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## SCHOOL NOTES.

All who remember Major Dippie's work as Commanding Officer of the O.T.C. will join in hearty congratulations to him on obtaining his Majority, while acting as second in command of a Battalion.

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An interesting ceremony took place at the Guildhall, on Monday, February 11th, when Co. Q.M.S. Gibbons, Worcestershire Regt., was presented with a large silver cigarette box, suitably engraved, by Mr. J. A. Owen, of Banbury, in recognition of his gallantry in saving the life of Co. Q.M.S. Owen at Cambria. A high explosive shell badly wounded the latter and he was carried a long distance to safety by Sergt. Gibbons, who was himself wounded.

Co. Q.M.S. Gibbons, whom many will remember as the Headmaster's Secretary for some time before the war, was a keen Territorial and at that time was Sergeant in the 8th Worcesters. He has of course been serving since the outbreak of war. We should like to join in the congratulations of the Mayor (Alderman Carlton), the High Sheriff and many others on February 11th upon Sergt. Gibbons' brave feat, and his recovery from his wounds.

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We understand that the Shooting Challenge Cup in memory of the late Captain Francis W. Hemming, Worcestershire Regt., will be presented by Mr. F. J. Hemming on Friday, April 5th.

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The following boys left last Term :—C. K. Lee, E. Caudwell, J. W. Reid, W. H. Luckin, C. M. Hall, A. W. Kirkaldy, H. B. Neems, H. G. Pratt, R. F. Price, S. J. Stocker, A. E. Rawson, F. S. Caink, G. P. Griffiths, D. H. T. Cox, G. E. Clements, A. C. M. Ballard, C. A. Partner, A. J. Salter, C. W. Street, L. C. Salter.

The following are new boys this Term :—G. W. E. Halliley, D. Ward, E. A. F. Barnes, G. G. Weston, E. W. Keymer, H. G. Wooding, H. R. Houlson, L. Blandford, L. Collier, A. E. G. Davies, W. R. Harris, L. E. Warren, E. Wells, H. P. G. Hodgkinson, C. W. Baddeley, E. Ballard, C. V. Curnock, C. Everton, H. O. Farmer, T. C. Goodway, W. F. T. Holding, F. W. Knight, W. A. Phelps, J. T. Sutton, G. C. Gaut, A. L. Guise, K. G. Mapp, E. A. W. Roberts, W. Pullen, R. Blackwell, J. J. Allen.

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As the prospect of arranging any School matches for this Term was very remote, it was decided to carry on with the same games club officers as last Term. Two Football matches against the R.F.C. Cadets at Norton were played and they proved very enjoyable games.

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## OLD BOYS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

*(Eleventh List).*

The list below contains awards, promotions, additions, &c. :—

Ayrton, W. ('06-'10), discharged.

Baldwin, G. T. ('02-'08), applied for Commission.

\*Bowen, A. R. ('12-'15), Cadet, Infantry.

Brierley, J. F. ('04-'07), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.  
(wounded second time).

Brown, A. ('12-'14), applying for Commission in R.N.A.S.

Cale, E. ('01-'08), Temp. Captain, A.S.C.

- \*Caudwell, E. C. ('16-'17), Edinburgh University O.T.C.
- \*Creese, H. R. ('03-'12), Lieut., Signal Service R.F. (seriously wounded).
- Dudfield, H. ('01-'02), Driver, R.F.A. (wounded).
- Firkins, H. P. ('03-'10), applying for Commission in R.F.A.
- \*Flux, C. J. ('07-'11), Lieut., M.G.C. (relinquishes Commission on grounds of ill-health caused by wound).
- Gaudy, N. J. ('05-'06), applying for Commission.
- Gascoyne, B. B. ('07-'10), Lieut., M.G.C.
- \*George, H. J. ('10-'15), R.G.A. (wounded).
- Greenhous, A. F. ('08-'10), A.T.C.
- Greenhous, C. H. ('12-'14), Lieut.-Cpl., Devonshire Regt.
- Graves, J. S. ('08-'11), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- Hannay, C. C. ('06-'09), Cadet, Infantry.
- Harding, C. ('00-'03), Q.M. and Hon. Lieut., Warwickshire Regt. (mentioned in despatches).
- Harrison, E. W. ('07-'09), applying for Commission, R.F.C.
- \*Hartley, S. ('04-'13), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt. (awarded M.C.)
- Harwood, H. S. ('95-'98), 2nd Lieut., R.F.C.
- \*Heath, C. R. ('11-'18), Cadet, Field Company R.F.
- \*Heath, G. ('12-'14), applying for Commission in R.N.A.S.
- Holmes, J. ('08-'14), 2nd Lieut., South Lancs. Regt. (wounded).
- \*Hope, B. ('12-'15), applying for Commission in R.N.A.S.
- \*Howfield, J. A. ('11-'16), 2nd Lieut., R.F.A. (awarded M.C.)
- \*Hoyle, D. ('09-'15), 2nd Lieut., R.G.A.
- \*Humpherson, V. W. ('10-'14), relinquishes rank of acting Capt. on ceasing to command a Company.
- \*Kimber, C. F. ('08-'12), Acting Capt., Leicestershire Yeo.
- Kings, V. G. ('08-'09), Lieut.-Cpl., A.S.C.
- \*Luckin, W. H. ('15-'17), Artists' Rifles.
- \*Marriott, H. K. ('09-'11), applying for Commission.
- Morris, R. G. ('98-'02), Temp. Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- \*Painting, A. A. ('08-'11), Lieut., M.G.C. (awarded M.C.)
- Parker, F. L. ('96-'97), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- \*Pasco, A. ('10-'13), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.

- \*Pickard, S. J. ('08-'11), Acting Capt., R.F.A.  
 Portman, A. J. (1900-'03), Sergt., Worcestershire Regt.  
 (awarded M.M.).
- \*Rigby, F. ('11-'14), Royal Fusiliers (wounded).
- \*Riley, W. N. ('03-'11), Capt., Leicestershire Regt.
- Roberts, H. P. ('01-'02), Air Mechanic, R.F.C.
- \*Shakespeare, W. H. N. ('02-'10), Flight Commander  
 R.F.C. (awarded M.C.).
- Shakespeare, W. W. ('05-'10), Corpl., A.V.C.
- Sim, A. J. ('08-'09), Temp. Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- \*Sinclair, W. D. F. ('13-'16), Cadet, R.F.C.
- \*Stanton, F. U. ('08-'13), Capt., Northampton Regt.  
 (wounded third time).
- Stokes, W. J. ('01-'04), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.  
 (awarded M.C.).
- Strickland, G. F. ('02-'03), Lieut., R.N.R.
- Thorne, H. L., ('01-'07), Sergt., Worcestershire Regt.
- Thornton, W. G. ('02-'03), applying for Commission.
- \*Vale, R. F. ('12-'15), Worcestershire Regt. (discharged).
- Wareham, R. C. ('04-'08), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- Watkins, H. J. ('06-'10), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- Willis, J. H. D. ('02-'03), Staff Captain, R.G.A.
- Wilson, L. M. ('05-'09), applying for Commission in  
 Chemical Section R.N.A.S.
- Woodhead, F. C. T. ('01-'08), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- Wyatt, A. R. F. ('03-'04), applying for Commission in  
 Artillery.
- \*Zealley, P. R. ('04-'13), Sergt., Gas School.

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#### KILLED IN ACTION.

- HEMUS.—In March, 1918, in France, Lieut. D. G. Hemus  
 ('05-'14), Worcestershire Regt. ; son of Mr. and Mrs.  
 H. Hemus, of Wichenford, near Worcester.
- MOULSON.—In Palestine, Corpl. Hiram W. Moulson (1900-'01),  
 Hampshire Regt. ; aged 30.

STEVENS.—On December 26th, 1917, in France, Pte. Richard Wilfred Stevens ('06-'09), Worcestershire Regiment ; aged 23.

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#### DIED.

MARTIN.—At St. Alban's Red Cross Hospital, from illness incurred in action, Gunner Walter Martin, R.G.A. ; aged 34.

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### FOOTBALL.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. A NORTON BARRACKS XI.—We won this match on Flagge Meadow on December 8th very easily by 8 goals to 1. We started pressing at once and some clever passing among the inside forwards ended in Doody opening the score. For a time play was fairly even, Dovey and Caudwell being conspicuous for good defensive work. But the dash of our forwards proved too much for their backs, and Doody and Moore brought our total up to 3 goals before the interval. In the second half, after some even play, they made a desperate attack on our goal and scored. From this time onwards we carried everything before us, and scored five times in 20 minutes, Stirling, Moore, Doody (twice) and Wells being responsible for the goals.

Team :—Dundas ; Whitehead, Caudwell ; Morrall, Dovey, Yates ; Church, Doody F. W., Stirling, Moore, Wells W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. R.F.C. CADETS.—On Wednesday, February 6th, the 1st XI. met a team of the R.F.C. Cadets stationed at Norton. Kicking off with the advantage of a stiff breeze the Cadets soon assumed the upper hand. Their fast left wing repeatedly broke through our defence, and after sixteen minutes' play their outside left scored with a good shot. Another goal was scored soon after from a corner,



the Cadets' outside left heading through. Two more goals came in quick succession, Dundas being beaten by cross-shots. Our forwards pulled themselves together, and after a fine run Doody scored. The Cadets, however, added two more goals before half-time, and half-time arrived with the score 6-1 in favour of the Cadets. On resuming, our forwards seemed to combine better, and after repeated rushes Moore scored twice. This rally was soon over, for the Cadets transferred the play to our half. They gradually wore down our defence, and in spite of the efforts of Yates and Dovey, scored four goals before the whistle blew, in each case their outside left being responsible for excellent work.

Final score :—Cadets, 10 ; W.R.G.S., 3

Team :—Dundas ; Baldwyn, Whitehead ; Morrall, Dovey, Yates ; Church, Doody, Stirling, Moore, Wells W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. R.F.C. CADETS.—The return match with the R.F.C. Cadets was played on Flagge Meadow on Wednesday, February 27th. This time the teams were more evenly matched, and an excellent game resulted. The School forwards combined well, and after a minute and a half's play Dovey scored with a fast shot. The Cadets, stimulated by this reverse, broke away soon after, and their inside right put the ball past our goalie. After some well-contested midfield play, the School again broke through the Cadets' defence, and from a centre by Wells W., Doody was enabled to score. Half-time score—School 2, Cadets 1. After recommencing, Dovey broke away and scored, after one minute's play. The Cadets then made several attacks on our defence, their centre-forward scoring. This reverse was only temporary, for within ten minutes Dovey had added another to our score. Play was even until close on time, when the Cadets' left wing broke away, the outside left scoring with a "grunder." We won a finely contested game, no further score resulting.

Final score :—W.R.G.S., 4 ; Cadets, 3.

Team :—Dundas ; Baldwyn, Whitehead ; Morrall, Dovey, Yates ; Marsh, Doody, Stirling, Moore, Wells W.

AN XI. (UNDER 13-3) V. DOWNES SCHOOL, 1ST XI.—  
The return match between these teams was played at Colwall on December 8th, and resulted, as earlier in the Term, in a draw 1—1. We were lucky to score the first goal through a miss-kick of one of their backs, which sent the ball through his own goal. After half-time the home side pressed us hard, but our half-backs played well and they only scored once. Coney, Leeke and Wheal did best for us.

Team :—Smith C. G. ; Mumford, Wheal J. H. ; Leeke, Coney, Robinson ; Davis A. W., Collins, Best, Moy, Wakefield.

AN XI. (UNDER 12-3) V. DOWNS SCHOOL, 2ND XI.—  
This match on December 8th proved an easy victory for us by 5 goals to 1. The play was even for the most part, but our forwards displayed more dash in front of goal. Williams C. saved well for us in goal, and Taylor made some good runs. Our goals were scored by Taylor (2), Armstrong C. W. (2), and Armstrong J. L. (1).

Team :—Williams C. ; Else W. F., Taylor P. R. ; Fortey, Armstrong C. W., Hillard R. ; Allen K. W., Armstrong J. L., Foss, Goodwin, Hillard C.

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## FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

(Final).

TEMPLE HOUSE V. SCHOOL HOUSE.

This match took place on Wednesday, December 12th, 1917, when Temple House, after having defeated Woolfe, met School House, but were defeated by 10 goals to nil. The School House team were much stronger than its opponents ; for while it could muster an eleven from the School 1st XXII., Temple had to make up a team, with the exception of three, from a House eleven that had lost every match. During the first-half play was practically all in Temple's half, and the score at half-time was 7—0. In the second half Temple bucked up and broke away several times, but failed to score.

At time the score was 10—0 for School House, for whom Moore played very well, scoring 7 goals, while Baldwyn J. C. and Morrall proved a good pair of backs for Temple and saved the House from further defeat.

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## INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY.

This year there was keen competition in the struggle for the 1st XI. Hockey Cup. Tudor, Woolfe and School had all fairly evenly-matched teams. Close and strenuous games were witnessed in both the struggles of Tudor against School, Tudor finally proving victorious in each case, but by no great margin of goals. The first match between Tudor and Woolfe was also keenly contested, and again Tudor was victorious. Temple had a weak team, and were able to obtain only one point, by drawing with Tudor in a game which had to be abandoned in a snowstorm.

The winners of the Cup proved to be Tudor, a team which combined fairly well, an unusual thing in house-match Hockey. Their defence consisting of Smaldon and Day, backs, and Maund, goalkeeper, was strong and reliable. Stirling was notable for his value in attack ; while Attwell's hitting capabilities contributed towards many of Tudor's goals. They did not lose a match.

School House were runners up with four wins. They possessed a strong team, but usually played with one or more of their best men away. As usual, their forwards combined better than those of the day-boy Houses, but they did not shoot hard enough when they had the ball in the circle, which prevented them from beating their chief opponent Tudor. Adams, the captain, Barwell and Halliley played well in attack, while Bedingfield was a strong point in the defence.

Woolfe House was good in play in mid-field, but were weak in front of goal. Lamb was strong in defence, while



Bomford and Ranford played well as forwards ; Wyatt was conspicuous for his play both in attack and defence. Had Woolfe kept together better and taken advantage of their opportunities when within the circle, they would have won more than two games.

There is little to be said of Temple, who possessed a much smaller and weaker team than the others. They lacked combination, and were too prone to let their star turns, Low and Baldwyn J., do all the work while they looked on.

The Inter-House Hockey this year has been rather more interesting than usual. The winning of the Cup by a day-boy House is rather unusual, and it promises well for the competition in the other events to take place this Term. Once more we should like to point out to players the necessity of shooting at the goal when they get the ball inside the circle.

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## HOCKEY CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

School played Tudor in the first round of the Challenge Shield, and the first half of the match proved exciting, the score being 1—0 for School at half-time. In the second half, however, Tudor's defence broke down completely, and School scored another eight goals in rapid succession, Wells W. and Frost scoring six of them, while Minchen and Wells S. scored one each. Tudor then broke through School's defence and Stirling scored their only goal. Wheal C. W., Tilley and Stirling played consistently well throughout the game.

Temple proved too strong for Woolfe, who completely collapsed under the superior weight and skill of the Temple team. The final score was 8—0, 6 goals of which were contributed by Dovey, who received some excellent passes from Baldwyn J. C. and Morrall. Lamb and Sinclair played well for Woolfe.

School met Temple in the final round and after a very hard and exciting game succeeded in defeating them by 4 goals. Wells W. (2), Wells S. and Perkins (1 each) scored the goals for School, and Chinery scored from a fine pass from Dovey, who worked hard throughout the game. Minchen and Parker were conspicuous for their good play in attack and defence, while Morrall and Baldwin by their sound defensive work made School's forwards work hard to obtain any benefit from their combination.

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### O.T.C. NOTES.

The numbers of the Corps still remain well over a hundred. The work that has been done has been largely instructional. The half-holidays allotted to corps work have been spent chiefly at Gorse Hill practising aiming and firing positions, extended order and attack practice. On Wednesday, March 27th (through the kindness of Col. Webb) we hope to visit the trench system of the Volunteers.

The physical training of the Corps has this Term been in the hands of C.S.M. Morrall and Sergt. Lamb, who (during the Winter vacation) took the Tidworth course, where the former distinguished himself in the Boxing competition. Thanks are due to them for the keenness and efficiency which they have shown. During the Easter vacation, Corpl. Parker and Lce.-Cpl. Tilley will attend the course.

There was a Church Parade on Sunday, March 17th. During Tank week, the Band and selected members of the Corps had many interesting experiences. It fell to them to escort "Julian" to the Cathedral: cadets showed commendable steadiness in the face of many inconveniences, numbering among other things two breakdowns, a very inquisitive crowd, and a runaway bullock. The Band also led a procession of school-children to the Tank and afterwards discoursed sweet music from the top of a tram. The Band is to be congratulated

upon its improvement on the flutes. We are rapidly depleting the stock of cymbals in the country.

A team competed for the "Country Life" Shooting Trophy. The shooting was not very good. Six teams have been entered for the Bisley Competition in Miniature Shooting.

Q.M.S. Heath has joined his Officer Cadet Unit. We wish him the best of luck, and thank him heartily for the very keen interest and energy he showed in all branches of Corps work.

The following cadets have been accepted for Cadet Units during the Term :—

C.S.M. Morrall	...	...	R.E. (Field Unit).
Sergt. Lamb	...	...	Cavalry.
Sergt. Church	...	...	R.E. (Field Unit).
Cpl. Dovey	...	...	
Lce.-Cpl. Minchen	...	...	R.F.A.

The following promotions have been made :—

C.S.M. Morrall	to	Cadet Officer.
Sergt. Lamb	"	C.S.M.
Corpl. Attwell	"	Sergt.
Corpl. Parker	"	Sergt.
Lce.-Cpl. Dovey	"	Corpl.
Lce.-Cpl. Baldwyn	"	Corpl. (Band).
Lce.-Cpl. Wheal	"	Corpl.
Cadet Wall	"	Lce.-Cpl.
Cadet Collier	"	Lce.-Cpl.
Cadet Doody	"	Lce.-Cpl. (Band).

Musketry tests have been carried on regularly under the supervision of Sec. Lieut. W. Green, assisted by Corpl. Parker.

Signalling is making satisfactory progress.

A number of books have been got together to form the nucleus of an O.T.C. Library, and the books are in circulation. The Librarian is Lce.-Cpl. Minchen.

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## “ FLYING ” LECTURES.

On Friday, December 7th, the School assembled in the Perrins' Hall, where a lantern and screen had been erected. Mr. Carter informed us that the slides had been sent by the War Savings' Association, but that he did not intend to confine himself to the lecture which accompanied them. We heard, with increasing wonder, of the rapid development of flying and the marvellous improvements that had been made in aircraft since 1914. Mr. Carter then outlined to us the work of the R.F.C. and the R.N.A.S., with the result that every one present made mental resolve to join one of these two forces at the earliest opportunity. He also took the boarders to Leicester and back in time for prep. We were most interested in the Handley Page machine, and realised with astonishment that if one of these machines were erected in the playground its wing tips would touch the end walls. At the conclusion we applauded Mr. Carter most heartily and departed with that pleasant after-lecture feeling of knowing quite as much about the subject as the most learned expert.

Commander Smyth-Piggott came down from the Admiralty on December 12th, 1917, to lecture on the R.N.A.S. He had returned from the front expressly for the purpose of lecturing to “ Young England ” to obtain recruits for the branch of the service that he represented. Some measure of his success may be judged perhaps by the fusion of the R.F.C. and R.N.A.S.; presumably the former found itself destitute of recruits. Before long we conceived the idea that the life for us was that of P.F.O. in the R.N.A.S. A description of the tactics and exploits of the late Captain Ball, V.C., and other crack airmen, was so vivid that more than one member of the audience was seen to reach out for an imaginary “ joy-stick.” The slides shewn were most excellent and instructive, those of the “ Handley Page ” machine which finished a record flight by bombing Constantinople, and of “ some ” Zeppelin, being the most interesting.

We vainly endeavoured to express our appreciation in cheers, but the prolonged crescendo and diminuendo in the ovations were inadequate to express our gratitude to the lecturer.

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## CHess CLUB.

It has so far been found impossible to find a suitable time for playing the Blind School. The Chess Club Library has been circulating, and members have been taking advantage of the chance to learn up some of the more complicated moves.

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## CROSS-COUNTRY RACES.

The Cross-country Races were run on Saturday, March 23rd. The weather was not very suitable for long-distance running, the sun being extremely hot. The Seniors started a few minutes after 3 o'clock, Wheal C. W. taking the lead. On reaching the wood Attwell overtook Wheal and the runners began to separate. Towards the top of the hill Wells S. drew up to second place, but during the next half-mile Baldwyn took the lead and kept it to the end, winning strongly a good race by 60 yards. The final order of the first six was :—Baldwyn J. C., Attwell C. G., Wells S., Tilley, Adams L. J., Dovey. Time 26 mins. 58 secs.

The Juniors started at 3 o'clock and the pace was good. When the competitors reached the wood, Leeke was leading, followed closely by Pullen and Richmond. This order was maintained up to Warndon Church. At this point several of the leading competitors ran round the wrong side of the Church and were disqualified. The real leader now was Kings, followed by Richings and Davis A. W. At the end of the race the order was :—Brown E. G., Davis A. W., Wooding, Kings, Taylor P. R., Richings.

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## DEBATING SOCIETY.

"What was it all about?" "Something about poetry, something about science, and a little about prose." The House was profoundly bored on Saturday, December 8th, by the discussion of the motion "That the true Antithesis of Poetry is not Prose but Science." Morrall G. W. informed us that science makes people sceptics, and succeeded in partially destroying any interest the House may have felt in the debate; while Attwell C. G. with commendable thoroughness succeeded in completing the work of destruction. We had two definitions of science, one or two quotations from poetry and prose; with various descriptions of what science did and what poetry did not and vice-versa; with a discussion of what things were science and what things were not. Further information upon the same subjects was added by Edwards G. and Reid J. W., supporting and opposing the motion. Perkins K. H., then tried to dispel the gloom, by telling the opposition what they should do; and by asking for a few didactic poems. (—Alas we are afraid by the time that he had finished speaking—the night was darker than ever). Wall T. J. then arose to discuss botany, and what the opposer had said concerning that and kindred sciences. Simson E. C. attempted further explanations, suggesting that when Tennyson said "They melt like mists, the solid lands," he was thinking of an earthquake or some such natural phenomenon. Still more new and entirely original arguments were produced, but we are justified only in producing the best: "When someone bores you, you may be assured that he does not believe in what he is telling you"—(Shades of schoolmasters! If only everyone believed that!) In the end the House was roused to vote, and remembering parts of the first two speeches voted that Science was the true Antithesis of Poetry by 17 votes to 12.

On Saturday, February 9th, 1918, the House met to discuss the advisability of having every day of the week meatless. Simson E. C. supported the vegetarian's side of the motion, and he pointed out that a vegetable diet does much to improve the temper and appearance of animals: moreover there was always a doubt as to what spring chickens and one-and-ninepenny skinned rabbits might be. Unfortunately, he got out of his depths on the intricacies of poultry-farming and egg production. Then Perkins K. H., the supporter of the meat-eaters, commented on the lack of variety of a vegetarian diet, which he assumed to consist of shredded wheat, something else, e.g. oats or rye, bread and butter, cake, and flaked rice; as to the effects on animals he denied the statement that elephants were good tempered or monkeys handsome. Smith S. R. B. commented on the inhumanity of slaughtering animals, the beauty of cows, and the loss to the countryside, &c., &c. Church C. B., in a brief but polished speech, stated that since it had taken centuries for man to become a meat-eater, it would obviously take centuries for a man to become a vegetarian, and as he did not intend to prolong his existence beyond the usual duration of man's life he intended to continue the usual diet, as far as is compatible with present circumstances. There were but few speakers from the body of the House. Collier W. B., Moore L. G. P. and Davis W. H. V. all expressed the regret they would feel were they obliged to exist without meat, or ham and bacon or eggs. (We wonder when an egg is meat and when it is not). Some amusement was caused by Parker J. A. M.'s statement that when man was an animal he lived on herbs and so did all the other people—he then embroiled himself in a discussion on

Darwin and monkeys ; and whether the monkey branch lives on herbs or on branches or—but it was somewhat confused. In the end the House voted for a meat diet by 19 votes to 5.

In a debate, to which all members of the School were invited, on Saturday, March 9th, the House discussed the utility of the Voluntary Principle as applied to everything in general and nothing in particular. Perkins K. H., the first speaker, looked forward to the days when games and Cadet Corps would be compulsory, deprecating such puerile and useless institutions as Boy Scouts with their bare knees, broomsticks and billycock hats, and Church Lads' Brigades. Hutchinson H., in a short speech of utilitarian import, pointed out the need for men on munition work, and also the fact that compulsion was one-sided, favouring the wealthy more than the working man. Collier W. B., supporting the proposition, gave us a few more facts about food, people in queues with six pounds of butter and the advantages of large families for getting food in days of voluntary rations ; food and people in the know—but the scarcity of such people. He then added a few remarks on sports, lighting restrictions, volunteers and conscripts. Unfortunately for the opposition the disadvantages of the voluntary system were clearly indicated by the unexplained absence of the fourth speaker. The debate being thrown open to the House, Parker J. A. M. endorsed the opinions of the first and third speakers, contriving however, in some unknown manner, to make no ball in the process thereof. Simson E. C. then advanced the rather original argument that even living was compulsory ; since could everyone drown himself when he chose there would be few left living to-day, for as soon as anyone was jilted he would go and drown himself. This argument somewhat lost conviction since he was compelled to admit that he could not support his argument from personal experience. The next speaker, however, Smith S. R. B., took the opposite side to the last speaker and defended the voluntary principle even with regard to the military service question. His side of the question was supported by Attwell C. G., who, in a lengthy speech, defended voluntaryism from the abstract side, lamenting that Prussianising of the British nation during war time, and introducing some new ideas on compulsory military service, games, conscientious objectors and duty to one's self and to one's country. Finally, the House voted for the compulsory system by 26 votes to 16.

The Society held its Annual Concert on Saturday, March 16th, in the Perrins' Hall. A subscription of 20/- was raised for the School War Fund at this event. The programme was as follows :—

" God Save the King " ; Piano Solo, G. Edwards ; Song, " The Wind's on the Heath," the Chairman ; Jap Fiddle Solo, " Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Mr. H. Aman Bloxham ; Monologue, " The 11.69 Express," F. W. V. Doody ; Piano Solo, K. H. Perkins ; Recitation, " The Jackdaw of Rheims," S. R. B. Smith ; Lay of the Society, " Vive la Compagnie," the Poet Laureate ; Violin Quartette, " Barcarolle," E. Phillips, J. Hawkins, R. Buckley and E. C. Simson ; Piano Solo, " Melody in F," W. B. Collier ; Mandoline Solo, " Sulla Gondola," Mr. Arthur ; Song, " Big Ben," Mr. Robert Shaw ; Violin Duet, " Les Cloches de Corneville," the Chairman and E. Phillips ; Song, " A Little Bit of Heaven," F. W. V. Doody ; " Auld Lang Syne."

## HOUSE LETTERS.

## SCHOOL HOUSE.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune"—not that this has been our lot, for bad luck has dogged our footsteps most of the Term. Sundry illnesses have been running through the House and may jeopardise our chance of winning the Sports Cup. Church our House Captain, had to leave us soon after the beginning of the Term. We are still breaking the record as regards numbers; for although we lost Caudwell, now in Edinburgh University O.T.C., we had six new boys. These are Halliley, Barnes, Weston, Keymer, Wooding and Wells E., to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

After a hard fight we regained the Challenge Shield, which we lost last Spring Term, beating Tudor in the first round and Temple in the final. The team was balanced, while Minchen, Wells W. and Frost did much good work in both matches. Our first eleven suffered a good deal from illness and "Wednesdays," and finished second. Davis and Evans have been conspicuous for good defence, while Adams and Barwell have scored most of the goals. House colours have been awarded to those who gained them last year, and Adams, Barwell and Greenwood. In addition to our other successes of last Term, we also won the Challenge Shield.

Thanks to some plucky running by Wells S. and Adams, we obtained third and fifth places in the Senior Cross-Country.

We are well represented in the Fives competitions and hope to secure many points from them.

We are pleased to be able to say every eligible member is in the O.T.C., and we congratulate Sergt. Parker and Lce.-Cpls. Whitehead and Collier on their promotions.

Much excitement was caused by the arrival of the Tank, and while we were guarding it during its pause, it was noticed

that two of our members were closely attended by members of the crowd. We wonder why? Also we will take this opportunity of informing another member that the spanners and "tooth picks" which the Tank men used are not carried in the waistcoat pocket.

Many interesting events have happened in the Common Room. We thank a member for offering to guard us, but prefer his weapon to remain where it now is. Certain boys are now in the habit of "trying to fill bowls with turnips," and imagining they are donkeys in their sleep. Possibly the thought of food cards occasioned this, considering that a member nearly had to fight a young damsel for them at the Guildhall. "Squish Funds" have been very prominent, but the difficulty of obtaining supplies and the greatly increased cost proved too much for some syndicates.

With the Sports held this Term, next Term we shall be able to devote ourselves exclusively to Cricket and work, and we hope to have many successes in both.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

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#### WOOLFE HOUSE.

As we take up the pen to write of the successes of the "Wolves" this Term, we are confronted by the hard, bare fact that there are no successes to record. Last Term, Woolfe House showed some signs of returning to its former greatness; this Term, alas, we find that these signs were not to be fulfilled; indeed, the signs of bucking up that were, are not. The "Wolves" have retired to their caves, after showing their fangs for a brief period; and if they do not hunt for Cups they must go hungry. The members of Woolfe House must keep on pegging away at games; they have shown what they can do, but they must not be contented with this. We must not be contented until we can capture the Challenge Shield and the House Cups; then "Wolves" will be entitled just to maintain that level.



The 1st XI. lacked combination. We had several good individual players, but the rest of the team were "passengers." Our only wins were against Temple House, and so we finished third.

We were drawn against Temple House in the 1st round of the Challenge Shield, and we put up quite a good show. Our defence was good, Sinclair, Lamb and Wyatt repeatedly stopping Temple's rushes; but the forwards were very weak, and as a result we were defeated 7—0.

The House is well represented in the O.T.C.; but all boys who are eligible should join. Congratulations to Lamb on his promotion to Co. Sergt.-Major and to Sinclair on his promotion to Lance-Corporal.

The following were awarded their House Colours:—Lamb, Bomford, Wyatt, Gillett.

Buck up "Wolves," and next Term let us have good tries for all three Cups.

WOOLFE.

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#### BASKERVILLE.

Unless there can be any substantial increase in the number of this House membership, there is little prospect of it ever taking any part in the House Competitions Term by Term. When the three or four eldest, out of a membership of only seventeen, already take a leading part in the School elevens, it is impossible to form a team from the remainder—there being seven under eleven years of age.

The Annual Sports are again upon us; we remember how, last year, we scraped together enough points to place us above Woolfe House in the competition for the Sports' Cup, and how the youngest Marsh was responsible for the majority of those points. It is therefore with great regret that we



learn he will have no chance of repeating his victories this year, as he is temporarily on the sick list. Without him, however, we must do our best and strive to be anything but last.

Our congratulations to Dundas on obtaining his 1st XI. Football colours.

BASKERVILLE.

#### TUDOR HOUSE.

It is with unusual feelings that we approach the task of penning our epistle this Term. For we have, for the first time since 1910, won the 1st XI. Hockey Cup. Not only did we win the cup, but we managed to pass through the season without losing a match. Our only reverse, if reverse it might be called, was a draw with Temple, after a game which lasted 10 minutes in a snowstorm. Our success was due chiefly to the way in which the team played together; Attwell, Stirling, Starkey and Kings were conspicuous in offence, while the backs, Smaldon and Day, and the goalkeeper, Maund, could always be trusted at critical moments.

In the Challenge Shield we were not so fortunate, being drawn against School House, the winners of the trophy, in the first round, and losing, after a more even game than the score shews, 9—1. In the twenty-two we have been represented by Wheal C. W. W., our captain, Tilley D. W., and Stirling G.

Nor have we been unrepresented in other walks of School life; Wheal and Attwell were our representatives in the O.T.C. shooting team; Attwell, Starkey, Day and Kings have been constant supporters of the Debating Society, although they can seldom be persuaded to speak; but we think that a few more Tudorites might find time to attend meetings of the Chess Club.

At present training for the Sports is in full swing; and we expect still further successes in that direction. We also look forward to the competitions in Fives and Boxing.

Finally, we must congratulate ourselves for more recent achievements in the Cross-Country ; Attwell (2nd) and Tilley (4th) obtaining places in the Senior.

TUDOR.

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### TEMPLE HOUSE.

The House this Term is one of the "also rans." We have, since last year, lost practically all the bigger members but this does not entirely account for our failure.

The 1st XI. has collapsed altogether, only drawing one match. This is due chiefly to the slackness of the team. They are content to watch one or two of the bigger members do all the work, and unless someone is there to wake them up they are satisfied with themselves and what they have done if the goals against do not reach double figures.

No one in the House matches is worthy of mention ; but in the Challenge Shield Baldwyn J., Chinery, Richings and Law did quice well and have been awarded their House colours. We would like to draw the attention of the House—68 members—to the surprising fact that the only Temple House spectator of the final of the Challenge Shield between Temple and School was the linesman. Surely the sportsmen who do not play might do their bit towards encouraging those who do ? We were drawn against Woolfe House for the 1st round of the Challenge Shield, and succeeded in defeating them by 8 goals to nil, Dovey scoring 6 and Chinery 2 ; but we were defeated after a hard game in the final round by School House, the score being 4—1, Chinery scoring for Temple.

In the O.T.C. the House is well represented. Morrall and Dovey represented it in the School Shooting team.

We congratulate C.S.M. Morrall on his retirement to the "House of Lords," and Lee.-Cpls. Baldwyn and Dovey

on their promotions to Corporals. We also congratulate C.S.M. Morrall, C.Q.M.S. Heath and Cpl. Dovey on their being accepted for Officer Cadet Units in the Royal Engineers (Field Unit), where C.Q.M.S. Heath has already taken up his cadetship.

The Cross-Country took place on Saturday, March 23rd. The House was poorly represented in the Senior, but somewhat better in the Junior. Those who entered for the Senior did well; Baldwyn J. C., last year's winner, obtained first place this year, and Dovey ran sixth.

In the Senior Fives Competition Morrall and Dovey have succeeded in getting into the semi-final.

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Saturday, April 6th	...	Spring Term ends.
Friday, May 10th ...	...	Summer Term begins.
Thursday, May 9th	...	New Boys.
Monday, June 10th	...	London Matriculation Examination begins.
Thursday, July 10th	...	Certain Oxford Local Papers begin.
Monday, July 15th	...	Oxford Local Week begins.
Saturday, July 27th	...	Summer Term ends.

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## GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

WINTER TERM, 1917.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ...	45	3	5	Wages ...	5	12	0
Subscriptions ...	48	3	0	Match Expenses...	5	3	3
Sale of Shirts ...	9	4	0	Accounts paid ...	5	15	6
				Sundries ...	0	14	5
				Balance ...	85	5	3
	£102	10	5		£102	10	5

Examined and found correct,

W. A. H. CHESSALL,

R. J. CARTER.

Treasurer.

## OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS, 1917.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jan., 1917—Bal-				Band Expenses			
ance in Bank...	88	16	3	(Tuition, Instru-			
Subscriptions :				ments, &c.) ...	23	10	9
Spring Term ...	21	7	6	Armoury & Range			
Summer Term ...	18	17	6	Expenses ...	23	12	8
Winter Term...	30	15	0	Clothing & Equip-			
Fares to Tiddesley				ment ...	27	18	6
Wood ...	2	14	3	Sergt.-Maj. Hodg-			
Mr. H. G. Payne				kinson ...	1	15	0
(Uniform) ...	4	0	0	B'ham Motor Om-			
Government Grant				nibus Co. (Fare			
for 1918 ...	37	0	0	to Range) ...	3	0	0
				Petty Cash ...	7	15	1
				Stationery (Smith			
				& Son)...	0	8	6
				Balance for 1918	115	10	0
	£203	10	6		£203	10	6

Examined and found correct,

H. H. ABBOTT,

R. J. CARTER.

Lt., O.C.

March 2nd, 1918.