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SCHOOL NOTES.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members of our staff:—Miss Allpress of Girton College, Cambridge, and Dublin University, recently on the staff of Berkhamstead School, and Messrs. A. Sneath, B.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, formerly on the staff of this School and afterwards of Dover College, Egyptian Government Service and Aldenham School, F. R. Firth of the Royal College of Science, and A. Taylor, B.A., of London University, formerly on the staff of Loughton School, Essex.

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The number of boys on the School roll now exceeds 300, the highest on record, and augurs well for the future of the School.

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As there were few School matches arranged for this Term, it was decided to carry on with the same games club officers as last Term. Two matches were arranged for the 1st XI. against Captain 'Thomas' XI., but owing to our opponents not being able to raise teams one was scratched, but the other was played on July 20th.

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The following boys left last Term:—C. R. Heath, C. B. Church, H. T. Nicholl, J. B. Tibbetts, A. E. Yates, T. E.

Bullock, A. D. Evans, A. G. Gillett, F. J. Glover, V. H. P. Richings, H. B. Bakewell, P. C. Bomford, E. J. Harper, B. M. A. Smith, L. S. Leeke.

The following are new boys this Term :—E. F. C. Burchell, F. G. Jennings, P. G. Chadwick, C. E. Jones, L. J. Ridley, J. N. Backhouse, M. E. Chidley, K. F. Rogers, E. S. Backhouse, A. J. Bloxham, W. Booth, H. F. Browning, H. B. F. Bylevelt, J. C. Harper, G. Inett, K. Jackson, E. E. Lewis, W. T. Prosser, R. G. Taylor, E. G. W. Weedon, J. H. Backhouse, E. C. M. Baker, N. W. Fearnside, E. J. Harper, M. B. Jenkins, O. E. Knight, J. R. E. Quinney, C. P. Smith, H. E. Green, R. Harris, H. J. Phelp, R. R. Wale, G. D. Watts, A. B. Young, J. E. Backhouse, E. H. J. Fairbairn.

OLD BOYS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

(12TH LIST).

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

**Denotes an ex-Member of the O.T.C.*

*Austin, G. ('11-'14), R.F.A.

Bibbs, O. G. ('05-'08), promoted Lieut., 1/7th Worcesters.

*Bowen, A. R. ('12-'15), 2nd Lieut., R.G.A.

*Bott, E. C. ('15-'16), Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Bradley, D. ('09-'12), 2nd Lieut., R.A.F.

*Chadwick, J. ('11-'13), 2nd S.M.B., R.F.A. (discharged).

*Church, C. B. ('13-'18), Cadet, R.E.

Cowley, R. ('09-'14), 2nd Lieut., Infantry.

*Creese, M. G. ('12-'15), Mercantile Marine.

*Crimp, T. W. ('10-'16), L.-Cpl., Berks. Regt.

*Cullen, G. J. ('12-'15), Infantry.

Cullis, H. ('09-'10), Worcs. Regt. (discharged).

Daniels, W. B. ('03-'07), Lieut., H.M.S. "Icarus."

*Day, F. M. ('14-'15), T.R.B.

*Dillworth, J. C. ('11-'17), Berkshire Regt.

- *Dillworth, W. ('10-'13), Cadet, Gloucestershires.
- *Doody, F. W. V., ('16-'18), Cadet, R.A.F.
- *Dunn, A. ('11-'14).
- *Fairbairn, L. E. J. ('12-'15), Dorset Regt.
- Gascoyne, G. ('99-'03) Lieut., Anti-Aircraft Battery, France.
- *George, H. J. ('10-'15), R.G.A., applying for Commission.
- Grant, R. T. ('07-'12), Corpl., Worcestershire Regt., attached R.A.F.
- *Hall, J. ('10-'15), Worcestershire Regt. (discharged).
- Hardman, A. J. ('13), R.A.M.C.
- *Harper, E. J. ('15-'17), Training Reserve.
- *Harrison, A. W. ('08-'14), 2nd Lieut., R.A.F. (wounded in head, and relinquishes Commission).
- Harrison, E. W. ('07-'09), 2nd Lieut., R.A.F.
- *Harrison, D. ('04-'12), R.F.
- Hayden, F. ('10-'15), Training Reserve.
- Hayes, C. T. ('13-'16), Cadet, R.A.F.
- *Haynes, R. V. ('11-'16), Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.
- *Heath, G. ('12-'14), 2nd Lieut., R.A.F.
- Hobson, A. C. W. ('02-'09), Major, R.F.A. (Bar to M.C.)
- *Knight, R. ('13-'14), 2nd Lieut., R.A.F., transferred R.E.
- Knight, C. R. ('08-'12), Corpl., 8th Worcesters, on Staff of Southern Command Depot.
- Knight, W. H. ('09-'14), Berkshire Regt. (reported missing).
- Latham, C. ('08-'09), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt. (wounded, Prisoner of War).
- *Lee, C. K. ('12-'17), 2nd Lieut., R.G.A.
- *Mann, R. P. ('11-'16), Wireless Operator, Marseilles.
- *Matheson, M. B. ('16-'17), Cadet, R.F.A.
- *Maund, F. O. ('12-'16), 2nd Lieut., Infantry.
- Neems, D. H. ('06-'07), Sergt.-Major, A.S.C.
- *Painter, S. R. ('09-'14), 2nd Lieut., R.A.F.
- *Painting, A. A. ('08-'11), Lieut., M.G.C. (wounded and awarded M.C.)
- Patton, S. W. ('11-'12), Naval Transport (torpedoed 4 times).

- *Perry, G. ('13-'15), R.A.F.
 - Phipps, H. P. T. ('10-'13), R.N.V.R.
 - *Pick, A. B. ('12-'14), Capt., Leicestershire Regt.
 - *Price, W. H. ('12-'16), R.A.F.
 - *Probert, H. ('11-'14), 7th O.C.B., Infantry.
 - *Probert, W. A. ('11-'13), Corpl., Infantry.
 - *Quarterman, C. A. ('10-'16), Wireless Operator, H.M.T.
 " Wyre."
 - Richardson, C. J. ('00-'02), R.G.A. (Trench Fever).
 - *Rigby, E. ('11-'14), Rejoined 5th Batt. R.F.
 - Roberts, C. S. ('00-'04), Lieut., Training Reserve, Beljaum,
 India.
 - Roberts, D. H. ('97-'01), Acting Capt., Manchester Regt.
 (relinquishes Commission owing to ill-health).
 - Roberts, R. C. ('00-'05), L.-Cpl., R.F.
 - *Ryder, S. C. ('11-'16), Dorsetshire Regt. (wounded).
 - *Shilton, D. W. F. ('10-'17), Cadet, Infantry.
 - *Smith, A. A. ('12-'15), Corpl., R.A.F.
 - Stone, G. F. ('00-'05), Acting Capt. and Adjutant, Wor-
 cestershire Regt.
 - *Thomas, A. ('12-'17), Inns of Court O.T.C.
 - Thomas, C. G. ('11-'16), Artists' Rifles.
 - Thomas, D. J. ('10-'14), (reported missing).
 - *Vale, R. F. ('12-'15), re-enlisted in Training Reserve.
 - Wareham, H. T. ('13-'14), Training Reserve.
 - *Wasley, P. J. ('09-'15), Cadet, Infantry.
 - Watkins, A. P., Capt., Infantry.
 - *Wedge, C. N. ('06-'15), Lieut., K.R.R. (Africa).
 - *Wedge, W. J. K. ('11-'17), R.F.A.
 - Williams, G. S. ('12-'14), 4th Somersetshire Regt.
 - *Winter, F. G. ('12-'16), R.N.V.R. (discharged for 1 year).
 - *Wood, E. A. ('15-'16), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
 - Wright, G. ('09-'13), R.F.A. (wounded third time).
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DIED OF WOUNDS.

*HEMUS.—On March 27th, 1918, in France, Lieut. C. H. Hemus, M.C. ('06-'16), R.F.A., aged 20; son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hemus, of Wichenford, near Worcester.

ROBERTS.—On March 27th, 1918, in France, Major R. E. Roberts ('95-'00), Manchester Regt. Buried at Rouen.

WOODWARD.—On April 4th, 1918, in France, Pte. W. P. Woodward ('10-'14), Lancashire Fusiliers; son of Mrs. E. Woodward, Laugherne House, Upper Wick, near Worcester.

KILLED IN ACTION.

DAY.—In April, 1918, in France, 2nd Lieut. H. M. Day ('09-'12), M.G.C.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Day, Bath Road, Worcester.

HARVEY.—In March, 1918, in France, 2nd Lieut. H. G. Harvey ('06-'07), Worcestershire Regt.

IN MEMORY OF CAPT. F. W. HEMMING.

Those who were present in the Perrins' Hall at the end of last Term, when Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hemming presented the silver challenge cup in memory of Capt. F. W. Hemming to the School, had the privilege of attending a ceremony such as rarely occurs in the school life of any person. It was an interesting, though pathetic ceremony and one which will never be forgotten while the School exists.

Mr. C. W. Dyson Perrins, the Chairman of the Governors, presided, and there were also present the Rev. G. F. Hooper, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Hemming, the Headmaster and Mrs. Hillard.

The Headmaster gave a sympathetic appreciation of the life and conduct of Capt. Hemming. He said that as a School we were proud of our record in the War. Many Old Boys had distinguished themselves by gallant deeds, and some had given their lives for their country. Among these was Captain Francis William Hemming, who came to the School as a small boy, and who worked steadfastly through all the School forms and offices until he became head of the School. All the offices he filled with honour and success. On leaving School, he went to Jesus College, Oxford, where his work and personality were pleasing to all. His work and personality were not academic or utilitarian in any sense. He distinctly set himself to become the most efficient man—the soundest, sanest man he could be—in body and mind and spirit, and he succeeded. Then came the War and he was one of the first to go. He was one among those whom the School had to honour in this War; and it was a generous and kindly thought on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Hemming to associate his memory with the School. The gift they were making was of no passing interest. It would be handed down among them from generation to generation; and with the Cup would be associated an honours board, on which the names of the winners would be recorded so that the memory of Capt. Hemming would remain always fresh with the School.

Mr. F. J. Hemming, striving to give adequate expression to his emotions, and expressing them as few present could have expressed them, then made the presentation. He said it was as great a privilege as a pleasure for him to stand in the noble modern hall of an ancient and meritorious school, and to ask us to do him, his wife, and daughters, the honour of accepting for our use the cup before him. The cup was in a measure to commemorate not only the death of his son, but also his connection with the School. It was in this School that he acquired the ability which he afterwards expended for the good of his country, and it was in this School that, as he well knew, countless other boys, some of them contemporary with his son, had acquired the same abilities, and reached perhaps higher courage and attainments. He hoped that

many thousands would follow. He had long felt that in this School we earnestly endeavoured to teach many things which would not be found in the printed curriculum of studies ; some of which were righteousness of conduct, uprightness, honesty of intention and effort, and love of justice, and, in fine, all that might be included in the term " public spirit," leading, as it did, to that final illustration of the best of public spirit, pure patriotism, which led them if necessary to give their lives for their fellow men and women, for their laws, for their common freedom, and for that Empire which had been bequeathed by their forefathers. In that connection it occurred to him that if he could do any small thing for the School it should be, if possible, to assist in the cultivation of the spirit to which he had referred, and especially to that patriotism of which they were so proud. It was in the O.T.C. that the boys learnt discipline, obedience, and also to act in unison, which might be called organisation, and which had an immense power and influence upon everything they did. In order that we should have some further incentive, if, indeed, such incentive were necessary, to cultivate that spirit and to acquire that power of organisation he had ventured to ask our acceptance of the cup.

Mr. Hemming said he could not trust himself to say much of his son. He did his duty as he saw it, and he fell. He was wounded on April 11th, 1917, but he refused to go into hospital and led his Company, and he fell on April 24th after being twice wounded, and was finally shot through the head. He died leading and cheering his men on. His last words were " Carry on."

He asked us to regard the cup not only as having reference to Captain Hemming, but to all the gallant lads who had given their lives to preserve their home and their country from the enemy. How that commemoration cup was to be awarded—whether for shooting or for general efficiency—he would leave to the School ; but the only stipulation he made, which Mr. Hillard at once accepted, was that, as the life of a boy in the O.T.C. was necessarily limited to a few years, it should only be won by the same boy on one occasion.

Mr. Dyson Perrins, in accepting the gift on behalf of the Governors, said that although the proceedings were short and simple in conservice with the occasion and the feelings of those most immediately concerned, the significance of the occasion would be felt by all present, and he hoped that the memory of it would go down through the School for many years as one of its cherished traditions. The cup was to preserve the memory of one who was a credit to the School while here, and an honour to the country thereafter. He stood for all that was admirable in the British schoolboy, and there was no higher praise in the world. He proved the worth of his training at school and his upbringing at home by the part which he took in this terrible yet glorious War. The cup, he was sure, would prove a lasting incentive to those who followed at the School to try to prove themselves as good and worthy as himself.

Mr. Hemming then thanked the Chairman for presiding, and the ceremony closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

CRICKET.

W.R.G.S. 2ND XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 1ST XI.—
This game was played on Flagge Meadow on Saturday, June 29th. The visitors won the toss and decided to bat. They knocked up 98 before they were finally dismissed. Briggs G. E. and Halliley bowled well. Our innings was not brilliant. Marsh and Frost batted well in the first part of innings. When Frost was caught we collapsed. Finally, Wyatt and Attwell made a stand for last wicket and we were ultimately dismissed for 60. The visitors went in again and made 104. Halliley again bowled well. Stumps were drawn before we could reply; hence the visitors won on the first innings. Scores:—

W.R.G.S. 2nd XI. : Marsh b Kinley, 8 ; Baldwyn J. C. b Kinley, 4 ; Halliley b Cole, 5 ; Frost c Dalton b Wilkes, 8 ;

Sinclair b Cole, 1 ; Briggs b Wilkes, 0 ; Law ct Churnley i b Wilkes, 5 ; Whitehead b Wilkes, 6 ; Day ct Churnley ii b Wilkes, 0 ; Wyatt not out, 9 ; Attwell b Cole, 4 ; Byes, 10 ; Total, 60.

Hartlebury 1st XI. : 1st Innings, 98 ; 2nd Innings, 104.

W.R.G.S. 3RD XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—This match was played at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 29th, and proved a very exciting game. We batted first and did not fare very well. Rothschild, Slater and Badger E. M. batted best, although theirs were not very creditable performances. We were all out for 34. Hartlebury collapsed under the excellent bowling of Barwell and Tombs, and were all out for 16. Our second innings proved a greater failure than Hartlebury's first attempt and we were all dismissed for 11. Hartlebury passed our total with 4 wickets in hand and therefore proved the victors. Scores :—

W.R.G.S. 2nd XI.—1st innings : Barwell b Deridder, 3 ; Bedingfield b Deridder, 3 ; Rothschild b Fox, 5 ; Davis W. lbw b Deridder, 4 ; Ranford R. run out, 1 ; Toombs ct Tolley, b Deridder, 1 ; Slater b Fox, 5 ; Starkey b Deridder, 1 ; Badger E. M. b Deridder, 5 ; Maund ct Evans b Deridder, 1 ; Watkins not out, 0 ; Byes, 5 ; Total, 34.

Hartlebury G.S. 2nd XI.—1st Innings : 16.

W.R.G.S. 2nd XI.—2nd Innings : 11.

Hartlebury G.S. 2nd XI.—2nd Innings : 50 (for 9 wkts.)

W.R.G.S. (UNDER 13-4) v. DOWNS SCHOOL 1st XI.—This game was played at Colwall on June 12th and proved an easy victory for the home team. The Downs batted first and made 91. Smith and Moy bowled well. In our first innings we were dismissed for 56. Moy and Taylor batted excellently and proved the mainstay of the side. The Downs put us in again and we were all out for 57. Smith, Hyett and Blandford batted well. The Downs then passed our score with one wicket down and therefore won by 9 wickets. Scores :—

Downs School 1st XI.—1st Innings : 91.

W.R.G.S. XI. (under 13-4) : Moy ct Tyzack b Player, 19 ; Boulter ct Cadbury b Redfern, 0 ; Smith T. G. ct Williams b Redfern, 3 ; Davis A. W. b Redfern, 4 ; Taylor ct Steynon b Redfern, 14 ; Collins ct Redfern b Redfern, 0 ; Hyett ct Player b Williams, 4 ; Backhouse b Williams, 0 ; Foss ct Tyzack b Williams, 1 ; Wakefield b Grimshaw, 3 ; Blandford not out, 8 ; Total, 56. 2nd Innings : 57.

Downs School 1st XI.—2nd Innings : 23 (for 1 wkt.)

W.R.G.S. XI. (under 12-4) v. DOWNS SCHOOL 2ND XI.—This game was played at home on June 12th. We won the toss and decided to put the visitors in. Their innings was disastrous, only one player, Rowntree, reaching double figures. Wells E. bowled excellently for us and has shown himself to be a very promising young bowler. Our innings started badly, but recovered after a fine partnership between Kavanagh and Allen, who each knocked up 33. Our final score was 127. We then put the visitors in again, and although they started well they collapsed under the bowling of Wells E. Their total was 117. We therefore won by an innings and 10 runs. Scores :—

Downs School 2nd XI.—1st Innings : 56.

W.R.G.S. XI. (under 12-4).—Hillard C. b Parker, 0 ; Wells W. G. ct Rowntree i b Parker, 0 ; Goodwin b Parker, 11 ; Wells E. b Parker, 0 ; Kavanagh ct Rowntree iv b Parker, 33 ; Allen b Parker, 33 ; Armstrong b Fraser, 3 ; Fortey b Parker, 10 ; Badger run out, 5 ; Knight not out, 9 ; Perks ct Fraser b Parker, 0 ; Byes, 13 ; Wides, 10 ; Total, 127.

Downs School 2nd XI.—2nd Innings : 61.

SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on Tuesday, April 2nd. The weather was stormy and there were few visitors present. The recent rains had made the going heavy, and unfit for

record-breaking. Although no records were broken the running was consistently good throughout. The rivalry between School House and Tudor House was keen and the majority at the close of the Sports was not so large as in the previous year.

The usual array of cups and prizes laid out at the Pavilion was missing and the winners were given an order on certain tradesmen to buy goods of a certain value.

The Long Jump was won by F. W. V. Doody with a jump of 15 ft. 11½ ins. C. W. W. Wheal, W. Wells and G. W. Morrall were placed second, third and fourth respectively.

The 100 yds. (open) was won by L. J. Adams in 12 secs. Minchen, Collier and Frost ran in second, third and fourth respectively.

Taylor won the 200 yds. (under 13), Davies running second.

Frost won the Throwing the Cricket Ball with a throw of 90 yds. 1 ft. 3 ins. Wheal and Dovey were second and third respectively.

In the Half-mile Stirling won in 2 mins. 25 secs., Baldwyn and Attwell being respectively second and third. This race was very fast and Stirling won in fine style.

In the High Jump (under 14) there were only two competitors, Taylor taking first place and Parnum second.

The 220 yds. (under 12), a new race, was won by Holding, Buckney and C. Hillard taking second and third places respectively.

The 220 yds. (open) was won by Minchen; W. Wells, Collier and Adams being respectively second, third and fourth. This race was very close.

The Team Race was easily won by School House; Tudor was second and Baskerville third.

Holding won the 100 yds. (under 11), Flay and MacEwen coming in second and third respectively.

The High Jump was won by F. W. V. Doody with a jump of 4 ft. 10½ ins., while C. W. W. Wheal and Moore were placed next in order.

The Lower First Form Race was won by Mapp, Elt and Davis being second and third.

The Quarter Mile (open) was won by Collier, Minchen and Wells W. being placed second and third respectively. The finish of this race was very close.

The 220 yds. (under 15) was won by Pullen, Hyett and Marsh being placed second and third respectively.

In the Mile Handicap not so many turned out as should have, but those who did made a good race. Attwell won in 5 min. 30 secs., with Baldwyn and S. Wells second and third respectively.

Moy won the 100 yds. (under 14), Smith and C. Hillard being second and third respectively.

The Quarter Mile (under 16), was won by Adams ; Day obtained second place and Starkey third place.

The Sack Race was won by Adams, with R. Hillard and J. Armstrong second and third respectively.

The Consolation Race was won by Van Lerberghe, Taylor being second.

Cross-Country Races : Seniors—Baldwyn 1, Attwell 2, S. Wells 3 ; Time, 26 min. 38 secs. Juniors—Davis 1, Wooding 2, Taylor 3.

The Houses finished with the following points : School House 271, Tudor House 203, Temple House 160, Baskerville 54, Woolfe House 36.

FIVES.

The Senior Fives obtained more entries than in previous years, and many fast games resulted. The 2nd round provided four particularly hard games, Morrall, Perkins, Dovey and Wells W. proving the victors. In the semi-final, when Morrall met Wells W., the first game resulted in a win for Wells ; but Morrall eventually won the next two games, which were very fast and close. Dovey met Perkins and after two very close games Perkins beat his opponent. The final round between Morrall and Perkins has not been played yet, and it is a much debated question whether Perkins' quickness will be equal to Morrall's skill.

The entry for the Junior Competition contained the names of many boys who had never been known to play Fives before ; however, the competitors got in as much practice as the inclemency of the weather permitted, and many interesting though very amateurish games resulted. Rothschild proved himself by far the most skilful player and in the final round easily defeated Marsh J. W. Kings, Wheal G. and Davis A. W. should get in a little more practice before next year's competition and some closer games will result.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The first round of the Challenge Shield provided two interesting games. Temple played Woolfe, and going in made 64 owing to some spirited slogging by Morrall. The remainder, except Dovey, collapsed under Sinclair's bowling, who took seven wickets. Woolfe going in to bat were quickly dismissed by Dovey and Law for 25. When Temple went in again they made 72 for 6 wickets, leaving their opponents 111 to win. Woolfe going in again, Slater and Wyatt put on 46 for the first wicket, and at one time it seemed as if they would win. But in spite of a forcing innings of 45 by Wyatt A. B. and a useful 18 by Slater, the bowling of Dovey and Law again proved too much for the Woolfe batsmen. Temple thus won a close game by 17 runs.

The School-Tudor game proved a very one-sided affair. School won the toss and put Tudor in, who, after a very disastrous innings, were dismissed for 19, Perkins and Moore bowling excellently for School House. School started badly, Moore being run out after 3 runs were scored ; but owing to some bright hitting by Frost, who retired at 35, and the good batting of Perkins, Wells S., Briggs and Minchen, their score reached 144. Tudor in their second innings started a little better, Wheal knocking up 19 before he was bowled by Moore. The rest of the team collapsed under Briggs' and Moore's bowling, and the total only reached 53. School therefore proved the victors by an innings and 72 runs.

The final round is to be played on Saturday, July 13th. It will be remembered that Wells C. won the game for School by slogging against time. Both Temple and School work well together as teams and a close finish is anticipated.

HOUSE CRICKET.

1ST XI.

School House, with its usual strong team, has again won the 1st XI. Cup. No serious opposition has been offered, and it won all its matches easily. Rothschild and Bedingfield have batted well, while Barwell has taken many wickets. Tudor House comes second, having won three games. Badger and Maund have made several good scores, and Badger has bowled well. Tombs, Slater and Ranford R. A. have proved the "star performers" of Woolfe, who finished third. For Temple, Watkins and Higgs have bowled well, but no one has made a good score.

2ND XI.

This Cup too was carried off by the all conquering School House, who did not lose a game. Routledge bowled well and Wooding hit out with good results. Woolfe finished second with five points, owing to the effort of Best and Bourne, in bowling and batting. The latter's curious style did not prevent him from slogging, as he made 46 in one match. Tudor came third, while Temple finished bottom. Temple's chief batsman is Pope, who has made some good scores.

3RD XI.

Baskerville and School House had things pretty much their own way in the 3rd XI. Competition. School House beat Baskerville, however, and thus added another cup to their total. For School, Wells E. and Simson H. A. have played well, while Burchell has been the mainstay of the

Baskerville team, both in batting and bowling. A lively contest for bottom place has been witnessed between Woolfe, Tudor and Temple. It seems probable that Woolfe will gain that distinction as it has not won a single match so far. Each of these three teams has been weak, chiefly owing to the absence of players.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPERS.

The General Knowledge papers afforded many and varied specimens of the genus "howler." None are exquisite examples, but nevertheless they are distinctly amusing.

"Warren Hastings lived in the reign of William the Conqueror and stopped the building of a dam in the fens, until Cromwell came into power."

"Arkwright invented balloons: he nearly always came down as soon as he got up."

"Florence Nightingale helped Bonny Prince Charlie to escape."

"L'Orient was a French ship captured in the Battle of Waterloo."

Canals suffered rather badly; that of Kiel being "cut so that when there was a war Germany could hide her ships there." "The Caledonian Canal joins the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Fifth," and "the Manchester Ship Canal was opened so that ships need not go round the north of England to get to Manchester."

"Wilbur Wright and his brother were Americans who flew to England to 1903." (Shades of a lecture in the Perrins' Hall!)

Mrs. Grundy is—"an old black witch who rides about on a broomstick."

—"a charwoman."

—"typical of the average Englishwoman, strong and ready for whatever may happen,"

whilst the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street is described as

"a miser, and typical of that class who have enough to live on and won't give any away," and belongs "to that class which earns its living by stitching."

"Nom de plume" is translated as "spy," and "vi et armis" means "lively." We are told to "give a dog enough rope and he'll hang himself," and that "adversity brings fatigue." Imperial Federation means "the King's view of the War," whatever that may be.

The Curragh is "a trap of the Irish springless variety," and cereals are also "traps" but "made for fishes."

A steppe appears to be "a piece of land jutting out into the sea like a step"; blubber is obtained from the whale by boiling it (in a saucepan?), and the Statute of Liberty is "in Worcester—just inside the Cathedral green."

Finally, "War Finance is the art of spending money which you do not possess," whilst "vade mecum" is defined thus: "The journey to Mecca is the outstanding feature of a Mohammedan's life. It is the one thing necessary to complete his existence; so a 'vade mecum' is a thing which is absolutely necessary to a person interested in whatever walk of life, industry or form of amusement that the object is connected with."

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

SUMMER TERM.

Work has been carried on continuously and vigorously throughout the Term. Those cadets who have attended the Tidworth course have done most useful work, Cadet Officer Morrall and Corpl. Tilley in particular; the former by his energetic organization of the bayonet fighting ("and the fighters are very terrifying": vide Henry V., Act III., Scene i), and the latter with his squad of recruits.

Most of the Wednesday afternoons before the inspection were devoted this Term to O.T.C. work. Some of them were spent at Gorse Hill, where company drill, extended order

and attack practice were carried on. Three half-holidays have been given up to field operations. On Wednesday, May 22nd, Shropshire invaded Worcestershire, and a detachment of the invaders (commanded by C. S. M. Lamb) endeavoured to sever the communications between Worcester and Birmingham. They came, however, into conflict with a Worcestershire detachment (commanded by Cadet Officer Morrall), and failed to achieve their object. It is rumoured that the Shropshire leader was ambushed and taken prisoner. He sustained this misfortune with dignity and calmness. Proceedings were enlivened by a severe thunderstorm, and cadets had many opportunities of practising taking cover quickly, some disguising themselves as haystacks.

On the following Wednesday a line of sentry groups (Warwickshire) endeavoured to stop all communication by messenger (Worcestershire) between Worcester and Droitwich. A very small proportion of the messengers got through, a fact which testified to the vigilance of the sentry group commanders. Some prisoners were, however, not searched by their escorts, and thus their messages were not discovered.

The third half-holiday was spent in making a " Reconnaissance Report " of the road from Bevere to Claines. For this the Corps worked in sections and the N.C.O. in charge was responsible for the report. The best effort was that of Lnc.-Corpl. Sinclair, whose report was neat, concise, accurate, and illustrated by an admirable sketch-map. Good map-reading and map-making are a most important part of Army training.

The Corps was in attendance on Pitchcroft at the celebration of Empire Day, and later in the Term headed the procession to the Cathedral at the Centenary celebration of its foundation.

On July 4th the Annual Inspection took place on Flagge Meadow. The inspecting officer was Lieut.-Col. W. R. Chichester, Commanding Depôt, Worcestershire Regiment. Every detail of the work was carefully tested, and cadets are to be congratulated upon the way in which they endured

the gruelling sun. After the general salute and the march past in column, the company was drilled by its officers. An inspection of bayonet-fighting, signalling, physical training, platoon drill under platoon sergeants, and the band followed. The company then formed up for an attack, which was carried out across Flagge Meadow. In his address Lieut.-Col. Chichester praised the bearing of cadets, and said that the march past was good, the step being smarter than that of other corps which he had seen. Words of command were in every case satisfactory, and Officers and N.C.O.'s knew their drill. He emphasised the importance of combining physical training with musketry, which was somewhat neglected in the training of the new armies. He made several helpful suggestions with regard to the attack practice, which cadets will do well to bear in mind for the future—the necessity for accurate covering fire, loud repetition of fire orders, and the danger of firing when “masked.” Games in physical training should not be taken too seriously by those engaged in them. The band, under Bandmaster A. Mackie, was warmly praised. In conclusion the inspecting officer congratulated the officer commanding upon the efficiency of the Corps. An inspection of the range and armoury followed, and Lieut.-Col. Chichester expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements and with the equipment laid out for inspection.

Six teams took part in the N.R.A. Minature competition for the Imperial Challenge, and the best targets were those of No. 2 Platoon (A Team) and No. 1 Platoon (A Team).

The shooting for the Inter-House Trophy resulted in a win for Tudor House, who were closely followed by School House and Temple House.

A visit was paid to the open range at Tiddesley Wood on Monday, July 15th.

We extend our hearty good wishes to the following cadets who are entering officer cadet battalions at the conclusion of this Term : Cadet Officer Morrall, C. S. M. Lamb, Corporal Dovey, Lee.-Corpls. Minchen and Whitehead. In particular we wish to thank the first named for the eager and con-

scientious way in which he has performed all work entrusted to him ; and for the excellent example which he has set to the remainder of the Corps, who we feel confident will carry on the example of hard work and self sacrifice which they have had before them.

HOUSE LETTERS.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

The summer's heat has proved too much ; sleep is inevitable, and one lapses into a state of semi-consciousness in which cricket-field, parade ground and school room are confusedly jumbled. Truly one is as " far from the madding crowd " as this life allows ; but this state of unconcern is short and sweet. One hears a stern voice, repeating that it is " high time to awake out of sleep," and on opening one's eyes an awe-inspiring sight meets the gaze. There stands the Editor like a statue, waiting with outstretched hand, and repeatedly demanding the much delayed House Letter. The scribe, terror-stricken, flees to the House of the Rolls, and unearths the records of the Term's achievements. Then, on settling down to write of the successes of the House, after feverishly searching all the documents for " copy," he finds that even a mathematician could not count the successes—for the simple reason that there are none.

He must write something to appease the Editor, and as even his fertile imagination could not invent sufficient excuses for the failures, he decides to give a list of the doings of the House. This then, O Editor ! is the official account of the struggles of Woolfe House for success.

The first XI. has not done well : it has only won two matches and could only take third place in the league. This is due to slackness in fielding. Tombs, Slater and Ranford, however, have tried hard throughout the season ; the rest of the team were content to let things slide.

The second XI. finished second with five points. At one time they had won every match, but the play deteriorated after that. Best has made a good captain, while Bourne G. has hit out well in several matches.

One draw is all the third XI. can boast of. The younger members of the House have not taken their share in the games ; this must be altered next Term.

After a well contested game, we were beaten by Temple in the first round of the Challenge Shield by only 25 runs. The fielding of the team was not good ; but as the team was not at full strength, this could be excused. Wyatt batted well in the second innings, and Sinclair took 13 wickets for 54 runs (including the " hat-trick.")

Two members of the House are in the first XXII. ; the House is well represented in the O.T.C. In the Inter-House Shooting Competition, Woolfe did badly, finishing last.

Congratulations to Wall on his promotion to Linc.-Cpl., and to Smith S. R. B. on gaining an Open Exhibition in French Language and Literature at St. John's College, Oxford.

House Colours have been awarded to those in the first XXII.—Tombs, Slater and Ranford.

WOOLFE.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

To a casual observer it seems that the House is more or less resting on its past laurels, but we would rather surmise that it is passing through a rest stage from which it will presently arise triumphant.

This attitude is plainly shown by the results of the Cup competitions. The 1st XI. started the season well with a decisive victory over Woolfe, and then apparently overcome by such success—fell asleep. When the House awakes its attention is called to the fact that it has two promising bowlers

in Watkins and Higgs. For future reference, however, we would give a little advice on fielding.

(a) A fielder should not wait with a cherubic smile for the ball to come to him, but should run to meet it with a grim determination to stop it ; and again the ball will not playfully elude you by running between your legs if the feet are kept together.

(b) Catching is an art which cannot be practised too frequently.

(c) The meaning of the term "backing up" should be discovered at the earliest possible date and carefully committed to memory.

These kindly meant remarks apply to the three XI.'s, although we must not forget to mention that Pope L. R. of 2nd XI. fame is a promising player.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we drank from the cup of Success, defeating Woolfe, for which we must thank our 1st XXII. men—Morrall, Dovey, Baldwyn and Law. In the final we meet School House, and hope if we do not win to put up a creditable performance.

In the Fives Competition both Morrall and Dovey reached the semi-final, Morrall having to meet School's representative in the final. We should like to see a far larger entry for a game which ranks amongst the best for teaching quickness of hand, eye and brain.

Our shooting team this year was not so good as last, for we failed to retain possession of the Shield. We were not 10 points behind the winning House however. Morrall G., with a score of 91, obtained the second highest individual score.

We hope that Temple will take our words to heart and will awaken to do big things in the future.

TEMPLE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Can anyone give us a really original opening for a House letter? Our literary experts have exercised their intellects during the last few days and the total result is negligible.

"Once again"—if we may use that classic phrase—have we to proclaim to the universe the fact that School House has won all the House cups; that our prospects in the Challenge Shield are most satisfactory; and though we were beaten by 6 points in the Shooting Shield, thanks to some good individual shooting by Parker and Whitehead, we were not disgraced.

As usual, we have more than our share of boys in the XXII., contributing ten of that number; and our three House XI.'s went through the season without losing a match, only drawing one which had to be abandoned through rain. Although the 1st House XI. chiefly won their matches through individual performances, Rothschild, Barwell and Bedingfield have rendered much useful help in batting and bowling. Edwards, Wooding and Phillips and together with Whiteaker, Wells E. and Simson H. A., have been the "shining (and shouting) lights" of the second and third elevens. In the Challenge Shield we played Tudor in the first round and beat them by an innings and 72 runs, owing to some good bowling by Perkins, Briggs and Moore and some spirited hitting by Frost.

House colours have been awarded to those in XXII., and Barwell, Rothschild, Davis W. H. V. and Bedingfield.

This Term has been a very ordinary one as regards events in the common room and, pardoning the "bull," the greatest excitement has been in many boys imagining in their sleep that the sacred precincts of the top dormitory can be used as a circus ring in the performing of acrobatic feats for the edification of the remainder of the dormitory.

The hopes of those who anticipated an enjoyable time picking fruit at Evesham were dashed to the ground by the news that the fruit crop had failed; while all joined in the

disappointment occasioned by the announcement that jam is to be rationed. One or two not in for exams. have been away for the purpose of helping with the hay at neighbouring farms. As far as we know the results have been highly satisfactory to all concerned.

All who remembered Hemus C. H. were deeply grieved to hear of his death from wounds. Any attempt to give an account of his merits and sterling qualities is foredoomed to failure ; for none could be adequate.

We congratulate Minchen and Whitehead on being accepted for cadetship, and hope that all those taking examinations will be successful.

This Term we were pleased to have visits from Pick, Wood, Caudwell and Grant.

Although we lost Church, now in an O.C.B., Yates and Smith B. M. A., our numbers are strengthened by the addition of Jennings F. G., Chadwick, Ridley and Jones.

SCHOOL.

TUDOR HOUSE.

Once more it falls to the lot of the scribe of the rose to chronicle things which might have been and which are not. Successes this Term are unfortunately, for us, non-existent. We may, however, look back a little to the past and relieve the general monotony of a list of what nearly was, by recounting what really was.

Last Term, in the competition for the Sports Cup, we did well to finish second. Wheal C. W., Stirling A. G. and Attwell C. are to be congratulated on their individual achievements.

The Senior Fives Competition did not prove a means of our gaining any points. Usually we manage to be represented in the semi-final, if not the final ; but this year the Fates willed otherwise. We were well represented in the Junior Competition, over half the entries being Tudorite. Kings

and Maund succeeded in reaching the semi-final. These members and the other junior competitors should have got in a little more practice and we should have done better.

This Term in Cricket we have done little. Under the captaincy of Starkey W. V. our team has won only three matches; but so great is the superiority of School House that this small total was sufficient to place us second on the list. Badger E. M. and Smith T. G. have bowled consistently well; while Maund (who in a game against Temple made 86), Wheal G., Starkey and Smaldon have batted well. We congratulate Starkey, Maund, Badger and Wheal G. on gaining their colours.

The 2nd XI. have done even less. They succeeded in winning two games. Walters, Holder and Moy have done well, and Spring B. W. H. has kept wicket excellently considering his size. The 3rd XI. has been a failure. Byleveldt, Fortey and Baldwin J. have played well, although they have not been backed up. The younger members must remember that the future of the House depends upon them, and it is to them that we look to uphold the old traditions of Tudor House.

In the XXII. we have been represented by Wheal C., Day C. J., Tilley D. W. and Attwell C. G.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we were heavily defeated by School House. They succeeded in dismissing us for 19 in the first innings and 53 in the second, and winning by an innings and 72 runs.

This Term no Boxing competitions were held, so that Tudor did not receive its accustomed allowance of points gained by the renowned skill of our exponents of the gentle art.

Once more Tudor's name will be engraved on the Shooting Shield. This is the third time that we have gained this honour, and, as the Shield has only been shot for six times, we are very proud of ourselves. We have to thank Attwell C. G. for our achieving this success.

Looking forward to next Term we at once think of Football and then—Stirling; and it is with feelings of dismay that we think of what our team will be without him. However, we hope for the best, and wish him every success.

TUDOR.

BASKERVILLE.

We have to record with great regret the departure of our captain, F. W. V. Doody. He has been our captain and leader for two years. He has given Baskerville a good start in the School, being a prominent member of the first XI. in Football, Hockey and Cricket. We wish him every success in his new sphere of activities.

This Term Baskerville was represented in the School 1st XI. by Dundas and Marsh J. W. We competed for the 3rd XI. cup in the inter-house matches and have met with a number of successes. Doody A. J. V. and Kavanagh did much good in the batting and Burchell was our best bowler.

The number of members of the House must increase considerably before the House can hope to take a very prominent part in the House elevens and competitions.

BASKERVILLE.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Summer Term ends	Wednesday, July 24th.
Winter Term begins	TUESDAY Sept. 20th. 21 st
New Boys	THURSDAY Sept. 19th.
Merit Holiday...	...	Saturday, Nov. 2nd.
Half Term	Monday, Nov. 4th.

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

SPRING TERM, 1918.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance—				Wages	20	12	0
Cash at Bank...	46	10	3	Sports' Prizes ...	1	17	6
50 War Savings				Fives Balls ...	0	15	0
Certificates ...	38	15	0	Horse (and Keep)	19	4	0
Subscriptions ...	50	0	6	Football Shirts ...	4	5	6
Sale of Football				Bills Paid ...	4	10	8
Shirts	2	11	0	Sundries	0	10	10
Sale of Fives Balls	0	3	4	Balance	86	4	7
	£138	0	1		£138	0	1

Examined and found correct,

R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL,

Hon. Treasurer.