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SCHOOL NOTES.

We have to extend a welcome to Miss N. E. Charlwood, B.A., and Mr. D. Walton, who have joined the staff this Term.

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The number of boys entering the School this Term is exceptional, and last Term's record of numbers has been easily broken.

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The following boys left last Term :—G. W. Morrall, F. W. V. Doody, H. B. Lamb, E. T. Dovey, L. W. Minchen, H. J. Veeger, G. E. Briggs, H. T. Greenway, E. P. S. Phillips, G. Whiteaker, C. J. Whitehead, J. Baldwyn, E. E. Bedingfield, F. R. Hook, H. Jennings, G. E. Martin, G. I. Philpott, A. G. Stirling, E. A. Tombs, W. E. Law, W. V. Starkey, E. G. Dundas, W. R. Kendrick, F. G. Mason, T. G. Smith, E. F. C. Burchell, C. R. Frost, J. G. Hawkins, R. A. Pope, R. F. Rogers, G. B. Netherway, L. F. Pope, C. D. Kirby, G. W. Revill, C. A. Whiting, J. F. Clift, C. V. Curnock, H. G. Lee, D. R. E. Whiting, B. H. Pope.

The following are new boys this Term :—F. S. Parker, H. G. Durston, L. E. Harries, L. A. Tilley, F. L. Russell, B. L. Bell, M. Ellebout, J. B. Collier, J. H. Smith, A. T. Bennett, F. C. Blake, M. R. Brown, D. J. Burchell, C. H. Burridge, D. T. G. Carstairs, W. H. Chapman, A. L. Clay, G. Corbyn, R. F. Duesbury, W. Firkins, J. T. Flower, A. G. Gardner, N. E. Garlick, H. C. Green, E. V. Hall, A. Hampshire, J. Hampshire, L. N. Johnson, J. H. Lewis, S. A. T. Lindsell, W. C. T. Martin, A. E. Payton, A. E. Phillips, R. J. Preece, B. H. Prior, H. T. Smith, E. J. Sparks, C. Stableford, A. J.

Ward, G. T. Whiteman, A. G. W. Wilks, E. T. Yarnold, F. A. W. Austin, J. Hall, C. T. Marshall, W. J. Ward, G. C. E. de Salis, C. L. Adams, C. H. Birchley, H. D. Boulton, J. J. Haskins, C. C. Hawkins, G. W. Hawkins, G. A. Hyslop, F. A. James, R. C. H. Jones, W. A. L. Johnson, W. M. Lloyd, T. W. Reynolds, C. H. P. Warman, C. E. Wilmott, A. G. Betteridge, J. Hartwright, J. T. Higgins, F. A. Love, R. M. Mitchell, C. J. T. Allen, J. F. M. Cassidy, R. K. Drew, E. F. A. Fidoe, F. Hall, R. Hall, J. L. N. Philips, H. I. F. Thomson, J. E. M. Tombs, E. H. Walsh, M. C. Whiteman, C. H. P. Warman.

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G. W. Morrall, who left last Term to join a Royal Engineer Officer Cadet Battalion, took a prominent part in the general life of the School. As Head of the School and Captain of Games his energies were unfailing. He was a hardworking member of the O.T.C., in which he held the rank of Cadet Officer, and the excellence of some of the work done at the O.T.C. inspection last Term was very largely due to his efficiency. He has our best wishes for every success in his future career.

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We congratulate T. J. Wall on being elected to an Open Exhibition in Natural Science of £85 for four years at Christ Church, Oxford.

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We have also to congratulate C. G. Attwell on his gaining the Douglas Jerrold Scholarship of £60 a year for four years at Christ Church, Oxford. The winning of this Scholarship shows a new development of the higher work of the School, and Mr. Abbott is to be congratulated on this achievement, the result of much care and enthusiasm for the subject.

OLD BOYS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

(13th List).

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

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

- *Bowen, A. R. ('12-'15), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- *Church, C. B. ('13-'18), 2nd Lieut., R.E. Field Company.
- *Dovey, E. T. ('13-'18), Cadet, R.E. Field Company.
- *Duckworth, J. E. H. ('09-'12), Lieut., Devon Regt.
- *Fairbairn, L. E. J. ('12-'15), K.O.S.I.I. (wounded).
- *Flower, A. H. ('14-'15), Notts and Derby Regt.
- Gravelines, G. M. ('13-'15), Conducteur Bureau Immatriculation.
- *Graves, J. S. ('08-'11), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt. (wounded and missing).
- *Harper, E. J. ('15-'17), Somerset Light Infantry (discharged).
- Harwood, H. E. ('95-'98), Acting Capt., Worcestershire Regt.
- *Heath, C. R. ('11-'18), 2nd Lieut., R.E. Field Company.
- Hunt, T. B. ('00-'03), Temp. Capt., Worcestershire Regt.
- *Kimber, C. F. ('08-'12), Temp. Capt., Worcestershire Regt. (awarded M.C.).
- *Lamb, H. B. ('12-'18), Cadet Cavalry.
- *Matheson, M. B. ('16-'17), 2nd Lieut., R.F.A.
- *Minchin, L. W. ('15-'18), Cadet, R.F.A.
- *Morrall, G. W. ('12-'18), Cadet, R.E. Field Company.
- *Parry, A. D. ('11-'15), unfit for service.
- *Park, H. P. ('12-'17), 2nd Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.
- Parkes, T. G. ('01-'05), Major., Worcestershire Regt. (wounded and awarded M.C. and Bar).
- *Richings, N. ('10-'15), Dorset Regt.
- *Ryder, S. C. ('11-'16), Devon Regt. (wounded in arm).
- Shakespeare, W. H. ('02-'10), Capt., R.A.F., M.C. (awarded A.F.C.).
- Sharpe, L. ('02-'05), Capt., West Yorkshire Regt.
- *Treadwell, J. T. ('13-'17), R.A.F.

*Watkinson ('07-'12), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt. (awarded M.C.).

Watts, H. G. ('04-'12), (awarded M.C.).

*Whitehead, C. J. ('15-'18), Cadet, R.F.A.

Williams, A. B. L. ('09-'10), New Zealand Siege Artillery.

*Zeally, P. R. ('04-'13), Sergt., 37th Divisional Gas School.

KILLED IN ACTION.

GARDNER.—Lieut. M. R. G. Gardner ('09-'14), Lieut., Worcestershire Regt.; previously reported missing, now reported killed.

*GARNER.—On April 24th, 1918, at Kemmel, 2nd Lieut. J. L. Garner ('13-'14), M.G.C.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner, Manor House, Church Brampton, Northampton.

*HOWFIELD.—On 1st September, 1918, in France, 2nd Lieut. J. A. Howfield ('11-'16), M.C., R.F.A.; son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Howfield, Vaynor, Merthyr Tydvil, S. Wales.

LANGFORD.—In France, L.-Corpl. E. Langford ('09-'12), Worcestershire Regt.

MACREIGHT.—On April 22nd, 1918, Lieut. L. A. Macreight, South Lances., missing believed killed; son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. F. Macreight, The Cottage, Gammerton, Bideford, Devon.

SHARPE.—Lieut. F. Sharpe ('04-'05), A.I.F.; son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sharpe, 94, Bath Road, Worcester.

WALL.—In Italy, Sergt. A. R. Wall ('05-'06), Worcestershire Regt.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

*Haynes.—On October 28th, 1918, in France, L.-Corpl. J. Haynes ('09-'15), Oxford and Bucks L.I.; younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Haynes, Park Avenue, Worcester; aged 19.

*PEARSON.—In August, 1918, in France, Pte. K. H. Pearson ('13-'14), Artists' Rifles ; son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pearson, Old Bank House, Redditch.

THOMAS.—On April 15th, in France, Signaller D. J. Thomas ('10-'14) ; son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Tibberton.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

*HEATH.—In August, 1918, in a flying accident in Scotland, Lieut. G. Heath ('12-'14), R.A.F. ; son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Heath, Park Hill Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

WARREN.—In October, 1918, in France, Gunner R. A. Warren ('06-'07), R.F.A. ; son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Grimley.

DIED.

BARNETT.—At Coventry, of pneumonia, John Spencer Barnett ('93-'97), R.A.F., attached M.T.S. ; aged 35.

COOMBS.—On October 31st, in London, of pneumonia, Lieut. D. S. Coombs ('07-'08), T.R. (Middlesex and Dental Hospitals) ; younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Wellesley Coombs, Foregate Street, Worcester ; aged 27.

COOPER.—On November 28th, at Warwick, of pneumonia, Corpl. H. R. Cooper ('10-'12), Army Pay Corps ; only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cooper, 16 Sansome Walk, Worcester ; aged 22.

*FLOWER.—In November, 1918, of pneumonia, Pte. A. H. Flower ('14-'15), Notts and Derby Regt. ; son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Flower, 257, East Park Road, Leicester ; aged 18.

ZEALLEY.—At Capetown on his way to rejoin the forces, A. E. V. Zealley ('97-'00) ; son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zealley, Denistone, Bromyard Road, Worcester ; aged 32.

MARRIAGES.

GRAFTON—BRAZIER.—On September 17th, 1918, at Bromsgrove Parish Church, Vincent Charles Grafton ('01-'05), second son of the late Martin William Grafton and Mrs. Grafton, The Elms, Stoke Prior, to Maud Isabel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brazier, Orchard House, Bromsgrove.

PARK—GREEN.—On October 9th, 1918, Cuthbert Percival Park ('02-'04), C.Q.M.S., 10th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, attached Intelligence Corps, to Florence May Green, youngest daughter of the late Ald. Geo. Green, J.P., and Mayor of Aberystwith.

BIRTH.

GASCOYNE.—On October 6th, at 10, Hill Avenue, Worcester, to Mr. and Mrs. George Gascoyne, of a daughter.

CRICKET.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SERVICE.—On July 20th we won this game on the County Ground after a most interesting finish. We went in first and made a disastrous start, losing 7 wickets for 6 runs. Frost then came in and hit out with great vigour. His score included eleven boundary hits. Baldwin also played a useful steady innings. After losing 2 wickets for 5 runs our opponents scored steadily and looked like beating us easily. But keen fielding and some good bowling by Wheal gave us victory by 24 runs. Score :—

W.R.G.S.		MINISTRY OF NAT. SERVICE.	
K. H. Perkins b Howse.....	0	A. Tucker c Baldwin b Perkins	31
W. Wells b Smith	0	J. Johnson b Dundas	1
L. G. P. Moore b Howse	3	B. Hughes b Wheal	0
C. W. Wheal c & b Smith.....	0	H. Jones Williams b Wheal...	3
E. G. Dundas c & b Smith ...	7	H. Howse b Wheal	0
E. T. Dovey b Smith	1	C. Smith lbw Wheal.....	4
J. A. Sinclair b Smith	0	H. E. Powell run out.....	1
S. Wells b Smith	0	K. Howse b Perkins.....	1
C. R. Frost b Smith	58	D. Harrison c Sinclair b	
G. W. E. Halliley c Day b		Moore	10
Smith	0	S. A. Barwell run out	2
J. C. Baldwin not out.....	16	C. J. Day not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	9
Total	86	Total	62

CRICKET CHALLENGE SHIELD

(Final).

The Final Round was played between School House and Temple House and proved a very one-sided game. Temple won the toss and put their opponents in, but, in spite of frequent changes in the bowling, the score soon mounted up. Wells W. played a brilliant innings of 102 before he retired, and useful contributions by Wells S., Frost, and Hackett, brought the total to 208 runs.

Temple made a good start, Baldwyn J. C. and Law putting on 25 runs before they were separated. The rest, however, collapsed against the bowling of Moore, who took 6 wickets for 19 runs, and were all out for 51. On going in again, their second venture proved still more disastrous, only 29 runs being scored; School House, therefore, being easy winners by an innings and 128 runs.

FOOTBALL.

2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 1ST XI.—We played this match on Saturday, November 23rd, at Hartlebury, and suffered defeat by 6 goals to 2. Our opponents opened the score in the first five minutes, but soon after this Wheal scored for us. Their forwards combined well and were backed up by their halves, consequently they scored at frequent intervals. At half-time the score was 3-1. In the second half Attwell scored once, but, although we broke through their defence several times, our shooting was weak.

Team :—Wyatt; Attwell, Hackett; Day, Tilley D. W., Evans J. R.; Wheal C. W., Ranford R. A., Wells S., Collier J. B., Rothschild.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—This game was played on our ground on November 23rd, and ended in a victory for us by 4 goals to 3. The visitors, losing the toss, kicked off, but the ball was soon driven into our

opponents' half and netted by Adams after some hard work in front of their goal. The visitors next made a determined rush and scored, while Halliley, one of whose shots was a very fine drive, managed with Adams to bring our score to 4-1 at half-time. On resuming play it was noticed that our opponents had rearranged their team, and their efforts were rewarded by the addition of two more goals. Although the play was more evenly divided in the second half, yet towards the close of the game the visitors forced the pace and it looked doubtful whether we should maintain our lead. On observing this our forwards pulled themselves together, but lost innumerable chances owing to extreme weakness in front of goal.

Team :—Phillips F. G. ; Smaldon, Weston ; Parker F. S., Slater, Richmond ; Bomford, Barwell, Adams, Halliley, Mumford.

W.R.G.S. 2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S.—The return match was played on Flagge Meadow on Saturday, December 7th, and resulted in a draw of one goal each. Play was very even for the first 15 minutes, after which we pressed, and some good combination among the forwards enabled Evans to score for us. On changing ends we again forced the ball into our opponents' half, but the shooting was weak. Towards the end the visitors drew level as the result of a keen tussle in front of our goal. The game was keenly contested all through, the defence on both sides playing well.

Team :—Chadwick ; Smaldon, Hackett ; Davis W. H. V., Day, Tilley D. W. ; Wheal C. W., Evans J. R., Wyatt, Collier J. B., Rothschild.

W.R.G.S. 3RD CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—We won this game at Hartlebury on December 7th by 3 goals to 2, after a close and interesting struggle. We had most of the play in the first few minutes and Adams scored with a hard shot. This was soon followed by good work by Halliley and Barwell, resulting in the latter scoring. After the interval our opponents pressed hard and scored, but a good run by our forwards, in which Mumford and Adams were conspicuous

enabled us to increase our lead. During the last few minutes our goal was heavily attacked and they scored once more.

Team :—Phillips F. G. ; Parker F. S., Weston ; Bourne G., Pullen R. G., Richmond ; Bomford, Barwell, Adams, Halliley, Mumford.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.

SCHOOL v. TUDOR.

Although School opened the scoring very early in the game, Tudor equalised shortly afterwards by a successful shot from Wheal G., which probably surprised him as much as the goalkeeper. For a long time the game remained even, but the superior combination of the School eleven at length began to tell, and half-time saw School leading 5-1, with honours to Moore and Perkins. On the resumption of play School continued their vigorous attacks, and the score gradually mounted with contributions from Collier J. B., Evans and Moore, till at the close of play Tudor were beaten 10-1. Tudor defence worked hard throughout, their fault lay in not watching Wells S. sufficiently ; but at the same time they were playing against a superior team and are to be congratulated on playing with such vigour against long odds.

WOOLFE v. TEMPLE.

In this game, which opened evenly, Woolfe proved much the stronger. Woolfe owed success to the enterprising play of Wyatt, who scored four times, and Coney, who pressed home their attacks. Sinclair was a tower of defence, and Slater played well. The outstanding figure in Temple's team was Baldwyn, who played a hard game throughout. The final score was 9-1 in favour of Woolfe.

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The Final was played between School House and Woolfe and ended in a victory for the former by 9 goals to nil. Woolfe

put up a good fight against a heavier and stronger side, but their forwards were too small to make any headway against their opponents' defence. For the winners Moore (5), Adams (2), Wells W., Collier J. were the scorers. Sinclair at back played very well for Woolfe, and Wyatt displayed untiring energy both in defence and attack.

THE LEAGUES.

1ST XI.

This year the games have been more exciting than in former years, and Woolfe, who had a well-balanced XI., finished one point in front of School House. Slater, Pullen and Davies A. E. were chiefly responsible for putting Woolfe at the head ; while Weston, Richmond and Parker F. S. did all the hard work for School. Tudor finished third, for which they had to thank Badger, Maund, Mumford and Wheal G. Chiney and Watkins of Temple, and Bomford, Martin F. and Hall J. of Wylde, worked hard but were not greatly supported.

2ND XI.

School House had no difficulty in winning the Cup, Temple and Tudor tying for second place. School, superior in weight and size, had prolific goal-scorers in Barnes and Wells E. Other promising young players are Roberts A. A., Holder (Temple), Allen (Tudor), and Harries (Baskerville). Woolfe had a weak side and failed to win a match.

3RD XI.

In this competition School House were also successful, winning every match comfortably. The team captained by Wakefield showed great keenness. Taylor A. H. and Harvey (Temple) and Bylevelt and Cattell (Tudor) were chiefly instrumental in placing their Houses second and third respectively.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Debating Society has, this Term, been very little to the fore ; the chief reason for this is the interruption in the Term caused by the influenza epidemic. At the beginning of the session, the Chairman, Secretary and Committee retired en bloc, owing to the pressure of work and other causes. The first meeting, which took place October 19th, had therefore for its object the election of new officials. C. G. Attwell, the late Secretary, was unanimously elected Chairman for the meeting. Mr. A. F. Orange, who was not present, was re-elected Chairman for the session, F. C. Simson was elected Secretary, and S. A. Barwell, L. G. P. Moore and J. A. Sinclair were elected members of the Committee. The office of Poet Laureate has been left vacant until a suitable occupant can be found. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Chairman, Secretary and Committee of last session, the meeting, one of the shortest in the annals of the Society, ended.

The next meeting of the Society was held on November 19th. In private business, E. K. Franklin, F. S. Parker, G. G. Weston and F. G. Jennings were elected members. The question was raised as to whether mistresses should be honorary members under the rule which says that Old Boys and Masters are honorary members of the Society. It was decided, at the next Committee meeting, that "Masters of the School" should read "members of the staff of the School." H. D. Hutchinson, seconded by C. J. Day, proposed "That this house is of the opinion that it is high time the English language discarded its old and wormeaten spelling." No very striking arguments were produced, nor were the opposers, F. C. Simson and G. W. E. Halliley, much more eloquent. The situation was, however, greatly cleared up by K. H. Perkins, G. Edwards and the Chairman, who spoke with great clearness on the aims of the Simplified Spelling Society and similar institutions.

The house decided in favour of a simpler spelling by voting 9 for the motion to 8 against, which shows that the School is fairly evenly divided upon the subject.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

This Term has seen the usual predominance of physical training, but despite this fact we have been able to cover much of the elementary ground-work (arm and squad drill) of our training.

The first Wednesday afternoon given up to O.T.C. work was spent in a route march in the Fernhill Heath district. In spite of the map-reading that our N.C.O.'s had done, we appear to have taken the wrong turning once or twice, but as someone was heard to remark "it came to the same thing in the end."

"Advance Guards" was our next scheme. This was worked in the Claines district under the command of 2nd Lieut. Chessall. Verbal as well as written messages were passed from the "point" to the main body. The N.C.O. in charge of the "point" is the possessor of a vivid imagination, and he certainly kept things going by his astonishing messages. Some of the verbal messages were somewhat changed by the time they reached the main body. "My left flank rests on the Church" became "My left flank is resting in the Church." Visions of sleeping warriors flashed before the eyes of the Sergeant who was at that time in command of the main body; but he was even more surprised when he received a request from a superior for a loan as he (the superior) was getting thirsty.

On Sunday, November 10th, we took part in the Mayor's Procession to the Cathedral. Everyone seemed to have risen slightly earlier than they were wont on Sunday mornings in order to be extra spick and span. This must have been quite a strain on some of our habitual late risers.

The next Wednesday afternoon devoted to O.T.C. was spent in a competition between the eight sections of the two platoons in following trails laid the previous day by members of the "Old Guard." The trails were laid in the Claines-Bevere districts and all trails ended at Claines Church. The experiences of the trail-layers were many and varied. One of them got hung up in the barbed wire for some time and

operations were thus delayed. The winning section was No. 2 Section, No. 2 Platoon under Cadet Freer, who arrived at Headquarters well in advance of the other sections. Some of the sections of No. 1 Platoon were rather badly puzzled, but perhaps this can be explained by the boast of one of the trail-layers that "they couldn't find my trails."

Wednesday, November 27th, was spent in an advance guard movement under 2nd Lieut. Chessall, while a small mounted party under the O.C. formed a skeleton enemy. The operation took place in the Trotshill district, and the enemy after being outflanked had to withdraw to take up fresh positions. Eventually a frontal attack by sectional rushes was made. This was carried out with tremendous expenditure of ammunition, and we marched home making full use of our voices, everyone seeming very well pleased with life. It is desirable that younger cadets should remember that ammunition is given them for the purpose of firing at the enemy and not for mining operations in the fields.

Our programme of work for this Term is very much the same as usual. Musketry lectures and instruction have been taken by the O.C., and map-reading by 2nd Lieut. Chessall. Musketry tests have been in the hands of Cadet Officer Parker, while C.S.M. Tilley has had charge of P.T. Visits have been paid to the 30 yards range at the Brickworks for practice with service ammunition.

There has been a large influx of recruits this Term, and the numbers of the Corps are larger than they have been since its formation.

The following promotions have been made :—

Sergt. Attwell	to	Cadet Officer.
Sergt. Parker	„	„
Corpl. Tilley	„	C.S.M.
L.-Corpl. Perkins	„	C.Q.M.S.
Corpl. Baldwyn	„	Sergeant (Band).
Corpl. Wheal	„	Sergeant.
L.-Corpl. Collier	„	„
L.-Corpl. Sinclair	„	Corporal.
L.-Corpl. Wall	„	„

Cadet Wells W.	to	Lance-Corporal.
Cadet Wells S.	„	„
Cadet Day	„	„
Cadet Edwards	„	„
Cadet Simson	„	„ (Band).

Cadet Officer Morrall joined at the end of last Term the Royal Engineers' Officer Cadet Battalion. He had by his untiring energy both as C.S.M. and Cadet Officer largely contributed to our successful inspection last Term. When he left us we suffered a loss of no small consequence, and we are sure that the whole Corps will join with us in wishing him every success.

C. S. M. Lamb left us at the end of last Term to enter a Cavalry Cadet School ; while Corpl. Dovey went to the Royal Engineers' Officer Cadet Battalion, and L.-Corpls. Minchen and Whitehead entered a Royal Field Artillery Officer Cadet Unit.

C.Q.M.S. Heath, Sergt. Church and Sergt. Lee have all passed successfully through their cadet courses and are now 2nd Lieutenants : the first two in the Royal Engineers, and the latter in the Royal Garrison Artillery.

RES ROGANDAE.

Whether the minutes of the first meeting of the Debating Society were strictly accurate, and if not, why not ?

Why has the "Herald" suddenly become so popular ; and whether or not certain Socialists quite agreed with the C.S.M.'s lecture on "Discipline" ?

Did the Boarders really enjoy Armistice Day ?

Which chapter was it really ?

If the use of the clock proves the statement, "Ars longa, vita brevis est."

What does a certain member of the Remove use for hair-grease ?

If the O.T.C. Field days consist of undiluted joy.

If a place in the Band is not worth two in the Push.

What were the thoughts of the masters concerned on receiving the following :—

“The German alphabet begins, alpha, beta, gamma, delta . . .”

“Petite cuisine” means “young cousin.”

“Sub iugum—under the yolk.”

“Promener l’ivoire sur la tête—walking on the ivories on her head”?

Was not the aspiring young physicist “swinging the lead,” both literally and metaphorically, when he found that $g=32.2$ cms. per sec.²?

UNFOUNDED RUMOURS.

That somebody is seriously contemplating borrowing a book from the O.T.C. library.

That there were some debates this Term.

That someone found two currants in one bun.

That the Armoury Staff were once caught working.

That the “deal in dusters” will soon be an accomplished fact.

That the most popular hymn is not No. 215, A. & M.

That the next exercise is a leg exercise.

HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Twice since we last wrote have we been visited with 'flu, very few of us escaping on both occasions. However, the outbreak had its advantages, for half term week-end was lengthened to ten days. Since half-term we have occupied the dark evenings with chess and draughts competitions, while quite a number of bridge and whist players have been in evidence. Auction bridge seems to be a great favourite, and one enthusiast is said to have been heard calling “two spades” in his sleep.

Monday, November 11th, 1918, will no doubt rank among the most renowned of days, but School House rejoicing was confined to a game of football in the afternoon, strawberry jam for tea, followed by prep. Much as we would have liked to have gone "mafficking" we had the dubious joy of being among the few people who kept their heads. The removal of the shades from the lights, and the dark paint from the windows, was much welcomed by all. For the first time in three years one was able to negotiate the staircase without making disastrous attempts to mount the step immediately above the top one.

Photography has usually flourished only in the Summer Term, but this mental disease has been rampant through the autumn. Many miles of magnesium ribbon have been consumed, and the weight of hypo used can only be measured to the nearest ton: in fact it is quite probable that the Kodak Company will soon be in a position to declare an interim dividend of "umpteén" per cent.

The House 1st XI. suffered considerably from——shall we call it "overconfidence," and as a result the cup has passed out of our hands for the first time for many terms. This was partly due to the fact that the eleven did not play together as a team, but as individuals, and this was not likely to bring about successful results against such a well-balanced team as Woolfe had. However, Weston, Richmond, Greenwood and Parker F. S. did some good work. The 2nd XI. went through the season without losing a match. Barnes, Wells E. and Jones have scored most of the goals and were well supported by the rest of the team. The 3rd XI., captained by Wakefield, also did not lose a match. The team played with great keenness, and there are several promising players amongst it.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we played Tudor, and won after a fairly hard game 10-1. The first few minutes were very strenuous, each side scoring once, but after that our team was always on top. In the final round we played Woolfe, whom we beat after a harder game. Moore and Wells W. were the mainstays of our team.

Once again can we say that all our members are in the

O.T.C. We congratulate the following on their promotions : Cadet Officer Parker, C.Q.M.S. Perkins, Sergt. Collier, L.-Cpls. Edwards, Wells W., Wells S. and Simson (Band).

Minchen and Whitehead left us last Term to take up their cadetships, and with the end of the School year we also lost Whiteaker, Bedingfield and Jennings H. This Term we are pleased to welcome Durston, Russell, Collier J. B., Flower, Love, and Mitchell.

SCHOOL.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

"The time has come," the Editor said, "to talk of many things"; so the scribe of the Wolf collects his thoughts and impedimenta, and sits down to chronicle the events of the Term. It has been the custom in past Terms to begin the House Letter with a brilliant literary effort, in the hope that the attention of the reader would be drawn away from the bare record of successes—more often failures—of the House. This Term, however, the scribe feels elated, and has composed a beginning which shall in no way detract from the glories won by the House of the Wolf.

The Wolves have awakened with a vengeance; with fangs bared, and with bold stride, they went forth to give battle to foreign invaders, and returned with the spoils of the fight. For the first time since 1914, Woolfe House has won the 1st XI. Cup from School House. This was achieved by hard play and keenness; the team worked well together and did not miss many chances. Slater, Pullen, Davies A., Bourne and Coney played very well throughout the season.

The Wolf Cubs—the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s—have not found their fighting form yet; consequently they failed to do anything great. The 2nd XI. were content to take things easily; and their opponents were often given chances of scoring. Blandford and Backhouse F.S. have played hard, but were not well backed by the rest of the team.

The 3rd XI. have given a very poor exhibition, having failed to win a single match. Absence has often accounted

for this, but keenness has not been shown. Kettle and Chadd have tried hard but have not met with success.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we met Temple, and beat them 10-1. The team was not well together, and the goals were individual efforts for the most part. Wyatt and Ranford R. A. played very well in the forward line ; and Sinclair at centre-half kept the defence intact ; the rest of the team did not seem keen, and let things slide.

We met School House in the final of the Challenge Shield, and though defeated 9-0, were not disgraced. Wyatt, Sinclair and Davies A. put up an excellent defence against the strong School House team, and Pullen played well at times ; but the rest were "passengers." The score does not represent the play, for at least half the goals could have been avoided, if the goalkeeper had put his hands to the ball instead of kicking wildly.

The House is represented in the 1st XXII. by Sinclair, Wyatt, and Ranford R. A. ; the House Captain being in the 1st XI., and Wyatt and Ranford in the 2nd XI. In the O.T.C. the House has a good number of members.

House Colours have been awarded to the following : those in the 1st XXII. and Slater, Coney, Pullen, Bourne, Best, Davies A.

WOOLFE.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

"Yet a little slumber, a little sleep" seems to have been the motto of the House this Term. Our 1st XI. has only won one match and that against the weakest House. It did wake up in one match against School House and to everyone's surprise, drew with them ; but then it immediately went to sleep again. The 2nd XI. did better on the whole, but this eleven again badly needs waking up : in fact the best team, comparatively speaking, is the 3rd XI., which under Weedon, a promising player, has come out second in the inter-house competitions. But until the members of the House wake up and put their backs into their games we shall never regain

our position as head day-boy House. You must put more "dash" into your games Templeites. Boys of other houses take the ball from you, and shoot at your goal while you watch them doing it.

But enough of grumbling, let us try and do better next Term. Chinery, Watkins, Johnson and Higgs have been awarded their colours in the 1st XI. Braithwaite seems to be the "star" of the 2nd XI., with Kersey and Hyett able supporters. In our "crack" team, the 3rd XI., Weedon, Harvey and Austin F. W. distinguished themselves, and promise well for the 2nd XI. next year.

This Term we have lost Morrall G. W. and Dovey E. T., our two best players, and we missed them very much in the Challenge Shield. We were drawn against Woolfe, whom we beat 17-1 last Football term; and were easily beaten 10-1, Watkins G. W. scoring our only goal. Our side has no weight, probably owing to a too patriotic interpretation of the rationing scheme. Still, cheer up Temple, better luck at Hockey next Term!

TEMPLE.

WYLDE HOUSE.

We welcome this Term as the date of our re-appearance among the day-boy houses. The House was disbanded in the Winter Term 1915, owing to weakness, and its members divided among the other houses. At the beginning of this Term the Head Master announced that owing to the increase in numbers of the School a new house would have to be formed, or in other words Wylde House would have to be dragged from its peaceful days of oblivion, and be made to fight for the House cups.

There were this Term in the School about fifteen boys who were originally in Wylde House. These, together with all the new boys of this Term, formed a nucleus for the House. When a house is made up of 60 new boys, very few of whom have ever seen one another, presided over by a House Master new to the whole School, it is difficult to make a start. How-

ever we have done very well under the circumstances, and even if we are on the small side, we make up in enthusiasm.

In our House 1st XI. we have only won one match, against Temple, but we have several promising young players, especially Elleboudt and Hall J. Boulter A. J. and Collins also played plucky games considering their size. In the 2nd XI. we did no better, although its members played very well. Carstairs R. G. and Phillips A. E. were the most conspicuous players. The 3rd XI. has played rather better than its seniors, but the players will run after the ball like flies round a honey pot, and will not learn that it is essential to keep in one's place, if the best results are to be obtained. There are, however, several very promising young players, especially Johnson L. W. and Hawkins ; but certain members will persist in having to help father, or go out shopping with mother, when they are required to play. We congratulate Martin F., Hall J., Bell and Elleboudt on obtaining their House Colours.

We have no more successes to record this Term, but we are hoping to do great things in the future.

WYLDE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

A keener interest has been taken in all games this Term, with the result that we have done moderately well ; but we require still more keenness before we can really hope to do great things.

Our 1st XI. started well and soon showed themselves to be superior to Temple and Wylde. An exciting game was played against Woolfe in which we were defeated by 1-0 and in which Smaldon, Maund, Badger and Wheal G. distinguished themselves. We finally gained third place in the League. Congratulations to Smaldon on his promotion to the XXII.

The 2nd and 3rd XI.'s have done equally well, both being beaten only by School and Temple. The 2nd has been very keen and was placed second to School. Roberts A. A. and Moy have played well, and Holder E. J. has proved himself a

keen captain. The 3rd XI. has shown more interest than usual and contains many promising young players ; among the foremost are Bylevelt, Baddeley and Harrison.

The House was drawn against School in the first round of the Challenge Shield. We played a very strenuous game against long odds. Our combination throughout the game was not good and the forwards did not work well. Most of the hard work fell upon the defence, in which Tilley D. W. and Attwell played an exceptionally fine game. Eventually we lost by 10 goals to 1.

In the O.T.C. we congratulate C.O. Attwell, C.S.M. Tilley, Sergt. Wheal and L.-Corpl. Day on their promotions.

With keenness in the House we hope to do very well next Term, although two of our most prominent members, Wheal C. and Tilley D. W., are leaving.

TUDOR.

BASKERVILLE.

This Term we have unfortunately to record the loss of several members, including most of our seniors, those who have been longest among us. Among these is Doody F. W. V., who we understand has already obtained his commission in the R.A.F. To these old boys we wish every success. We are however still represented in the XXII. by Marsh J. W.

In spite of this, we have, owing to the addition of a few new boys, managed to form a team to compete for the 2nd XI. House Cup. This is an advance on last Term's attempt, the matches then being played for the 3rd XI. House Cup.

Of the five games played we have won one and drawn one. The mainstay of our team was Harries L. E., who scored the majority of our goals ; he played well with Doody A. J. V. We must also mention the plucky game played by Pullen W. G. ; we hope before long to see him a good player.

We were unable to compete for the Challenge Shield, having only eight members over eleven years of age.

In the O.T.C. we are still represented as well as possible, all eligible members having joined.

The House has suffered with the rest this Term from the influenza epidemic; no less than twelve members had it, but we are thankful that nothing serious occurred.

BASKERVILLE.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Winter Term ends	...	Thursday, December 19th.
Spring Term begins	...	Thursday, January 16th.
New Boys	Wednesday, January 15th.
Speech Day	Thursday, January 30th.

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

SUMMER TERM, 1918.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from				Sports' Prizes ...	8	12	6
Spring Term ...	86	4	7	Wages	25	13	0
Subscriptions ...	53	4	0	Match Expenses...	1	0	2½
Sale of Fives Balls	0	1	0	Bills Paid ...	16	11	4
				Sundries ...	1	0	6½
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Examined and found correct,
R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL,
Treasurer.