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EDITORIAL.

Borrowing from the Magazines of previous Terms is an expedient sanctified by usage, if by naught else. We confess that we endeavoured to put this method into practice, but, to our dismay, found that Editorials only date back to last Spring, and we dare hardly use so recent a source. There is another expedient which applies more particularly to Editorials—the making of an appeal. It must not be thought that our appeal is merely a space-filling device ; for, in this instance, it is founded on very definite grounds.

We bemoan the dearth of original matter, and we desire to impress upon the Upper School the fact that, although "The Worcesterian" is primarily a record of the activities of the School, it is not exclusively such. A bare record of performances is interesting to all connected with the School, but we desire to extend interest in the 'Mag.' by the inclusion of original matter. We understand that the gentlemen who collectively bear the title of "Mod. Studies, I. and II." spend a considerable portion of their time in the company of classic authors, and it is reasonable to suppose that their studies give them a greater facility in literary composition. We hope to receive from them and others a large quantity of original matter for next Term's issue. We ask them to follow up the activity they are at present showing as regards the Drama, with an outburst of literary production, and though it is the prerogative of Editors to suffer disappointment, we feel sure that our hopes will be realized.

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES.

There have been several changes in the staff this Term. Miss Alder has taken up an important post in a large Girls' School near London. Mr. Hall left us to take up a senior mastership at Bedales School, Petersfield. Mr. Walton has joined the staff of the King's School, while Mr. Strain for the time being is devoting himself to his own art work. To all of these we wish success in their work.

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The numbers in the School this Term again easily beat all previous records, and at the beginning of the Term there were many more candidates than it was possible to admit. The first half of the Term was freed from any possible monotony by a visit from His Majesty's Inspectors, who spent practically a week in the School. Their last visit was some years before the war.

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School Officers this Term are:—

Captain of Games	J. A. Sinclair.
Secretary	J. W. Marsh.

Games Committee.

The Headmaster.	S. Wells.
Mr. Carter.	C. J. Day.
Mr. Chessall.	F. J. Higgs.
Mr. Hill.	H. D. Hutchinson.

The Magazine Committee consists of the Headmaster. Mr. Carter, Mr. Chessall, Mr. Coxwell, C. J. Day, F. J. Higgs, H. D. Hutchinson, J. W. Marsh, J. A. Sinclair, S. Wells, with G. Edwards as Editor.

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C. G. Attwell, who has gone up to Christ Church, Oxford, this Term, played a very prominent part in School life and work. During his stay here of over seven years, he had risen

steadily to be Head Boy, and seldom is a better example seen of devotion to work and to every phase of School life. In games, in O.T.C., in debate, and in work for the Mag., he was untiring, and we wish him, with confidence, a distinguished career at Oxford and in the future.

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The following boys left last Term :—C. G. Attwell, J. C. Baldwyn, T. J. Wall, W. B. Collier, G. Freer, L. G. P. Moore, T. W. J. Walters, S. W. Collier, E. C. Coney, G. W. E. Halliley, F. W. Martin, L. R. Preece, R. A. Ranford, H. Robinson, G. G. Weston, G. Bourne, R. G. Crickmer, L. E. Harries, L. R. Jennings, R. E. Jones, A. A. Mumford, W. Perry, E. G. Bloxham, R. L. Carpenter, G. E. Chadd, C. E. Jones, D. R. Rothschild, F. L. Russell, G. T. Brooke, W. J. Lebon, A. A. Roberts, R. E. Roberts, D. L. Richmond, C. Stableford, G. Inett, G. E. W. Weedon, M. B. Jenkins, F. A. Love.

The following are new boys this Term :—J. P. Gainsford, B. E. Brown, F. J. R. Carver, L. J. Hackett, R. C. Pickard, J. O. Johnson, G. A. Plewman, B. H. White, J. Baker, R. S. Collins, F. H. Garlick, H. J. Hickling, V. A. Hill, W. C. Johnson, R. M. Knott, T. H. Lewis, T. O. Mound, M. A. Pearce, H. L. Sinclair, L. H. Tombs, W. J. Barnes, S. E. Berry, C. A. Briggs, P. R. Burbidge, J. J. W. Eckley, H. B. Martin, W. E. Turley, R. I. J. Bennett, C. T. Franklin, O. A. Hand, J. V. Harding, G. A. Knight, S. W. Lucas, T. R. Mackie, A. W. L. Mason, N. C. Taylor, F. R. Webb, J. G. Austin, J. K. B. Ball, C. J. Cooper, O. W. Griffiths, G. E. Mather, W. G. Neat, R. F. Pleaden, J. R. Pointer, W. J. Stinchcombe, D. G. Thomas, J. I. Thomas, W. R. Washington, C. M. Evans, A. S. H. Hamilton, R. C. H. Hamilton, J. G. B. Hills, C. D. Jones, W. S. Procter, P. W. Seton, W. R. Spencer, P. J. R. Thomas, H. V. White, R. S. Biddle, T. B. Downes, H. H. Goodman, F. P. Hillard, R. W. Rea, E. Whitehouse, R. E. H. Williams.

NEW MASTERS.

We extend a welcome to the new members of the Staff this Term.

Mr. Alban James, M.A., is already well known to many of the boys. He was Headmaster of Hanley Castle Grammar School for many years, from which post he retired a few years ago. Owing to shortage of Masters, he took up work again during the war, first at Leicester, and now here.

Mr. Hill, B.A., of St. John's College, Oxford, has joined the Staff to take charge of the classical work, after some years on the staff of the Wyggeston School, Leicester. He has had considerable experience of University and College football, and though not now able to play with characteristic Inter-Collegiate Cup-tie vigour, has taken an effective part in several club matches, and of course the thanks of the Games' Club are due to him for his careful and patient coaching of the Twenty-two.

Mr. Meere comes to us from Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, to take over the Art teaching. He went through the 1914 campaign with the Queen's Westminsters, earning the Mons Star, but owing to ill-health, was discharged from the Army in 1916.

Mr. Telfer had a long and varied field service with the London Scottish. His experiences include the Vimy Ridge attack, a special mission against Greek Royalists in Salonika, the big three days' attack on Hill 1070 in Macedonia, a long campaign in Palestine, and a return to France to take part in the battles around Kemmel and Messines last year. In pre-war days he was second Master at Kidderminster G.S.

Mr. Coxwell, a Rhodes Scholar of Lincoln College, Oxford, obtained a commission in the Worcestershires in 1915. He served at home on the 10th T.R. Brigade Staff as Brigade Bombing and P.T. Officer, while his field service was in France with the 10th and 1st Battalions, during which he was twice wounded. He won the Military Cross for work done in the final advance of last year.

Mr. Wakinshaw, B.A., of Exeter College, Oxford, Diploma in Education, Oxford, was demobilized just before Term. After rejection in 1914, he spent a year at Vickers, and being accepted for the R.A.O.C. he spent two years in that corps in France, ending up with eight months on the Rhine.

PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE.

We are asked to publish the following notice :—

It is intended to publish about once a year an anthology of the best serious verse written at Public Schools, the frequency of publication depending on the amount and quality of what is sent us.

We, the prospective Editors, cordially invite contributions of serious verse, original or translated, of all kinds : everyone who has not yet left school is eligible, and we hope to hear from younger as well as older contributors.

Mr. John Masfield will write a preface to the first volume. Arrangements have been made with a first class London Publisher to produce the anthology, provided that the material is good enough : if it is not, we shall not publish at all ; but we have every reason to expect that we shall not be disappointed.

It is not necessary that contributions should be typewritten ; but they should be written clearly and sent in as soon as possible, so as to lighten the Editor's task. If intended for the first volume they must be sent in before January 7th, 1920, and addressed to—

The Editors of " PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE,"
c/o Holywell Press, Oxford.

No payment will be made for contributions, and unaccepted manuscripts cannot be returned unless a stamped addressed envelope be enclosed.

THE FIRST TRANS-EUROPE CIVILIAN FLIGHT.

We are privileged to publish below some extracts from letters written by Capt. W. H. N. Shakespeare, M.C. Short references to his trip and to the flights of H.M. the King of Greece have appeared recently in the flying papers, but here

we have "the real thing," though some later and interesting details have had to be omitted. Capt. Shakespeare, as many of our readers know, has done a good deal of international flying this year for the Hanley-Page firm. In October he left England for Greece in charge of a 1,400 h.p. Hanley-Page-Royce machine.

ATHENS, October 30th, 1919.

I am pleased to say I landed here successfully yesterday at 1.15 p.m., having accomplished the first Trans-Europe civilian flight. Now that I have arrived I will tell you a few details about the journey, which naturally has been much longer than was expected. There is however plenty of excuse for that, as in parts we have not had the best of luck in places.

As I wrote on my p.c. I reached Paris all right and on the Sunday I intended starting for Lyons about 10 a.m. Paris and the surrounding country however was shrouded in fog which only partially lifted at 10.30 a.m. Then the engines took a very long time to start, and it was not until 1.45 p.m. I got going; this would have given me just time to get to Lyons by dark, 5.30-5.45 p.m., but unfortunately I struck a head wind on the way down and found myself 60 miles north of Lyons when night was falling. I had to make a forced landing in very bad country at Charolles. Here the wind and the inclined field on which I landed caused the machine to run back and bend two struts of the tail skid chassis. This would have been all right, but some French labourers I got to lift the tail round dropped it and completely smashed the chassis. I had to wire to Paris for another, which thus kept me at Charolles three days, most of which it rained. I eventually got on to Lyons, where I spent the night, and next morning I took off for St. Raphael, near Nice. This time I had a nice wind with me and I got there at 2.10 p.m. Filling up with petrol and looking over the engines took two days, which I spent in this delightful Riviera town under ideal conditions and weather. I next tried to make up for lost time and got on to Pisa, where I took on some more petrol and made for Rome same day, safely reaching there after a total of 6½ hours flying for the day. This was Sunday and I spent the night in Rome, which from the little I saw of it looks a fine city.

Next day I set off for Taranto and was making fairly good time—2 hours—when, as I was in the mountainous district crossing the chain of mountains which run right down Italy, the petrol system went dud. I had to make a forced landing in extremely bad country—not a flat field for miles. I got down on what I thought was a flat stubble field only to find that it was the side of a hill. True it was a stubble field, but it was strewn with boulders and had furrows 10 by 9 inches only 2 feet apart. Luckily the undercarriage was intact, but I could not

move the machine. About 500 yards away was a more suitable field for taking off, so I had to get a pair of oxen and a plough to plough four furrows for the wheels across this stubble field—digging them out ourselves by spades and hoes—as a result of which I have blisters to show now. The second day I managed to get it over on to the better part, but as soon as I did it poured with rain, thus delaying another day in the hillside town of Benevento. Next day I just managed to get the machine off in the space I had and proceeded through the mountains spending long periods in the clouds, expecting at any time to run into the side of a hill. However, having more or less lost myself in the clouds I struck out East for the sea, which I hit at Bari. From thence to Taranto all went well and I reached there about 1.30 pm. Having a 450 miles journey practically all over sea in front of me to Athens without a possible place to land en route I decided that the engines should have a thorough overhaul and this occupied three days, which I spent very pleasantly in Taranto and at the large Base Camp there.

On Sunday I started off at 7.30 on what I expected would be an 8 or 9 hour flight to Athens, but could not get the machine to climb, crossing the Italian coast for the 80 miles run over the Adriatic at about 800 feet. The air was thin and the engines were not going well; the weather became worse and with a dead head wind I made bad time to Corfu. At this rate I should have been 100 miles out of Athens when dark fell, so I decided to turn north and make up the coast for an aerodrome I had heard of at Valona in Albania. After much buffeting I reached there, but could not find an aerodrome. The place for miles round looked impossible, but after circling round for about half an hour I saw a strip of green with a white circle under the cliffs which ran down into the sea. I put her down here on what was an Italian Scout aerodrome not more than 100 yards wide but long enough for me to get into. The Italians told me that I had made a mistake—that the aerodrome I wanted was 10 miles up the bay in the hills. As there was some doubt as to whether I could safely get the Handley off I dropped the assistant pilot and mechanics and took off. Just after I got off a thunderstorm burst on the hills and I had a job to make the other aerodrome. However I got down, blinded by rain and hail; I then followed the heaviest rain I have ever seen. I sheltered in the machine but was drenched, and in a few moments the aerodrome was 4 to 5 inches deep in water. In 20 minutes it cleared, and some time after the remainder turned up in a car much surprised to find me safe, as it had been so bad that their driver had stopped, it being impossible for him to come on. Here I found an R.A.F. machine which had been hung up for 15 days and Poulet the Frenchman, who is flying to Australia and who had been similarly placed for 8 days. I spent two days and a half here and started for Athens at 8.30 a.m. yesterday morning. Everything went very well until I crossed the Gulf of Patras, where I ran with one of the thickest thunderstorms I have been up in. By circling over Patras

for 20 minutes I allowed it to move some way up the Gulf of Corinth, but I soon picked it up again, and spent another 10 minutes circling round waiting for it to move on. I caught it up again and then headed through it, seeing very little but the white topped waves below me. By the time I reached Corinth I had passed through and I started on the last 50 miles lap to Athens. Just over Piræus I ran into another with much lightning, my goggles becoming flooded and myself being rather drenched. I withdrew from it and circled over Piræus, waiting for it to clear on so that I might continue behind it. I was soon over the one and only Athens, and soon after I landed much to the relief and thankfulness of myself and all others on board, and also many who waited us on the ground, for it appears that for some days—those in Valona—we had been given up as lost. Thus ended what has been the longest and most successful flight undertaken by the Hanley-Page Transport Co. The people at the Exhibition welcomed me warmly when I drove the 12 miles into Athens. This is a purely Industrial Exhibition organised by the Federation of British Industries, and mine is the first civilian machine in Greece.

Perhaps you would like a few words about the places I stayed at en route. Lyons is a very nice place and we had a great tea of cream—literally in buckets—and cakes. Charolles gave us excellent French cooking and I can desire nothing much better. It was only a place the size of Droitwich, but they did us well.

St. Raphael is an R.A.F. detachment of two officers and 12 men; but the district is wonderful. The colour of the sea in the French Mediterranean is not exaggerated—it is the most wonderful blue you could imagine. The air was warm and altogether it was an excellent place. The flight from here to Pisa was wonderful, over the sea all the way, passing Cannes, Nice and Monte Carlo, and crossing the Gulf of Genoa. As we only picked up petrol at Pisa I cannot tell you much about it, except that I saw of course the Cathedral and the Leaning Tower, which is not so big as I thought it would be. The sight of the snow-covered Alps from Lyons to Genoa was marvellous, especially with the sun shining on them. The Italian mountains as they towered above us looked magnificent. The Coliseum at Rome was also a great sight from the air. Let me tell you here and now Italy is not the sunny place it is made out to be. As I never did like macaroni and don't now, I necessarily had quite a thin time as far as food was concerned. I cannot enjoy macaroni, firstly because I don't like it served up in any of the thousand ways they had, and secondly, because I should never become artist good enough to twirl the yards of it deftly round my fork to make anything like a show in any company. The only redeeming feature are the grapes. These we obtained in fine quality at Benevento. Grapes just like those excellent ones you grew I bought at 5*d.* for 2 *lbs.* How does that suit you? Needless to say I almost lived on grapes.

At Taranto in the Officers' Mess there, where they made us very welcome and gave us a great time, I drank my first tea for over a fortnight, and would willingly have paid 5/- per cup for it. While at Taranto they got me to turn out in a football match, "B" Mess v. Transit Officers' Mess. The "boy" managed to find his feet and scored four of the best, but unfortunately I strained myself. What with that and the consequent stiffness I am feeling pretty sore still. You will wonder perhaps why you have not received a p.c. since I wrote at Taranto, but all I have to say is "Valona!" It is the last word in wild lonely desolation. Valona is an Albanian town 10 miles from the so-called aerodrome. No hotel, no restaurant—in fact "no nothing." We lived in a hut perched on the side of a hill with mountains towering above, winds blew and rain fell such as you rarely if ever have experienced. Two meals a day, 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., and little at that. To add to the picture jackals howl during the night and mosquitos buzz and bite day and night. In a few words, Valona is a dirty Albanian town—very dirty and very Albanian. The wolves so far have not been scratching on the hut doors as we were told they did last year; but no one knows how soon they may do. Needless to say we were very pleased to find Valona well behind over our shoulders.

W. will probably recall the Base Camp at Taranto. From what I saw of it it is an excellent spot; they were bathing up to the time I came away.

With regard to Athens, I have not seen enough to say much yet, but it seems a very delightful city of beautiful architecture, suffering (or blessed with) a big British invasion in the Industrial world; no British soldiers. It is however dearer than London, Paris or Brussels—I can say no more!

As I have a big day ahead to-morrow I must close now. I hope to give you a little more news in my next very soon.

EXPOSITION, FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES,

ATHENS, November 4th, 1919.

As I told you in my last letter I was expecting a big day on the morrow; it was however not quite what I expected, but it was still "some."

It was expected that H.M. The King of Greece would come out on the Friday to inspect the machine, but owing to a misunderstanding this did not come off.

A large party of the Greek press had been invited out and duly appeared. We entertained them all to lunch and showed them over the machine—I having quite a heavy time as they only spoke French. Afterwards I took them up in two flights over Athens and you should have seen their faces when we came down. Everyone was very delighted—as was reflected in the press notices we got next day.

I might say that the aerodrome is 12 miles out of Athens, which makes it very difficult. However I live in Athens and have a car to take me out and in.

Next day was the big day, for H.M. The King came along. I was presented and he wanted to look over the machine in which he showed great interest. I might tell you he is an expert motor driver, and is certainly of a mechanical turn of mind. I explained everything to him in full detail and eventually got him to come up for a flight. This I might say is against certain rules of his constitution, but he did not mind.

His military aide-de-camp argued a great length with him to prevent him coming up and at one time it looked as though he would. By a little personal persuasion (this is not swank—it's true) I managed to get him in the machine next to me and away we went. I took him down over Athens and he was talking to me the whole time and appeared quite pleased with the flight. I was told afterwards that his military aide-de-camp had the wind up, pacing up and down the aerodrome all the time we were away. We landed safely and his naval aide-de-camp, whom I put in front, was extremely pleased with his first flip. The King is showing great interest in this Exhibition, which is entirely British. He was in the Exhibition twice to-day, and we hope to see him at a private film show to-morrow.

Athens is not such a big city, but looks very nice—every house being pure white. The air is very clear here and mid-day it is quite hot. Towards 10 p.m. it gets a bit chilly, but no more than an ordinary English summer night. It seems to be rather relaxing here; perhaps it is the change of climate. The cooking is quite good, but the cost of living is very high. There are few entertainments and the picture shows, of which there are quite a lot, are dud, as they only show a gazette and one drama and do not allow smoking!

The grapes here have more flavour than any I know. Still they don't have much of a breakfast, which is what all the English people miss. There is naturally a large number of English people here at the moment; but there is also a big British colony.

Although nominally I am doing passenger flights, we hope to sell machines to the Greek Government, the departments of which are chiefly in the hands of English men, and to fix up an aerial route for passengers and mails. Consequently my assistant pilot is doing much of the passenger flying, while I am down in the city. We charge £5 a flight of 25 minutes. There is plenty of money here as witness the rate of exchange, which is against us as compared with pre-war days.

It is not intended to fly this machine back, but to sell it over here. I hope therefore to come back overland, but exactly when I cannot say. The Exhibition has been extended until November 24th, which means that we shall not get to England much before Xmas.

To-morrow I am going to see the films which were taken of us at the aerodrome, and also those taken when the King opened the Exhibition.

Most of the exhibitors are doing good business here ; there is a great demand for British goods.

CRICKET.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. CATHEDRAL GUILD C.C.—On Saturday, July 12th, we were beaten by 11 runs in a close and exciting finish. After a bad start our opponents recovered as a result of some bright batting by Rushton and Green. The attack was shared by Halliley and Williams, who bowled well. The fielding was keen throughout. After losing 3 wickets cheaply, Williams joined Marsh and added 30 runs by steady cricket. But the later batsmen did little against Watkin's bowling, and we failed to reach the visitors' moderate score.

Score :—

CATHEDRAL GUILD.		W.R.G.S.	
H. T. Gough run out.....	7	J. W. Marsh b Watkins	20
J. Burton b Halliley.....	4	S. Wells b Rushton	8
W. T. Watkin b Williams.....	4	Mr. Chessall b Watkins	5
L. Rushton b Williams.....	25	J. A. Sinclair b Rushton	0
R. Brown c Williams b Halliley	7	Williams lbw Green	14
A. E. Dyer run out	15	B. C. Hackett b Watkins.....	2
W. H. Green not out	19	L. G. P. Moore b Watkins ...	2
W. T. Saunders c Day b Williams	0	G. W. E. Halliley run o.t.....	2
C. M. Hall run out.....	0	C. J. Day b Watkins.....	13
P. Whitcombe b Halliley.....	0	J. B. Collier lbw Watkins.....	8
C. Warman b Halliley	6	D. R. Rothschild not out.....	1
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	91	Total	80

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. HANBURY C.C.—This return match on July 16th ended in a victory for us after a most exciting struggle. The visitors batted first and fared badly against the bowling of Williams, who took 7 wickets for 46 runs. Our batting collapsed miserably ; no one seemed to be able to play the slow bowling of Craze. When 9 wickets were down for 45 Rothschild joined Mr. Chessall, and with great courage and determination managed to keep his end up while the score slowly crept up. At last, amidst great excitement, the winning hit was made a few minutes before time. Mr. Chessall's score included eight boundaries. Score :—

HANBURY C.C.			W.R.G.S.		
G. Bearcroft b Chessall.....	7		J. W. Marsh c Harvey E. b Baylis	6	
B. W. Sadler c Wells b Williams	13		S. Wells c Parker b Baylis ...	0	
H. Shepperd run out.....	1		Mr. Chessall not out	62	
Rev. R. Craze c Hackett b Williams	3		J. A. Sinclair b Craze	0	
G. E. Baylis b Williams	0		Williams c Shepperd b Craze	1	
E. Harvey st Hackett b Williams	13		L. G. P. Moore c Wilson b Craze	4	
T. Crump c Hackett b Halliley	14		G. W. E. Halliley b Craze.....	1	
P. Wilson c Sinclair b Williams	14		B. C. Hackett b Craze	0	
F. Gowers b Williams	1		J. B. Collier c Harvey b Craze	0	
S. A. Barwell (sub.) not out...	5		C. J. Day b Craze	1	
F. S. Parker (sub.) b Williams	2		D. R. Rothschild c Harvey b Shepperd	15	
Extras	21		Extras	18	
Total	94		Total	98	

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. WORCESTER REGIMENT.—On the last Monday of Term we played this return match and avenged our defeat earlier in the Term. The visitors batted first, but the bowling of Mr. Chessall and Williams proved too much for them, only two batsmen reaching double figures. We passed their total with 7 wickets down and eventually made 88. Halliley hit out vigorously and was top scorer. On going in again our opponents did much better; Capt. Sheppard and Charman made good scores. They declared at 120 for 6 wickets, but were unable to get us out again before the close. Score :

WORCESTER REGIMENT.			W.R.G.S.		
J. Charman c Wells b Williams	6		J. W. Marsh b Tyldesley	10	
H. A. Tyldesley b Chessall ...	16		S. Wells b Sheppard.....	4	
L. Walliker b Chessall	0		J. A. Sinclair c & b Sheppard	7	
G. T. Sheppard b Williams ...	0		Williams b Sheppard	6	
F. S. Walford b Williams.....	15		Mr. Chessall b Tyldesley	4	
M. R. Carpendale b Chessall...	9		L. G. P. Moore c Bailey b Sheppard	6	
E. C. Pepper b Chessall.....	3		G. W. Halliley c Andley b Sheppard	24	
E. C. R. Newcombe c Wells b Williams	0		J. B. Collier c Watford b Sheppard	8	
H. E. Annetts b Williams.....	2		C. J. Day b Charman J.	5	
W. H. Ardley b Chessall	3		G. Bourne not out.....	2	
W. Bailey not out.....	4		R. A. Ranford b Carpendale...	0	
Extras	7		Extras	12	
Total	65		Total	88	

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. OLD ELIZABETHANS.—For the first time since 1914 we played a representative Old Boys' team. We batted first, Marsh and Wells S. giving us a good start. Wells was top scorer and played a useful steady innings. Day and Bourne put on 40 runs for the last wicket by bright, attractive hitting. Knowles was their best bowler. Wells W., like his brother, was the most successful batsman for his side, his cutting being specially good. Perkins, Knowles and Woodhead also played useful innings, but the result was never in doubt, and we won easily by 51 runs. Score :—

W.R.G.S.		THE OLD ELIZABETHANS.	
J. W. Marsh b W. Wells	13	W. Wells c Williams b Halliley ..	28
S. Wells b Gibbs G. H.	29	G. N. Armstrong b Williams...	0
Mr. Chessall run out.....	5	K. H. Perkins b Williams.....	14
J. A. Sinclair b Knowles	15	G. W. Morrall b Williams.....	4
Williams b Gibbs	5	C. W. Knowles b Williams ...	15
L. G. P. Moore b Knowles.....	10	G. H. Gibbs b Williams	0
G. W. Halliley b Knowles.....	0	E. T. Dovey b Moore	0
B. C. Hackett run out	6	G. F. Stone c Collier b Halliley ..	6
J. B. Collier b Knowles.....	0	F. C. T. Woodhead c Collier b	
C. J. Day c Knowles b Perkins ..	25	Moore	14
G. Bourne not out.....	16	V. W. W. J. Turner not out...	0
Extras	16	H. A. M. Lewis b Moore	0
		Extras	8
Total	140	Total	89

2ND XI. MATCHES.

W.R.G.S. 2ND XI. v. HANLEY CASTLE G.S.—On July 23rd we won this match very easily on our ground. We batted first but made a poor show, losing 3 wickets for 18 runs. Later Kings and Smaldon put on 24 runs for the ninth wicket by bright hitting. The visitors offered very little opposition to our bowlers and were dismissed twice for very small scores. Watkins (6 wickets for 5), Higgs (4 wickets for 6), and Kings (7 wickets for 12), were our best bowlers. Scores :—

W.R.G.S. :—Parker F. S. b Chance, 0 ; Belman b Massey, 2 ; Watkins c & b Chance ; Maund b Massey, 10 ; Higgs b Massey, 8 ; Chinery b Massey 5 ; Franklin E. K. b Massey, 0 ; Smaldon c Drinkwater b Shinn, 12 ; Kings run out, 18 ; Morgan C. M. c & b Chance, 1 ; Johnson A. R. not out, 1 ; Extras, 4 ; Total, 69.

Hanley Castle G.S. :—12 and 16.

W.R.G.S. v. DOWNS SCHOOL.—The return matches were played on July 23rd. The under 13½ team beat the Downs School 1st XI., but very nearly lost the game on the 2nd innings. The visitors made 58 and we replied with 73. Taylor P. R. (32) batted very well and found

useful partners in Wells E. (15) and Steer (13). In the 2nd innings the Downs School declared at 40 for 6 wickets, leaving us 26 to win. We lost 7 wickets for 10 runs when time came to our assistance.

The Under 12½ team went to Colwall and were beaten after a closely-contested game by 9 runs. Our opponents went in first and made 52. Bennett (7 for 16) and Knight F. W. (5 for 13) bowled well for us. Our first 7 batsmen did very badly, but Buckney played well and made 21 runs; he received very little help from the others and we were all out for 43.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

Batting.

			No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Total.	Highest Score.	Aver- age.
Mr. Chessall	...	...	10	1	234	99	26
Williams	...	...	7	0	144	52	20.6
J. A. Sinclair	...	...	15	0	264	60	18
J. W. Marsh	...	...	15	0	202	58	13.4
S. Wells	...	...	15	0	145	29	9.6
B. C. Hackett	...	...	10	1	81	*35	9
G. W. E. Halliley	...	...	13	1	106	*33	8.8
S. A. Barwell	...	...	7	2	32	10	6.4
J. B. Collier	...	...	14	3	69	*20	6.3
C. J. Day	...	...	12	0	76	25	6.3
L. G. P. Moore	...	...	10	0	61	20	6.1
R. A. Ranford	...	...	8	0	28	18	3.5

Bowling.

			Overs.	Maid.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Williams	...	...	113	11	387	43	9.0
Mr. Chessall	...	...	98	10	352	28	12.6
G. W. E. Halliley	...	...	91	13	315	24	13.0
L. G. P. Moore	...	...	37	1	169	4	42.25

FOOTBALL.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. ST. MARTIN'S F.C.—Our first match was played on Flagge Meadow on October 11th and ended in our defeat after a closely fought game. Soon after the start Mr. Meere scored after a good run through. After this the visitors made several

attacks on our goal ; for a time we kept them out, but the defence after a game struggle broke down, and at half-time the score was 2—1 against us. In the second half the visitors kept up the pressure and scored from a corner. This was soon followed by a good piece of work among the inside forwards, which enabled Wells to score. For some time play took place in our half, but Sinclair and Day were in good form and prevented any addition to the score. Towards the end the wing forwards made several good runs, but the shooting was poor. Parker played well at half-back.

Team :—Chadwick ; Day, Sinclair ; Parker F. S., Mr. Coxwell, Hackett B. C. ; Evans J. R., Mr. Meere, Wells S., Collier J. B., Marsh J. W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. FOWNES F.C.—Played on Flagge Meadow on October 18th. After some even play in mid-field Marsh took the ball down the left wing and sent in a good centre from which Wells opened the score. The visitors now made desperate efforts to equalize, but Sinclair's defence was excellent, time after time his sound judgment and keen tackling saved our goal. On changing ends our opponents gradually wore down our defence and scored three times in 20 minutes. After this we threatened their goal but failed to shoot accurately. Towards the end the visitors scored again with a long shot. Chadwick played well in goal and made several good saves, but the opposing forwards were generally too quick for us.

Team :—Chadwick ; Mr. Watkinshaw, Sinclair J. A. ; Day, Mr. Coxwell, Hackett B. C. ; Evans J. R., Adams, Wells S., Collier J. B., Marsh J. W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. THE NONDESCRIPTS F.C.—This game proved very even on our ground on October 25th, and resulted in a draw of 3 goals each. At first play settled down in our half and the defence was heavily taxed, but Mr. Watkinshaw and Sinclair played well and kept their forwards at bay. After some even play in mid-field a good run by the visitors' centre forward resulted in a goal. Shortly after half-time Sinclair equalized with a well directed long shot from mid-field. A great struggle near our goal then ensued, but the defence proved equal to the task. A good combined rush by our forwards, followed by a good centre by Evans, enabled Wells to put us ahead. This was soon followed by an equalizer, an opposing forward heading into the net. We now made a great effort to get ahead and some good work on the left wing put us ahead once again. Just before time our opponents scored again.

Team :—Chadwick ; Mr. Watkinshaw, Sinclair J. A. ; Day, Mr. Coxwell, Hackett B. C. ; Evans J. R., Mr. Meere, Wells S., Collier J. B., Marsh J. W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. HEREFORD C.S. 1ST XI.—Played at Hereford on October 29th and resulted in our defeat by 4 goals to 1. For some time play was very even and neither goal was in danger. Later the Hereford forward attacked with vigour and scored from a melee in front of goal. After this our forwards combined well and several good runs were made, but the opposing backs were always good enough to prevent our scoring. On changing ends our opponents pressed and broke through twice. Our forwards seemed unable to work well together and never got the upperhand. Evans made one good run and scored our only goal. Towards the end the homeside added a fourth goal with a shot that gave Chadwick no chance. The ground was very heavy and rain fell most of the time.

Team :—Chadwick ; Day, Sinclair J. A. ; Parker F. S., Hackett B. C., Jennings ; Evans J. R., Adams, Wells S., Collier J. B., Marsh J. W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. STOURBRIDGE G.S. 1ST XI. This match was played on Flagge Meadow on November 8th and won by us after an interesting game by 5 goals to 2. They opened the score after five minutes' play, but after some even play in mid-field Hackett made a good run down the right wing and centred to Maund, who scored with a neat shot. The visitors soon attacked again and broke through our defence, with the result that they were leading at half-time by 2 goals to 1. Shortly after the interval Wells ran through and scored with a hard shot. Both sides struggled hard to gain the lead and our goal came in for a good deal of attention, but Chadwick, aided by the backs, saved very well. During the last quarter of an hour our forwards got the upperhand and Marsh put us ahead with an excellent shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Both wings were conspicuous for good work and Hackett added two more goals in quick succession. The team as a whole played very well ; the forwards, who were well fed by the halves, combined effectively.

Team :—Chadwick ; Day, Sinclair J. A. ; Evans J. R., Parker F. S., Jennings, Hackett B. C., Maund, Wells S., Collier J. B., Marsh J. W.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. WOLVERHAMPTON G.S. 1ST XI.—On Saturday, November 15th, we went away to play this match and found our opponents much too fast for us. The ground was very wet owing to recent snow and the ball was difficult to control. Marsh was unable to play and Collier took his place. Play was fairly even in the first half ; our opponents scored twice, but except for some good centres by Collier, our forwards showed weakness in front of goal. On changing ends we pressed at first and Hackett scored for us. But after this our heavier opponents got the upperhand and wore down our defence,

adding 4 more goals. Parker worked hard and was the best of our back division.

Team :—Chadwick ; Day, Sinclair J. A. ; Evans J. R., Parker F. S., Jennings ; Hackett B. C., Maund, Wells S., Hall J., Collier J. B.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. MR. R. A. MAUND'S XI.—This match was played on Flagge Meadow on November 22nd and ended in a victory for us by 6 goals to 5, after a very fast game. They opened the score in the first few minutes, but we soon equalized with a good shot by Maund. Several good runs were made by both sides and the defence on each side was heavily taxed. After they had taken the lead, Mr. Meere made a good run down the right wing and centred, Wells got possession and scored with a good shot. Our opponents then got two more goals in quick succession, but after this our forwards combined well and Mr. Hill scored with a powerful shot. Just before half-time Maund headed into the net from a corner and we drew level again. In the second half our defence gave way for a time and the visitors took the lead again, after Chadwick had made some good saves. We worked hard to avoid defeat and Wells nearly scored with a hard shot. During the last few minutes Mr. Coxwell and Mr. Hill put us ahead with good shots. Sinclair played very well at back.

Team :—Chadwick ; Day, Sinclair J. A. ; Parker F. S., Mr. Coxwell, Hackett B. C. ; Mr. Meere, Maund, Wells S., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. THE NONDESCRIPTS F.C.—On Flagge Meadow on December 3rd this closely contested game ended in a draw, each side scoring 5 times. After some fast play in mid-field, our forwards made a good run which resulted in Maund opening the score for us. This was soon followed by an equalizer for our opponents after some keen play near our goal. Our left wing made some good runs and from a centre by Marsh, Maund again scored. A determined attack was then made on our goal and our defence gave way, two more goals being scored against us. Just before the interval a good centre from the left wing enabled Maund, who was playing very well, to score again. On changing ends the visitors had most of the play for some time and our goal was heavily attacked. Day played well and Chadwick saved well, but our opponents scored twice. We worked hard, but the forwards did not combine well. However, after Mr. Hill, Collier and Maund had forced the ball down to their goal, Mr. Meere scored from a "scrum" in front of goal. During the last few minutes Mr. Hill succeeded in equalizing after a good run through.

Team :—Chadwick ; Day, Hackett ; Parker F. S., Mr. Coxwell, Wells S. ; Mr. Meere, Maund, Mr. Hill, Collier J. B., Marsh J. W.

2ND XI. MATCHES.

2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S.—Played at Hartlebury on October 22nd. The first half was very even. We opened the score after five minutes and after pressing hard a miskick by one of their backs gave us another goal. After this the homside made several good runs and passed our score before the interval. On changing ends our defence broke down before the determined attack of our opponents, and we had to acknowledge defeat by 9 goals to 3. The backs and goalkeeper played well, but received little support and the forwards did not combine well.

Team :—Phillips F. G. ; Davies A. E., Smaldon ; Parker F. S., Jennings, Barnes ; Kings, Maund, Hall J., Adams, Routledge.

2ND XI. v. HEREFORD C.S. 2ND XI.—This game was played in pouring rain on Flagge Meadow on October 29th and ended in a victory for the visitors by 2 goals to 3. After Hereford had scored twice in the first few minutes we did much better and some good play among the forwards enabled Maund to score for us. This was soon followed by a goal from Hall with a long shot. During the second half there was a keen struggle to obtain the winning goal. Each side pressed in turn, but the goalkeepers proved equal to their task. Five minutes before time a miskick by one of our backs drew Phillips out of goal and the visitors scored before he could get back.

Team :—Phillips ; Davies A. E., Smaldon ; Chinery, Barnes, Slater ; Kings, Maund, Hall J., Taylor P. R., Routledge.

2ND XI. v. STOURBRIDGE G.S. 2ND XI.—Played at Stourbridge on November 8th and resulted in our defeat by 1 goal to 0, after a keenly contested even game. During the first half our opponents pressed most of the time, but after they had scored once in the first ten minutes, our defence proved equal to the occasion. After the interval our forwards played well together and Adams nearly scored after a good run. Our goal was then attacked vigorously for several minutes, but Phillips played very well and stopped several good shots. Towards the end we tried hard to equalize, but the wing forwards were weak and the halves did not support the attack well.

Team :—Phillips F. G. ; Davies A. E., Tilley ; Chinery, Barnes, Higgs ; Kings, Johnson A. R. ; Adams, Taylor P. R., Routledge.

2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S.—This match ended disastrously for us on November 12th, and we had to acknowledge defeat by 8 goals to nil. With very few exceptions the ball was always in the vicinity of our goal. The defence seemed helpless against the fast forwards of the visitors and frequently miskicked. Parker alone was

conspicuous for good play ; he worked untiringly, but received very little support. The forwards, when they did get the ball, failed to combine, and their shooting was very feeble.

Team :—Southey ; Davies A. E., Smaldon ; Jennings, Parker F. S., Barnes ; Kings, Maund, Adams, Taylor P. R., Routledge.

2ND CLUB XI. v. ST. MARTIN'S JUNIOR TEAM.—In this match on Flagge Meadow on November 15th the team did much better. The forwards played well together, and Adams was conspicuous for good runs which resulted in goals. At half-time we led by 3 goals to nil. On changing ends we continued to attack their goal and Adams, Routledge and Taylor beat the goalkeeper. The defence did the little they were called upon to do satisfactorily, and we won by 7 goals to nil.

Team :—Phillips F. G. ; Davies A. E., Smaldon ; Chinery, Barnes, Slater ; Kings, Higgs, Adams, Taylor P. R., Routledge.

OTHER MATCHES.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—On October 22nd a very even game ended in a draw of 3 goals each. We began to press early in the game and after a time Best scored with a good shot. This was soon followed by a successful run by Taylor. Before the interval the visitors broke through and scored. On changing ends our play was disappointing and we failed to keep the lead ; the backs did not put sufficient energy into their play and were altogether too slow.

Team :—Gainsford, Chinery, Tilley ; Braithwaite, Slater, Collins R. S. ; Hincks, Higgs, Greenwood, Taylor P. R., Best.

3RD XI. v. HANLEY CASTLE G.S.—We had all the best of the game on November 8th, but our forwards were very weak in front of goal. Several good runs were made but the shooting was poor and no goals were scored. Our goal was never seriously threatened. Result 0—0.

Team :—Southey ; Smaldon, Braithwaite ; Wheal, Slater, Hyett ; Franklin, Hincks, Greenwood, Bylevelt, Steer.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—This match at Hartlebury on November 12th was played under miserable conditions. During most of the game snow was falling, which made the ball difficult to control. In the first half the homeside scored once, but on changing ends the slope of the ground assisted them and they won by 3 goals to

nil. Wheal, Higgs and Greenwood played well under difficult circumstances.

Team :—Gainsford ; Chinery, Braithwaite ; Hyett, Wheal, Slater ; Johnson A. R., Bylevelt, Greenwood, Higgs, Steer.

3RD XI. v. HANLEY CASTLE G.S.—Played on Flagge Meadow on November 22nd and resulted in a victory for us by 3 goals to 1. We failed to get going in the first half and the visitors scored from a long shot just before the interval. On changing ends we did much better and play settled down in our opponents' half. Bylevelt played well and scored twice, and later Hincks added to our score with a good shot.

Team :—Gainsford ; Braithwaite, Smaldon ; Wheal, Slater, Hyett ; Steer, Bylevelt, Greenwood, Hincks, Johnson A. R.

A TEAM (UNDER 13½) v. DOWNS SCHOOL, 1ST XI.—Played at Colwall on November 5th, and ended in a victory for us by 3 goals to nil. During the early stages of the game we were mostly on the defensive, but the backs and halves proved equal to their tasks and no goals were scored. On changing ends we had the wind in our favour and did much better ; the forwards worked well together and Wells, Wilks and Carstairs scored for us. Most of the play took place in our opponents' half of the ground. Payton was conspicuous for good play at half-back.

Team :—Austin F. A. ; Mills, Lewis J. H. ; Payton, Preece R. J., White B. H. ; Carstairs, Wells E., Wilks, Hillard R., Fortey.

A TEAM (UNDER 12½) v. DOWNS SCHOOL, 2ND XI.—This proved a very uneven game on November 5th. Our players were much faster than their opponents, and the little opposition they met allowed them to do much as they liked and the defence had little to do. Goals were scored by Bennett (8), Thomas D. G. (4), Hackett (2), Marsh G. L. (2), and Armstrong J. L. (1). Result 18—0.

Team :—Shrimpton ; Martin C., Mound ; Hackett L. J., Burchell, Collins, R. S. ; Yarnold, Marsh G. L., Bennett, Armstrong J. L., Thomas D. G.

A TEAM (UNDER 13½) v. DOWNS SCHOOL, 1ST XI.—This proved a very even game, each side getting the upperhand in turn. In the first half the visitors scored once, but after the interval our forwards worked well together and shot well and often. The result was in doubt up to the last three minutes, when Fortey gave us the lead with a good shot, and we won by 4 goals to 3.

Team :—Goodwin ; Mills, Lewis J. H. ; Martin C., Preece, R. J., Armstrong C. W. ; Carstairs, Bennett, Wilks, Allen K. W., Fortey.

A TEAM (UNDER 12-2) v. DOWNS SCHOOL 2ND XI.—For this return match at Colwall on November 15th we played a weaker team, and a very keen and closely contested game ended in a draw. Although we pressed most of the first half no goals were scored. Shortly after half-time a good shot by McEwen gave us the lead. Soon after this our opponents pressed and drew level. Buchanan, Thomas and Shrimpton were conspicuous for good, energetic play.

Team :—Shrimpton ; Hackett L. J., Mound ; Higgins, Burchell, Collins R. S., Thomas D. G., Buchanan W. G., McEwen, Armstrong J. L., Gardner.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

OPEN CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The first round of the Challenge Shield was played on Wednesday, November 5th. Tudor was drawn against School, but the game was rather one-sided, especially in the second half. The School House forwards, who combined well, were too strong for the Tudor defence and broke through three times during the first half and scored each time. In the second half again School broke through and scored twice, then Tudor, chiefly through the efforts of Maund, who played a good game, managed to score one, but they failed to do this again. School scored another six goals before time, as the Tudor defence began to slacken. Wells S., Collier and Hackett played well for the winners.

Woolfe were drawn against Temple, and this proved to be a more even game. Temple began well and after a good run by Taylor, Johnson was able to score. Woolfe at this time were not playing together and before half-time Temple scored again.

In the second half Woolfe played harder and soon reduced Temple's lead. The game at this time was very exciting, Sinclair for Woolfe at centre-half playing an excellent game and enabling the forwards to shoot at the goal were scored as Chinery and Braithwaite the Temple backs were playing well. However, after a time Woolfe managed to break through and equalise. Temple then tried to regain the lead but could not, and before time was called Woolfe scored again, thus winning by 3—2.

The final round between School and Woolfe was played on Wednesday, November 26th. Woolfe won the toss, but were soon robbed of the ball, and the School forwards scored a goal in the first three minutes. Sinclair was playing well for Woolfe, but the rest of the team did not back him up well enough, and three other goals were scored by half-time.

The second half was more one-sided than the first, School House getting all the play, the Woolfe forwards were not able to make any impression on the School defence. The School forwards combined well and were able to score another eight goals before the whistle blew for time, leaving School House the winners by 12—0.

INTER-HOUSE CUPS.

All three House Cups have been carried off by School House almost without effort. School House has had the usual pull over the other Houses in that they have played better as teams, the combination of the forwards in the 1st XI. being especially noticeable. In 2nd and 3rd XI. matches not only were School House teams strongest, but they had at times only to play against seven or eight of the opposing side. This of course was suicide, for Day-boy Houses are weak enough at their best.

The whole of School House 1st XI. played well, Greenwood, Hinks and Wells E. being conspicuous for good passing. The runners-up for the 1st XI. Cup, Tudor, had a very good team and should have done better than they did. Bylevelt scored very frequently in the forward line, while Wheal and Brooking did good work in the defence. In Braithwaite, Temple, who took next place, had the best back of any playing in the League, and Johnson A. R. was quite a dashing forward. Woolfe and Wylde did not produce any players of outstanding merit in the 1st XI.'s, though Smith C. and Payton played well for Woolfe and Wylde respectively.

In the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s School House won even more easily than in the 1st XI.'s, though other Houses were more

equal in strength. Tudor, Woolfe and Baskerville finished up second in the 2nd XI. competition, while Woolfe, Wylde and Temple ended up second in the 3rd XI.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The inaugural Meeting of the Session was held in the Old Hall on Saturday, October 18th. Mr. Hill was unanimously elected Chairman and Adams L. J. was elected Secretary. It was decided to hold an impromptu debate on the subject "Life at the present day is not worth living." A singular unanimity was shewn by all the speakers called upon—they all apologised for their unpreparedness, and begged that the House would forgive any slips. Apart from this, however, the statements made were startling in their diversity. Edwards G. considered that because a cave-man was free to "biff anybody over the conk," whilst he (the speaker) could not act in this manner with impunity—well, life to-day is not worth living. He then warmed to his subject and finally came to the conclusion that every day life was getting less worth living. Durston H. G. rose to oppose the motion. Far was it from him even to suggest that life was not worth living: in fact, he seemed to revel in the joys of existence. It was not very clear why he was so happy, but there was obviously no doubt about the matter. Routledge E. H. D. and Evans J. R. V. respectively supported the motion and the opposition. Mr. Robertshaw and Mr. Williams spoke against the motion, the former treating us to a philosophical disquisition on the aims of existence. On a division the voting was: For the motion 6, against the motion 40.

On Saturday, October 25th, the motion before the House was "That the policy of striking cannot be justified." Durston H. G. proposed the motion, and treated us to a dramatic representation of the methods used by a tub-thumper in the market-place of Leicester. This is the only thing that we remember about his speech, which did not "cut much ice." Hutchinson H. D. championed the cause of the "downtrodden

working man." Mackay R. M. and Beale C. E. seconded the openers of the debate. Beale is to be complimented on the manner in which he delivered his speech. Ward D. G., Kennagh, Mr. Williams and Mr. Meere all considered that strikes are justifiable. Mr. Robertshaw spoke, but did not definitely state his opinion on the motion. Edwards G. considered that any sane member would refrain from voting. The motion on being put to the vote was lost by 11 votes.

The House met on Saturday, November 15th, to discuss whether the present Power of the Press is excessive. Johnson A. R. who proposed the motion, and Routledge E. H. D., his seconder, are to be congratulated on their speeches, which certainly "moved" the House. Mackay R. M. and Kennagh opposed the motion. Many disputes arose concerning a certain paper, but whether it was the "Daily Herald" or the "Labour Herald" we are not sure. The references made to "John Bull" were many and varied, and we were reminded of the celebrated poster which was then so commonly to be seen. The seconder of the proposition described to us certain ghastly cartoons, in which Mr. Lloyd George figured prominently. On the debate being thrown open to the House, Edwards G., Holder E. J. and Durston H. G. supported the motion, and Ward D. G. opposed it. The meeting voted that the Power of the Press to-day was excessive, by 37 votes to 13.

The House met on Saturday, November 29th, when Ward D. G. proposed that the practice of Vivisection in the interests of science is justifiable. He gave us a very detailed account of the beneficial results of the vivisection experiments of various eminent professors and quite bewildered his opponents with his statistics. Mackay R. M., who seconded the motion, continued the proposer's recital of the aforesaid benefits to humanity. Beale C. E. took upon himself the task of opposing the motion. His opposition was based chiefly on sentiment, and he treated us to a lengthy exhortation to mercy. His seconder, Holder E. J., wondered if the proposer of the motion would like to sacrifice *his* pets for the cause of vivisection! On the debate being thrown open to the House, Mr. Robertshaw made it clear to us what the practice of vivisection entailed, and proved that to sacrifice the life of

an animal in the interests of humanity is justifiable. Mr. Williams, Durston H. G., Johnson A. R., Buckley R. and Greenwood F. J. all spoke for the motion. Kennagh was the only supported of the opposition in the House who ventured to air his views. Miss Charlwood made a few apt remarks on some of the foregoing speeches, but did not betray for which side she intended to vote. On being put to the meeting, the motion was carried by 42 votes to 13.

We are looking forward to a continuation of the present successful Session next Term.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

As usual during this Term we have been restricted to mainly indoor work on account of the dark evenings.

The Physical Training parades on Tuesday evenings have received a new lease of life under Capt. Coxwell, and we have to thank him for so generously giving up part of his spare time for the benefit of the Corps.

Signalling has been started in earnest, signalling squads meeting once a week to unravel the intricacies of buzzing, flag-wagging, &c., under the able tuition of Mr. Goodwyn, to whom also our thanks are due. We understand that several complete words have at various times been mutually recognized, and we now look forward to more advanced practice with heliographs (when the sun shines ??), signalling lamps and field telephones.

On Wednesday, October 15th, as the weather precluded any idea of operations, a short route march was carried out.

On Wednesday, November 19th, weather conditions being more favourable, an exciting "Spider and Fly" Competition was worked out in the neighbourhood of Claines, Cornmeadow Green and Bevere. Many and various were the opinions hazarded as to the final result, but for the present it is being kept a dead secret.

On Sunday, November 23rd, the Corps had the honour of forming part of the procession which accompanied the

new Mayor upon his attendance at the Cathedral. It is pleasing to record that almost a maximum possible attendance was made upon this occasion.

It is greatly regretted that the Field Day arranged by Clifton College at Chipping Sodbury on October 28th, to which we were invited, should have coincided with our Inspection by the Board of Education, and thus prevented us from taking part. However, another is being held in March, and it is hoped that we shall be able to avail ourselves of this opportunity of collective field work.

The Friday evening lectures which have been started will be continued next Term, and in addition N.C.O.'s classes will be held, to which also a few senior cadets will be admitted. N.C.O.'s should realize that the training of the individual cadet is largely in their hands and they should accordingly endeavour to make themselves as efficient as possible.

The following promotions have been made this Term :—

Sergt. J. A. Sinclair	to be	Company Sergt.-Major.
Cpl. C. J. Day	„ „	Sergeant.
L.-Cpl. L. J. Adams	„ „	Corporal.
L.-Cpl. F. J. Chinery	„ „	Corporal.
L.-Cpl. G. Edwards	„ „	Corporal.
L.-Cpl. F. G. Jennings	„ „	Corporal.
L.-Cpl. S. Wells	„ „	Corporal.
Pte. B. C. Hackett	„ „	Lance-Corporal.

CHESS CLUB.

The Chess Club met for the first time this season on Thursday, October 23rd. There were no meetings last winter, as Mr. Orange had departed and the Club had not been re-organised.

This Term, however, Mr. Williams very kindly offered to preside, and thus regular meetings are again being held.

The attendance was at first small, but has now increased to over 30, which though not as large as we should like is promising after so few meetings.

House competitions are in progress, in which each player plays every other opposing competitor. This is, on the whole, an improvement on the "knock-out" system which was formerly played here; and though some 480 games are necessary, nearly one-third have already been played.

The Club looks forward with pleasure to matches with external teams, which Mr. Williams hopes to arrange next Term.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 29th, the Amateur Dramatic Society of the School was formed. The Headmaster being elected President, Miss Charlwood was unanimously chosen Vice-President. Mr. Williams was elected Chairman *nem. con.* and Durston H. G., Secretary. A Committee consisting of Adams L. J., Jennings F. G., Mackay R. M. and Beale C. E. was also elected. At the time of going to press the Society has not held a proper meeting, but we understand that their maiden effort will constitute a reading of "Twelfth Night." Great enthusiasm is being shown among the members, and the venture bids fair to be a great success. It is hoped that many an embryo Henry Irving will be discovered among the stately ranks of V. Upper and above.

THE NIGHTMARE.

I slept—and behold I dreamed! And in my dream I saw the hall of an old castle. The moonlight streamed through the mullioned windows on to the grey floor. Suddenly there was a tumult; a dozen armed men sprang from the darkness, and fought with other twelve in the half-shadow. There were hoarse cries and ringing blows; creakings and groanings; missiles hurled through the air, scrapings and scuffings too horrible to relate.

Soon there was silence—a silence worse than the tumult—and the combatants for the most part lay prone upon the floor. There were legs here and legs there; backs were broken, sides hurt. The whole scene presented chaotic confusion. Some of the warriors legless leaned against the cold walls; others with broken backs lay on the ground, and groaned hideously if touched. There was confusion everywhere, and the pale wan moonlight streamed coldly in upon it all.

I dreamed—and behold I woke! The broad sun streamed in through the window onto the block floor of P2. The chairs lay about legless, in titanic confusion. For safety's sake I sat on the TABLE and swung my legs. It was no dream.

D.C.

HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

There is no doubt that the Grub Street hack must have been exceptionally bored by the eternal sameness of the literary padding which he produced; but, at least, he escaped that final and most bitter of misfortunes, the command to write a House letter. One can find nothing to say that has not already been said, and probably said in a much better way. House letters, like Tennyson's brook, "go on for ever," and though much water flows under bridges between their appearances, they vary but little.

We have again to record the prominence attained by School House in the Inter-House Football Competitions; the only drawback to doing so well is that we are unable to taste the joy of doing better. In the Challenge Shield Competition School House met little opposition; the 1st XI., however, was closely followed by Temple House. Wells S. is our new House Captain, succeeding his two brothers in this position. We are well represented in the School 1st XI., having seven of our members in the team. Greenwood, Hincks and Flower have been awarded their House Colours.

We are pleased to record that all our eligible new members have joined the O.T.C. We congratulate the following on their promotions: Wells S., Jennings, Adams, Edwards and Hackett.

There is little to record in the way of internal activity. The pastime of adding tots has certainly been pursued with activity. Friendly 'scraps' in the basement have been almost a daily occurrence, so we ought to do 'great things' in the Boxing Competitions next Term.

The following boys left last Term :—Collier W. B., Freer G., Moore L. G. P., Halliley G. W. E., Weston G. G., Jennings L. R., Jones C. E., Russell F. L., Richmond D. L., Rothschild D. R., Love F. A.

We welcome :—Gainsford J. P., Carver F. J. R., Hackett L. J., Pickard R. C., Johnson J. O., Johnson W. C., Plewman G. A., White B. H., Eckley J. J. W., Betteridge A. G.

SCHOOL.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

We are glad to be able to say that this Term the 1st XI. has really done well, finishing second on the list. The 2nd XI. ended third in the competition, and the 3rd XI., which started well, but having won two matches, thought it had done its duty, ended second—a very poor distinction, considering that two other Houses shared it with us. In the first round of the Challenge Shield Competition we were beaten by Woolfe House by 3 goals to 2. At one time it seemed as if we were actually going to win, but we “slacked off”—hence the result. In the 1st XI., Johnson, Watkins, Braithwaite and Williams C. have played well, while in the 3rd XI., Bennett A. T. has played well throughout the Term.

We regret to chronicle the departure of Baldwyn J. C., the late Captain of this House, who won the Cross-country for the last three years. We congratulate Chinery F. J. upon his promotion to Corporal of the Band this Term. We have three members in the XXII. this Term—Higgs F. J., Chinery F. J., and Taylor P. R. House Colours have been awarded to Johnson A. R., Braithwaite G., and Watkins G. C.

If the Elevens played with their brains as well as with their feet, success would be theirs. There is too much individual playing. Each member of the team should be able to rely on the others—in a word, combination is lacking. Everyone must put his hand to the plough, and there must be no passengers in the future. Templeites must remember that Sports Day is not so far off, and “the early bird catches the worm.” So let every Templeite begin next Term with the determination to do his bit for the House, and live up to it!

TEMPLE.

WYLDE HOUSE.

As far as one can gather it is usual to open a House Letter with some brilliant, not to say apt, quotation. Failing this one must lament the paucity of original openings. However, as a House Letter is more of a chronicle than an essay it is necessary to proceed without delay.

This Term we welcome Mr. Hill, who is a very keen footballer, as President of the House. In spite of the apparent enthusiasm at the beginning of Term we have not had what one would call a successful season. No doubt this was partially due to lack of size, but it is hopeless to expect to win matches when players will not turn up. This latter failing has been particularly prominent in the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s.

In the 1st XI. we have played some very strenuous games. It is true that we have finished up fourth with Woolfe; but one cannot help thinking that the result might have been different if more games had been played. The team was rather on the small side compared with those of the other Houses, but we have some very promising players in Wilks, Boulter A. J., and Payton.

The 2nd XI., although Preece R. G. played very well, finished up badly. This was mainly due to players not turning up. The 3rd XI., in which Clay A. L. and Boulton T. J. played best, did very well, ending up second in the competition.

In the XXII. we were only represented by Hall J., and were therefore unable to compete for the Challenge Shield.

The Chess Club has been revived this Term and up to the time of writing we have done quite well in the House Competition. Collins R. S. has done particularly well in defeating some of the best players of rival teams.

WYLDE.

BASKERVILLE.

We are sorry to say that we have not done so well in the competition for the 2nd XI. House Cup as we usually do, but still we have not done so very badly, having won three of the five games played. We very much regret the loss of Harries I. E. and Brooke G., which has very much weakened the team. However, the most prominent players were Doody A. J. V., Southey P. C. and Marsh G. L. In Southey we found a good goalkeeper and he was responsible for saving many goals.

Although we have not shone in the field games, we have done very much better so far in the Inter-House Competitions, Chess Competitions and we have great hopes of winning it. Throughout the Term, chess has been the great craze, and as we have some very promising players among the smaller boys, we have hopes that chess at least will be championed by Baskerville.

At last Baskerville has awakened and now takes a more prominent part in the Debating Society meetings, Mackay R. M. and Ward D. G. having set the example which we hope will be followed by others in the future.

BASKERVILLE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

This Term we welcome Mr. Coxwell as Vice-President ; he has shown keen interest in the House Football. At the same time it is with regret that we chronicle the departure of C. G. Attwell, whose loss has been felt greatly by the House, and to whom we made a presentation at the beginning of Term.

The 1st XI. have not met with much success this Term, finishing third in the league. Brooking and Tilley have distinguished themselves as backs, while Wheal G., Bylevelt and Palmer have done good work in the defence.

The 2nd XI. finished 2nd in the league, but as this distinction is shared by two other Houses they have nothing to be proud of. Baddeley, Thomas D., Felix A. F., and Mills have played well, but the rest of the team lack keenness.

The 3rd XI. have not won a single match, despite the efforts of Blackwell, who has worked hard. This is due to the fact that not once have the team turned up in full strength.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we were unfortunately drawn against School House, the winners of the trophy, and after a rather one-sided game, especially in the second half, we were only able to score one goal, despite the efforts of Maund, who played well, while our opponents scored eleven. In the XXII. we are represented by Maund, Kings, Smaldon and Day.

House Football Colours have been awarded to Wheal, Tilley, Bylevelt and Brooking.

There is still much room for improvement both in the play and support of the House, and if we are to win the 1st XI. Hockey Cup the younger members of the House must show more keenness.

TUDOR.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

There is little need for any brilliant attempt at an opening paragraph this Term : unless as a means of diverting the reader's attention from the catalogue of failures which must be presented in some shape or form. Woolfe House has had a very bad season, and can boast of little to its credit. A virulent attack of slackness was the immediate cause of our failure to get anything done ; next Term there must be an improvement, so look to it, Wolves.

The 1st XI. gave a splendid exhibition of how to gain the " wooden spoon " of the league ; very little football at all was seen, only one or two of the team showing any form. Football is not a polite game ; and those misguided youths who take great pleasure in escorting opposing forwards safely to the goal must learn that there is such a thing as charging a man off the ball ! Keenness was not shown to any great

extent ; though Smith C., and Best tried very hard to keep a very ragged team together.

The 2nd XI. obtained second place in the competition, a distinction shared by two other Houses. Spencer P. C. proved a very efficient Captain, and kept the team well together. More matches would be won, however, if the whole team turned up ; seven or eight men cannot hope to win against eleven.

The 3rd XI., with two wins to its credit, finished up second, again equal with two other Houses ; and there is evidence that better football may be expected in the future, when a team manages to put in an appearance at full strength. Hodgkinson has played very keenly throughout the season.

Our attempts for fame in the Challenge Shield have been frustrated again. Drawn against our old opponents—Temple—in the first round, we put up a very scrappy game, and it was only by sheer luck that we won by the odd goal in five. We played School House in the final round, and had to acknowledge defeat by 12—0. Though we were beaten by a much stronger side, there was too much "funking," and leaving everything for one or two to do. Had it not been for some strenuous work by the defence, a much heavier score would have resulted.

Our numbers in the O.T.C. are fairly representative, though many eligible members have not yet joined. Congratulations to Sinclair on his promotion to C.S.M.

It must be recorded that Sinclair is the first Captain of Games furnished by Woolfe House since 1914, when Howes filled that position. Our members of the 1st XXII. have been Sinclair, Davies A. E. and Slater, a fair proportion of the number furnished by day-boy houses.

House Football Colours have been awarded to Davies, Slater, Smith C. and Best.

WOOLFE.

OXFORD LETTER.

SIR,

Oxford has already recovered remarkably from the effects of the War. This Term there has been the whirl of activities, intellectual, social, and physical, which one associates with the Oxford of the past. The river, the playing fields, and the club rooms have been crowded to a greater extent than usual, and it is with something like relief that the weary undergrad turns from the pleasures of 'Varsity life to the prospect of a quiet spell of hard work in the Vac.

As usual, the O.E.'s here have played their part in the various fields of activity. Beynon and Ingleson have joined Young at Jesus. These two have embarked upon the strenuous life of boating men. Beynon spends his time, when not engaged in lectures, in rowing, or recalling to his mind the pleasures of the Far East. Ingleson, with less romantic memories of the mud of France, is chiefly occupied in Labs. and the Junior Scientific Club. Young and Bowen are, alas, seldom to be found save by those who know the haunts of those who seek pleasure in the delights of science, the smell of the laboratories and the thrills of the lecture-room.

Rowing appears to have captivated many of the O.E.'s here. S. R. B. Smith has been rowing for John's, and Attwell is reported to have been to look at the river. Later he was reported to have been seen returning with a look as of melancholy and profound wisdom. He does not row.

This latter has joined Watts at The House, and occasionally he has been seen on the Soccer field.

The pleasures of watching football seems to appeal greatly to the O.E.'s here at present. Attwell waxes eloquent on the joy of Rugger and the chances of the 'Varsity against Cambridge on December 9th; Ingleson radiates happiness when anyone mentions the Soccer or Rugger of Jesus; Smith acknowledges the pleasant excitement afforded him by the sight of a 'Varsity Rugger match.

Watts is to be congratulated on obtaining his War degree. At present he is engaged on a year's research work and is seldom to be seen, save in the Labs. at Jesus or in Hall at The House.

The Union has recovered in numbers since the War. Like Punch, however, the debates are not as good as they used to be. Attwell has been seen there.

The end of Term draws near. Soon we shall once more enjoy the pleasure of labour in peaceful security and free from interruption. From the mists of what is past, perhaps we shall then conjure up before us the great events of the Term; the visit of Lord Robert Cecil; the confused noises of Armistice

Next Term we expect that Lee and Shilton and perhaps Wall and Ranford will join our growing band. Till then we await only the result of the Rugger March.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Winter Term ends	...	Thursday, Dec. 18th.
Spring Term begins	...	Friday, January 16th.
New Boys	... ..	Thursday, January 15th.
Spring Term ends	...	Wednesday, March 31st.

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

SUMMER TERM, 1919.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance—				Wages ...	44	12	0
At Bank ...	121	6	7	Match Expenses	3	11	3½
W.S. Certs. ...	39	7	6	Sports' Prizes ...	29	11	3
Petty Cash A/c	2	7	0	Cricket Material...	45	9	0
Subscriptions ...	59	0	0	Bills paid ...	19	8	1
Sports' Subscrip-				Sundries ...	1	11	5½
tions ...	13	13	6	Balance:—			
Sale of Goods ...	1	11	6	At Bank ...	55	6	8
Sale of Fixture Cards	1	1	1	W.S. Certs. ...	39	7	6
Due to Treasurer	0	10	1				
	£238	17	3		£238	17	3

Examined and found correct, W. A. H. CHESSALL,
R. J. CARTER. Hon. Treas.

1ST SCHOOL XI. 1919.



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