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EDITORIAL.

This Term the "Worcesterian" has reverted to the old type of the "days before the flood." The Magazine Committee has been resurrected and the Editor's and Sub-Editors' chairs have been filled by members of the School There were hopes that under this system the intellect of the School will be aroused and that the Editor and his colleagues would be beset by a crowd of aspirants to literary fame flourishing manuscripts of poems and articles. Our hopes have been dashed to the ground, and we still await a Dryden or Tennyson who will claim the Laureate's vacant post. we have hopes for the future; and perhaps when the War and the Peace Conference are forgotten, the intellectual ones, dwelling in their secluded sanctum, will deign to turn their thoughts from the sphere of politics and will give us their impressions of things nearer home. Who knows what seeds the summer heat may *not* cause to germinate in those wondrous brains which soon shall forsake Severn for Isis?

In the future we hope to revive some of the features which were at one time so attractive. If the proposed Literary Society comes into existence we may expect some interesting contributions for next Term. We are also desirous of re-introducing once more the University Letters and Old Boys' Notes. We should also be grateful to anyone giving us information concerning O.E.'s who have been serving in the Army. We hope one day to publish a complete account of the Military achievements of Old Elizabethans.

Contributions should be handed to a member of the Committee, which is composed as follows:—

The Headmaster.

Mr. Carter.

Mr. Hall.

Mr. Chessall.

C. G. Attwell (Editor).

G. Edwards (Sub-Editor).

Moore, L. G. P. (Captain of Games).

Wells, W. (School House).

Sinclair, J. A. (Woolfe House).

Baldwyn, J. C. (Temple House).

Bomford, J. T. (Wylde House).

Marsh, J. W. (Baskerville).

STAFF NOTES.

It is not often that one has to chronicle such an exodus of old and well-tried members of the staff as occurred last Term. Mr. A. F. Orange, M.A. (Queen's College, Oxford) had been longest at the School. He came in 1907 and at once associated himself with the Debating Society and the Chess Club. He had charge of the Modern Languages side, and much of the advance which has taken place in that subject of late years is due to his endeavours. The success of S. R. B. Smith at St. John's College, Oxford, last July is only one of a series of similar achievements by pupils he has taught. He has now gone to Stoneyhurst College, where we wish him every success.

Mr. H. Abbott came in 1915 to take charge of English and History. He had a London Honours degree in English, and he considerably developed the methods of teaching the language and literature during the time he was at the School. Last June he obtained his M.A. degree, a success which was followed by the gaining of the Douglas Jerrold Scholarship at Christ Church by Attwell C. G. last Term. Since 1916 he had been in command of the O.T.C. We owe a great debt

to Mr. Abbott for the manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Corps during the most trying period of its history. His success may be judged by the Inspecting Officers' Reports for the last two years. He was also a supporter of the Debating Society and an enthusiastic cricketer. We are glad to hear that he has obtained a good position at Hymer's College, Hull.

Mr. H. G. Green came to us from Caius and Gonville College, Cambridge, where he had obtained an Honours degree in Mathematics and Physics. He showed great enthusiasm for his subject, and R. J. Ranford's first success at Oxford was in large measure due to his effective teaching. We wish him success in his new post at Downside School, Bath.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

It is our pleasant duty to welcome five new Masters this Term. Mr. R. J. Barker, B.Sc. (London, Hons. in Physics) comes to us from France, where he was in charge of a Special Factory Section R.F. in connection with gas warfare. Captain Barker was through the second Battle of Ypres in 1915 and in the Somme fighting from July 1916 to January 1917, and was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of November 8th, 1918. Previous to the war he was Science Master at Coleford Grammar School. Mr. H. Williams, B.Sc. (1st Class Hons. Wales), B.A. (1st Class Hons. London Ext.), and late Fellow of the University of Wales, comes to us from Chesterfield Grammar School. Mr. Goodwyn, B.A. (Hons. Mediæval and Modern Lang. Tripos, Camb.), was stationed outside Cologne with the Machine Gun Corps when Term began. He was previously on the staff of Loretto School. Mr. D. G. E. Hall, M.A. (London), late Inglis Student in History of London University, comes to us from the Inns of Court O.T.C., where he was a member of the instructional staff in bombing. Before joining the Army he was on the staff of the History Department at King's College, University of London. Mr. Strain, an Art Master, comes to us from Messrs. Vickers, where he has been engaged in expert draughtsman's work for the Government.

To all these gentlemen we extend heartiest greetings, and trust their stay here will be long and pleasant.

SCHOOL NOTES.

One of the main features of this Term's work has been the revival of interest in the Debating Society. With Mr. Hall as Chairman an attractive programme was arranged, and the numbers attending debate compare not unfavourably with those in the early records of the Society.

We regret to announce the departure at the end of last Term of Mr. Orange, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Green and Mr. Casson Smith

This Term the weather has been a great obstacle to games and O.T.C. work. For the first half of the Term Mr. Chessall took upon his shoulders the burden of running both these sides of the School's activities. Our thanks are due to him for the manner in which he accomplished his arduous double task.

This Term the Games Committee has been the same as last Term. There have been no School matches.

Ranford R. J. is to be congratulated on a double success. After winning an Exhibition of £50 in Mathematics at Jesus College, Oxford, he went up again and succeeded in obtaining a Scholarship of £80 at Christ Church.

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The following boys left last Term:—J. A. M. Parker, K. H. Perkins, D. W. Tilley, C. W. W. Wheal, E. C. Simson, W. H. V. Davis, J. N. Backhouse, E. M. Badger, G. W. Clarke, G. A. Leigh, C. C. Hawkins.

The following are new boys this Term:—C. M. Morgan, P. C. Southey, A. G. Hincks, G. H. Ellebout, G. D. Harrington, P. C. Spencer, G. H. Avery, G. B. Morris, C. P. G. Neat, B. W. Whitney, P. B. Whittles, P. F. J. Hook, W. J. R. Bowen, D. Chapman, E. A. Fidoe, W. F. Holloway, H. W. Latham, R. C. Cole, G. H. Parmee, E. W. Wainwright, R. Ellebout, W. W. Green.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The deferred Prize Distribution took place in the Perrins' Hall, on Monday, March 3rd. Owing to the illness of the Headmaster the proceedings were of an informal nature, and only the Governors, the Staff and the boys were present.

Mr. Dyson Perrins (the Chairman of the Governors) presided, and was supported by Messrs. J. W. Willis Bund, F. A. W. Simes, G. E. Wilson, and the Rev. G. F. Hooper.

The Chairman said they had had a great disappointment that afternoon, for Colonel Chichester, who should have distributed the prizes, was unavoidably prevented from being present. The Mayor and Mr. Robert Berkeley were also unable to attend. The Prize Distribution had been postponed on account of influenza, and now they had to give away the prizes in the absence of the Headmaster, who was ill. They would be glad to know, however, that he was progressing, and he (the Chairman) thought the improvement was very largely due to the fact that the School had done so well in all respects in his absence. This was due in part to the boys themselves, but also due to the staff, especially Mr. Carter. (Applause). The School was doing well. At the last prize-giving in December 1917, the numbers in the School were 283; this Term there were about 360. Mere numbers were not every-

thing, but if they judged by results they had every reason to congratulate themselves. S. R. B. Smith had taken a Modern Language Exhibition at St. John's College, Oxford; T. J. Wall a Natural Science Exhibition at Christ Church, Oxford. These two were Malvern boys, and he was glad to see that they came from his own town. R. J. Ranford had gained a Mathematical Exhibition at Jesus College, Oxford, and C. G. Attwell the "Douglas Jerrold" Scholarship for English Literature at Christ Church, Oxford. This last was a very special and praiseworthy feat, as he entered at very short notice, without any special preparation. Twenty-two boys had passed the Oxford Senior Local. The O.T.C. numbers had increased from 117 last summer to 120 at present, and they were all proud of Col. Chichester's report on the inspec-They had details of 600 Old Boys who had joined H.M. Forces. Of these, unfortunately, 50 had given their lives and 120 had been wounded. The School had 18 M.C.'s and 15 other decorations. Major Dippie, the first commanding officer of the contingent, who left the School as soon as possible when the war broke out, was granted the D.S.O. when serving with the 11th Worcesters. The Chairman alluded to the presentation by Col. Chichester of a challenge cup for musketry to be competed for by Bromsgrove, Malvern, Worcester King's, and Worcester Grammar Schools.

In the absence of Col. Chichester, Mr. Willis Bund distributed the prizes. He said he was glad that they had at last received their prizes, because otherwise they must have looked upon prize-day as an elaborate fraud. He was glad to hear what the Chairman said about the still greater prizes won by the School in the great war. Whatever the sorrow caused by the war, they would all look with pride upon the glorious part played by those with whom they had been associated in that School. There was no institution and no school that could look back with greater pride to the part it had played in the war than the Worcester Grammar School. (Applause). He urged them not to let the enthusiasm shown during the war for the O.T.C. and other institutions connected with the School, die out because the war was over. They heard a great deal about a League of Nations, and that there

would be no more wars. He was not going to prophesy, but he thought as long as human nature was what it was, they must always expect wars, and consequently must always be prepared for them. He urged them not to be afraid of the military spirit. Let them have no nonsense of that kind, but do what they thought was right; and if they were called to make sacrifices, for the School or the country, he was sure they would do as their predecessors had done. (Applause).

The Rev. G. F. Hooper, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Willis Bund, said naturally Worcester people felt proud of Col. Chichester and the men he commanded, and no one else was more fitting to take Col. Chichester's place than Mr Willis Bund, who had been so largely responsible for the administrative power behind the Army in the county.

Mr. F. A. W. Simes seconded, remarking that he could claim to be what no one else in that room was-an old boy and the father of an old boy. He asked the boys to remember the difficulty of running a school in the absence of the Headmaster, and urged them to greater loyalty on that account. When he was at school he liked to receive his prizes at the hands of a lady, but if not a lady, there was no one boys liked better than a soldier or a statesman. Mr. Willis Bund was not a soldier, but he claimed that he was a statesman, because although he had refused to enter Parliament and work for his country among those who governed the country, he had for many years devoted his exceptional gifts and almost all his time to doing real statesman's work for his own County. (Applause). He had set them a wonderful example of unselfish devotion to his fellow men, and they thanked him not only for giving away the prizes, but for the work which he for so many years had carried on unrewarded and sometimes unthanked.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and the proceedings closed with cheers for the Headmaster and Mrs. Hillard, for Mr. Carter and the Staff, for Mr. Willis Bund, and the Chairman.

THE PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.—Upper V.: W. H. V. Davis I, S. T. Palmer 2. Lower V.: C. E. Beale I, J. Baldwin 2. Upper IV.: L. W. Whiteman I, C. P. Soppet 2. Lower IV.: D. S. Collins I, A. J. V. Doody 2. Upper III.: W. B. Norris I, C. G. D. Smith 2. Lower III.: W. E. Hook I, R. G. D. Allen 2. II. Upper Division: L. Collier I, L. E. Warren 2. II. Lower Division: R. W. Hyett I, T. S. Sargent, 2. I., N. B. Jenkins.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRIZES.—T. B. Duckworth 1, G. L. Marsh 2, A. R. Evans 3, F. E. P. Downhurst 4.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Public Spirit, the Chairman's Prize: G. W. Morrall, Mr. M. Tomkinson's Prize: E. T. Dovey, Goulsborough Mathematical Prizes: Senior-R. J. Ranford; Junior-J. A. Sinclair and N. L. Clapton. Mathematical Problem Prize: W. E. Law. Mathematical Prize: Middle School-G. W. Foss. Lower School Arithmetic Prize: W. E. Hook. Science Prizes: Senior-G. W. Morrall, T. J. Wall, G. Edwards; Junior-E. C. Simson, G. Whittaker, G. W. Foss. Latin Prizes: D. G. Ward, J. T. Griffiths, C. G. D. Smith, W. E. Hook. Divinity Prizes: Senior (given by the Rev. G. F. Hooper): E. T. Dovey; Junior-L. W. Whiteman. Gheluvelt Essay Prize: J. A. Sinclair. The Mayor's Prize for English Essay: N. L. Clapton. English Literature: Senior (given by Miss H. A. Day)—C. G. Attwell. English Language and Literature Prize: D. W. Tilley. Lower School Prize for English: W. G. Buchanan, G. A. Leigh. History Prizes. Senior-C. H. D. Phillips; Middle School-A. J. V. Doody; Lower School-J. C. Flay. Geography: Middle School-G. E. Beale, A. S. L. Brown; Lower School-F. Malpas, O. B. Greeves. Modern Language Prize: S. R. B. Smith. French Prizes: Senior-S. A. Barwell; Junior-S. W. Collier. Lower School Oral Work: O. B. Greeves. German Prizes: Senior-J. C. Baldwyn, H. B. Lamb. Prizes for Art: A. G. H. Winwood, D. L. Richmond. Prize for Design: W. J. Le Bon. Writing Prizes: Senior-I. J. Adams, S. W. Collier; Junior-E. G. Brown; Lower School-M. B. Jenkins.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.—D. I. Drury. General Knowledge Prizes: Senior (given by Mr. F. A. W. Simes)—C. G. Attwell, G. Edwards; Middle School—C. E. Beale; Junior—W. Wright, T. S. Sargent. Shorthand Prize: W. E. Law.

Proficiency Prizes.—House Captains: School House—W. Wells; Temple House—G. W. Morrall; Tudor House—C. W. W. Wheal; Woolfe House—J. A. Sinclair. Prefects: School House—K. H. Perkins; Day Boys—D. W. Tilley. Form Monitors' Prize: A. S. L. Brown. Officers' Training Corps: Prize for General Proficiency (Challenge Cup given by Mr. F. J. Hemming in memory of the late Capt. F. W. Hemming, Worc. Regt.)—Cadet Officer G. W. Morrall.

Shooting Prizes: Full Range and Miniature—Sergt. C. G. Attwell, Sergt. J. A. M. Parker, Corpl. C. W. W. Wheal. Band Prizes: Band N.C.O.—Corpl. J. C. Baldwyn; Flute and Bugle—Cadet E. H. D. Routledge; Drum—Cadet F. J. Chinery; Most Efficient N.C.O.'s—C.S.M. H. B. Lamb, Corpl. D. W. Tilley (P.T.), Lce.-Corpl. W. B. Collier.

Special Prizes are given by the Chairman of the Governors (Mr. Dyson Perrins), the Mayor of Worcester (Ald. A. Carlton), the High Sheriff (Mr. F. A. W. Simes), Right Hon. Sir Edward Goulding, Bart, M.P., Ald. H. A. Leicester, Miss H. A. Day, Mr. H. C. Gardner, Mr. G. E. Wilson, Mr. R. V. Berkeley, Rev. G. F. Hooper, Mr. M. Tomkinson, Mr. H. W. Spreckley, Mr. R. R. Fairbairn, and Canon Longhurst.

THE VISIT OF COL. CHICHESTER.

On Tuesday, March 4th, in the Perrins' Hall, Colonel Chichester gave the speech which he was prevented from giving at the Prize Distribution on the previous day. His remarks were chiefly concerned with the Officers' Training Corps. He hoped that the elements of Military training which were now being taught at the School, especially the Physical training and Musketry, would not be allowed to relapse into the state before the war. He considered that some form of Military training was necessary in a public school, and that affairs were at present too unsettled to give up immediately the training which had been carried on during the war. He therefore renewed his offer of a cup to be shot for by the Grammar and King's Schools of Worcester, Malvern College and Bromsgrove Secondary School. He regretted that he would shortly be severing his connection with the Depot of the Worcestershire Regt., and would therefore be unable to inspect the Corps at the next inspection.

Mr. Carter, thanking Col. Chichester for his kindness in giving up his valuable time in coming to the School, thanked him also for his kind offer of a cup, and hoped that the next time they would have the pleasure of his company would be to present them with the cup.

The proceedings terminated and the assembly dispersed after three hearty cheers had been given for Col. Chichester.

ARS POETICA.

There has long been in existence a fallacy to the effect that poets are born not made. This, however, is scarcely true, for with a little practice poetry is almost as easy to write as prose; in fact some have said it is easier to write bad poetry than good prose. It has been suggested by a distinguished critic that the statement that poets are born not made was first made by a jealous individual of some poetic reputation, who, wishing to be considered blest above the rest of his fellow men, conceived the idea of impressing upon them that the art of writing poetry is a thing reserved for a chosen few. So well did he succeed in the execution of this base design that ever since his time practically the whole of mankind has been deterred from writing poetry by the seeming impossibility of the task, except, as the adage says, to the chosen.

It is not our purpose here to dwell upon the advantages which would result from teaching the whole of mankind to write poetry; we merely wish to give the student an idea of the different poetic styles, and how they are written. We therefore give below short descriptions of one or two styles which are fairly easy to write, and after each description will be found examples selected from the work of a standard author who used that style.

The pseudo-poetical or prose-poetry type is perhaps the easiest form for the beginner in poetry. The only difference between this poetry and ordinary prose is that each sentence or clause should start at the beginning of a line, and that there are perhaps a few more adjectives, inversions and syntactical licenses than are usually found in a good prose style. It follows that if the student writes a brilliant essay on any subject, and then splits it up into lines the length of which depends on the length of his own sentences and clauses, with the introduction of a few adjectives and a few inversions, he will have written a fair specimen of this type of poetry.

Example:-

ONIONS.

The Onion is a beautiful plant.

It is an odoriferous and sweet-smelling globular root.

Powerful is the smell of this vegetable.

Yet it has its advantages to the eater.

Palatable is the Onion when boiled with tripe; and in a stew it is without equal.

These things are for those of refined tastes; to the vulgar herd the Onion is also sweet.

With bread and cheese and beer it satisfies the hungry stomach.

He who suffers from a severe cold;

He who is going out to dine or to a ball;

He who lingers a long time leaving his loved one; Should partake of the Onion.

Onion! Oh Onion! many are thy uses, sweet and trenchant is thy smell

With thy juice the tragic actress brings tears to her eyes.

Sweet smells the breath of a maiden if she has partaken of the Onion;

It brings tears to the eyes of her lover.

Thy scent is more attractive than that of roses, violets, lilies or any of those perfumes which it is the delight of women to use:

It is more powerful than that of the kipper or the herring.

Thy taste cleaves to the tongue more than that of good wine or rare fruit.

Onion! Onion! Oh Onion!

(From "Bales of Hay" by Witty Walter).

Having attained proficiency in the prose-poetry style, it now behoves the pupil to acquire the art of rhyming and writing in more regular metre. As we are not giving a lecture on metre we will assume that the student is acquainted with the more elementary forms which have been used in the past by poets. The simple style is the best style in which to learn the art of rhyming and the trick of metre. An ordinary conversation fitted out with adjectives, expletives and inversions so as to fulfil the requirements of blank verse or the ordinary ballad metre is representative of this kind of writing.

THE BALLAD OF THE TWO RIFLES.

I stood in Worcester on parade A rifle in each hand. "How strange" you say. Be not afraid For soon you'll understand. I am my section's right-hand man So martial, fierce and bold To call the roll the corporal 'gan His rifle I did hold.

And so I held the rifles two The corporal's and mine own. And though this story is not true The metre is well known.

W.W.

The heroic couplet will now probably attract the youthful devotee of the Muse. This style is more difficult. A thorough knowledge of Pope is requisite for proficiency here. Classical allusion must be introduced, and nymphs, swains and shepherdesses are essential. Besides this one must avoid mentioning anything by name, e.g., a "dog" should not be called such but "a member of the canine species" or "a barking hound that wakes the night." Epigrams which might conceivably have some bearing on the subject of the poem are very effective. No poem in this style should contain less than 40 lines, and the connection between the title and the poem should not be too obvious.

ELEGY ON ONE WHO FAILED.

Not with more glory in th' Alhambra's halls The C.B.E. jokes nightly to the stalls; Than, issuing forth, the bearer of his name Made laughter by the Hall of Perrins' fame. No nymphs but well-dressed swains around him sat And all declared he'd make to laugh a cat. On his broad back a new-bought gown he wore, Which black-boards cleaned but scarce did reach the floor. His lively looks a sprightly mind did shew; Free with his jokes for none could call him slow. This cavalier some papers did require And borrowed, thinking not to raise up ire. Next day he failed those papers to return And all his words the lady fair did spurn. Forth flashed the lightning from her eyes And yelps of anger rent th' affrighted skies. At this the blood his jovial cheek forsook And ghastly fear spread over all his look. One sigh alone he heaved-" I fear the lass "-Ere to eternal rest his soul did pass.

(By Alec. Sandersoap).

[N.B.—This is not the whole poem, but as the writer really got going, his fountain pen seized up at the 999th line].

Having attained a reputation by his classical verse the poet will doubtless wish to enhance it by success in other forms. The Elizabethan or early Romantic type is very difficult, but an earnest student of Shakespeare, Spenser and the Elizabethan lyrists will easily overcome any difficulties he may encounter here. In this form of poetry his horizon is unlimited, no subject is taboo. He should remember, however, to introduce a few such words as 'perchance,' 'an,' 'hath,' 'By my faith,' and end a verb occasionally in 'eth.' Classical allusions may be used, and also similes from nature, especially if they are hardly analogous. Rhetorical blank verse is very effective in this style. Love poems of all kinds are the main feature of this class. (If possible descriptions of beautiful ladies should be avoided).

Example:

"The knight doth from his foe Flee swiftly in the night, And on his weary way Perceives a wondrous light."

At length the wain of Phoebus 'gan descend In to the Western Ocean, and black Night Crept on apace. The weary knight did wend His woful way, ne checked his hasty plight, When, persing thro' the gloom, a shining light Gleamed and then vanished. Far around he gazed, Thinking to find some ayde in his sad plight. Natheless the light namo so brightly blazed, And he sped swiftly on, tho' much in mind amazed.

(From "The Goblin King" by E.S.)

The later Romantic or Essential style is somewhat more difficult than the Elizabethan. The method usually employed is as follows. Take any subject—man, woman, beast, or inanimate object. A description is now written. This is then boiled down until the essence of the subject is obtained by the process of distillation. The poetic student then thinks of the most wonderful adjectives and the colours of the rainbow; he reads a book on art and obtains a list of gems and jewels, odours and wonderful cloth stuffs. He then arrays the essence of the subject in these garments. This is

very difficult and should only be attempted by an earnest devotee of Shelley or a drug-taking reader of Tennyson.

Example: -

ODE ON A POROUS POT.

A shattered shape of porous clay! Busted By careless lad when none was nigh, And left to lie near cans all rusted.

Thou crumbled shell! for thee we sigh.
Thy beauty gone; thy use departed;
No more shalt thou the zinc contain,
Therefore we mourn thee brokenhearted.
Clouds never come except it rain.

(By Johnny Languishing).

EGYPT-FAIR EGYPT.

Egypt, thou art a land of pests, From fleas and flies one never rests; Mosquitoes, beetles, bugs and sand Thou art a God-forsaken land. There's cholera and sandy blight; There's insects screeching all the night; For dirt, filth, mud and slime, Thou hast no peer in any clime. There's hosts of lizards, rats and snakes, Whilst alligators swarm your lakes; There's fiery sun and blazing skies, A curse unto the soldiers' eyes. I long to leave thee far behind, To blot thee from my aching mind; In thee I really can't feel well, Thou sunburnt land, thou art worse than -

By an O.E. (out there).

It often happens that the poet wishes to express somewhat deeper thoughts than are usually expressed in the styles given above. The morbidly philosophical type, very popular to-day, should be suitable to his needs. In writing, the poet should remember that all men must die. If he introduces this or some other such deep and original thought in a variety of aspects he cannot but succeed. For models he should study the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" and Gray's "Elegy."

Examples:-

BRAHMA.

If the grave master thinks to teach, Or if the pupil thinks to learn, They cannot the great secret reach, They know not how the world doth turn. I am the blackboard and the chalk, I am the pictures on the wall, The master, and the boys who talk, The paper, pen, and ink and all.

THE RUBAIYAT OF JAZZI-JOPHAT OF WHITELADIES.

THURSDAY EVEG.

Walk ye along this Strip with Gravel strown Which just divides the orehard from the Sown The crooked once-white railings shew the way Until ye reach a Gate that's not of Stone.

Here, with my Dancing Pumps upon my Feet A Jazz piano, Fox-Trot tune and thou Before me dancing in the Perrins' Hall— The Perrins' Hall were Paradise enow.

How sweet the Hesitation waltz think some,— Others—how cursed the morning prep. to come! Ah! Dance the waltz in time! For know ye not Two notes of the piano are quite dumb.

FRIDAY MORN.

Dreaming ere yet the rising bell did sound I woke and saw the sleeping dancers all around. "Sleep on, my little ones, and snore away! Ere Morning Prep. begins the toil of day." There is a Fate in which no Hope I see, There is a Prep. from which we may not flee. Some gentle snores awhile from ME and THEE May rise: and then no sleep for THEE and ME.

FOOTBALL.

W.R.G.S. v. Heenan & Froude's "B" Team.—Our only 1st XI. match was played on Flagge Meadow on Saturday, December 15th, and resulted in a draw, both sides scoring

once. We won the toss and commenced to press, but our opponents' defence proved too strong. After some even play in mid-field our forwards got possession and some good work on the left wing enabled Perkins to open the score for us. Just before half-time the visitors equalized as the result of a melée in front of goal. On changing ends play was very even, both sides making determined efforts to get the lead; but the defence proved equal to the task. For us Wells W. played very well and with Sinclair frequently got us out of difficulties.

Team:—Chadwick; Baldwyn J. C., Sinclair; Hackett, Wells W., Parker J. A.; Marsh J. W., Collier J. B., Moore, Perkins K. H.; Evans J. R.

HOCKEY.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Four Houses entered this year for the Challenge Shield Competition. In the first round Woolfe beat Temple after a very close game by I goal to nil. Most of the play took place near the losers' goal, but Baldwyn J. C. and Higgs were only beaten once when Coney scored from a good pass by Ranford R. A. In the second half Temple did much better, but failed to score, Wyatt being conspicuous in defence for the winners, who were without their Captain, Sinclair. The game between School House and Tudor was fairly even during the early stages, but just before half-time the superior combination of the School House asserted itself and 3 goals were scored. On changing ends the Tudor defence was overpowered and their opponents raised the score to 8 goals. Near the end a good run by the Tudor forwards resulted in their scoring. A word of praise is due to Attwell for good defence against heavy odds.

In the Final School House had no difficulty in beating Woolfe. The two great elements which make for success—keenness and combination—were far more conspicuous in the School House team than in their opponents. Woolfe were slow in following up the ball and in making the best of

any temporary advantage. The School House team played well together and any individual effort was well backed up by the whole team. For the winners Wells W. played well, and Moore, though occasionally too selfish, did some really good work, displaying powers of dribbling which surpassed all others. For the losers Sinclair was a host in himself, but he was badly backed up. The final score was 8—o.

THE CUP.

The competition produced several keen and interesting games, though it was sometimes difficult to tell whether a player was trying his hand (and stick) at Golf or Hockey, or perhaps at hooking down a passing aeroplane. One often saw a stick brandished high above the heads of players, narrowly escaping their noses as it found its way to earth again. Greater attention should be paid to the rule about "sticks"; the main object of many players seems to be to hit the ball as far away as possible instead of "directing" passes to others on their own side. Another common fault in these games is "bunching"; players hunt the ball in a crowd instead of keeping in their places, with the result that they get in one another's way.

The Cup was won by School House, who again had a heavier and faster team than the others. Though one or two games were evenly contested they won all their matches fairly easily. Barwell (who scored ten times in one match), Halliley, Richmond, Greenwood and Parker F. S. were the mainstays of the side. Temple, who only lost one game, was a good second, Johnson A. R., Braithwaite and Taylor P. R. being their best players. Woolfe was third—one point behind Temple; Slater and Pullen R. G. were conspicuous in defence and Best also did well. Wylde, Tudor and Baskerville had weak teams and lost most of their games. Martin F. W. (Wylde), Kings and Mumford (Tudor) and Harries (Baskerville) all played well, but received little support.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

We have to record several changes this Term. In the first place Lieut. H. H. Abbott has left us; he had commanded the Corps for nearly three years, during a most important period of its development. His keenness and energy brought the Corps to a high state of efficiency, which culminated last July in an excellent report after the most thorough Inspection we have had. We have also lost Cadet Officer J. A. Parker and C.S.M. Tilley, whose work as P.T. instructors was of great value to the Corps; also C.Q.M.S. Perkins, who controlled the stores and knew where everything was kept.

During the first two months of this Term the Corps was under 2nd Lieut. W. A. H. Chessall, and on March 10th the command was taken over by Capt. R. J. Barker, while Mr. P. W. Goodwin is also taking a commission, both of whom have seen service in France.

Bad weather has prevented much out-door work; on the few occasions when we have been able to parade outside we have been much occupied with Platoon drill. Most of the time has been devoted to Arm drill and Physical training under C.S.M. Collier and Sergt. Sinclair. Good progress has been made with the Musketry and several cadets have passed the tests.

Colonel W. R. Chichester, we are sorry to hear, is relinquishing the command at Norton, but he has told us that he is leaving behind his cup to be shot for by the O.T.C.'s in the county, and we are going to make a great effort to be the first winners.

For the first time since 1914 there is to be an official Camp (from July 29th to August 8th). It is expected that as many as possible will attend this very important, as well as enjoyable, climax to the work of the year.

The numbers of the Corps have now reached the record number of 140, and, although there will be fewer parades now that the war pressure is over, it will be necessary to keep up the same state of efficiency. We expect shortly to have the services of a Sergt. Instructor, which will be a great help in this respect. The following promotions have been announced this Term:—

Sergt. Collier W. B. to C.S.M. Corpl. Sinclair .. Sergeant. Corpl. Wall L.-Corpl. Wells W. Corporal. L.-Corpl. Day Cadet Adams Lance-Corporal. Cadet Chinery (Band). Cadet Moore Cadet Bomford Cadet Jennings F. G. Cadet Ranford R. J. Cadet Freer

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a preliminary meeting of the Society, on Saturday, February 1st, the following elections were made: Mr. D. G. E. Hall (Chairman), G. Edwards (Secretary), and Attwell C. G. (Librarian). A vote of thanks was passed to the late Chairman, Mr. A. E. Orange.

On February 15th a parliamentary debate was held in the Old To the uninitiated, it would seem rather to have been a wrangle between the Leader of the Irish Nationalist Party (Attwell C. G.) and the Chief Secretary for Ireland (Edwards G.). The latter introduced a Bill to repeal the Home Rule Act, and by dint of lavish promises on behalf of the Government succeeded in obtaining a majority. When the Opposition became overwhelmingly obstreperous, the Prime Minister (Ranford R. J.) came to the support of his subordinate. Not the least interesting feature of the debate was the refusal of both sides to accept historical facts offered by the other. A very amusing incident occurred when the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food moved his position to occupy the seat of the Minister of the Interior. The assembly was nothing if not up-to-date; in fact, it looked rather to the future, for two lady members were present. Neither of them, however, offered their opinion upon this debateable subject. The other speeches by Phillips C. H. D. and Johnson A. R. were remarkable for their brevity rather than for their fluency. Ranford R. J. was most eloquent in denouncing the sniping tactics of the Opposition. and Hackett B. C. nobly sustained the role of Serjeant-at-Arms. On the division, the voting was-for the motion 28, against the motion 12.

At the second meeting of the Society, on March 1st, Mr. Robertshaw proposed "That under no circumstances is a lie justifiable." In a well thought-out speech he traced the evolution of the discrepancy between the standards of morality and those of convention. It must be admitted that his logic was irrefutable; but, however, the anecdotes and breezy methods of his opponent, Mr. Williams, beguiled and ensuared the sympathies of the House. From beginning to end of his speech the Hon. Opposer held the House in a state of semi-hysteria. Miss Charlwood, after having been "moved to tears" by the previous speaker, almost succeeded in reversing the feelings of the House by a speech inimitable in style and sentiment. If we may be allowed to indulge in a little criticism, we may observe that had her speech been a less excellent composition, Miss Charlwood might have had a greater influence on the "uncultured mob" which formed the body of the House. As it was, another flow of anecdotes, this time from Mr. Walton, restored the falling fortunes of the Opposition. We sincerely hope that none who were present will attempt to emulate the terrible pun which he inflicted upon us. In the general discussion Wells S. delivered his maiden effort. We hasten to congratulate him and we hope that he soon will be one of our "star" speakers. Moore L. G. P. brought up the interesting example of keeping the truth from a dying person, and, in fact, the whole of the general discussion turned upon this point. Needless to say, Attwell C. G. and Edwards G. got themselves involved in a somewhat metaphysical discussion and were soon far above anybody else's head and also out of their own depth. (N.B.-This is not so mixed as were some of the metaphors used in the debate). On the division—for the motion 16, against 28.

Up to the time of writing less than half the Society's programme has been carried out, and an Open Debate, a Mock Trial and the Annual Concert are to provide a lively ending to the Session.

RES ROGANDAE.

Which of the two expressions "Himmel!" and "Per deos immortales" is most used and whether English would not do just as well?

If a certain member of the VI.th does not attach too much importance to the apparent significance of the adage "Better late than never."

If the amount of preparation done is in the inverse ratio to the number of books taken from school.

Does a certain disciple of simplified spelling think that "fozzness" is just as good as "phosphorus?"

What's wrong with the Jazz?

The reason why the Open Debate was postponed.

The latest method of finding "the dew point."

If there is any truth in the rumours that a Picture Gallery has been started in School House.

Are 60 verses a new remedy for insomnia?

Is the "blase youth" still indifferent to poetry?

If the published results of the 1st XI. Hockey Competition do not prove that 2+2 does not equal 4.

Who is the person who has adopted the motto "Swizz or be swizzed?"

Is there any truth in the rumour that the following book will shortly appear: "How to equip a Physics Lab. on 6d."

THE NEW LEARNING.

The hyperbola is a thing found in cheese.

England was a great woolscenter in the 15th century.

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men

Gang 'aft agley."-John Burns.

- "Matilda escaped from Oxford by clothing herself in white and ran across the Ice to Normandy."
- "When Pitt heard about our fleet's great victory at Trafalgar the shock was too much for him, so he passed away."
 - " Partial differentiation is full of mystery like a sausage."
 Agriculture propheted in the Industrial Revolution."
 - "Mary Queen of Scots married the Dolphin who died soon after."
- "The result of the battle of St. Vincent was that Jervis was created Lord St. Vincent."
- "Mary clung to Darnley and Rizzio reading his feet fell on his knees."
 - "The British drove charrots."

Apparently Simplified Spelling was not unknown to the Romans, since "Julius Cæsar" is written thus:—

- " Julier Seaser."
- " Julius Cæser."
- " Julius Ceaccer."
- " Julicer Cæser."
- "Drapeau rouge "=red overcoat.
- "Et tener filius in cunis aeger erat" = and the tender son was sick in a basin.
 - "Arma virumque cano "=The armed man and the dog.

A "Cunarder" is a thing like a bowl, it has holes to squeeze water out of vegetables.

N.B. = Norton Barracks.

Les vaches tendaient leurs muffles -

The cows made their muffled bellows.

The cows guided their calves.

"Clive was no villain": This is an example of Litotes or undulation.

HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

The difficulty of finding a suitable beginning for a House Letter is again before us. To save trouble we will "cut the cackle and come to the 'osses." Although it seemed that the weather was going to make the Hockey Competitions impossible, the requisite number of games was at last played, and we found ourselves again in possession of the Cup. In both rounds of the Challenge Shield Competition we had easy victories.

The necessity for remaining indoors has led to great activity in the way of draughts and card-games. The younger enthusiasts, however, betray a great excess of candour; for they seem to find it impossible to refrain from announcing to all and sundry what cards they hold. Perhaps we may attribute this to their unsophisticated natures; after all, such generous conduct is not often to be observed.

We herald a new departure, namely the taking in of the high-falutin journal "The New Statesman." Were it not for one ardent reader, it is doubtful whether or not the leaves would be cut.

Of still greater importance, however, is the formation of the Dancing Class. There have been many colds, headaches, &c., but the only epidemic which has strongly attacked us is the "Jazz" fever. No less than half the House may be seen on Thursday nights tying their legs in knots whilst struggling with the various intricacies of the Fox-Trot, &c. The only serious accident has been the "crashing" of a pilot and observer in the middle of a "Hesitation." The only fly in the ointment has been the introduction of early-morning prep. on Pridays, but this fly is so small as almost to appear a midge.

The abnormal photographic activity which overtook us last Term has died a natural death—for this relief much thanks. Still, we must "touch wood," for the Summer Term will soon be upon us.

Many combinations and permutations have been tried upon the regulators of the School and House clocks, but as yet we are unsuccessful in our attempts to synchronise them.

No House Letter is complete without a word of warning, therefore, we may be allowed to drop a gentle hint to those who persist in assaulting our ears with somniloquies. Their fate will be sure and sudden (for soap is still unrationed).

The majority of the N.C.O.'s in the O.T.C. still consist of members of School House. We congratulate the following on their promotions: C.S.M. Collier W. B., Corpl. Wells W., Luc.-Corpls. Moore L. G. P., Freer G., Adams L. J., and Jennings F. G.

It is with great regret that we chronicle the departure of K. H. Perkins, who was Head Boy during the past two years. Other boys who left last Term are: Parker J. A. M., Simson E. C., Davis W. H. V.

We welcome the following new boys: Morgan C. M., Hincks A. G., Hadrington G. D., Whittles P. B.

SCHOOL.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

We are told that "the best-laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley," and the plans Woolfe House made for distinguishing itself this Term have proved no exception to this. Woolfe has not been in the limelight, and although we had hopes of gaining the 1st XI. Cup for Hockey, they were not realised. Whether the glory of last Term has proved too much for the members of the 1st XI. the poor scribe cannot say; but the fact is that we seemed to be content with our achievements, and liable to let things slide.

Woolfe furnished four members for the 1st XXII.—Sinclair, Wyatt, Ranford and Coney—and this naturally weakened the 1st House XI. They only succeeded in winning two matches—a poor performance as the team was weighty. Lack of keenness and combination brought this about. Slater, Davies and Smith C. G., however, played extremely well throughout and well deserved their colours.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we played Temple, and after a scrappy game beat them I—nil. Thus we qualified to play School House in the final. We did, and the game ended in a "glorious victory"—for School House, 8—o. We were outplayed from the start, but we gave a good account of ourselves and put up a good fight. Wyatt, Davies A. and Smith C. G. were conspicuous for plucky play, but there was no support from the rest of the team and individual play was of no use.

Woolfe is fairly well represented in the Fives Competitions; junior members of the House should enter in greater numbers, however, as Fives provides splendid exercise. We hope to see a large entry for Boxing and the Cross-Country Races. As regards the O.T.C. and things military Woolfe holds its own, about thirty members being in the Corps.

Congratulations to Ranford R. J. on gaining a Scholarship of £80 for four years at Christ Church, Oxon. This is the second time he has distinguished himself, as he was awarded an Exhibition of £50 for four years in Mathematics at Jesus College at the beginning of the Term.

The scribe's task of giving to the outer world some idea of the doings of Woolfe is completed; there are no more subjects to write about so he sinks into that oblivion—

"Where the Rudyards cease their Kipling And the Haggards ride no more."

WOOLFE.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

It would appear that last Term's exhortation has had its effect. Temple House is this Term "cock day-boy house" again, and it is up to every member of the House to see that it keeps this position. Our Hockey XI. is the runner-up of the School House team, having lost one match and drawn one. This result is mainly due to our House Master's encouragement, and the efforts of Johnson A. R., Captain. Several members of the XI. had not played Hockey before, but they soon became sufficiently capable to do their job. Taylor P. R. has proved himself an efficient goal-keeper, and well deserves the House colours which he, with Johnson A. R. and Braithwaite, has been awarded. Braithwaite has put in some very good work at left-half; when he was wanted he was there, and has fed his wing consistently well. In Weedon at right-half, although the youngest member of the team, we have a promising player.

The Challenge Shield was where we failed this Term. It came before the members of the House XI. who were in it had reached their best form, and is perhaps accounted for in that way. At any rate we lost I—o to Woolfe in the 1st round, when we ought to have beaten them.

We have 72 members in the House and most of them players. With only one XI. we have never been short of capable reserves, and we have four members in the XXII.

In the Corps we are well represented, and we congratulate Chinery on his promotion to Lnc.-Corpl. (Band). In the Cross-country, to be run on March 29th, we anticipate making a good start towards the Sports' Cup, although we are without Dovey E. T. this Term. The Fives Competition is not going quite as we would like it; two Templeites playing each other in the Senior, and two in the Junior as well. Still there are a fair number of competitors from Temple House, so that we stand a good chance for the Sports' Cup next Term.

TEMPLE.

WYLDE HOUSE.

This Term we welcome Mr. Hall, super-editor of the School Magazine, as our Vice-President. Mr. Hall told us, when Mr. Walton introduced him at the House Meeting at the beginning of Term, that he had just left the Army; the Army had beaten the Germans; and he wanted to see us beat the other Houses. We have not, however, quite attained the giddy heights of glory he wished us to, owing perhaps to our use of hockey sticks to beat the air and help mess Flagge Meadow up rather than as implements with which to propel the ball. Many of our youthful members would also be more at home on the Golf course than the Hockey field. On the whole the team played very well, better than many outsiders expected, ending up fourth out of six in the competition, and winning two games out of five. We also welcome this Term Ellebout G. H., and it is with the deepest regret we have to record the departure of Bell B., who was a great help to our 1st Football and Hockey XI.'s. We are very pleased to see so many entries for the Fives and Boxing, and we hope that there will be at least two members of the House in the four Fives and Boxing semi-We congratulate those members of the House who have so far successfully defeated their opponents in the Fives Competition and wish them luck in their coming encounters with the foe. We hope to see a very large percentage of our fraternity entering for the Cross-Country Races, which will shortly be run, and we expect to see at least two obtain places among the first six in the Senior and three in the Junior. We are fairly well represented in the O.T.C., but we wish to see all our eligible members in uniform on the first dress parade of the Term; never let it be said that there are conscientious objectors in Wylde House. We congratulate T. J. Wall on his three stripes, and also Luc.-Cpl. Bomford on his promotion to the "Staff." We humbly apologise for not heartily congratulating T. J. Wall last Term on hearing of his College Exhibition at Christ Church, Oxford, last Term, and we hasten to do so now. We congratulate Hall, Martin, Crickmer, Bell and Hutchinson on obtaining their House colours.

WYLDE,

TUDOR HOUSE.

The difficulty of writing a House Letter lies chiefly in the composition of a suitable opening. After a Term of unprecedented success it is an easy matter to compose a soul-inspiring panegyric; but when there are no successes to chronicle there exists the painful necessity of either glossing over our imperfections or else indulging in a somewhat morbid meditation on what might have been; and whatever attractions the might-have-been possesses as a sentimental romance it is found inadequate both for a chronicle and for the successful attainment of our ever changing ambitions.

To Tudor, unfortunately, this Term the same old dilemma presents itself in a peculiarly malignant form. We might have won the Challenge Shield; but School House beat us 8—1 (Cooke C. scoring our only goal). We console ourselves here with the memory of a strenuous game in which our opponents did not quite have a walk-over; and the echo of the clamour raised by our supporters on that memorable occasion lingers yet in our ears.

Again, we might have led at least the day-boy houses in the 1st XI. league. Unfortunately, the chosen representatives of Tudor House were so bashful, that it was rarely, if ever, that the full 1st XI. team appeared on the ground to play. We were last but one in the Competition this year: we won the Cup last year!

But enough of this morbid speculation! Let us turn from the melancholy visions of what might have been to contemplate the past activities of individuals and our prospects for the future. We had four members of the House in the XXII.—Day, Maund, Smaldon, and Attwell. Of the 1st XI., Kings R. and Mumford have been awarded their colours; Tilley L. A., Palmer T., Roberts A. A., and Wheal G. played well when they appeared.

The loss of our former House Captain, Wheal C. W. W., has been felt throughout the various spheres of School life in which he had to play a part. The departure of Mr. Abbott, our Vice-President, has also deprived us of an enthusiastic supporter.

The House is well represented in the O.T.C.; but Corpl. Day C. J., whom we must congratulate on his recent promotion, is our only N.C.O.

In the Debating Society Tudor has also a fair share of representatives; but here again there is a tendency to an undue bashfulness, which should be foreign to the adherents of the Rose. Kings R. is to be congratulated on his maiden effort in the debate on the gentle art of lying and we look to Tudor House to maintain its reputation as a home for aspiring speakers and politicians. At present our minds are chiefly engaged by the Fives Competitions, and the prospects for Boxing and the Cross-Country Races. Tudor House usually shines in these competitions; hope is not lacking that it will not belie its reputation.

TUDOR.

BASKERVILLE HOUSE.

Although still handicapped by numbers we were able to put an XI. into the field to compete for the House Hockey Cup. Thanks to the valuable services of Mackay R. M., Harries L. E., Doody and Pullen D. J., we were able to secure one victory. On the whole our small team is to be congratulated.

We were absolutely unable to compete for the Challenge Shield because of the smallness of our team and sickness. But we are looking forward to Cricket next Term to try our luck.

We are very well represented in the coming competitions, Fives and Boxing, at the end of the Term by eight members. Great keenness is shown by all of them.

We give a hearty welcome to Southey P. C. and Morris G., whose coming brought our numbers up to 19, since we had no losses at the end of last Term.

Although we have not achieved much at games this Term, we were well represented on the prize list by five members as a result of last year's work.

A House Library was started this Term with great success, and we have now over sixty books, which is a very good result for one Term in a small House.

BASKERVILLE.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring Term ends			 Sat., April 5th.
Summer Term begins			 Wed., May 7th.
New Boys			 Tues., May 6th.
London Matriculation		begins	 Tues., June 16th.
Oxford Local Exam.	begins		 Wed., July 16th.
Oxford Local Exam.	ends		 Sat., July 26th.
O.T.C. go to Camp			 Tues., July 29th.
Summer Term ends			 Wed., July 30th.

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

WINTER TERM, 1918.

RECEIPTS.				
	£	s.	d.	
Balance from Summer				
Term	86	12	0	
Subscriptions	61	5	6	
Sale of Football Shirts	7	4	3	

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Football Shirts .	٠.	32	18	6
Sundries :		O	8	3
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Examined and found correct, R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL, Treasurer.

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OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS. BALANCE SHEET, 1918.

CREDIT.	£	s.	d.
Jan., 1918—Balance at			
Bank	115	\mathbf{I} O	O
Spring Term, Subscrip-			
tions	28	9	6
Summer Term, ditto	20	5	O
Winter Term, ditto	51	3	6
Govt. Grant for 1919	37	o	O

DEBIT.	£	s.	d.
Repayment of Loan to			
Governors of School	50	O	O
Whittall (Range)	I	16	1
Aldershot Stores (Range	•		
Accessories)	6	12	3
Hazel & Co. (Uniforms			
and Equipment)	41	5	8
Bandmaster Mackie	21	7	4
S. James (Armoury)	II	O	0
Smith & Sons (Books			
and Stationery)	5	7	6
Graham & Latham			
(Range)	1	16	О
Hy. Potter (Cymbals)	Ι	11	6
C. G. Smithcott (Uni-			
forms)	15	13	0
S. J. Branch	I	3	6
Cornforth & Cale			
(Straw & Sacks)	1	7	0
Petty Cash, &c	6	9	8
Balance at Bank	90	18	6

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