with a will and succeeded in scoring 3 goals, while we did not add to our score. Price E. at back was conspicuous throughout, and Thomas A. (2), Arnold, Powis, Gibbs scored for us.

Team :—Price W. H. ; Price E. H., Hope ; Armstrong, Ferguson, Powis ; Arnold, Gibbs, Davies H. J., Thomas A., Briggs.

A TEAM (UNDER 12-9) v. THE DOWNS SCHOOL.—The return match was played at Colwall on March 12th. The forward line was very weak and seldom looked dangerous, with the exception of Arnold, who did good work on the right wing. Throughout the game the home side held the upper hand, combining effectively, and kicking far more accurately than the visitors. Price E. H. again distinguished himself at back. The final score was 2 goals to nil against us. The victors thoroughly deserved this their first win against us.

Team :—Hope ; Price E. H., Powis ; Armstrong, Collett, Ferguson ; Arnold, Gibbs, Davies H. J., Thomas A., Briggs.

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## CHALLENGE SHIELD—FINAL ROUND.

As foretold by our correspondent in our last number, Temple made a good fight with School House in the final. The former scored two goals in the first half-hour and it was not till nearly half-time that School House scored. At half-time the scores were equal, but at the beginning and end of the second half School House scored, thus winning the Shield by 4—2, in a match which was most keenly contested and encouraged throughout.

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## THE HOUSE SUPPER.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Hillard welcomed a large and distinguished company to the House Supper, on Thursday, December 19th, including Col. Stallard, Dr. Crowe, and the Rev. T. G. R. Barker, and many Old Boys.

After full justice had been done to the excellent meal, the Head proposed "The King." The entertainment part of the proceedings then opened with a piano solo by Miss Bullock, and next came a recitation by Mr. Rebsch. The Head, in proposing "The Visitors," referred to Cæsar's desire as to the men about him. He said that Col. Stallard, as Chairman of the Governors for so many years, had borne the work of the School as much as those inside it. Dr. Crowe was greedy, and wanted a sanatorium. If they ever wanted one he would look after them alright. Mr. Barker had given up schoolmastering. He thought Mr. Barker was justified in taking up clerical work and it seemed to agree with him. He also offered a welcome to the Old Boys present.

After a song by Mr. Dier, Col. Stallard in reply thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hillard for inviting him to such a joyful and happy gathering, and he also reminded them of what young men thought of old ones who gassed. Dr. Crowe said he was grateful to Mrs. Hillard for inviting him there instead of to a bedside. He thought they were all horribly healthy, and the Head was artful in giving them that spread and sending them home to their parents the next morning. Mr. Barker

said he had not got a sermon ready, as he had been warned against repeating the dose of four years back. He expressed his pleasure at coming back to see them again. Mr. Orange then gave a song.

Mr. Morris now proposed "The New Staff," and in happy vein touched upon the idiosyncrasies of these gentlemen. Hartley then sang, and Mr. Carter, turning up opportunely, sang for his supper.

After an interval, during which the room and the air were cleared, Mr. Lane replied. He complained that the other two had suddenly decided to reply themselves, after giving him the chance of saving two men's lives by answering for all three. Mr. Dier was resigned to the feeling that he should make an ass of himself. He expressed the pleasure he felt at being on the staff. Mr. Payne assured Mr. Morris that if he *did* have to draw him, he would do justice. Dr. Saloman also replied. Mr. Carter and Lisle then each gave a song.

Mr. Lovell, in proposing "Those Leaving," referred in his renowned facile style to the fact that being a schoolmaster, he was a modest man with a sense of duty. When he came to the School, Watkinson, a dignified fellow in the Vth., took care of him. In those days there was actually paper for the Upper V. Watkinson, as Head of the House, had been as competent as any of his predecessors. The interesting Lisle (one of the boys) was a patient fellow, of many virtues, with soft and gazelle-like eyes. Jackson's taste for geometry had come out in a remarkable way in his clothes. Mr. Lovell wished all three much success in the future. Hillard and W. N. Riley then each sang before Watkinson's reply. He said he had spent five very happy years at the School, to which he owed much, and he had lately come to recognise how much he and the boarders owed to Mrs. Hillard. After songs by Nicholas and Mr. Carter (whom there was no denying), Lisle and Jackson also replied. The former said the day for which he had been sorrowfully waiting had arrived, and the latter thanked Mr. Lovell for his remarks, and Mrs. Hillard for the spread. He said he should always remember some of the famous remarks he had heard in the Lab.

The Headmaster then called on Mr. Barker for a song, who equally coolly replied, "called "John Brown's Body," as he proceeded to the piano. Preceding the Headmaster's valedictory remarks, Mr. Dier sang again, and the happy meeting terminated with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," with the general verdict (the usual one), "The best yet."

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## OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

We have this Term to record no startling changes, no innovations and no great events. The Term began with the discovery that we had lost nine of our old members, including Corporal Watkinson, Lance-Corporals Rowley and Grant. We greatly regret to lose such useful cadets, but we must face our losses and go steadily on. We have in fact done so this time, since we have recruited thirteen new members. These we welcome and hope their example will be followed by many others. There have been renewed enquiries about a band, and we take the opportunity of repeating that the band will be forthcoming when the membership increases.

This Term we have made our first venture into the terra incognita of the certificate "A" examination, with what result we do not yet know, except that all the candidates but one satisfied the examiner in the practical part.

Owing to the pressure of work and the inclemency of the weather we have this year been unable to enter for the "Country Life" Competition.

The weather has also interfered greatly with the work of the Term, which has largely been carried out on Mr. R. J. Smith's field, for the use of which we take this opportunity of thanking him.

Next Term we must look forward to a very busy time, ending up with the Annual Camp, which begins on July 29th, at Tidworth. We feel sure that those cadets who were at Tidworth in 1911 will look forward to renewing their acquaintance with the Plain, and that many others will join them. We must keep up our reputation of taking a great proportion



of our strength to Camp, and this we can do only if every available cadet determines to let nothing stand in the way of his attending.

The Annual Inspection will take place on Tuesday, June 19th.

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### FIVES COMPETITION.

This year the entries for the Senior Cup were very numerous, but for the Junior only ten boys entered. In both events, however, some keen struggles were foretold, as there were many players of recognised ability at the game. Many of the senior day boys had been practising nearly every day, and had cultivated the use of the buttress to a high degree.

In the early rounds of the Senior there was no really good fight, except between Holmes and Dunn. These together with the brothers Hemus, Sadler and Howes were predicted as fighting out the later rounds. In the Junior, Somer has to meet either Knight or Wedge W. J. in the final, which should be a good match.

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### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The debates this Term have been somewhat disappointing. The Easter Term being the second portion of the Session, is usually not characterised by the same eagerness on the part of speakers, and the Lower V. have often tasted the joys of talking and have in some cases become satiated. This does not however explain everything and we believe there are other causes, prominent among which we must put the absence of the masters. Unfortunately, by the departure of Mr. Booth and Mr. Oakley, we have sustained a loss to the Society, and their places have not been filled; but it is a mournful fact that Mr. Morris and Mr. Hobbs are the only masters who have visited us during the whole of the Term, and we pine accordingly.

This is one complaint we have, but there is still another. Why are the Lower V. so shy? Lee we are getting to know and to recognise as quite a promising speaker, but the rest of the Form have failed to make much impression, not from lack of skill, but from the fact that they are such irregular attenders. It is whispered in certain quarters that the homework is not sufficient to make it worth their while to come to debate, but we have more confidence in them than that and refuse to believe the story.

And now, having unloaded our mind of a burden that has oppressed it for some time, let us record what has been done.

On January 25th, Humpherson proposed "That in the opinion of this House the life of a boarder is happier than that of a day boy and the benefits thereby gained are far greater." He drew harrowing pictures of the lives of day boys, and seemed to believe that the great advantage of boarding life was the absence, during most of the year, of parents. He was supported by Crump, Downs, Howfield, Nicholas and Pick, and evidently made a convert of Hartley, while on the opposition appeared the day boys—Crickmer, Lee, Young, Wedge, Brierley, Gardner M., and Cowley, and Mr. Hobbs. It is stated in the minutes that Mr. Lovell was neutral. This is extraordinary, but there seems no reason to doubt the record.

The motion was lost by 11 votes to 13.

On Feb. 8th, Wedge proposed "That in the opinion of this House life was happier in the Middle Ages than it is at the present day." There seemed considerable doubt what was meant by the "Middle Ages," which seem to have extended from the landing of Julius Cæsar to the end of the Stuart Dynasty, but after lengthy and abstruse discussions by Young, Nicholas, Humpherson, Mr. Lovell, Adams and Wright for the motion, and by Brierley, Gardner M., Wyatt, Crickmer, Fairbairn, Tarrant, Lee, Pick and Howfield against, the House decided by 14 votes to 9 that we are living in better times than our forefathers.

The motion discussed on Feb. 22nd was "That this House deplores the use of lawless means for the attainment of political ends, however excellent the latter may be." Lee opened in his determined manner and immediately created the impression that there was going to be no nonsense in handling the subject. He was supported by Tarrant, Mr. Lovell, Wareham, Stanton and Gardner M., and for the opposition, Adams, Howfield, Brierley, Wedge, Wyatt, Humpherson, Crickmer, Downs and Wright rendered yeoman service.

There was a tendency to bring in the Suffragettes at every opportunity, but opinion was very equally divided, seeing that the motion was only won by the casting vote of the Chairman after the voting showed 12 votes for and 12 against.

On March 8th we were reminded of Quince's advice, "When you have spoken your speech enter into that brake," for, unfortunately, Hartley reversed the order, with the result that the brake in question broke down near Droitwich and the speech was never given.

The motion to be discussed was "That in the opinion of this House conscription is essential to the good of the nation." Wedge proposed, and was supported by Wyatt, Howfield and Pick.

Brierley opposed, and in the absence of Hartley, studying motor engineering, Mr. Lovell supported him, while Lee, Day, Tarrant, Nicholas, Crickmer, Wareham and Currell also opposed.

The voting was—For, 5 votes, against, 14 votes.

This concludes the business of the Session, and we look forward to next September with hopefulness, trusting that our tyros of this year will be the leaders of next.

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## DEBATING SOCIETY CONCERT.

We believe that it is an accepted axiom that no concert can be a success unless the last rehearsal is an absolute failure.



If this had been known to the organisers of the Concert on Dec. 14th, 1912, a lot of anxiety might have been avoided, for we have no hesitation in saying that the rehearsal was practically without a redeeming feature, and we were informed later that the Concert itself easily held its own with those of other years. For this result we have to thank the performers, who, though few in number, worked exceedingly hard and with a good deal of success.

Mr. Carter, who was not at the gloomy affair earlier in the week, gave us many of those songs which have now come to be associated with his name in the School, and any higher praise could not be given. Mr. Dier filled the gap caused by Mr. Booth and Mr. Barker leaving us, and Mr. Rebsch appeared for the first time in a Shakesperean scene, so that we were able to see for ourselves that the reports about him were not exaggerated. A happy feature was the "School House Quartette," not particularly melodious perhaps, but filled with energy and reckless abandon that were the envy of all.

For the rest of the programme Hartley gave us several songs, Wedge a recitation that was distinctly humorous, Ward an exhibition of memorizing that astonished and delighted his admirers, and Hillard several songs.

In accordance with custom the programme was, like the whole of Gaul, divided into three parts, and the two intervals were as strenuous as the parts themselves.

We were indebted to Mr. Payne for kindly designing the programme, which was quite equal to the dignity of bearing the names of the successful artistes.

The account would be incomplete if it did not mention Venner, who was present and rendered by request "The Bassoon" and the old favourite "The Village Pump."

#### PROGRAMME.

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| I.   | Pianoforte Solo ... Valse in E Flat (Chopin) ... | Mr. Lovell.  |
|      | Enc. Polonaise in A.                             |              |
| II.  | Song ... " My Moon "                             | Mr. Dier.    |
| III. | Recitation " Adventures of a Four Wheeler "      | C. N. Wedge. |
| IV.  | Song ... " Is Life a Boon "                      | Mr. Carter.  |
|      | Enc. " Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes."           |              |

- V. Song "I was standing at the corner of the street" C. F. J. Lisle.  
Enc. "One of the Boys."
- VI. Song ... "The Trumpeter" ... S. Hartley.  
Enc. "That was many years ago."
- VII. Recitation in costume from "Macbeth" ... Mr. Rebsch.
- VIII. Song ... "Riding down from Bangor" B. R. Hillard.  
Enc. "The Horse the Missis dries the clothes on."
- IX. Song ... "Annie Laurie" ... Mr. Dier.  
Enc. "I worship the ground."
- X. Song ... "My Old Bassoon" ... F. W. Venner.  
Enc. "The Village Pump."
- XI. School House Quartette "Hie, Hie, Hie, Mr. Mackie"  
Enc. "Pot Pourri."  
B. R. Hillard, C. F. J. Lisle, J. W. Burton, W. Downs.
- XII. Recitation "Misadventures at Margate" ... F. W. Ward.  
Enc. "The Holidays."
- XIII. Song ... "The Storm Fiend" ... B. R. Hillard.  
Enc. "Sailing, Sailing."
- XIV. Song ... "Blow, blow thou winter wind" ... Mr. Carter.  
Enc. "The Silver Churn" and "The Deathless Army."  
"John Brown's Body."  
"Auld Lang Syne."  
"God Save the King."
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## THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY:

This, the youngest of all the School societies, started on its career early this Term. The originators of the idea were, we believe, Hartley and Wedge, and after some private discussion it was decided to inaugurate a Society under the auspices of the Debate, meetings to be held on alternate Saturdays. At present, only forms above the Lower V. are eligible, and there is a membership of about two dozen. Parts are assigned by a secret committee, who prefer to remain anonymous to being known as the distributors of characters. Take such a play as Macbeth for instance. When about sixteen out of twenty-four members have a firm conviction that nature intended them for the name part, the other eight being contented with Lady Macbeth, the committee's action has to be very tactful, and they have not the courage yet to face the disappointed candidates.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been done during the Term with some success. Two readings finished the play in the rough and then followed a full rehearsal. After this it was read to an invited gathering of the Lower V. and Upper IV. Many of the parts were well done, and members are improving in their reading as their nervousness gets less. At present they are engaged on Macbeth, though the fact that it is a tragedy makes it extremely difficult to do well.

We are very much indebted to Mr. Rebsch for coming to our assistance and giving us the benefit of his knowledge in these matters.

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## BOXING.

The Boxing Competitions at the three usual weights were decided on Friday, March 28th, after preliminary contests on the two previous days. The entry for the middle weights was disappointing, but the other two weights met with satisfactory support, and the various bouts were at least as interesting as those of previous years.

Among the light weights Lamb and Adams were obviously the pick, and their meeting in the third round produced the best contest in this section. Boxing in good style, Lamb disposed of Adams, and afterwards had little difficulty in beating Price F. H. in the final. Burgess and the two Hoyles showed pluck in their respective combats.

Gardner M., Hemus C., and Young were the best of the middle weights, and the two former met in the final. Gardner boxes neatly and coolly, but does not get much power into his blows. He showed more skill than his opponent, but it was only during the last few seconds that he made sure of the verdict.

The heavy weights produced some very even contests. Sadler, after being too strong for Hemus D., was beaten by Howes after a close fight. Sadler tired during the last minute of each round, and this enabled Howes to show his superior



skill. Stanton was too good for Wright in the other semi-final and met Howes in the final. This contest was fought with the utmost pluck on both sides. Howes, who has a very useful left and hits hard with both hands, scored freely in the second round and was apparently winning comfortably in the third, when Stanton rose to the occasion and drove Howes round the ring scoring heavily with both hands. Howes was badly shaken, but as Stanton had put all his remaining energy into his rally, the former was able to recover himself, and having the best of the finish won a very punishing contest.

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## HOUSE LETTERS.

### TUDOR HOUSE.

Unlike the majority of House Captains, who set themselves to chronicle a series of disappointed "hopes" and unfulfilled "ambitions," we are able to record a very successful Term.

It was with the greatest regret that we heard of Gibbs' departure; he was an enthusiastic and capable captain, and we wish him success in his new career. His successor is Wedge C. N.

In Inter-House Hockey we achieved a measure of success. After a slight reverse in our first match the team improved and, after winning the next three games with ease, we were only just beaten by the strong School House team. A noticeable feature was the sound defence; Hemus and Somer played really well at back, Wareham was a strenuous half, and Davis C. R. has developed as a goalkeeper.

In the Challenge Shield we were drawn against Woolfe House and, although twenty minutes extra was played, the match resulted in a draw (0—0). Extra time had also to be given in the replay; after a splendid game we just won. We then beat Wylde by 6—1. In the final, School House beat us easily by 12—0.

In other games the House has been doing well. Hemus D. and Dunn should go far in the Senior Fives, and Somer should have a good chance in the Junior Final.

In Boxing we have a strong entry, and Hemus D. should get a good place in the Cross-country Race. Johnson and Harrison also promise well.

We have to thank our President, Mr. Payne, for the great interest he has shown in us, and we wish him all success in the future.

TUDOR.

#### TEMPLE HOUSE.

Though we have not so much cause for complaint as the sighs of some house scribes seem to suggest, yet we should feel negligent of our duty were we but to wave a secretarial pen, extolling the valour of Knowles, Maund, Holmes and Armstrong on the Hockey field, patting ourselves on the back for being the top day-boy house in the House Matches, and looking forward with complacency to the efforts of Zealley and Maund gaining the first places in the Senior and Junior Cross-country respectively, without congratulating those members of the House who have shewn the wildest enthusiasm and most ardent keenness in never going a run, in never turning up to cheer at House matches, in never doing Gym. or entering the Boxing or Fives competitions, in never doing anything in fact except affording us the pleasure of their society at House meetings, when their brilliant conversation is confined to a running sepulchral murmur of a chorus of "No Sir," "Can't Sir," "Shouldn't think of it, Sir."

The 1st XI. have played well and enthusiastically to attain the position they have, and especially to register a draw against School House. In the Challenge Shield they were not so fortunate, and after drawing with Yewle, were beaten on a replay by 3—2.

Last Term we had the misfortune to lose our House Master, Mr. Lane, who had taken a lively interest in all the

House affairs. Mr. Lovell has taken his place, and is quite the keenest and most energetic President we have had.

The new boys this Term are Davies G. H. C., Knight R., Flux D. B., Brown A. Of these, Knight has joined the O.T.C., the others, like so many, have merely joined the House.

Prominent among those who left last Term was Rowley. He was Vice-captain, and had been with us since the House began to exist ; and in him we have lost quite one of the most useful members we have had. If the senior boys of the House rise to their responsibilities as he did, the House will flourish.

TEMPLE.

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#### SCHOOL HOUSE.

Some of our most active members, two of whom were of long standing, left last Term. Watkinson, Head of the House, has been much missed, both in the House and at Hockey, and Grant is no longer with us to uphold our fame in the Boxing and the Sports. Lisle, Jackson A. G. and Burton—a weighty trio—have also gone. We have as new members Craven, Garner, Ross, Phipps, and Lansbury.

Our hope expressed in our last was fulfilled, for we beat Temple 4—2 in the final for the Football Shield.

Our Term's Hockey has resulted in successes all round. We beat Temple in a replay for the 1st XI. trophy, and after a bye in the first round of the Shield, we beat Wylde by the surprising score of 9—0, and Tudor in the final by 12—0.

Much energy was absorbed from several of us by the Certificate A Class, but not in vain, for four of us passed in the practical part. In the Boxing we have several boys who did well last year and who should have a fair share of success.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

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#### WOOLFE HOUSE.

One bright spot in our career was the struggle with Tudor in the Shield Competition ; it took two prolonged matches



to settle. Howes, Smith A. A. and Williams H. C. did good defensive work, but Maund, except for Probert's efforts, was practically unsupported in the forward line, which was mainly composed of small boys new to the game.

There are still too many older members who are willing to take all the School can offer them, but who have a distinct aversion to giving back something in the shape of personal service and public spirit. Currell, however, has turned out to play Hockey and is all the better for it.

Next Term we ought to have a much better record. With our several bowlers, the Shield should not be beyond our aspirations. But will every "Wolf" come up to scratch?

WOOLFE.

#### WYLDE HOUSE.

Our best men this Term in House games have been Banks, Hall and Knight, but the latter spoilt his record by not playing in the semi-final of the Shield against Tudor. In this match we were helpless with three men absent. Banks and Hall (till he was hurt) played up well in the forward line, and Fairbairn and Roberts also worked hard. We have not made a great show in the games generally, as for the majority of players this has been the first Term at Hockey.

In the Cross-country we hope to do well in the Junior event, at any rate.

WYLDE.

#### YEWLE HOUSE.

In the games we are glad to be able to record the fact that a large number of the team have played consistently and well. Heath B., Heath C. R., Fairbairn L. and Cullis have all gained their House colours, and this augurs well for the future. Owing mainly to Sadler's efforts, we beat Temple in the Shield Competition, but School House were too much for us in a match which had aroused great excitement. Gardner M. has done very well, and has played for the Club XI.

Sadler should win the Fives Cup, and he and Gardner will well represent the House in the Boxing. Lamb should also do well in his class. A very large number have entered for the Cross-country, and we may expect to score a number of points.

YEWIE.

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## OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

On resuming our labours after an unusually short vacation we found the sole topic of conversation to be the coming Torpids (known to journalists as "Toggers"). In vain did we introduce our favourite topics of Divinity Degrees for All, or Compulsory Military Service for Dons, the rowing men gently but firmly led the conversation back to the time in which our second togger had rowed the course or the number of pounds of food the speakers had absorbed in Hall that night.

Hiscock rowed in the Jesus boat which made two notable bumps, the one (official) being Teddy Hall, the other (unofficial) being a barge, which bump not being acknowledged, the Jesus boat sank immediately with all hands in record time, Hiscock being on board. We observed Phillips on the tow-path doing nothing in particular with a megaphone, from which we concluded that he was coaching. We also saw Simes rowing in St. John's second togger, and from the acute anguish depicted on his face we inferred that the brilliant performance of that boat (five bumps or thereabouts) was mainly due to his efforts. Creese was daily to be seen on the tow-path, and we are unable to decide whether the central figure on the front page of a well-known illustrated paper is he or the Prince of Wales, though the paper itself inclines to the latter hypothesis.

Somewhere about half-term Appleton put in an appearance, thereby ending our speculations as to whether he had been deceived by the early occurrence of Easter or had been

de ayed hunting for a collar stud. We are now able to state on the highest authority (his own) that he had been recovering from overwork.

Yours sincerely,

OXON.

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## CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

Once again your scribe patiently seeks to harness Pegasus. Ideas and recollections come all too slowly, and one week's incidents blot out the memories of its predecessor. As I well recollect saying in a heated debate in Big School, "I must give you the bare facts" (which I probably did not, the debate being on Tariff Reform).

Towpath topics have been predominant lately. The Varsity VIII. deserve praise for the fight they put up in the boat race, badly handicapped as they were by the changes caused by illness. Against our defeat here we won the Hockey and the Boxing. First Trinity went head of the river in the Lent races, which produced some very good crews. No O.U.'s have been rowing this Term, unless one counts Jackson's efforts to get upset on the banks in a small canoe—efforts crowned with one complete success, it was rumoured.

Riley and Robinson have been playing for their colleges at Hockey. Riley played several times for the Varsity at left half.

The O.T.C. provided the usual field days and night attacks. On one of these a search light (that failed) proved a great attraction. The scheme to make military training a condition for graduating, seems towards the end of Term to have had current opinion veering against it, though it is backed by several heads of Colleges.

Yours sincerely,

CANTAB.

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## LONDON LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

The absence of a London letter in your last is not in any way due to the disappearance of this great city. Your readers may rest assured that no future number will lack its most interesting article.

Since writing last, the O.E.'s have had the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner. At the former it was decided that the newer generation of O.E.'s should be represented on the Committee in the person of G. H. Gibbs. After business was over a first rate concert was held, at which we were fortunate in having the services of D. A. Baldwin. As a member of the London Scottish Regt. he is an able performer on the bagpipes, and a close rival to Harry Lauder in the singing of Scottish songs, of which he gave us several.

The Dinner was a great success. All were delighted to see the Headmaster, and it must have been a great pleasure to him to see so many of his Old Boys.

While at lunch with the Rev. J. G. Fenn, well remembered by Old Boys of thirteen or fourteen years ago, I tried to persuade him to write an article on Rifle Shooting for the Magazine, but, being a very modest man, he was very reticent. I think, however, I can promise the O.T.C. an article from him on some future occasion. Mr. Fenn missed the King's Prize at Bisley last year by a single point.

We welcome H. P. Firkins and I. T. Pritchard, both of whom will be valuable additions to the Association.

TAMESIS.

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SCHOOL CALENDER:

Spring Term ends	...	...	Thursday, April 3rd.
Summer Term begins	...	...	Thursday, May 1st.
New Boys	...	...	Wednesday, April 30th.
O.E. Match v. School	...	...	Saturday, May 31st.
Sports	...	...	Thursday, May 29th.
O.T.C. Inspection	...	...	Thursday, June 19th.
Oxford Locals begin	...	..	Monday, July 21st.
O.E. Match v. Club	...	..	Saturday, July 26th.
Summer Term ends	...	..	Tuesday, July 29th.
O.T.C. go into Camp	...	..	Tuesday, July 29th.

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## GAMES' CLUB BALANCE SHEET.

Up to March 29th, 1913.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash at Bank ...	7	0 2	Match Expenses	0	5 10
Subscriptions ...	41	10 0	Wages ...	5	12 9
Sale of Fixture			Sundries ...	0	6 3
Cards ...	0	4 1	Bills Paid ...	10	10 0
			Cash in hand and		
			at Bank ...	31	19 5
	<u>£48</u>	<u>14 3</u>		<u>£48</u>	<u>14 3</u>

## BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Bills unpaid ...	24	1 7½	Cash at Bank and		
Balance ...	7	17 9½	in hand ...	31	19 5
	<u>£31</u>	<u>19 5</u>		<u>£31</u>	<u>19 5</u>

Examined and found correct,

R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL, Treasurer.

## OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ending Jan. 20th, 1913.

Cr.	£	s. d.	Dr.	£	s. d.
By Balance ...	3	18 5	To Messrs. Hazel,		
„ Sub. and Ent.			Clothing con-		
Fees ...	32	17 6	tractor ...	35	10 10
„ Sale of Uni-			„ Sergt. Instr. ...	14	0 0
forms ...	12	7 6	„ Balance, Camp		
„ Camp Fees ...	55	10 0	Account, 1911	20	15 2
„ Grants ...	82	10 0	„ Messrs. Whittall	6	14 9
			„ Musketry Re-		
			quisites ...	5	12 8
			„ Camp Outfit...	3	17 1
			„ „ Expenses	42	14 2
			„ Railway Ex-		
			penses to Camp	21	12 7
			„ Messrs. Baker	3	3 4
			„ Expenses of		
			Field Day ...	11	4 1
			„ Train Fares to		
			Defford ...	2	18 6
			„ Messrs. W. H.		
			Smith ...	1	12 0
			„ Petty Cash A/c	9	0 0
			Balance in hand	8	8 3
	<u>£187</u>	<u>3 5</u>		<u>£187</u>	<u>3 5</u>

Examined and found correct,

R. J. CARTER.

H. DIPPIE, Capt