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SCHOOL NOTES.

We open with a plaint. Our many friends at the front have passed us by, and our earnest request for some account of what they have been doing during the last six months, has been made in vain.

Still we refuse to be treated thus and once more we make our modest claim. Will those in France remember their less lucky brethren and send us news that may seem prosaic and dull to them, but to us who have not been there, must be interesting and instructive.

In return we will tell them what is going on here. The War is still practically the only topic, and we are pleased to be able to record that V. W. Humpherson has been gazetted a 2nd. Lieutenant in the 10th. Battalion, Worcestershire Regt., and that W. H. Howes has joined the Public Schools' Naval Brigade.

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In Howes the School has lost one of its most conscientious and efficient leaders, and in all that appertains to School life he is very much missed. His work for his House bore fruit in many successes during the last two years, particularly in winning the Sports' Cup, and his loyalty to the School was recognised when he received the Public Spirit Prize last Term—a reward for work well done throughout the year.

Humpherson will probably be remembered most for his energy and enthusiasm in the O.T.C. and the House. His

work in the O.T.C. was of high class and earned deserved praise at the last inspection, and in all things athletic he was prominent and successful.

Both of them carry the best wishes of the School in their new spheres.

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Turning to more prosaic matters, we congratulate Wedge on his History Scholarship at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. It is interesting to note that out of two given Wedge received one and the other went to Mr. Reynold's School. Beynon, too, we are pleased to note, has won a Modern Language Exhibition at Jesus College, Oxford.

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We accord a hearty welcome to Mr. J. E. R. Allen and Mr. H. H. Abbott, who have joined the Staff this Term.

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Lastly, just to show that we are still active, we will record the fact that the Chess Club has revived and that the key of the private cupboard of the Photographic Society was asked for a few weeks ago.

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The following boys entered the Big School this Term :—
L. W. Minchen, E. C. B. Bott, C. A. Browne, R. H. Wilks, D. H. T. Cox, A. D. Evans, G. P. Griffiths, H. B. Neems, J. D. Hendey. Those new to the Preparatory are :—P. C. Bomford, F. E. Charse, S. B. Duckworth, L. S. Leeke, F. J. Young. And the following left last Term :—J. Holmes, W. H. Howes, V. W. Humpherson, J. G. Tarrant, G. Heath, J. G. Joseland, R. A. Maund, S. R. Painter, G. Austin, J. Hall, F. H. Needham, G. H. Probert, A. J. Ross, J. Haynes, R. Knight, K. H. Pearson, E. H. Price.

OLD BOYS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The following additions and corrections are made to the list of last Term. All communications should be sent to the Editor of the Worcesterian, or to the Honorary Secretary of the Old Elizabethans' Association. Will readers please remember that unless constant information is received it is impossible to keep the list accurate and complete.

- Appleton, E. R. ('02-'10), 2nd Lieut., R.F.A.
 Beckett, H. ('06-'07), 8th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Benger, H. A., A.V.C.
 Bennett, B., 8th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Bibbs, O. G. ('05-'08), Volunteered for British Columbia Horse.
 Blackwell, A. J. (1900-'03), H.M.S. Dominion.
 Browning, J. R. ('06-'10), Worcs. Yeomanry.
 Chalmers, F. B. ('06-'10), Gunner, R.F.A.
 Clifton, G. F. ('04-'08), 1st Lieut., R.A.M.C., 27th Field Ambulance.
 Constance, H., 8th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Coombs, D. S. ('07-'08), 2nd Lieut., 7th Batt. Essex Regt.
 Curtis, L. ('03-'05), Naval Transport Office.
 Dancocks, B. ('97-1900), 8th (Res.) Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 *Ewins, R. J. ('08-'11), Batt. Scout, A. Co., 8th Worcs.
 Fletcher, G. K. ('02-'05), 2nd Lieut., 61st Co., A.S.C. Transport, 2nd Div. Exp. Force.
 Flux, L. T. ('07-'10), 2nd Lieut., 11th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 George, R. F. ('09-'10), 8th (Res.) Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 *Gibbs, A. E. ('04-'12), 2nd Lieut., 11th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 *Gibbs, G. H. ('04-'12), offered services, now explosive testing.
 Greenway, D. M. ('01-'04), 2nd Lieut., A.S.C.
 Harding, J. H. (1900-'01), Worcs. Yeomanry.
 *Hartley, S. ('04-'13), Lieut., 10th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Howes, W. H. ('08-'14), Royal Naval Volunteer Force (P.S. Corps).
 *Humpherson, V. W. ('10-'14), 2nd Lieut., 11th Batt. Worcs. Regt.

- *Kimber, C. F. ('08-'12), 2nd Lieut., 10th Batt. Worcs. Rgt.
 Lathom, C. ('08-'09), 8th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Leach, E. G. ('02-'04), 8th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Morris, H. M. (1900-'04), 2nd Lieut., 10th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Neems, D. H. ('06-'07), Australian Contingent.
 *Oborn, R. J. ('10-'12), 2nd Lieut., 11th Batt. Sth. Staffs.
 Parkes, T. G. ('01-'05), 2nd Lieut., 6th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Parry, A. J. ('03-'06), 2nd Lieut., 10th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Phillips, A. H. ('02-'09), R.E., A.S.C. Motor Transport.
 Phillips, F. J. ('02-'04), Royal Fusiliers
 Phillips, S. ('02-'04), 2nd Lieut., 13th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 *Ralston, C. G. G. C. ('12-'13), Lieut., (Terr.) Black Watch.
 Read, H. M. ('02-'04), 2nd Lieut., Royal Engineers.
 Roberts, C. S. (1900-'04), offered services.
 Roberts, D. H. ('97-'01), offered services.
 *Robinson, A. D. ('08-'11), offered services, now explosive testing.
 *Ross, A. J. M. ('13-'14), R.A.M.C.
 Ross, H. R., R.E.
 Sharpe, L. ('02-'05), 2nd Lieut., 13th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Shepherd, R. A. D. ('09-'11), R.N.R., H.M.S. Palmbranch, Transport.
 Sillitoe, H. ('03-'04), Sergeant, R.F.A.
 Skinner, J. ('03-'05), 3rd Canadian Contingent.
 Smith, D. H. C. ('05-'08), 2nd Lieut., R.E.
 Thomas, P. B. ('04-'10), 2nd Lieut., Sth. Staffs. Regt.
 Walker, F. ('08-'10), 8th Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 Warren, R. H. ('01-'04), 8th (Res.) Batt. Worcs. Regt.
 *Wedge, C. N. ('06-'15), 2nd Lieut., 13th Batt. Worcs. Rgt.
 *Wilcock, A. J. ('07-'12), 2nd Lieut., 11th Batt. Worcs. Rgt.
 *Williams, H. ('08-'11), 2nd Lieut., 11th Batt. Worcs. Rgt.
 Winterbourne, G. E. ('08-'12), Queen's Westminster Rifles.
 Woodhead, F. C. T. ('01-'08), Lieut., Sherborne O.T.C.
 *Wright, J. E. T. ('08-'13), 6th Batt. Leics. Regt.

**Signifies an ex-member of the O.T.C.*

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Big School, on Thursday, December 17th, and was of a semi-private nature for reasons explained by the Headmaster in his report. The Mayoress distributed the prizes, and among those on the platform were Colonel Stallard, who presided, the Mayor (Ald. A. H. Leicester), the Rev. G. F. Hooper, Ald. G. W. Grosvenor, Messrs. F. A. Simes, R. R. Fairbairn and F. Hyde.

The Headmaster said that the advisability, even the propriety, of holding a prize-giving this year was a point on which each of them would probably give a different opinion. They had therefore compounded with a semi-private meeting in their Old Hall. He could promise that that would be the last prize-giving in the Old Hall. The New Hall was now very near completion, but the opening ceremony would not be immediately. One would like to see the crisis in the Empire's affairs nearer to a happy termination before entering on the rejoicing on so great an addition to the School. That Old Hall had been the cradle of the modern School. It was built in '68. In the early days of Mr. Eld it was hall and classroom—or rather, classrooms, and, at times, playground, too. It had seen and heard many of the greatest successes of the School. It was very pleasant to see the Mayor and Mayoress there. It was just nine years since they left that Old Hall for their prize-givings in the Guildhall. Ald. and Mrs. Leicester were then the first to come to them at the Guildhall. Now they saw the Old Hall out, and there was little doubt that they would, as Mayor and Mayoress, see the New Hall in. Up to the end of the Summer Term their numbers were normal, but in common with most other schools they had felt the call of the war at the top of the School. After reading the list of the scholarships obtained during the year, Mr. Hillard said that there was one point about all these scholarships which was worthy of note—the extreme youth of the winners. The successes of these boys could not be put down to premature specialisation. They had just walked out of the ordinary form rooms, concentrated on one group of subjects for little more than a year, and then taken some of the best scholarships at the Universities. He did not know what parents thought, but any schoolmaster knew that it showed that the general curriculum of the school was thoroughly sound and of a high standard. The games of the School had also been in a very flourishing condition. Even the smallest boy in the Preparatory School was sure of his regular games with equal companions and under proper supervision. Juvenile matches with outside Preparatory Schools had become a feature, and Mr. Chessall's problem was more often to get a weak enough team rather than a strong one. The 1st XI. had been particularly good, and had

not lost a match this Term. He specially commended the Captain, Howes, who had really worked hard and with success to render his team good. Since the war broke out attention had been largely concentrated on the O.T.C. The Corps was over a hundred strong, and those who had passed through the Corps in former years were reaping the advantage, and so was the country. The O.T.C. had at different times come in for much criticism. We had been told we were encouraging the military spirit—schools did not exist to turn boys into soldiers—the Germans were a peaceful nation, and it was ridiculous to think we should have to fight. We had over 200 boys in the Army, and most of them had been through the Corps, and a large number already held commissions. The man responsible for that was Captain Dippie. (Applause). He came here specially to do this work, and excellently had he done it. He had hung on until the Corps was in other hands, but he was sorry to say that he was going at Christmas. Every member of the School would wish him active work, much honour and promotion, and a safe return to his friends. While most inadequately acknowledging his gratitude to the Governors, especially to Colonel Stallard and Mr. Hyde, he must also put in a special word of thanks to Mr. Hooper. Mr. Hooper had for many years been unofficial, and unremunerated Chaplain to the School House, where his influence and kindly personality had been of inestimable benefit. To add further to his kindness, during the Spring and Summer Terms he had taken charge of some of the Divinity classes, and to those who knew Mr. Hooper it would be known that the boys would gain much from his teaching. Thanking the Staff, the Headmaster also expressed thanks to the Governors for giving him such long leave of absence because of ill-health. It was all the more creditable to the Staff that they had carried on the work of the School just in the ordinary way, according to the traditions of the School, so that he thought no one had suffered at all through his absence. (Applause). He especially wished to recognise his debt to Mr. Carter—(applause)—and the debt of the Governors and parents also. He had not only carried on his own work just as usual, but he had added to that the work of acting Headmaster. In conclusion, Mr. Hillard said that the new building would be an enormous advantage to the boys, especially those from the county.

Mr. Grosvenor proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for attending, the Mayoress especially for giving away the prizes. They all knew, he said, how for so many years Mr. and Mrs. Leicester had striven for the good of the community in Worcester, and especially, those who were connected with that School knew the kindly interest Ald. Leicester had taken in its welfare. He offered his personal congratulations to the Headmaster on his return to the School and his improved health. His forceful personality and organising ability were great assets to the School. They were fortunate in having had so successful a substitute in Mr. Carter. It gave him great gratification to see the O.T.C. so well carried on.

Mr. Simes, seconding, confessed that he felt miserable at being present at the obsequies of that dear old hall. He was, he believed, the only one on that platform who preserved both pleasant and unpleasant memories of that hall. Colonel Stallard, whose recollections went back further, only saw it on state occasions. (Laughter). They did recognise in Worcester that, before the beginning of the war, and particularly since the outbreak of war, Alderman and Mrs. Leicester had had always in view what could be done to help the citizens in this trying time. "From early morn till dewy eve" the Mayor not only worked himself, but made other people work also, and he was most ably seconded by Mrs. Leicester. (Applause).

In reply, the Mayor recalled that their prize-giving was one of his earliest public functions as Mayor, and that had caused him to take a keener interest in education, and stimulated him to make himself eligible as a Governor. He urged the boys to beware of the dangers of specialising in certain subjects to the detriment of others. Book-learning, too, must be backed up by higher things, or they might be charged in the future with being "a cultured nation."

Cheers were given by the boys for the Mayor and Mayoress, the Governors, Headmaster, Staff and Visitors.

HONOURS LIST, 1914.

M. R. G. Gardner, Open Mathematical Demyship of £80 for four years, Magdalen College, Oxford; W. A. Young, Open Natural Science Exhibition of £60 for four years, Jesus College, Oxford; A. E. Gibbs, Worfield Exhibition of £50 for four years; E. J. Bowen, Brackenburg Natural Science Scholarship of £80 for four years, Balliol College, Oxford; W. A. Young, Senior County Council Scholarship of £50 for four years; C. N. Wedge, book prize, Royal Asiatic Society's Public Schools' Competition, for an essay on "The East India Company (1600-1858)"; G. F. Clifton, M.B., Downing College, Cambridge, Conjoint Diploma, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; H. E. Wyatt, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Drapers' Company Scholarship; W. A. Young, Intermediate Science Examination, University of London; J. Holmes, Second Class Clerkship, Civil Service; H. M. Gardner, Assistant Conservator of Forests, British East Africa; W. N. Riley, Cambridge University Hockey XI., and International Caps for England v. Wales, v. Scotland, v. Ireland.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION.

SENIOR.—1st Class Honours: H. C. Williams, R. H. Cowley. 2nd Class Honours: T. W. Crimp (distinguished in Physics), H. E. Ingleson, J. G. Tarrant. 3rd Class Honours: T. Bartlett, T. A. Owen, S. G. W. Watson. Pass: J. Currell, G. E. Glover, J. A. Howfield, C. K. Lee, T. G. Nicholas, F. Rayers, E. Rigby, J. C. Walker. Special: W. Downs.

JUNIOR.—1st Class Honours : C. G. Attwell. 2nd Class Honours : P. E. Turner. 3rd Class Honours : A. R. Bowen, L. St. V. Bray, C. G. Thomas. Pass : F. R. Burston, W. J. Galloway, J. L. Garner, C. H. Greenhous, W. F. Hartin, G. Heath, J. G. Joseland, W. M. Miller, S. R. Painter, K. H. Perkins, C. A. Quarterman, K. G. Rowley, S. C. Ryder, A. A. Smith, S. R. B. Smith, F. E. Somer, D. J. Thomas, R. V. Craven, R. A. Maund.

PRELIMINARY.—3rd Class Honours : S. J. Collett. Pass : F. J. Chinery, C. H. D. Phillips, A. Tomlinson, C. W. W. Wheal, W. J. Bright, A. W. Green, F. S. Hayden, C. T. Haynes, J. Haynes, B. Hope, H. P. Park, W. D. F. Sinclair.

PRIZE LIST, 1914.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Public Spirit (the Chairman's Prize) : W. H. Howes. House Prefect Prize : V. W. Humpherson. Goulsborough Mathematical Prizes : Senior—M. R. G. Gardner ; Junior—G. A. Aldington, E. J. Bowen. Mathematical Prize : Senior—J. Holmes ; Junior—R. J. Ranford, T. J. Wall. Science Prizes (presented by the Recorder) : Senior—W. A. Young, E. J. Bowen (Upper School), C. G. Attwell (Middle School), C. A. Quarterman, R. J. Ranford. Classical Prize : H. C. Williams. Latin Prizes : Senior—A. R. Bowen ; Junior—R. J. Ranford, J. C. Baldwin. Divinity Prizes : Senior—(given by the Rev. G. F. Hooper)—H. J. George ; Junior—E. S. Lewis (Junior School), R. J. Ranford, H. T. Greenway. English Essay Prize (given by the Mayor) : C. N. Wedge. English Literature : Senior—R. H. Cowley ; Middle School—C. A. Quarterman ; Junior—R. J. Ranford, C. R. Everett. History Prizes (given by Mr. E. A. Goulding, M.P.) : Senior—C. N. Wedge ; Upper School—J. Holmes ; Middle School—P. E. Turner ; Lower School—T. J. Wall, J. A. M. Parker. Geography : Middle School—C. G. Attwell ; Junior School—E. T. Dovey ; Lower School—J. A. M. Parker. Modern Language Prize : A. C. Beynon. French Prizes : Senior Literature—H. C. Williams ; Senior Language—W. H. Howes ; Junior French Prize—A. J. Ross ; Lower School Oral Work—A. Thomas. Prizes for Art : Middle School—A. R. Bowen ; Lower School—S. J. Collett, L. J. Walker. Nature Study : J. B. Tibbetts. Writing Prizes : Middle School—C. R. Heath, G. W. Morrall ; Lower School—L. J. Adams. Sixth Form Reading Prize : W. A. Young. General Knowledge Prizes : Senior (given by Mr. F. A. W. Simes)—C. N. Wedge ; Junior—C. T. Hayes. Shooting Prizes : Full Range—G. A. Aldington ; Miniature—C. H. Hemus ; Recruits—P. J. H. Wasley ; Captain's Prize—V. W. Humpherson. Oxford Local Prizes for First-class Honours : Senior—H. C. Williams, R. H. Cowley ; Junior—C. G. Attwell.

FORM PRIZES.—Upper V. : H. C. Williams, 1 ; R. H. Cowley, 2. Lower V. : P. E. Turner, 1 ; A. R. Bowen, 2 ; C. G. Attwell, 3. Lower

IV. : C. G. Thomas and E. S. Lewis, 1. Upper III. : R. J. Ranford, 1 ; G. W. Morrall, 2. Lower III. : E. T. Dovey, 1 ; C. W. W. Wheal and H. P. Lamb, 2. Upper II. : T. J. Wall, 1 ; A. Thomas, 2. Lower II. : H. T. Greenway, 1 ; G. H. Dowty, 2. I. : E. J. Adams, 1 ; V. Wood, 2

PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRIZES.—A. W. Davis, 1; A. G. Wood, 2.

The special prizes were given by the Chairman of the Governors (Colonel Stallard), the Mayor of Worcester, Mr. F. A. Goulding, M.P., Ald. C. J. Whitehead, Mr. C. W. Dyson-Perrins, the Rev. G. F. Hooper, Mr. R. R. Fairbairn, the Headmaster, Mr. F. A. W. Simes, Mr. G. W. Grosvenor, Capt. H. Dippie, Mr. R. V. Berkeley, Ald. A. H. Parker, Mr. A. W. Isaac, and the Recorder (Mr. F. W. Sherwood).

HOCKEY.

This Term we have to record a blank season as far as the First Eleven is concerned. All the Hockey Clubs we usually play against were in abeyance on account of the war, and so we had to content ourselves with House Hockey only. A few practice games were played, and from these it was evident that those who were left from last year's Eleven had lost none of their skill; and with several promising new members, we should have had a team quite up to the average of former years.

The Officers for the Term were :—

<i>Captain</i> ...	...	C. H. Hemus.
<i>Secretary</i> ...	...	H. A. Crickmer.

Committee :

R. J. Carter, Esq.	H. J. George.
W. A. H. Chessall, Esq.	T. Bartlett.
G. H. Day.	F. O. Maund.

THE LEAGUE.

This year the League Competition took the form of a six-a-side Tournament. The games were keenly contested, and the scores, in most cases, were low. The time allowed for each game was half-an-hour, which proved quite enough for most players.

School House being heavier and faster than their opponents, had little difficulty in winning all their matches. Jackson, Beynon and Watson were always prominent, and Church proved very useful in front of goal.

Temple and Yewle tied for second place, each winning three times. For the former, Roberts, Morrall and Wasley did good work, while Gibbs, Heath and Thomas, A. played well for Yewle.

Tudor came next. They have several promising players, and it is surprising that better results were not obtained. Fudger played well at back, and Davies, H. J. has improved.

Woolfe, fifth, and Wylde met with little success. In both cases, the teams failed to work together and were weak in front of goal.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

In the First Round, School House defeated Woolfe in a very one-sided game. However, the tie between Tudor and Temple proved more exciting. Temple opened the scoring and obtained four goals before their opponents found the net. Shortly after half-time Tudor drew level, but Temple replied with two more goals. When time was called the score was six all. Extra time proved too much for Temple, and their opponents qualified for the next round by adding three more goals.

In the Second Round, School House again had an easy task and defeated Wylde by seven goals. A good game between Tudor and Yewle resulted in a victory for the former

The Final, between School House and Tudor, was an even game up to half-time, but the superior weight and pace of the School House team began to tell, and they eventually won the Shield by a comfortable margin.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACES.

These events took place on March 20th, in fine weather. The course was the usual one and the ground was dry. Two or three trial runs had been arranged on previous half-holidays, but they were not well attended.

There were only 17 starters for the Senior Race, all of whom finished. Crickmer took the lead in the early stages, followed by Maund, Johnson and George. But on reaching Coneybury Wood Johnson forged ahead, with George second. This order was maintained until the last field was entered. Here George caught up with Johnson, who was running very well. During the last 20 yards George managed to establish a lead and won a good race in 25 minutes 57 seconds. Crickmer finished third, followed at some distance by Maund, with Burston on his heels. The sixth place was obtained by Thomas, C. G., a long way behind.

The Juniors, who numbered 23 runners, started off with Arnold and Dowty, G. H. taking the lead. Shortly after this, Wheal, C. W. W. drew up and challenged Arnold, but was unable to overtake him. An excellent finish followed: Wheal overtook Arnold, who was somewhat exhausted, in the last 15 yards, and won in 18 minutes 54 secs. Dowty, E. F. was a good third, and Armstrong, G. N. and Greenway, J. K. followed at short intervals. Adams, who ran very well, was sixth.

The marks obtained by Houses are as follows:—Woolfe 50, Tudor 40, Wylde 25, Temple 18, School 2, Yewle 0.

OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

The departures of Captain H. Dippie, Colour-Sergeant V. W. Humpherson and Sergeant C. N. Wedge have filled us all with sincere regret. Captain Dippie, since he started the Corps on December 12th, 1910, has worked with unflagging energy and interest. The excellence of his work is amply indicated by the splendid reports which have been received after each annual inspection. We, who are left, can never praise his efforts too highly. Our ready interest will follow him in the progress of his new career. We wish him the best of luck and hope that he will return safely and successfully at the end of the War.

Humpherson, too, we greatly miss. Our loss has been a gain on the part of the 10th Worcesters, in which Battalion he has been appointed as a 2nd. Lieutenant. He was keen and capable, and fully deserved the high commendation passed on him at the last Annual Inspection by Major E. W. Sykes. With good luck, which we all heartily wish him, his military career will, we feel sure, be a successful one.

While endeavouring to make up for heavy losses, we have sustained another. Wedge has also left us for a sphere of greater action. He has received a commission in the 13th Worcesters. As a Sergeant, Wedge proved to be one of the keenest N.C.O.'s the Corps has ever had. We are certain that he will do well in his new position, and we wish him the best of wishes for success and a safe return.

We are glad to welcome a new officer in 2nd. Lieutenant H. H. Abbott, who has been appointed for service with our contingent.

Twelve members of the Corps left us last Term. We regret their departure, and extend a glad welcome to this Term's recruits, who number thirteen.

The Term has been a busy one, the most important event of course, being the visit of Hon. Brigadier-General Townley. The notice of his coming was rather sudden, and consequently our preparation was a little feverish, since so many of us had not before experienced the terrors of an inspection. However,

beyond our being unable to adopt a formation used in savage warfare, all passed off well. Several half-holidays have been used for Corps work. We have fought our way across Hindlip Park, against a stout opposition offered by Sergt. Wedge and his "skeleton" army. Elbury Hill was stormed regardless of loss on another occasion. This time the "enemy" was disorganised. A route march was made towards Crowle on February 20th, the return being made through Spetchley. On another day Sergt. Day made a vigorous attempt to prevent a stronger force from blowing up an important railway bridge. Much keenness and lively interest was shown on this occasion. The attacking forces acted in complete concert, while the defensive force carried out an orderly retirement. We hope the coming "Corps days" will be as happy as this last.

Next term must needs be a strenuous one as far as the Corps is concerned. Good progress has been made with arm drill, but much practice will be needed to obtain a good standard in company and extended order drill. Much time will be needed, too, for the musketry courses; but with the opening of the new armoury and range much of our work will be facilitated. We can count on the N.C.O.'s doing their share next Term. If the remaining members of the Corps will be content to obey the orders of their section commanders implicitly, then we shall have nought to fear in June, when we shall be inspected (and inspected thoroughly) by an Army officer.

Extract from War Office letter: "Owing to the exigencies of the military situation it will not be possible to hold the Annual Camp during the current year."

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The second half-session opened with a visibly diminished attendance, but it was characterized by the increased boldness and confidence of some junior members of the House. In spite of a general reluctance on the part of the Sixth Form to take part in the debates, we have held some fairly successful

meetings, although great persuasion was required before the places of the first speakers were filled.

On January 30th, before a meagre House, F. R. Burston discountenanced the idea that conscription was necessary in England, and even went so far as to declare it detrimental to the true interests of the country. Great stress was laid upon the freedom of Englishmen, and the horrible results of its encroachment, but no thought was given to the possibility of the subjection of England as a result of inadequate military preparations. Mr. Lovell added to the arguments of Burston, and appealed to the patriotic instinct by boldly declaring that a volunteer was worth ten pressed men, and that the Englishman derived the initiative which the German lacked from the fact that he was not forced into military training. We see from the minutes that Galloway, Perkins, Wasley, Ryder, Rowley and Jackson openly declared their agreement with the proposer. The opposition, however, led by Mr. Baker, Beynon and Day, successfully criticised the motion, and pointed out that patriotic fervour and bigotry rendered the arguments of the first speaker shallow and groundless. When Hoyle, D. and Perry had added further remarks against conscription, the House was appealed to, and the result of the division found the motion lost by ten votes to nine.

On February 13th, before an improved attendance, Bray gave a carefully prepared dissertation on the necessity for compulsory inoculation in the British Army. By means of an astonishing display of statistics he fairly convinced the House, and when Mr. Lovell, Mr. Nicholas, Burston, Wasley, Heath and Attwell had added further weight to his arguments, the opposition was found to consist of Jackson, Ryder, Day, Maund, and one silent member, whose combined efforts were not equal to the task of refuting the statistics and neutralizing their consequences. A division showed the House overwhelming in favour of the motion.

The motion moved at the next meeting, on February 27th, was "That the Censorship of the Press, besides being unnecessary, is undemocratic and detrimental to British interests." Maund opened the debate and deplored the

absence of the records of British reverses in the newspapers, explaining that the result was that the British public were lulled into a false sense of security. Only Wasley, Day and Ryder ventured to support the motion, while the ranks of the opposition were considerably augmented and encouraged by the impressive orations of Mr. Abbott and Beynon. In spite of the active opposition of Burston, Rowley, Bray, Hartin and Perkins, the sound principles of the motion were recognized by the silent portion of the House, and it was carried by one vote.

CHess CLUB.

The Chess Club met in January and, owing to the enthusiastic organisation of Mr. Orange, has been regularly attended throughout the Term. Wedge, C. N. was re-elected Secretary.

Mr. Allen has frequently honoured us with his presence and interested us with his inexhaustible stock of problems.

Towards the end of February, House matches were begun. Wylde House put a very strong team into the field and meeting School House in the Second Round made a draw. Wedge, W. J. K. and Beynon, A. C. played another game to decide the match. Wedge, W. J. K. lost and thus School House met Tudor House in the Final; but since the latter had lost their Captain it is not surprising School House was victorious.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

<i>1st Round.</i>			
<i>Woolfe House</i>		<i>v.</i>	<i>Wylde House.</i>
1.	Bowen, E. J. .. 0	1.	Wedge, W. J. K... 1
2.	Williams, H. C. .. 0	2.	Crickmer, H. A. .. 1
3.	Prothero, R. J. .. 1	3.	Hartin, W. F. .. 0
4.	Burston, F. R. .. 1	4.	Hope, B. 0
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To decide the match Wedge, W. J. played Bowen, E. J again. Wedge, W. J. won, and thus—

Wylde House beat Woolfe House.

<i>School House</i>			<i>v.</i>	<i>Yewle House.</i>			
1.	Beynon, A. C.	..	1	1.	Griffiths, A. G.	..	0
2.	Ingleson, H.	..	1	2.	Ranford, H. F.	..	0
3.	Watson, S. G. W...		1	3.	Whitcombe, P. T. A.		0
4.	Perkins, K. H.	..	1	4.	Bartlett, T.	..	0
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Byes :—Tudor and Temple.

2nd Round.

<i>School House</i>			<i>v.</i>	<i>Wylde House.</i>		
1.	Beynon, A. C.	0		1.	Wedge, W. J. K...	1
2.	Ingleson, H.	1		2.	Crickmer, H. A. ..	0
3.	Watson, S. G. W...	0		3.	Dowty, G. H.	1
4.	Perkins, K. H.	1		4.	Hope, B. ..	0
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Wedge, W. J. K. and Beynon, A. C. played one more game to decide the match. Beynon, A. C. won and thus—

School House beat Wylde House.

<i>Tudor House</i>			<i>v.</i>	<i>Temple House.</i>			
1.	Wedge, C. N.	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.	Maund, F. O.	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Day, G. H.	..	1	2.	Wasley, P. J. H...		0
3.	Lee, C. K...	..	1	3.	Turner, V. W. W. J.		0
4.	Aldington, G. H...		1	4.	Morrall, G. W.	..	0
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Thus *Tudor House* beat *Temple House*.

Final.

<i>School House</i>			<i>v.</i>	<i>Tudor House.</i>			
1.	Beynon, A. C.	..	—	1.	Wedge, C. N.	..	—
2.	Ingleson, H.	..	1	2.	Day, G. H.	..	0
3.	Perkins, K. H.	..	1	3.	Lee, C. K...	..	0
4.	Watson, S. G. W...		1	4.	Aldington, G. H.	.	0
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			3				0
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Thus *School House* beat *Tudor House*.

BOXING.

1ST ROUND.

Heavy Weights.

Day, G. H. v. Jackson, V. M. :—Jackson was quicker on his feet, but there was too much clinching. During the last round Jackson had the advantage, using his left effectively, and he was declared the winner after a keen though not very scientific struggle.

Middle Weights.

Gethin, J. W. v. Day, G. H. :—This bout was keenly contested, both the combatants attacking with vigorous rushes in the first round. The second round, however, was marred by too many clinches, and the number of clean straight punches was very small. In the third round, Day was far more successful and ran out an easy victor.

Roberts, G. H. M. v. Parker, J. A. M. :—In an interesting match, Roberts showed his superiority early on, and in spite of a game defence by Parker scored rapidly. Roberts, who was always on the offensive, was better in foot work and won fairly easily.

Maund, F. O. v. Hoyle, D. P. :—Hoyle was outclassed in every way, and Maund, who exhibited restraint, soon put the result beyond doubt, though Hoyle fought pluckily throughout the three rounds.

Light Weights.

Briggs, G. E. v. Armstrong, G. N. :—Briggs opened out gamely against his bigger and heavier opponent and the first round was fairly even. The second round favoured Armstrong, who proved much the better boxer, and in the end secured an easy win. The loser deserves credit for putting up a good fight against odds.

Walker, I. J. v. Wells, W. :—Walker proved no match for Wells, who, in addition to having the advantage in physique was much the cleverer.

Fairbairn, L. E. J. v. Browne, C. A. :—This bout opened briskly, Browne's left being much in evidence. Browne was given the verdict in a close and interesting match, in which both competitors tired distinctly towards the end.

Wells, S. v. Parker, J. A. M. :—Parker's superior weight and reach secured for him a very easy win. Wells deserves credit for struggling against heavy odds.

Barwell, S. A. v. Phillips, E. F. :—This match proved quite keen. Phillips showed up well in defence, whilst Barwell proved stronger in attack, although he made hardly any use of his left. In the end, weight and reach turned the scale and Barwell won a close and interesting bout.

HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

We are all very glad to see the Headmaster back in our midst, and hope that his recovery is complete

As new boys this Term we welcome Minchen, Davis, Wilks, Browne and Hendey, while we record with regret the departure of Ross and Heath, also of Humpherson, whose loss we feel keenly on the field, and whom we congratulate upon being gazetted as a Second Lieutenant for service with the 10th Worcesters.

We were fortunate in carrying off both Hockey trophies this Term. In the competition for the Cup our team always proved equal to the occasion, whilst in the Challenge Shield, though we did not have a bye, we managed to win after a rather exciting first-half in the final against Tudor. Watson, Church, Beynon and Jackson have been awarded their House colours.

As usual, we met with little success in the Cross-country races, Adams being the only one to secure any points towards the Sports' Cup for us.

However, we hope to do greater things in the Boxing Competition, which has not lacked support on our part, either in the classes or in the actual competitions. We have promising boxers in Parker, Browne and Wells, W.

In the Fives contest one member has reached the semi-final, both in the Senior and Junior Competitions.

Quite a number attended the Chess meetings, so that we were able to put a strong team consisting of Beynon, Ingleson, Perkins and Watson in for the Inter-House Matches. After tying with Wylde in the second round and beating Tudor by three games to nil in the next, we proved victors in this Competition.

It gives us pleasure to congratulate the following on their promotions in the O.T.C. :—Howfield to be Sergeant, Hemus to be Corporal, and Ingleson to be Lance-Corporal.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

This Term a new competition for the House teams was formed, each House playing six men instead of eleven. This new tournament was carried through with brilliant success, and Temple House made a very determined effort to obtain possession of the Cup. Wasley, P. J., Vice-Captain of the House, captained the team with ability, while the other members played with great vigour. The result of this was that we succeeded in defeating every House except Yewle and School, whom we played with our most efficient forward, Armstrong, G. N., absent, and thus suffered two defeats and ended up second in the competition. Wasley, P. J., Armstrong, G. N., Roberts, G. H. and Morrall, G. W. have been awarded their House colours.

In the Challenge Shield we were drawn against Tudor House, and after a very exciting game we were defeated by 9—6. At half-time we were winning 4—0. After the restart, however, Tudor soon drew level. Our forwards then did some clever work and scored twice. At this point the game seemed hopeful for us. Tudor soon scored again and one minute from time equalized. We played five minutes extra each way, during which Tudor scored thrice and thus won a hard fought game.

In the Cross-country Races we gained fourth place in the Senior, and Armstrong gained for us the fourth place in the Junior, and Greenway, J. K. the fifth, and so we have some points towards the Sports' Cup next Term.

In the Boxing we have a fair number of entries compared with other Houses. Armstrong represents us in the Light Weights, while Gethin, Roberts and Maund are in the Middle Weight class.

We are pleased to say that many of our members are in the O.T.C., and we look forward to the Shooting Competitions next Term.

We are glad to see that our old House Captain, S. Hartley, is now a Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and many ex-members of the House are on Active Service.

We did very little in the Chess Tournament, but have appeared with credit in the Debating Society.

TEMPLE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

Once again we are joyfully reminded that the Term is drawing to a close by the repeated demands of the Editor for a record of the successes or, sometimes, failures of the House.

Our members, especially the younger ones, have shown no keen desire to play Hockey, with the result that in the Inter-House Competition we only succeeded in winning two games out of five. The outstanding players in these pleasant "half-hours" have been Davis, H. J., Innis, Fudger and Green, all of whom show much promise for the future.

We were singularly lucky in the draws for the Challenge Shield Competition. Temple were our opponents in the first round, and by dint of hard play during an extra ten minutes we managed to win. In the second round we were drawn against Yewle, whom we beat 8—1. But here was an end to our victories, for School House brought about our downfall. However, we consoled ourselves by the fact that the result was a foregone conclusion. Somer, Wedge, C. N., Day and Johnson played particularly well throughout and all deserve special praise.

In neither Senior nor Junior Cross-country Run did we expect any notable success, but we were agreeably surprised in both, Johnson finishing second in the Senior and Wheal, C. W. first in the Junior event. We congratulate both of them upon their success; they have given us a useful start in the race for points for the Sports' Cup.

We are not well represented in the Boxing Competition this Term, Day being our only hope in the Heavy and Middle Weights, and Innis in the Light Weights. We have great hope of Day pulling off the Middles', whilst Innis should do well among the Juniors.

We congratulate Day, Aldington, Somer and Johnson on their promotion in the O.T.C., and in conclusion we wish to offer our best wishes for the future success of Wedge, C. N., who has just received a commission in the 13th Worcesters. He has been a member of the House since its commencement, and we are unfortunate in losing him, for he has been untiring in his efforts to maintain the standard of the House at a high level.

TUDOR.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

Encouraged by the success achieved in the Football Cup Competition last Term, the House looked forward with lively anticipation to the Hockey season. Unfortunately our ranks had been sadly depleted by the loss of Howes, Blunt, Smith, A. A., Probert and Painter, who left at the end of last Term. Howes was the mainstay of the House, worked untiringly on its behalf, took an individual interest in its members, and carried out the duties of Captain irreproachably.

A new scheme was adopted this Term, in which the House matches were superseded by a six-a-side tournament. The result was quite satisfactory on the whole, but not to us, for we won but one game. Hence we cannot, this Term, bestow on ourselves the hearty congratulations which we were enabled to bestow at the ends of the last two Terms. Mention, however, should be made of the consistently good work of Williams, H. C., Gillett and Burston, the first two of whom received their House colours.

In the Challenge Shield we were unluckily drawn against School in the opening round, and, despite the untiring efforts of George and Williams, were easily overwhelmed.

In the Cross-country Races we again supplied the first man home in the Senior event in George, whilst Burston should be congratulated on his good running. Arnold again secured second place in the Junior contest.

Before concluding this epistle one point should be noticed. Now that so many of the bigger boys in the House are leaving, it behoves the younger ones to exert themselves in such a way as to uphold the old traditions and build up good new ones and so maintain the now famous name of the House on the field. It is with confidence that we look to every individual member of the House for deeds that will add fresh laurels to the name of Woolfe.

WULFUNIAN.

WYLDE HOUSE.

The Hockey this Term has not been very brilliant. Owing to the lack of players the Competition was played with six-a-side teams. Since the individual player had therefore to do more work, and since many of the players had never had a stick in their hands before, we could not expect a great display ; but those who did play put their hearts into the work. Wedge, Dovey and Winter have done well, and received able support from Dowty, E. F. and Hartin.

In the Challenge Shield Competition we were drawn against School House, and although the team as a whole played splendidly, the younger members were worn out before the end of the game ; but the result, 0—7, hardly gives a fair idea of the match. Thomas, Hope, Dovey and Winter have fully deserved their House colours which they gained.

The Cross-country was run on Saturday, March 20th. In the Senior event we had two runners, and in the Junior, five. The result was as good as was expected. In the Senior we gained third and sixth places, Thomas, C. G. running well. In the Junior, Dowty, E. F. came in third. The points thus gained ought to prove a valuable addition to the Sports' aggregate next Term, when we hope to see the majority of the House taking part.

There were only three entrants for the Fives Competition, of whom two are still left in, one in the Senior and one in the Junior. Hope ought, with a little luck and careful play, to carry off the Junior, while in the Senior contest Crickmer ought to put up a good fight.

WYLDE.

YEWLE HOUSE.

Pity the poor scribe—for once more the time has arrived when he must take up his pen and record the “mighty” achievements of this “most illustrious” House during the Term.

To begin with, at the opening meeting of the House it was found that a team for Hockey could not be raised. But as this also appeared to be the case amongst most of the other Houses, it was arranged that the Inter-House matches should be played under tournament rules, under which conditions we managed to secure three victories out of a possible five. As a result, we found ourselves bracketted second with Temple House, a much better finale than we had expected.

In the Challenge Shield Competition we were beaten in the first round, and the least said about it the better. Next Term, however, sees the opening of the more popular Cricket season, and it is to be hoped that the House will make a good show.

Let us turn to other events. We are sorry to say that very little enthusiasm was shown at the prospect of the Cross-country Races. The House did not have a single competitor in the field.

Again, no enthusiasm was shown in the Boxing Competitions. Only two competitors entered, namely, Bartlett (Heavy Weights), and Fairbairn (Light Weight). The results will not be known until after this has gone to press.

We are sorry to have to say that general slackness on the part of the members of the House has been shown in everything. We confidently hope, however, that this slackness will be dissipated by the coming events of next Term, otherwise—well, something may happen. We hope that members will take this to heart, and do their best to hold up the honour of Yewle House next Term.

YEWLE.

VALETE.

We are sorry to have to bid a provisional farewell to Captain Dippie. Captain Dippie, who came to the School when the Corps was just starting, and by his energy and enthusiasm succeeded in raising it to a high pitch of efficiency, has left us for more active spheres. He has been gazetted a Captain for service with the 11th Batt. of the Worcestershire Regiment, and we have no doubt at all that he will be as successful in his new work as in his old.

As we have said above, we refuse to say good-bye, for we hope that after a short period he will return again with much honour and "carry on" from where he left us. He has our very best wishes.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring Term ends	...	...	Wednesday, March 31st.
Summer Term begins	...	...	Friday, April 30th.
New Boys	...	...	Thursday, April 29th.
Whit Monday	...	...	May 24th.
Sports	...	...	Thursday, May 27th.
Oxford Locals begin	...	...	Monday, July 19th.
Summer Term ends	...	...	Wednesday, July 28th.

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

Spring Term, 1915.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ...	2	12	3	Wages ...	6	9	6
Subscriptions ...	35	4	9	Sundries ...	0	3	10½
				Balance ...	31	3	7½
	£37	17	0		£37	17	0

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bills Unpaid ...	0	11	10	Cash at Bank ...	31	3	7½
Balance ...	30	11	9½		£31	3	7½
	£31	3	7½		£31	3	7½

Examined and found correct,
R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL,
Treasurer.

OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.
BALANCE SHEET TO JANUARY, 1915.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1913	27	4	7	Clothing ...	42	3	3
Entrance Fees ...	31	10	0	Camp Expenses...	52	3	3
Term Fees ...	27	2	6	Instructor ...	8	15	0
Camp Fees ...	43	10	0	Musketry Expenses	5	9	7
Government Grant	37	0	0	Grants for Uni-			
Sale of Uniform...	1	2	6	forms ...	1	17	0
Refunded by Camp				Petty Cash Ac-			
Secretary ...	3	4	7	count ...	3	17	11
				Stationery ...	0	11	6
				Balance in hand...	55	16	8
	£170	14	2		£170	14	2

Examined and found correct,
R. J. CARTER.
Feb. 3rd, 1915.

H. DIPPIC, Capt.