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SCHOOL NOTES.

It is with the greatest regret that we record the Headmaster's enforced absence for a considerable part of the Term. He had been unwell for some time and at the end of January reluctantly decided on medical advice to take a complete rest. We are glad to hear that he is already very much better and hope soon to welcome him back fully restored to health and strength.

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Our new buildings, which have been kept back by weather conditions and difficulties in connection with the stone-work, are now rising apace, and we are already able to form some conception of the magnificent gift which Mr. Dyson-Perrins has so generously made to the School.

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This Term we welcome on the staff, in Mr. H. M. Gardner, an Old Boy whom many of us remember as a most efficient and popular Head of the School. He was here as a boy for eleven years, going up to Oxford with a Mathematical Scholarship in 1909, and it is a great pleasure to us, as we know it is to him, that he is able to take an active part in the School life again. Of the assistance he has given to the Hockey XI. it is impossible to speak too highly.

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We congratulate W. A. Young on being elected to an Open Exhibition in Natural Science of £60 for four years at

Jesus College, Oxford, and M. R. G. Gardner on gaining an Open Scholarship in Mathematics of £80 for four years at Magdalen College, Oxford. Both were considerably under age when they obtained their Scholarships.

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The School Officers for this Term are :—

Captain of Hockey	B. W. Sadler.
Secretary	W. H. Howes.

Games Committee :—

The Headmaster.	D. G. Hemus.
Mr. Carter.	C. H. Hemus.
Mr. Chessall.	C. W. Knowles.
H. A. Crickmer.	

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We offer our congratulations to Mr. Morris on his recent marriage, and would express to him and to Mrs. Morris our best wishes for their future happiness.

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We wish again to call attention to the system whereby boys can spend a valuable and inexpensive holiday abroad on condition of receiving a guest on equal terms in exchange. This system has been working very satisfactorily for many years, and has led to visits which have proved useful both for business and for examination purposes. Where this arrangement is impracticable, it is not difficult to find suitable families willing to receive boys as paying guests.

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Any member of the Upper School can be put into communication with a suitable foreign correspondent on application to Mr. Orange early next Term.

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We note that an attempt has been made, in spite of the many claims upon time after School in the afternoons, to revive the Chess Club. We wish it all success.

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The following have left since last Term :—Baines H. J., Chadwick J. A., Ferguson K. H., George A. H., Grafton R. E., Moule W., Rallings J. E., Wright G. H., Wyatt C. P., Preparatory :—Pirie N. G. F., Pirie R. A. S. The following have entered the School this Term :—Galloway W. J., Gillett W. A., Jackson V. M., Wheal C. W. W., Wheal J. H. G. Preparatory : Armstrong C. W., Lee H. G., Moy F. G.

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We wish to call the attention of the ex-members of the O.T.C. to the notice which we print on another page with regard to taking up Commissions. We should like to see many more thus putting to practical use the training they have received in the Corps.

OLD BOYS NOTES.

W. N. Riley ('03-'11), St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, who gained his Blue for Cricket two years ago, has added to his laurels by playing Hockey, not only for Cambridge in the Inter-Varsity Match, but also for England in the International Games against Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. He is playing against France on April 11th, and has been elected Secretary of the Cambridge University Hockey Club.

D. H. B. Adams ('09-'13) is in Alençon studying French.

C. M. Sparshott ('01-'08) has entered the service of the Soengi Rampah Rubber Company, and is in charge of a factory in Sumatra.

H. Wykes ('06-'09) has returned from Argentina and intends to settle in one of the British Colonies.

From *The Gazette of India*, Sept. 26th, 1913 :—Alexander W. Woodhead to be Captain, St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, Cadet Company, Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles.

We learn with deep regret that there seems no longer hope of the safety of B. H. Bevington ('08-'11). He was on board the *Inveravon*, of Aberdeen, which left Callao for Portland, Oregon, on October 5th last, and has not been heard of since; there is reason to believe that she was totally lost in the gale which raged off the Peruvian coast immediately after she left port. Bevington would have been twenty years old next month. Three years ago he was instrumental in saving the life of M. R. G. Gardner in a boating accident on the Severn. He was a prominent competitor in the School Boxing Competitions.

BIRTH.

WALLIS.—On December 9th, 1913, at Shepton Mallet, the wife of F. W. Wallis ('89-'95), of a daughter.

DEATH.

GOODWIN.—On March 1st, at Hill Grove, Kidderminster, Thomas Henry Goodwin ('63-'67), in his 61st year.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

II.

Of the beginnings of education in Worcester we have no record, but we may believe that here, as elsewhere, the creation of the See—the first bishop, Bosel, was consecrated in 685—carried with it the foundation of a school. For six hundred years, however, this school has no history; we can only infer that, with the introduction of monks into the chapter under St. Oswald in the tenth century, if it was ever in the Cathedral

precincts, it must have been extruded with the secular clergy who kept it—for the Benedictines were prevented by the rules of their order from maintaining a public school. The first definite mention of it occurs in an ordinance made by Bishop Walter, of Cantelupe, in 1265, re-endowing the Chapel of the Carnary or Charnel-house. By this ordinance four resident chaplains were appointed to sing masses for the dead, and it was expressly laid down that they should go to school together, the school obviously not being in the chapel or in their lodging. Their daily routine throws an interesting light on the rigours of life in the Middle Ages. They arose at "first peal"—5 a.m.—sang a mass, attended school from 6 to 9 a.m., sang three more masses, and then at 10 a.m. took their first meal, a routine which they must have been hardy to endure.

The earliest extant document dealing with the School dates from 1291, and shows us the schoolmaster and the school in the same parish, and no doubt on the same spot where they are found 300 years later, in the centre of the City, and under the jurisdiction of the Bishop. It is an ordinance issued by Bishop Godfrey Giffard settling a dispute between Master Stephen of London, Rector of Worcester School, and Walter, Rector of St. Nicholas' Church. The scholars, it seems, attended the parish church for the yearly celebration of the feast of St. Nicholas, making a collection to buy wax for the candles required for the service—then an item of considerable expense—and a quarrel arose as to the custody of wax left over after the solemnization, both the rector of the parish and the schoolmaster claiming the right to keep it. It is satisfactory to know that the Bishop decided the dispute in favour of the School.

During the next 350 years we have records of three appointments to the mastership by the Bishop of the Diocese, in one case after the dismissal of the previous holder, of the giving of a maundy by the Cathedral Priory in return for the instruction of relatives of the monks, and of the contribution by one of the masters, Sir John Pynnyngton, in 1487, to a subsidy for the Archbishop of Canterbury, showing that the School was by this time endowed. In 1548 we have fuller

information. From a memorandum attached to the certificate of the commissioners appointed under the Chantries Act we learn that a Free School had been maintained for "time out of mind" by the Gild of the Holy Trinity in the Hall of the Gild, the schoolmaster receiving a yearly stipend of £10; that, owing to expenses incurred in repairing dilapidations to property, the Gild had for "four or five years last past left the keeping" of the schoolmaster—this they were probably enabled to do by the foundation of the Cathedral Grammar School in 1540—but that at Michaelmas, 1547, they had appointed one John Oliver, B.A., who then had more than a hundred scholars. Someone, however, must have reported adversely on the School's continuance, for the commissioners ordered that it should cease. The master thereupon gave up teaching, but on receiving from the Crown a pension of £6 a year, through the intervention it seems of the City Members—for the City was anxious that the School should continue—resumed his duties, his pension being augmented from the City chest. Two years later a dispute arose with the Corporation and he subsequently left Worcester. The quarrel was vigorously prosecuted—Oliver stated that for a time he was imprisoned—and subsequently carried to the Court of Requests, with what result we do not know. The School, however, was discontinued, and remained in abeyance during the reign of Mary. On the accession of Elizabeth it was re-opened, and on February 23rd, 1561, "at the humble request and petition of the bailiffs, aldermen, chamberlains, citizens, and residents of Worcester," received its Royal Charter. Its subsequent history we hope to trace in a future number.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place in the School Hall on Friday, December 19th, when the prizes were presented by Mr. Edward Goulding, M.P. Col. Stallard presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. F. Hooper, Ald. A. H. Parker, and Mr. T. G. Hyde.

The Headmaster said he thought that some explanation was due as to why they had so quiet a prize giving. Earlier in the Term he thought that one of their distinguished citizens pre-eminent in art might be able to come down this year. Unfortunately that had not been possible. He would admit a certain feeling against migrating again for the prize-giving to the Public Hall. It was not because it had not served them well, but for many years he had looked to the time when they should hold their Speech Day on their own premises. With the prize-giving in the School Hall, if the parents came in, the boys would have to go out, and if the boys came in, the parents would have to remain away. But they thought, on general principles, that for that year they might retire into themselves and hold their prize-giving quite quietly. A word of regret was due to those senior boys of the School who had not finished their education at the end of the last School year, and who found themselves cut out of the public recognition of the work which they had done, and the success which they had gained. He could only say to those boys that their work in the School was not lost, and their recognition would come from the School later on, when subsequent success marked them out as men of character and position in the world. During the year, they had opened two new channels by which the ambitious and able boy could leave School and take his proper place in the world. The first was a small but distinct channel for those who had a bent that way, by means of Modern History Scholarships at the older Universities. He did not know if Mr. Goulding thought his challenge of two years ago, when he gave a Modern History prize, would show such immediate results. It certainly had done so, and now there was a definite course for those who wanted to take up the subject and go to the Universities. The other channel was the formation of a definite Civil Service Class. Of course, all Schools of their type had said they prepared pupils for these examinations, and so they had, but the demand had become so great that further provision was necessary. Now they had a Sixth Form section which prepared almost entirely for the Civil Service clerkships. He would not go into the vexed question as to whether a boy should go into the Civil Service, or whether he should take his life into his hands and go abroad, as a large proportion did, and carve out a career for himself. That was a question which could only be answered by the time honoured expression, "It depends upon the boy." He did not look with disfavour upon the fact that a large number of boys wished to enter the Civil Service, for the simple reason that he bemoaned the fact that there was a large percentage of boys for whom locally there was no position in which to work out an ambitious livelihood. There was another question—the advantage, or otherwise, of "cramming" for getting into the Civil Service. That was a question which could not be answered by "Aye" or "Nay." It depended to some extent on the boy. "Crammers" were able to put on for a few weeks a

surface polish in little things which counted for a certain number of marks in easy subjects. Three boys started during the last year to prepare for the Civil Service. One went away to a "cramming" establishment, and the other two remained at the School. Of the two who remained one came out highest of the three, the boy who went away came in the middle, and the other came third. The third boy, however, had had an accident to his hand in the summer and could not write comfortably even yet. But he did not wish to press the point that both the boys who remained at the School would have beaten a boy who went to a "cramming" establishment. They all started fairly level. On the other hand he was prepared to say that "cramming" establishments might put on a little extra polish just before the examination occurred. It was noteworthy, too, that in the really good subjects of the examination the boys who had remained at School had scored. The year's results in the School were quite up to the average. In the honours' list there was a break out in a new direction—Brierley's open Scholarship for Modern Languages. He thought that it was the first time that a Modern Language Scholarship had been gained from that School. It was only a few years ago that the Universities began to offer such scholarships. He must congratulate Brierley, and Mr. Orange for the way he had worked him for that scholarship. He complimented the boys in regard to the great improvement in the games of the year, and the first person he wished to congratulate was Mr. Chessall, who had had charge of the games for the last fifteen months. Never had the games been in a more healthy condition than in the last year. It was almost entirely due to Mr. Chessall's devotion and work. If only the younger boys would keep up the promise which they were showing, they would soon have a team which would not be beaten anywhere around. In the Officers' Training Corps the number who gained Certificate "A" was the largest proportion of any School in the country. Their actual position was twentieth, but the proportion of six out of nine was the greatest number of successes of any School. That was a great record for them. They were promised a history of the School by Mr. Leach, one of the Charity Commissioners, and a leading authority on the ancient history of the Schools of the country. The history had just been published, and he proposed to give extracts in the School Magazine. Though they only had records from 1291, the School was undoubtedly in existence before that date, as it was then described as an old-established School. It was the one and only Public School in Worcester up to the time of the Reformation, and even after then it held its own as the most important School in that part of the country until the first 50 years of the last century, when it suffered a temporary eclipse. Now, he hoped, it was gaining the footing it held for 600 years from 1200. The history and traditions of the School were the boys, and it ought to be one of the prime objects of their lives to see that those traditions were never taken away from

them again, and that the light of those traditions should never become dimmed. (Applause).

Mr. Goulding, who was very cordially received, then presented the prizes.

Colonel Stallard proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Goulding, and congratulated the prize winners. They were all looking forward to having the advantage of the splendid hall which Mr. Dyson-Perrins was building for them, and which would be open some time in the course of the next summer. No School would then be better equipped than that one. The Library would provide the finishing touch. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Goulding there to present the prizes. It was very delightful to see how the boys applauded the winners in so unselfish a way. (Applause).

Mr. Goulding, in reply, said that it was an altogether unexpected privilege which had been accorded him in being able to distribute the prizes. He always felt better when he came amongst an assembly of the rising youth of England. They had an enthusiasm in spirit and demeanour among them which was always permeated with goodwill. There were few adults—unless they had a bad attack of liver—who would not like the boys' opportunities and start all over again. He was exceptionally pleased to see in the report of the Officers' Training Corps that their turn-out was smart. To his mind, smartness meant self-respect. He had often admired the boys of the School when he had been in Worcester, and he could not recall one single occasion when he had seen the boys going about without an appearance of smartness and self-respect. He was certain that one of the greatest helps in the battle of life was to have self-respect, which gave confidence. The Headmaster had alluded to the fact that so many boys competed for the Civil Service. No doubt people then got into a certainty, but there was this difference: with that certainty it sometimes put young fellows on the shelf. Never were greater opportunities afforded young people to enter commercial life, and he believed that if young fellows would take their pluck in their hands and face the situation, they would have the opportunity of being a much greater power than if they went into the Civil Service. He hoped they would spend a jolly good holiday. (Applause).

Cheers were given for Mr. Goulding, the Governors, the Headmaster, and the Staff.

HONOURS LIST, 1913.

S. Hartley, Meeke Scholarship for Classics of £40 for three years, Hertford College, Oxford; A. H. M. Brierley, Open Modern Language Scholarship of £50 for four years, Jesus College, Oxford; S. Hartley, Worfield Exhibition of £50 for four years; A. H. M. Brierley, City Council Scholarship of £35 for four years; H. E. Wyatt, Classical Exhibition of £40 for three years, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and

a Drapers' Company Scholarship of £25 a year; A. D. Robinson, 1st Class, Natural Science Tripos, Part I., Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and elected to a Foundation Scholarship; W. N. Riley, 3rd Class, Mathematical Tripos, Part I., St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; E. H. Hiscock, 2nd Class Honours, Mathematical Moderations, Jesus College, Oxford; H. R. Creese, 2nd Class Honours, Mathematical Moderations, Brasenose College, Oxford; H. G. Watts, 2nd Class Honours, Mathematical Moderations, Christ Church, Oxford; H. M. Gardner, Diploma in Forestry, Part II., Merton College, Oxford; H. E. Butler, 18th in Indian Police Examination; A. Pitchford, Intermediate Science Examination, London; H. P. Firkins, 2nd Class Clerkship, Civil Service; G. H. Gibbs, Intermediate Science Examination, London, 1st Class Honours in Chemistry; D. Williams, 3rd Class Honours, Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society; W. L. Dowdeswell, H.M.S. Conway, First Place, Passing-out Examination with Gold Medal and Brocklebank and Royal Geographical Society Prizes. Twenty boys passed the Senior Oxford Local Examination.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION.

SENIOR.—1st Class Honours: E. J. Bowen (bracketed 13th, distinguished in Chemistry and Physics), G. R. T. Fairbairn, V. W. Humpherson, J. A. Bakewell. 2nd Class Honours: G. H. Day, C. H. Hemus, D. G. Hemus, E. Wall, L. J. Wareham. 3rd Class Honours: R. H. Cowley. Pass: H. C. Banks, A. C. Beynon, R. A. Crickmer, H. J. George, W. G. T. Pearse, A. B. Pick, D. W. F. Shilton, E. U. Stanton, J. E. T. Wright, C. P. Wyatt.

JUNIOR.—1st Class Honours: T. G. Nicholas, H. H. Parsons. 2nd Class Honours: A. E. Rudd, T. Bartlett. 3rd Class Honours: D. H. B. Adams, W. A. Highfield, T. A. Owen, E. Rigby, J. G. Tarrant, J. C. Walker. Pass: R. Cox, T. W. Crimp, J. Currell, G. Davis, A. Dunn, F. Ganderton, A. H. George, G. E. Glover, R. W. H. Hancock, W. J. Harris, A. W. Harrison, P. H. Hawkins, B. Heath, J. A. Howfield, D. G. Johnson, C. K. Lee, W. Mander, A. Pasco, H. P. T. Phipps, F. Rayers, H. T. C. Sanday, J. W. Spilsbury, P. J. H. Wasley.

PRELIMINARY.—2nd Class Honours: C. G. Attwell. Pass: A. R. Bowen, L. St. V. Bray, A. G. Griffiths, C. R. Heath, K. G. Rowley. Over Age: G. Austin, J. G. Joseland, C. J. Thomas.

PRIZE LIST, 1913.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Public Spirit, the Chairman's Prize: S. Hartley. Goulsborough Mathematical Prizes: Senior—M. R. G. Gardner; Junior—G. A. Aldington. Junior Mathematical Prizes: E. J. Bowen, W. A. Highfield; Junior School—R. J. Ranford, G. J. Thomas. Science Prizes: Senior—W. A. Young; Junior—E. J. Bowen, T. G. Nicholas, T. Bartlett; Junior School—C. A. Quarterman. The Recorder's Prize

for Greek Prose : S. Hartley. Latin Prizes : Senior—E. J. Bowen ; Junior—W. A. Highfield ; Junior School—A. R. Bowen. Divinity Prizes : Senior (given by the Bishop)—V. W. Humpherson ; Junior—C. G. Attwell ; Lower School—J. T. Bomford. English Essay Prize : A. H. M. Brierley. English Literature : Junior Prizes (given by Rev. G. F. Hooper)—J. W. Chisholm, A. W. Franklin. History Prizes : Senior—C. N. Wedge ; Upper School—C. P. Wyatt ; Middle School—C. G. Attwell ; Lower School—C. G. Thomas. Geography : Middle School—R. V. Craven ; Junior School—G. W. Morrall ; Lower School—R. F. H. Crisp. Modern Language Prize : A. H. M. Brierley. French Prizes : Senior Literature—A. C. Beynon ; Senior Language—D. G. Hemus ; Junior French Prize—J. G. Tarrant ; Lower School Oral Work—R. J. Ranford. Prizes for Art : Middle School—W. A. Highfield, J. C. Walker ; Lower School—C. R. Heath, L. E. J. Fairbairn. Writing Prizes : Middle School—R. A. Maund, C. R. Heath ; Lower School—J. B. Tibbetts. Sixth Form Reading Prize : A. H. M. Brierley. General Knowledge Prizes : Senior (given by F. A. W. Simes, Esq.)—C. N. Wedge ; Junior—R. V. Craven, R. J. Ranford. Shooting Prizes : Full Range—S. Hartley ; Miniature—B. W. Sadler ; Recruits—J. E. Bakewell. Oxford Local Prizes for First Class Honours : Senior—E. J. Bowen (distinguished in Chemistry and Physics), G. R. T. Fairbairn, V. W. Humpherson, J. A. Bakewell ; Junior—T. G. Nicholas, H. H. Parsons.

FORM PRIZES.—Upper V. : 1, E. J. Bowen ; 2, D. G. Hemus ; 3, V. W. Humpherson. Lower V. : 1, A. E. Rudd ; 2, T. G. Nicholas. Upper IV. : 1, W. A. Highfield and T. A. Owen. Lower IV. : 1, G. J. Thomas ; 2, C. G. Attwell. Upper III. : 1, A. R. Bowen ; 2, C. H. Greenhouse. Lower III. : 1, C. G. Thomas ; 2, E. S. Lewis. Upper II. : 1, R. J. Ranford ; 2, G. W. Morrall. Lower II. : 1, W. J. Bright ; 2, E. T. Dovey. I. : 1, J. T. Bomford ; 2, R. F. H. Crisp ; 3, J. B. Tibbetts.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRIZES.—1, R. E. Coomber ; 2, F. R. Brown.

THE HOUSE SUPPER.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Hillard welcomed a large company at the Annual House Supper, on Friday, December 19th. This very enjoyable gathering afforded the masters a pleasurable excuse for breaking away from the toil of correcting interminable mistakes, and to the boarders themselves came as the climax of the Term, with the vista of going home on the morrow. The large number of Old Boys present showed

their affection for their School, and we really envied them their chance of returning to their former triumphs—intellectual, athletic, and even commercial.

After the usual introduction to the meeting, an excellent meal, which received full justice, the toast of "The King" was proposed by the Headmaster, and the evening devoted to music and speeches. Miss Bullock opened the programme with a pianoforte solo, and was followed by Mr. Carter, who proposed the "Visitors." Among so many Old Boys, he said, it was difficult to signal out any for personal rebuke or commendation, and even he had not been here sufficiently long to know all those present. He particularly remembered B. M. Smith, not so much for his prowess in work or games as for the development of his commercial instinct at a very early age. There was, he thought, a tale about an alarum clock which redounded to the credit of the seller and illustrated the old maxim 'Caveat emptor'. A profit of 10 per cent or so he understood had never been fully explained. Of the later generation, Lisle and Stanton he would always think of, for their capacity for waking at the end of a lesson and for sundry eccentricities in matters chemical. Then there were Gardner (H. M.), Gibbs (G. H.) and Wedge, the present Head Boy, and he could not hope to include all. The relation of a chance meeting and its monetary consequences was then given, and several of those owing Magazine subscriptions wore haggard and anxious expressions.

Mr. B. M. Smith, in replying, discussed the case of the clock, and not only showed that the episode was of a peculiarly moral type, but also that in spite of such attention to honesty there was a profit much greater than was supposed. Mr. H. M. Gardner and Wedge also replied. Between the toast and the replies Mr. Baker sang "Rolling down to Rio," and afterwards Mr. Carter gave the Bedouin's Love Song. Mr. Lovell then proposed "The New Staff," drawing attention to the great interest shown by Mr. Baker in all things appertaining to the School, and particularly in Geography and Cricket, and complimenting Mr. Nicholas on his successful appearances on the Football field. Mr. Pullan,

being unfortunately prevented from attending the supper, was criticised with less stringency. Gravelines finished the first part of the programme by singing the Marseillaise in the vernacular and made a very decided "hit."

After the interval Lisle sang "I was Standing at the Corner of the Street," one of his old successes, and then Mr. Baker replied for the new staff. He told a story about certain silkworms and said one hardly expected much quality from the proposer's speeches. He thought he deserved all the reproaches hurled at him except the shockingly biassed account of his cricketing achievements. He maintained that anyone allowing nine balls to the over was not in a position to criticise. He thanked the Headmaster and Mrs. Hillard for all their kindness. Mr. Nicholas, who followed, flouted the idea that anything abnormal characterised his play. He merely did his best and anything of real brilliance only existed in the imagination of the spectators. He made a very powerful defence and concluded by thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hillard.

After a recitation by Simes, the toast of "The School Societies" was proposed by Mr. Morris. He was brightly optimistic and thought that the games and the O.T.C. although so good were still not at the height of their fame, and that even better performances would be forthcoming in the future. He was afraid he could not be so cheerful about the Photographic Society, which was hardly developing. A fog was creeping over their plates and things were rather out of focus. In the Common Room Weekly he welcomed a new and promising organ, and he had heard that the Debating Society had moved their quarters. He hoped it was only a temporary removal. Sadler in reply said how much they owed to Mr. Chessall in the games and mentioned *en passant* the support from the touch-line. He thought that occasionally it was a little severe, though probably well meant. Humpherson spoke briefly, and Young upheld the reputation of the Debating Society. Ingleson in replying for the Common Room Weekly sketched the aims and aspirations of this new literary venture.

Hiscock followed with a pleasing speech later and expressed the sympathy of the Old Boys with the Headmaster

in his illness. The Headmaster in thanking the Old Boys concluded by saying that he had a very pleasant toast to give finally, in proposing the health of Mr. Morris and the future Mrs. Morris, and after Mr. Carter had sung "Ho, Jolly Jenkin," the evening concluded with expressions of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hillard and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

OLD ELIZABETHANS' DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Hop Market Hotel on Friday, January 9th. Mr. W. G. Day presided, and Mr. I. T. Pritchard occupied the vice-chair. Among those present were Col. W. Stallard, Ald. A. H. Parker, Messrs. H. M. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), J. R. Grisman, G. Gascoyne, Junr., H. Mansfield, E. C. Harrison, A. R. Harris, R. T. Hughes, F. W. Hemming, J. A. Mason, A. R. Norris, A. G. Parker, F. L. Parker, N. Parker, F. M. Plum, P. J. Roberts, F. A. W. Simes, C. E. W. Simes, B. C. Smith, J. E. Wall, and C. N. Wedge (Head Boy). The Secretary read a long list of apologies, including those from the Headmaster, the Revs. F. J. Eld, J. Potts, C. M. Potts, and J. H. Beibitz, Messrs. Arnold Fletcher, F. R. Jeffery, R. V. Berkeley, and T. G. Hyde. A telegram received from Mr. H. Byrne, Hon. Sec. of the London Old Boys' Association, read as follows: "Old Elizabethans in London send hearty greetings and best wishes for a happy evening."

The Chairman proposed "The School," and expressed regret at the absence of the Headmaster, who was suffering from a chill. He drew an interesting comparison between the School as it was when he was a boy and as it is now. He dwelt upon the enlargement of the "Old School," in which there were about seventy boys, to the present fine set of buildings, and referred to the successful progress of the School under Mr. Hillard. In the last report he noticed that in the Oxford Senior Examination 30 per cent. of the boys who entered obtained honours, including six first classes, whilst only ten per cent. failed. Further, six scholarships, including one Modern Language Scholarship, had been secured by boys in the School. Mr. Hillard had come to the city a comparative stranger, and by his ability, enthusiasm, and hard

work had raised the School, which occupied a poor position in his (the speaker's) day, to be one of the foremost Grammar Schools in the country. (Applause).

In the absence of the Headmaster, the Head Boy (C. N. Wedge) replied. He said the School had had a successful year. Last Term two boys commenced residence at Oxford, one with a Classical Scholarship, and the other with a Scholarship for Modern Languages. In December a Natural Science Scholarship had been gained at Oxford. The School had done well at games, in which much keenness was shown, particularly by the junior boys. The O.T.C. had received an excellent report, and the handsome shield presented by the Old Boys had done a great deal to stimulate the shooting in the School. With the Corps and well organised games it was possible for the boys to spend practically all their spare time in School recreations, and in the future the School would become a little community of its own bound together by common interests.

A presentation was then made to Mr. G. Gascoyne, Junr., who has been the Hon. Secretary of the Old Boys' Society for the past twelve years, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The present took the form of a handsome dining-room clock, and an illuminated album containing the names of the subscribers. On the front page of the album was the inscription: "Worcester Old Elizabethans' Association. Presentation to Mr. George Gascoyne on his marriage, June, 1913." The clock was similarly inscribed. Mr. Simes, who made the presentation, first congratulated the Head Boy on his speech, and then, alluding to the Chairman's remarks about the School in his day, said it was due mainly to the efforts of Mr. Eld and a number of enthusiastic Old Boys that the School was preserved to the city. All who had the true interests of education at heart would agree that it was a very good thing that that School, now proved to be the most ancient School in the city, was not allowed to be degraded or absorbed as the Board of Education of a former day had suggested. He had to ask Mr. Gascoyne to accept formally a present which, informally, had been in his possession for some time. They felt that his marriage was a suitable occasion on which to express in a tangible form their appreciation of the work that he had done for the Association, which he had brought to a high state of perfection. That presentation was not in any way a hint to him to retire (usually presentations were made when one gave up office), but merely to suggest that he should endeavour to do even better in the future than in the past. It was their sincere desire that he might have many happy years of married life, and that as the clock ticked out day by day it might mark progress on his part, not only in happiness, comfort and prosperity, but also in increased opportunities of serving his old School and his fellow men. (Applause).

Mr. Gascoyne, in reply, thanked the members of the Association most heartily for their kindness. It had always been a pleasure to

him to do that work. But the success of the Association had been due to those who worked with him, particularly Mr. T. C. B. Boon, who had always been ready with valuable help. He now felt that the work was getting beyond him. Having left the School twelve years ago he was not in touch with the younger Old Boys, and he felt that the Association ought to have a Secretary who was acquainted with those now leaving the School. Therefore he hoped that the Committee would find someone to relieve him of part of the work at any rate.

Colonel Stallard proposed "The Association," saying that although he had not the honour of being a member he had been associated with the School as a Governor for thirty years, succeeding his father, who took a keen interest in the School before him. (Applause). He could remember the crisis mentioned by Mr. Simes, and the part which the Old Boys took in preserving the School. With an excellent Headmaster and an excellent staff, the actual teaching of a School like that was bound to be of the best; but there was something in a School like that beyond the actual class-room instruction—the tradition, atmosphere, and environment—which could not be created in a generation.

The Vice-Chairman briefly replied, paying a tribute to the work of Colonel Stallard on the Board of Governors.

Mr. Erskine Simes recited Rudyard Kipling's "A Code of Morals" with marked dramatic effect.

LONDON OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The Old Elizabethans in London held their third Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 14th. The presence of the late Headmaster (Rev. F. J. Eld) for the first time was much appreciated. Mr. R. P. Page, who vacated the Secretaryship on leaving London for Portsmouth, presided, and there were present also Ald. A. H. Parker and Mr. F. A. W. Simes (Governors and O.E.'s), Messrs. J. W. Somerton, E. Reynolds, H. P. Maybury, F. L. Wyatt, A. N. Tyers, E. F. Rothen, A. J. Pitcher, G. Parker, M. A. Dodds, A. V. J. Macreight, R. T. W. Bates, G. H. Gibbs, C. E. W. Simes, C. P. Park, W. H. N. Shakespeare, R. T. Hughes, F. C. T. Woodhead, H. R. Otty, C. S. Somerton, A. H. Bird, E. R. Pughe, and H. Byrne (Hon. Sec.) Telegrams and letters were received from the Headmaster, Messrs. R. J. Carter, G. Gascoyne (for the Worcester O.E.'s), P. Baldwin, J. Porter, A. Somerton, E. M.

Dyson, F. S. Davy, G. L. Watkinson, F. H. Coldicott, W. F. V. Ryder, W. H. Sparshott, T. Byrne (Leicester), H. Page (Reading), H. J. Dodds, E. T. Cook, D. M. Greenway, and the Sixth Form.

The Chairman, in toasting "The School," expressed regret at the absence of Mr. Hillard, particularly at the reason for it, and wished him a speedy return to health. (Applause). After referring to the antiquity of the School as established by Mr. Leach's researches, he said that the rise of the School dated from the time that Mr. Eld assumed control and it was never in a more flourishing state than now, under Mr. Hillard's energetic government.

Alderman Parker, in reply, said they were all proud to be able to call themselves O.E. s. Recent researches had shown that their School was the oldest in Worcestershire. (Applause). It was a little over half a century since he first went to the School, and then Mr. Eld presided over a comparatively small number of boys in a very small room. They revered and esteemed Mr. Eld, and sometimes they feared him, and when they did they had just cause to do so. (Laughter.) Mr. Eld was one of the first to recognise that there was a great future for the School, and it was due to his energy that the first part of the new School was erected at Barbourne.

Mr. F. A. W. Simes, in a characteristically happy speech, submitted the toast of "The Old Elizabethans." Although he realised (he said) that a good many there did not know him personally, and he had not the good fortune to know all of them, yet there was a common bond between them—a bond which united both in that country and all over the world. (Applause). He wanted them to believe that the Governors were doing their very best for the School, and it was a happy augury for the future that for the first time in its history it had two Old Boys as Governors. (Hear, hear). It showed that there was not only interest taken on the part of the Old Boys in the School, but that that interest was also recognised in the city. "I was told when I was at School," he continued, "that my School days were the happiest of my life." (Laughter). "That is not true"—(much laughter)—"but it seems to me if one stays at School long enough one gets ideas, one's character is moulded, and one learns something of one's responsibilities and possibilities in such a way that one never forgets it throughout life. If one's School life is a failure, then I venture to say that one has a long way to go before one can catch up what one has missed. Happy is the man who can look back to his old School days with pride, and also with thankfulness because of what happened to him there." (Applause). He congratulated them on the strong O.E. Association in London. As a parent he thanked the Association for the work they were doing in welcoming the younger boys as they came up to London,

and in letting them feel that they were not altogether alone in that vast city. (Applause). In that Association they were carrying on the best tradition of the School. The School was like a certain hymn-book: it was both ancient and modern. They were the most ancient and the most modern, as anyone would admit who went through the buildings and saw the excellence of their equipment. They had the convenience of modernity qualified by the tradition of antiquity. (Applause).

Mr. Maybury, who was in the vice-chair, responded in a humorous speech, and claimed that any success they had obtained was due to their School training.

Mr. J. W. Somerton, proposing "Our Guests," cordially welcomed Mr. Eld and the two Old Boy Governors. The latter, he said, had lived a good many years in Worcester and had set a very good example to O.E.s in that they had attained a considerable measure of success, and had taken a prominent and honourable part in the public life of the city. (Applause).

The Rev. F. J. Eld, who had a very cordial reception, said that the difference that fifty years had made in the School was wonderful, almost miraculous, and if during the next half-century it continued to progress at the same rate it would be about the first School in the country. After commenting upon the antiquity of the School, he remarked that two attempts had been made to suppress or repress it, one in the reign of Edward VI., though ten years later the city petitioned successfully for the re-founding of the School, and Queen Elizabeth gave the magnificent endowment of two nobles, or 13s. 4d. (Laughter). He received that amount from the State when he was appointed Headmaster, though he had to sign for it as the occupant of the old office of doorkeeper or usher. (Laughter). During his Headmastership, when there were but 78 boys, all of whom paid certain fees, he was proud of the fact that they had two scholars who won University Scholarships to the value of £195 and £135 respectively. Even Mr. Hillard could not come up to that yet. (Laughter and applause). He might have continued on under the new scheme, as his was a freehold office, but he was getting old—(laughter)—and he thought he had better retire. That was 25 years ago, and it was heart-breaking to him. "I can only rejoice with all my heart," he concluded, "at the success of the School, and I wish it increasing prosperity—that it may go on flourishing and to flourish." (Applause).

The Chairman gave the health of the Association, and spoke of the hard work Mr. Byrne had put in to ensure a successful gathering.

Mr. Byrne, in response, said that all he had done had been a labour of love.

Mr. A. N. Tyers at the piano, Messrs. C. E. W. Simes and C. P. Park with dramatic recitations, and Messrs. E. F. Rothen and A. H. Bird with songs, contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

FOOTBALL.

1ST CLUB XI. v. OLD ELIZABETHANS.—This, the last match of the Winter Term, was played on Flagge Meadow on December 20th. The visitors pressed in the early stages, but Sadler was very safe in goal. Just before half-time our forwards got together and Hemus C. scored with a good shot. On changing ends Venner equalized for the visitors. The rest of the game was contested mostly in mid-field, but ten minutes before the end a good run by Maund enabled Hemus C. to score again, and the game ended in a victory for us by 2 goals to 1.

Team :—Sadler ; Cullis, Humpherson ; Mr. Nicholas, Hemus D., Gardner M. ; Mr. Baker, Maund R. A., Hemus C., Lamb, Howes.

HOCKEY.

The improvement noticeable last year has been well maintained this season and we have won more matches. It is satisfactory to note that we have only been defeated by Norton Barracks, and by them only after very keen and even games.

Several masters have assisted the team throughout the season and this has added much to the speed of the eleven. Mr. Gardner's untiring energy at centre-half has considerably strengthened both the defence and the attack. Humpherson's play at back has been quite a feature of the season, and, with Mr. Carter, our last line of defence has been very safe. The forwards have worked fairly well together, but they do not concentrate enough on getting into the circle. The shooting has been weak, and opportunities have been lost through hesitation. But perhaps the outstanding feature of the season has been the goal-keeping of Sadler. He has effected some remarkable saves, and always keeps his head under the most difficult circumstances. With a keen eye and a capacity for doing the right thing at the right moment, he has been very difficult to score against.

Colours have been awarded to Humpherson, Howes, Crickmer, and Knowles.

IST CLUB XI. v. NORTON.—We played our first match on Flagge Meadow, on February 4th. The visitors were very fast and in the earlier stages carried all before them. At the interval the score was 3—0 against us. After half-time we played better and scored, as a result of good work by Mr. Gardner, Crickmer, and Howes; but our opponents scored two more goals towards the end. A feature of the game was the excellent goal-keeping of Sadler. Humpherson's defence was also very sound.

Team:—Sadler; Humpherson, Mr. Nicholas; Crickmer, Mr. Gardner, Gardner; Maund R. A., Downs, Hemus C., Knowles, Howes.

IST CLUB XI. v. EVESHAM H.C. 2ND XI.—On February 7th we received a visit from Evesham Hockey Club whom we beat by 3 goals to 2. At first the visitors appeared to be too good for us and play settled down in front of our goal, but the wet state of the ground prevented any goals being scored. After some time our forwards got together and Hemus C. scored for us. Evesham replied with two goals just before half-time. After the interval we had the best of matters, and a good centre from Mr. Baker enabled Maund R. A. to equalize. During the last five minutes Mr. Baker made a fine run and gave us the lead.

Team:—Sadler; Mr. Carter, Humpherson; Mr. Morris, Mr. Gardner, Crickmer; Mr. Baker, Maund R. A., Hemus C., Knowles, Howes.

IST CLUB XI. v. OLD ELIZABETHANS.—This game, played on Flagge Meadow on February 14th, proved very unsatisfactory. The visitors brought only eight men and we had to provide three substitutes. We were too strong for our opponents and most of the game was played near their goal. Our forwards were very scrappy and the shooting was feeble. We won by 3 goals to 1.

Team :—Sadler ; Mr. Carter, Humpherson ; Gardner, Mr. Gardner, Crickmer ; Mr. Baker, Maund R. A., Hemus C., Knowles, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. NORTON.—The return match with Norton was played away on February 18th and ended in a victory for the home-side by 4 goals to 1. During the first half Norton pressed most of the time, but Sadler's fine goal-keeping kept the score down. After half-time the School played better together and a very even game ensued. Downs scored after a good run, but during the last minute the visitors' centre-half scored with a shot that gave Sadler no chance. Humpherson was conspicuous for his play at back, repeatedly stopping the strong rushes of the opponents.

Team :—Sadler ; Humpherson, Mr. Nicholas ; Hemus D., Crickmer, Gardner ; Mr. Baker, Johnson, Downs, Knowles, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. WORCESTER H.C. 2ND XI.—This game was played on Flagge Meadow on February 25th and resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal. The first half was evenly contested, the defence on each side proving too good for the opposing attack. Half-time arrived with no score. On changing ends the School forwards combined well and frequent openings were made, but the shooting was very weak. At last, however, we scored in a scramble near goal. A determined effort by the visitors just before time resulted in their equalizing. Mr. Gardner, Sadler and Humpherson did well for us.

Team :—Sadler ; Mr. Carter, Humpherson ; Mr. Morris, Mr. Gardner, Crickmer ; Mr. Baker, Downs, Mr. Nicholas, Knowles, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. OLD ELIZABETHANS.—On February 28th we played the return match against the Old Elizabethans at Stephenson Terrace, gaining an easy victory by 7 goals to nil. The visitors had a weak team and play was almost entirely confined to their half. In spite of a counter-attraction

provided by Mr. Hamel in his aeroplane, all the School forwards were able to concentrate sufficiently on the game to find the net. Sadler had very little to do, but Humpherson and Howes were conspicuous throughout the game.

Team :—Sadler ; Mr. Carter, Humpherson ; Crickmer, Gardner M., Mr. Morris ; Mr. Baker, Maund R. A., Knowles, Howes, Mr. Nicholas.

IST CLUB XI. v. NORTON.—We played Norton for the third time this season on the Barracks ground on March 11th. A very even game ended in our defeat by two goals to nil. The Norton forwards made several fierce attacks on our goal, but Sadler effected some splendid saves. During the first half a penalty bully was given against our goalkeeper within three yards of the goal, but Sadler again proved equal to the occasion. On changing ends the home-side pressed and soon scored. Our forwards failed to combine, and did not take the advantage of the openings they got. Towards the end Norton scored again and thus won a good game by 2—0. Mr. Carter and Humpherson played very well at back.

Team :—Sadler ; Mr. Carter, Humpherson ; Crickmer, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Morris ; Mr. Baker, Maund R. A., Hemus C., Knowles, Howes.

IST CLUB XI. v. MR. N. H. STONE'S XI.—This match was played at Stephenson Terrace on March 18th, and resulted in an easy victory for us by ten goals to one. Though our opponents were weak, it was not until they had scored that our team got together. Some good work among the forwards enabled us to lead at half-time by 5 goals to 1. After the interval our opponents made several rushes, but the defence proved too good. More goals were added by Knowles, Hemus C., and Mr. Nicholas, and an uneven game resulted as stated above.

Team :—Sadler ; Mr. Carter, Humpherson ; Crickmer, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Morris ; Mr. Nicholas, Maund R. A., Hemus C., Knowles, Howes.

1ST CLUB XI. v. EVESHAM H.C. 2ND XI.—On Saturday, March 21st, we visited Evesham, and won an interesting game by 3 goals to nil. Recent rain had rendered the ground very soft and our forwards found it difficult to control the ball. After a time, however, the attack improved and Mr. Gardner scored from a good shot. On changing ends, play was faster, and after an even struggle Mr. Nicholas scored from a good centre by Howes. Towards the end of the game Knowles scored our third goal with a very good shot.

Team :—Sadler ; Humpherson, Mr. Morris ; Crickmer, Mr. Gardner, Gardner ; Mr. Baker, Mr. Nicholas, Hemus C., Knowles, Howes.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

This competition produced some very keen games. In the First Round Woolfe defeated the School House after a very hard-fought game. The School House team was considerably weakened through illness. Yewle had little difficulty in beating Temple. In the Second Round Woolfe again had a hard fight, and after being two goals behind during the second half, managed to pull off the game. Yewle beat Wylde very easily by seven goals.

The Final proved a very even and interesting struggle ; each side had scored one goal when time was called. During the extra time Sadler scored twice for Yewle, who thus won the Shield for the first time. Howes played with untiring energy for Woolfe, who had to fight hard all through the competition. It was unfortunate for them that Maund R. A. was unable to play in the Final.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

As usual this competition was keenly contested and finally resulted in a tie for first place between School House

and Temple, as last year. In the deciding match the School House won a good game by 4 goals to nil. Competition for last place was almost as keen, and it was not until Wylde defeated Woolfe, thus winning their first match, that the latter earned the wooden spoon.

Of the houses, School House have perhaps the best all round team, Pembridge and Jackson being formidable in their forward line. Temple owed their high position chiefly to the good work of Maund F. O., who was well backed by Owen, Wasley, and Roberts G. H. Tudor possessed several useful players, notably Wedge C. N., Somer, and Dunn, but the team failed to combine well. Yewle had a weighty team and should have done better. Cullis, Pasco and Sanday were conspicuous. The majority of the players in the Wylde and Woolfe teams were too small to meet with much success, though Roberts W. J. and Knight W. H. for Wylde, and Smith A. A. and Probert for Woolfe, played well.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACES.

The entries for these events were not as good as usual, two or three Houses being very poorly represented. The races were run over the usual course, on Wednesday, April 1st, in ideal weather. The competitors found the course very heavy, owing to the recent rains, and most of them were well covered with mud when they arrived at the tape.

The Juniors started first, Gravelines taking the lead, closely followed by Arnold, Wilesmith, and Knight W. H. Before reaching Wharndon Church, however, Arnold had taken the lead, only to be overtaken again at the first jump over the brook. Just after this, Wilesmith drew ahead, but the effort proved too much for him, for Gravelines again led on the road, and won easily in 19 mins. 45 secs. Arnold was second and Knight third. The remaining three places were secured by Wilesmith, Armstrong, and Dowty E. F.

The Seniors mustered 21, and left a few minutes after the Juniors. By the time they reached the wood, Howes had taken the lead, followed by Humpherson and Hemus D. This order was kept until Coneybury Hill was reached, when Humpherson dropped out. Howes gradually increased his lead and won easily in 25 mins. 15 secs. Hemus D. ran well and reached the winning post many yards ahead of Rigby. Pick, Crickmer and Wedge C. N. followed in quick succession and obtained marks for their Houses.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

Little of interest falls to be recorded of our doings this Term. Parades have been held as usual on Friday evenings, and the Certificate "A" Exam. has taken place, the written part on Monday, March 9th, the practical on Thursday, March 26th.

Shooting matches arranged with Dean Close were scratched owing to the impossibility of arranging practices on the evenings set apart for O.T.C. work. For the same reason we scratched our entry for the Country Life Competition.

The Annual Camp will be held at Mychett Farm, Bordon, from Tuesday, July 28th, to August 6th, when it is hoped that all cadets over 15 years of age will attend. We understand that the new camping ground is an ideal one, with special facilities for swimming.

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To ex-Members of the O.T.C.

It is requested that any ex-cadet taking, or thinking of taking, a commission in the Special Reserve or Territorial Force will communicate with Captain Dippie.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

In reviewing the work done during the present Session we fancy that, without any excessive arrogance, we can call its dominant note "Education." In the troublous times through which an already overworked world is passing we know that the word is a dangerous one to use. It is shunned in the market place ; it is scoffed at at the street corners ; but never shall it be said that this august Society has lacked courage, and in spite of the fact that the hardiest are wont to pause and consider before tackling so vast a subject, it has not for a moment shirked its duty, but has settled, we hope once for all, some of the most elusive and difficult problems with which the educationalist is concerned.

In one short Term it has decided the claims of a mathematical and scientific education as opposed to those of a classical, whether picture shows are for the good of the community, and whether it is really vital to include Esperanto in the ordinary school curriculum ; and, finally, just to show to the world its broad-minded outlook, it has determined whether professionalism is or is not beneficial to sport.

To discuss the Society's doings in detail, the half-session opened on Saturday, January 31st, to investigate the question of the best form of Education. The motion, if we remember rightly, read as follows : "That, in the opinion of this House a mathematical or scientific education is to be preferred to a classical." Notice, please, the truly democratic absence of capital letters in the important adjectives. The motion papers gave prominence to an interesting point, for we found that Wedge was proposing and that Gardner and Young were opposing. We rather imagine that this was an example of that very well-known fact that any kind of work is preferable to your own. Still it is not for us to moralize ; for the nonce we are the unbiassed historian, and so to our duty. Wedge opened in a striking and original manner by stating that he would discuss the matter from the point of view of the historical education which he would substitute for the classical. This was distinctly novel and reminded us of the old way of

answering history questions: The Thirty Years War is not nearly so interesting as the Gunpowder Plot, which I will now describe. The Gunpowder Plot was . . . and so on. This method has its advantages, as any Lower School boy could tell you. However, he made several good points and evidently secured the sympathy of the house. Humpherson supported ably and spoke as one to whom mathematics and science are "a thing of beauty and a joy for some time to come." He emphasised the point that you did know when you were done in these studies. This roused a great deal of enthusiasm and a very distinct murmur of "verbs" was heard for a minute or so. Gardner, the opposer, and Young took the view that a man without classics was a very scorn and derision to his fellow men and that without the humanities life was not worth the trouble of living, while the delight of successfully translating a passage of Herodotus or of knowing that "boulomai" and "emolon" were first cousins was almost ethereal. For the motion loyal service was rendered by Downs, Mr. Lovell, Wasley, and Thomas. The speeches were all utilitarian, and repeated enquiries of "What is the good of classics?" "Why should we learn verbs?" and so forth were greeted with enthusiasm. The voting was 22 votes for the modern side, 7 for the ancient.

The Sports debate followed, on Saturday, February 14th, and was marked by an innovation which we mention in confidence. The speakers and the Chairman were throned in splendour on the platform, while the Secretary graced the right-hand corner near the piano; a noble group to delight the soul of any aspiring photographer. The motion, "That in the opinion of this House professionalism is not in the best interests of sport," was opened by the goal-keeper, ably assisted by the inside-right. Who shall stand against such a combination? That the motion was only carried by 20 votes to 16 speaks well for the opposition—Day and Bakewell. The proposer, Sadler, waxed most indignant on the subject of boxing and told stories of fights bought and sold that made the House purple with indignation. Maund showed us that prowess in sport and a style in English which might be des-

cribed as gorgeous may be linked together, and the opposition informed us that since professionals are so good we might learn a great deal from them. Many, we hear, are going to do so. Cowley, Knight, Tarrant and Wasley greatly deplored professionalism, while Wedge, Nicholas, Humpherson, Downs, Lee, Mr. Baker, Young and Gardner thought that without it sport would cease to exist. The Olympic games were freely quoted by both sides and seemed to prove anything and everything and even nothing. No one was sure about their standing and whether professionals took part in them or not, and many deductions made from them were surprising, to say the least.

"That this House disapproves of the spread of picture shows and would welcome a closer regulation of them" was the motion discussed at the visitors' debate, on Saturday, March 8th. The Lower School were invited, but frenzied enquiries made days before elicited the fact that no homework would be excused. This occasioned general gloom and resulted in a House of only seventy, which is rather small for an open debate. Mr. Orange, who proposed, was accorded a hearty welcome and gave us a very carefully reasoned speech. He knew his subject perfectly, and when he announced that besides four houses already open a fifth was being started in St. John's, enthusiasm was boundless. His descriptions of youthful crime in the City were extremely vivid, and his lecture on the duty of the average citizen was something to remember. He quoted what was described to us lately as Latin. It may even be so; *tempora mutantur*. Mr. Baker opposed and suggested lines the debate might take. He also asked for information on many subjects, and later in the evening was making enquiries for an aggregate or the percentage of an aggregate, or something, at any rate, that was very vague to the humble writer. Young spoke third and developed a metaphor of a tree bearing rank fruit in wonderful style. He was, as usual, very interesting and lucid. Mr. Nicholas told us thrilling stories of Southampton Docks, and was instructed in citizenship by Mr. Orange. So also was Wedge, who spoke next, and quoted a phrase which the more

informed told us was Greek. We remembered Casca's remark in a similar predicament. Gravelines followed with a very decided speech for the motion and was received with applause. Humpherson for the motion and Beynon against completed the speakers, and a very interesting debate resulted in a victory for Mr. Orange by 36 votes to 33.

The last debate of the Term was held on Saturday, March 21st, and was under the auspices of the Lower Fifth. Knight W. H. proposed that "this House would welcome the introduction of Esperanto into schools." Before the actual debate much literature from The Simplified Spelling Societi was discovered, and many were the accounts of its origin. From recent active researches in E Room we could hazard a guess. Knight discussed the growth of artificial languages and made a good case. Hartin, a polished debater of experience, opposed, and waxed eloquent on the great disadvantages of Esperanto and pleas for easy spelling, a subject on which the Lower Fifth know quite a lot and are in fact pioneers. Galloway and Miller, for and against respectively, had taken great pains over their speeches. Afterwards we listened with interest to Humpherson, Beynon and Wedge for the motion, and Nicholas, Gardner, Pick, Thomas, Wasley, Attwell, Pembridge and Burston against. Pick's lecture on intonation and Attwell's historical notes on Chaucer and King Alfred were much appreciated. The motion was eventually lost by 15 votes to 17.

That the short Term has been very successful is largely owing to the ceaseless work of the Secretary, W. A. Young, supported by many faithful followers.

The Society's Concert took place on April 4th.

HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

There were no great changes in the House at the beginning of this Term, Westwood, who had taken an active part in all

our games, being the only one to leave us. Jackson and Galloway have joined us.

At the end of last term we defeated Yewle in the Football Shield Competition, after a hard game by 4—3, and this term we did well to beat Temple by 4—0 in the final for the Cup, with so many of the regular players absent. Misfortune, however, has dogged our footsteps in the fight for the Challenge Shield. We failed, for the first time, to draw a bye, and a few days before the match four of our players were prevented from appearing. After a hard game, Woolfe managed to beat us by 3 goals to 2. We congratulate our Captain on gaining his Football colours last Term, and Humpherson on gaining his Hockey colours. House colours have been awarded to Humpherson, Downs, Nicholas, Pick, Young, and Pembridge.

Congratulations to Young on his scholarship. Two of our members have taken the examination for Certificate A, and we wish them every success. At the time of writing the Boxing Competition and the Cross-country Run are yet before us, but we are looking forward to them with hopes of success in both.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

Historians say that history repeats itself, and if the annals of Temple House may be called history, it would seem that they are correct. Owing chiefly to the keenness of our 1st XI., among whom Maund, Lees, Wasley and Armstrong have been particularly conspicuous, we may again pat ourselves on the back for being the top day-boy House in the House Matches. With the exception of the final with School House we did not lose a match. On meeting Yewle House in the first round of the Challenge Shield we were easily defeated. Knowles, our Captain, has represented the House in the 1st Club.

Before long the Boxing and Cross-country Competitions will be upon us, when we hope to bring into play some of our latent energy.

Turner and Thomas are directing their attention to the Debating Society, in which they have already gained some distinction.

Maund, Lees, Wasley and Armstrong have well deserved their colours, but if Temple House is to distinguish itself in the future, it is essential that more members should take part in the games, and show themselves more enthusiastic Temple-ites.

TEMPLE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

We started this Term with the fixed intention of winning the Hockey Cup, and thus holding the trophy for three Terms in succession. But the fates willed otherwise, and we have had to remain content with third place in the table. In our first game with Temple we were defeated after a hard game. Our next three matches we won easily, but after a splendid fight (marred by the weakness of our forwards) with School House we were beaten by one goal to nil.

On the whole the team has played well, but there is not enough combination. To be really effective we must learn to work together as an eleven and not rely on the brilliant play of individuals. The team is also far too apt to lose heart if the other side score early on in the game. We shall never be successful if we are so discouraged by a temporary reverse as to inform each other that the game is lost before half-time has come. Somer, Harrison, Wedge C. N. and Dunn have all played very well, while Day and Lee C. K. have been the best in the forward line.

In the Challenge Shield we drew a bye in the first round and were drawn against Woolfe in the second. The latter House were lucky to score in the first half minute, but we then

settled down and at half-time were equal (1—1). On changing ends we improved greatly and soon led by 3 goals to 1. By this time however the whole team was fagged out and, although we fought hard, Woolfe finally won by 4 goals to 3. It was a good game and with a little luck we ought to have won.

In the Fives we have done well. The Junior is doubly ours, for Somer and Lee play each other in the final. In the Senior, Wedge was defeated by Howes in the second round, but Hemus D. is in the semi-final and has a good chance of success.

The House is well represented in all three classes of the Boxing Competition, and we close with a hope that we shall do as well in the Cross-country as we did last year.

Hockey colours have been awarded to Johnson, Wedge C. N., Somer, Harrison, Lee, Dunn and Day.

TUDOR.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

There is only a long list of failures to record concerning the Inter-House Competition. We lost every match, and this was partly due to the general spirit of the eleven, who soon become disheartened when a few goals have been scored against them.

We have had exceptionally hard matches in the Challenge Shield Competition, but have come out of the ordeal with flying colours. After an energetic match with School House, we were declared victors by a score of 3—2. In the second round, Tudor House faced us on Stephenson Terrace. At one time the score was 3—I against us, but a re-arranging of the team worked wonders, and we finally won by 4 goals to 3. In the final, Yewle House were our opponents, and the play was so even that extra time had to be allowed to decide the issue. But the team was not at full strength, and the forwards were too slow on the ball. Although we put up a hard fight, we left the field vanquished by 3 goals to 1.

The entry for the Cross-country Races was disappointing, and it is discouraging to look round an assembled House of placidly contented members who are satisfied to go with the stream. But there are not lacking signs of a new spirit, which is evidenced by the wakened interest of some of the older members in House affairs.

Colours have been awarded to Blunt, Williams, Smith A. A., Arnold, Currell, Probert and Burston.

WOOLFE.

WYLDE HOUSE.

We have not done very much in the Inter-House Hockey Competition this Term, managing however to win one match and escape being placed last. Since, however, our team consisted for the most part of new boys who had never before handled sticks, we cannot be surprised at the result. The great fault of the team was in the forwards, who failed to combine together and did not shoot directly they got inside the circle. Vale has played very well in goal, saving many hard shots, while Roberts W. J. and Knight W. H. have played consistently well at back. Rigby and Hope have both improved very much during the Term, and showed what they could do in the Challenge Shield. Knight, Roberts, Hope and Rigby have been awarded House colours.

The fight for the Challenge Shield proved disappointing. We were drawn against Yewle, and in the first half the score stood at 3—0 against us. In the second half the team seemed to fall to pieces, and Yewle quickly added to their score, in spite of the efforts of the backs, Hope and Roberts, who played a very good game right through the match. Knight, Rigby and Wedge W. J. K. did good work in keeping the ball well forward whenever they could, and thus contributed to keeping down the score.

In the junior Fives Competition Knight and Hope made a good start, Knight getting through to the semi-final, but he was then beaten by Somer. There have been very few entries for the Cross-country, but we are glad to see that those who

have entered are practising hard. We look to Knight to gain a place in the Junior Run. Rigby has taken the Certificate "A" examination and we wish him success. Several of our members, Knight being the most conspicuous, have taken a prominent part in the Debating Society.

WYLDE.

YEWLE HOUSE.

Although it has always been recognised, in this House at least, that the Yewle Challenge Shield teams have been really the best, we have not up to this Term been able to persuade our opponents in the Final to bow to an established fact. At last, however, we have been successful, and have gained the trophy we have so narrowly missed winning many times before. In the first and second rounds Temple and Wylde gave us little trouble, and substantial scores of 10—0 and 8—0 were piled up, mainly through the all-round superiority of the XI. In the Final, however, against Woolfe, we had a very hard fight, and it was only after extra time had been played that we scored the deciding goal, finally winning by 3—1.

In the Cup Competition the team was among the likely winners until it was decided that seven Yewle men were equal to eleven of any other House, and in consequence a few matches were lost. Pasco has led the team in a very satisfactory manner. Cullis and Sanday at back have intimidated many by lusty hitting, while Bartlett at half shows much skill in stopping balls in the air. Pearse too has played well. The lack of combination among the forwards would have put the team at a disadvantage had not all their opponents suffered in the same way.

In the minor events of the Term we have not been unrepresented, and although no winners are discernible in the Fives Competition, we hope that in the Boxing Prize will retain for us the title which we have held so long.

Congratulations to Gardner on his scholarship.

YEWLE.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

Hilary Term, as usual, was chiefly remarkable for the badness of the weather and the prevalence of "flu," but in spite of these drawbacks life seemed to go on as merrily as ever,—especially at "Univ.," where they made seven bumps in the "Toggers" and won the "Rugger" cup, both events being celebrated at the same time by a ceremony which can only be described as a "super-bumper."

The Torpids largely engrossed the efforts of the O.E.'s. Keble registered six bumps, a striking testimony to the efficiency of Phillips as Captain of Boats. Hertford, in spite of Hartley's energetic stroking, lost two places. But the event of the racing was the displacement of Magdalen from the headship of the river by "The House," whose success is, by some, attributed to the words of encouragement and wisdom which fell from the lips of Watts. Simes was also seen on the towpath for the first three days, after which he watched from the boathouse, through laziness we suspect, though he pleads a crocked knee. Creese has been covering himself with glory and mud while playing goal for B.N.C. Hiscock disappeared into the wilds of Wales for a time, but returned for the Jesus Smoker, when as leader of the "basses" in the choir he very nearly lifted the tarpaulin roof off the hall. Of Appleton and Brierley we can only repeat the rumours that they are still alive.

In conclusion we wish to offer our heartiest congratulations to Riley on his double Blue and Caps, and also to Gardner M. and Young on their scholarships.

Yours sincerely,

OXON.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

You genially but firmly insist that I must recall the events of a term marked by great meteorological depression but by immense Old Elizabethan excitement.

Now why do you do this unkind thing? Are not the main doings of one of us chronicled in the Daily Press in far more elusive slang than I can command, and the doings of the rest in comparison of little account, save Jackson of whom more anon.

Well, as for Riley, I may, I think be permitted to repeat his achievements. Chronologically we progress as follows. He played for the East, thereby obtaining a cap, then followed his Blue, and after a second game for the East he was capped against Wales. And afterwards, to prove there was no flukiness about it, he played against Scotland and Ireland. For recreation he plays all and sundry games for St. Catharine's, need I say well, and has developed a morbid interest in law, which he hopes will see him through his "Trip." Robinson wanders anon at the Labs and anon in Hockey robes ploughing through the mud. Hiscock came over from the more dignified 'Varsity (or should we say University?) and profited vastly from his stay. Please do not mistake me. I do not mean intellectually or in graciousness. That were impossible, but "they don't know everything down in Judee," and something he learnt.

And Jackson? Ah! We pause before replying. He appeareth occasionally like a being from another sphere garbed wonderfully and awfully (in its old and better sense), and full of the *joie de vivre* and the naturally gratified feeling acquired by the wearing of strange garments.

Having reached the climax, I bid farewell, and yet I think I hear a whisper of Sports and Boat Race. No, it can't be true and yet—

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

P.S.—It is true.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring Term ends	...	Thursday, April 9th.
Summer Term begins	...	Friday, May 8th.
New Boys...	...	Thursday, May 7th.
O.F. Match v. School	...	Saturday, May 23rd.
Sports	...	Thursday, May 28th.
O.T.C. Inspection	...	Thursday, June 18th.
Oxford Locals begin	...	Monday, July 20th
O.F. Match v. Club	...	Saturday, July 25th.
Summer Term ends	...	Tuesday, July 28th.
O.T.C. go into Camp	...	Tuesday, July 28th.

GAMES CLUB ACCOUNT.

Spring Term, 1914.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ...	8	8	0	Wages ...	7	18	0
Subscriptions ...	39	15	6	Material ...	2	0	3
Sale of Fixture				Boxing Gloves ...	1	7	0
Cards ...	0	4	6	Bills Paid ...	16	19	7
Sale of Hockey				Sundries ...	0	11	7
Stick ...	0	3	6	Balance ...	19	15	7
Donation (Deb.							
Soc.) ...	0	0	6				
	<u>£48</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£48</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
Accounts Unpaid	14	17	8	Cash in hand ...	19	15	7
Balance ...	4	17	11				
	<u>£19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>

Examined and found correct,

R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL,
Treasurer.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET.

Year ending February 28th, 1914.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Balance Bt.				To Sergt. Instr....	12	0	0
forward from				„ Messrs. Hazel,			
1913... ..	8	8	3	Clothing A/c	35	0	0
„ Subscriptions,				„ Camp Expenses	62	3	4
Entrance Fees				„ Expenses of			
and Sale of				Field Day at			
Uniforms ...	54	0	0	Malvern ...	7	6	11
„ Camp Fees ...	51	0	0	„ Rent of Mini-			
„ Grants ...	47	7	0	ature Range	1	10	0
				„ Printing ...	1	8	6
				„ Petty Cash			
				Account ...	4	5	0
				„ Grants for			
				Uniforms ...	7	7	6
				„ Messrs. Pollard	1	10	4
				„ Dr. Crowe ...	0	10	6
				„ Paymaster, S.			
				Command ...	0	6	1
				„ Cheque Book	0	2	6
				„ Unpaid Bills...	16	19	6
				Balance ...	10	5	1
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R. J. CARTER. H. DIPPIE, Capt.