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EDITORIAL.

Judging by the Editorial articles of previous issues, "copy" for the Magazine has been small in amount. We can therefore congratulate ourselves all the more on the number of articles received for inclusion in the current number. For our next issue we hope to receive so large an amount of "copy" that the question will be, What to leave out, rather than Will there be enough to fill up? The Editor would like to see more attempts at "original" work, rather than parodies on well-known poems or extracts. Where are our writers of fiction? Are they *all* in the Examination Room?

No event of outstanding importance has occurred this Term. (Speech-day will be dealt with in our next number). It only remains to look forward to Christmas, and we would like to take the opportunity of advising extreme caution to the small boys on the 25th. Sad consequences have been known to result in the past from neglect of this advice.

List of New Boys this Term:—Upper V.—McClure, J. E. C.; Mid. V.—Willans, E. V.; Mid. IV.—Cooper, G. A. B.; Lower IV.—Johnson, R. S., Jones, R. F. R., Pickard, T. G., Pretty, I. C., Rincon, J. M.; Upper III.—Davies, I. P.; Mid. III.—Allen, H. A. H., Austin, S. F., Birch, H. A., Bloxson, G. G., Brown, J. F., Brown, V., Clarke, H. W., Clarke, J., Collins, W. J., Court, E. F., Evans, W. A., Fowles, A. T., Hart, D. S., Knott, C. J., Lewis, W. J., Osborne, T., Payton, T. P., Philpot, O. C., Probert, M. D., Probert, W. E., Raymond, R. J., Rowley, D. J., Short, B. L. H., Smith, G. H., Taylor, A. L., Wale, F. H. F., Richards, G.; Lower III.—Evans, G. T., Layton, M. G., Timms, R. G., Morton, C. H., Lower II.—Bolton, J. D., Brown, K. J., Holloway, H. E., Hughes, E. C. L., Klee, E. G., Mason, J. W., Rodgman, H.;

Upper I.—Radcliff, T. S., Ayres, G. A., Blackford, R. F., Edwards, O., Heath, H., Rofo, A. R., Scudamore, S. ; Lower I.—Chadd, J. B., Hill, R. A., Odgers, H. S., Webb, F. J., Whiteman, L. W., Fellows, D. E.

List of Boys who left last Term :—Edwards, G., Phillips, C. H. D., Adams, L. J., Hackett, B. C., Higgs, F. J., Bourne, W. B., Durston, H. G., Mackay, R. M., Morgan, C. M., Davies, A. W., Greenwood, G. F., Maund, J. E., Parnum, H. W. D., Webb, H. J., Wells, S., Bradley, H. F., Harris, R., Jeynes, F. R., Morgan, H. J., Price, F. A. J., Haffenden, J. F., Harrison, E. R., Huddleston, T. H., Brown, B. E., Hampshire J., Bloxham, A. J., Bylevelt, H. B. F., Ford, B. W., Hampshire A., Sargent, J. S., Shrimpton, R., Sutton, J. T., Wall, D. G., Whittles, P. B., Allen, J. J., Mather, G. E., Bartleet, W. W., Eckley, J. J. W., Hyslop, G. A., Perkins, D. M., Reynolds, T. W., Drury, D. L.

CHARIVARI.

After (but a long way after) "Punch."

A distressing circumstance is reported from School House. Before giving a dose of medicine to a small boy, someone omitted the important process of shaking the bottle. This necessitated the boy being vigorously shaken afterwards. He is now convalescent.

Echoes of the Strike ! A datum line having been agreed upon, the output of the Upper V. has improved, one Collier exceeding the minimum the first week.

We would like to know if those members of the School House who watch footer-matches attired in lemon-coloured gloves think they look Pretty ?

A certain youth consistently refrains from doing German homework. He does not wish to deal in goods not of British manufacture.

One member of the Staff is evidently *not* an entrant for the Daily Mail Hat Prize.

It is hoped that the O.T.C. will commence firing on the range next Term. They are still anxiously awaiting the arrival of the bullet, lent to them by the kindness of the War Office.

It is rumoured that at the Debating Society Concert several members will *positively* sing.

SONNET TO O.T.C. BAND.

O, source of sweetest sounds and notes of joy
Which cheereth on the road a dusty throng,
And keeps in step full many a footsore boy ;
As with the rest he gaily swings along.
O, send anew the air with brazen voice
And artful rolling of the well tuned drum,
Till all the lesser crew gladly rejoice,
Your voices high singing o'er their voices hum.
Nor dare they question with loud shouted mock,
" Where is the band ? " or " What's that din we hear ? "
Do ye but heed them not, and with the shock
Of furious drum and bugle stun their ear.
Think ye to soothe them ? Teach the new recruit
To warble sweetly in his hollow flute.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

Owing to pressure of other work, Capt. R. J. Barker and Lieut. W. A. H. Chessall have relinquished their commands, being succeeded by Lieut. W. N. Edwards and Lieut. H. L. Crawford.

Recruits and probationers to the number of 15 have joined the Corps.

Apart from the usual bi-weekly drills the Corps has paraded for two half, and two full days field operations, and a very creditable turnout was made on Mayor's Sunday when attendance was made at Church Parade at the Cathedral.

THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR.

Unknown Warrior thou art sleeping with the honoured of thy
race ;

But there's scarce a soul in England that has no claim for that
place.

Whether learned or unlearned, saint or sinner, thou hast
earned

All homage England pays you and all thoughts to you are
turned.

In my mind recording angels scanning names I plainly see,
Those who fell in freedom's battles in the air on land and sea.
Mingling smiles with tears they murmur, " There are none to
choose between

High and low, all England's fallen had one aim 'tis plainly
seen "

All who are mourning gallant heroes fondly cling to thee
As they know you are somebody's darling ; each one thinks
their's you may be.

Unknown friend of freedom to us thou art known to God above,
Some day He will gather to Him and sad hearts unite in love.

P.C.S.

Winter Term, 1920.

QUERIES ABOUT CAMP.

Were the inmates of No. 1 Tent " melon " choly ?

Why did a certain orderly corporal prefer a button stick
to a cap badge and what did the R.S.M. think of him ?

Who impersonated Father Christmas on parade and
what attractions did the same individual find in the canteen ?

Whose speech *was* indistinct, and which tent was the
abode of the pack of fools ?

Did Sergt. E— try to hypnotise the lantern in order
to extinguish it ; and did his concluding speech bring tears
to the eyes of the Officer for the Day ?

Whether corpulence proved a disadvantage to Pte. S——
 when visiting York Minster ? Did he stick or was he pushed ?
 Did the acting Q.M.S. use face-powder ?

It is said that :—

Certain forms in the School have no output ; and that the same ' certain forms ' seem to have a growing tendency to spend their leisure hours either in the Lecture Room or in the Physics Laboratory.

The first debate of the Session brought a miscellaneous mixture of vegetable marrows, bolshies and matrimonial troubles.

The several rests on the first O.T.C. field-day this Term were *not* due to the effects of the ——er, band !

That the bruises of the Masters after their match with the boys *might* have been the effects of certain reprisals, ——sh !

(Signed) 3 of the Remaining Fragments of V.A.

SHAKESPEARE'S HINTS TO SCHOOLBOYS.

Once more unto the forms, dear friends, once more ;
 Or close up the School with our students dead !
 There's nothing more becomes a boy in RH's
 As quiet study and placidity.
 But when the footsteps of a master reach your ears,
 Then imitate the action of a mouse ;
 Stop all noise, sit quickly down,
 Disguise frivolity, assume a demure air,
 And lend your eye an aspect meek ;
 Quick ! open your desk and get out books,
 Scan your homework and prepare
 For best endeavour. On, on, ye noblest stewpots,
 Follow the footsteps of your seniors past

Boys, that like so many weary martyrs
 Have in these rooms from morn to even toiled,
 Ceasing not till their dread exams. were passed.
 . . . And when the bell for interval doth ring,
 Up ! out of your seats every one
 And cry " Hurrah ! " for this lesson's done.

EDITORIAL TRIALS.

A TRAGEDY IN THREE ACTS.

(The result of the Notice—" Contributions required for
 the Mag.").

ACT I.

Scene : A Corridor.

Enter : Editor of " The Mag."

Ed. Three days ago I asked, and yet have nothing
 got ;
 Methinks the Mag. will not be out in time.
 I've begged for contributions, and yet they are
 unmoved ;
 Their hardened hearts no tears of mine affect.
 Help me ye Heavens ; or e're Phoebus sinks to
 rest,
 Shall I a blithering, babbling idiot roam the
 streets.

(*Enter* : A Small Boy).

Sm. Boy : Pray tell me, Mr. Editor, what mean you by the
 " Mag."

Ed. (Aside) : With what awful thick headedness hath Heaven
 cursed these fools !
 Not know what means the Mag. ! Great Scott
 and Jupiter !
 Ah me, alas ! Pain, pain, ever for ever !
 Hark ye, ye blockhead, I mean the Magazine,
 The advocate of total prohibition and free beer
 for all.
 The every-other-yearly organ of the School.

Sm. Boy : Ah ! Now I do see. 'The o'erpowering flood of
intelligence
Fills the brain, where once did chaos reign.
Methought it was some fabulous monster but
even now discovered.

(*Exeunt*).

ACT II.

Scene : The same.

Enter : Editor.

Ed. Still no contributions, the time is near at hand.
Why ever did the Infernal set his canon 'gainst
self-slaughter ?

Enter : Small Boy.

Sm. Boy : Prithee, Mr. Editor ! How much contribution
do you want ?

Ed. (Hastily) : All that you can give ; Anything ! Everything !
But an thou hast a mother—Hurry ! Hurry !
Hurry !

(*Exeunt*—Small Boy hurriedly).

ACT III.

Scene : Still the same.

Enter : Editor and later Small Boy.

Ed. : Still no contributions. Woe is me ! Alas !
I am undone !
But who comes here ? Still is there left me
hope
To me ye Gods.

Sm. Boy : Hi there, Mr. Editor ! Here are contributions !
(*Gives him Tuppence*).

Ed. : Alas ! I' faith no hope is left for me.
When will these youths learn to pull up their
so——.
Aye, learn to pull up their sophistry.

Enter : Manservant.

Manservant : My Lord, the printer waits without.

Ed. : Without what, false catiff ?

Manservant : Without the door, my Lord.

Ed. : Without contributions too, I fear me. Coming
Mother !

(Swoons).

Curtain.

P. PARKER.

ODE TO A MOUTHFUL OF WATER TAKEN INVOLUNTARILY AT PARK'S BATHS.

Thou sloppy spilth of bitter Stygian floods ;
Thou—thou—just wait until I've ceased to splutter,
Just wait a bit I say and I will stutter
Those terse tremendous words I seldom utter,
Save when I grope to find my lost shirt studs.

Some moments since, I'll stake, you would not find
A happier than I ; the sun was beaming,
The baths and therein cleaving arms were gleaming,
And I was blissful, undolently dreaming,
The air was warm and Nature seemed most kind.

O sudden, sorry, sickening effect !
O cruelly unkind iconoclasm !
What grievous gulp, what nauseating spasm,
What awful soup and Oh ! how sour a chasm
Hast thou created ! What pleasure thou hast checkt.

It is enough : I do not ask for more.
The baths have lost their bright attractive shimmer,
And if (for I am not an expert swimmer)
I ope my mouth to breathe, another brimmer
Will doubtless find admission as before.
I feel Thy inward Presence growing grimmer,
Rumours arise of fierce internal war
And hateful are the baths : Here's for the cracked box floor.

EL FRATOR.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a preliminary meeting held on October 14th, J. A. Sinclair was appointed Secretary and S. A. Barwell Assistant Secretary. As G. Edwards and L. J. Adams left last Term two vacancies on the Committee were created, and on October 16th E. J. Holder and S. T. Palmer were elected to the Committee.

The House met on Saturday, October 16th, when Mr. Wilson proposed that "One's school days are one's best days." He gave us a moral discourse on the influence of our school days in our after life; and maintained that school days, being the happiest time in our life, were therefore our best days. Mr. Meere seconded the motion, and soon had the House with him. He took the view that the schoolboy was the "only economically independent being in the community"; and gave many illustrations of the fortunate beings who were still at school. Miss Charlwood opposed the motion and made an excellent speech. She pointed out the school days were a seed-time, and that the harvest was much more interesting and valuable. Mr. Clemo supported the opposition and likened the schoolboy to a vegetable; by means of personal reminiscences he captured the sympathy of the House. Kennagh, Hillard C. and Holder spoke for the motion, the last-named convulsing the House by his account of matrimonial troubles. Ward D. G., Evans J. R. (who recounted the "horrors" of school life) and McClure spoke in support of the opposition; but the House refused to accept their arguments and the motion was carried by 46 votes to 28.

On Saturday, November 20th, the motion before the House was "It is better to be born lucky than rich." J. E. Kennagh proposed the motion and in a well-prepared speech pointed out the disadvantages of riches. He gave examples of how the lucky man could take opportunities and become rich, while the rich man could never become lucky; and exhorted the House to follow the example of ancient philosophers and put its faith in luck. Holder supported the motion and treated the House to a discourse on the value of luck in accidents. He denounced riches as a handicap, except in certain cases which hardly counted. D. G. Ward, who opposed, asserted that the rich man was beyond the reach of such "trivial fripperies" as luck. Quoting proverbs and afterwards demolishing them, he ridiculed black cats and kindred talismans; and set forth his opinion that wealth was the only thing that counts in life. Johnson A. R., who seconded him, tried to draw the sympathy of the House by his pictures of the non-working rich man; but later asserted that the rich man worked harder than the lucky man. (Perhaps this accounted for the voting result!). McClure, Harrington and Day spoke for the motion, and Mr Wilson and Buckley against, Buckley showing how the rich man's son got a

better start in life than the lucky man. Whiteman L. W. spoke but did not betray for which side he was speaking. The motion was carried by 50 votes to 15.

Impromptu speeches were the order of the night on December 4th ; and a most enjoyable evening's amusement was obtained this way. Speakers were allowed to suggest a subject ; and these subjects were shuffled and drawn for by the speakers. A very gratifying result was that many members made their maiden speeches, and we must congratulate Phillips A. E., Raven and Simson on the excellence of their discussions. The speeches and speakers were as follows :—

The Art of Fortune-telling	...	...	Mr. Wilson.
A Tramp's Life as the Ideal	...	...	Raven.
English Opinions of Irish Affairs	...	...	Kennagh.
Is a Q.M.S.'s job a happy one ?	...	...	Ward D. G.
Is a tomato a fruit or vegetable ?	...	...	Holder.
Infinity	...	...	Buckley.
Who killed Cock Robin ?	...	...	McClure.
Aerial Transport Ten Years Hence	...	...	Boulter T. J.
Prohibition	...	...	Whiteman L. W.
Simplified Spelling...	...	...	Palmer.
Navvying	...	...	Harrington.
Is an African Savage happier than an Englishman ?	...	...	Phillips A. E.
Woman—as Mistress in the Home	...	...	Simson.
Bird Shooting	...	...	Hillard R.
Carrots	...	...	Hillard C.

We hope the Debating Society Concert at the end of Term will be a huge success ; and that the very successful run of meetings will be continued next Term.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Scientific Society held their first meeting during the first week of the Term. A new Secretary was elected in the place of G. Edwards, and a vote of thanks passed for the able way in which the latter had carried out the work last year. Parker W. T. was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Society being now affiliated with the Union Society enjoys under its auspices the privilege of having a certain number of the Saturday nights of the Term allotted to it on which lectures are given.

A good start on the programme was made with a Saturday night lecture, which was kindly given by Mr. Edwards, on " Aircraft Bombs and Bomb-sights." It was extremely interesting and there was a

record attendance of over 80. The next lecture was kindly given by Mr. Wilson on "Highs and Lows," in which he gave a clear and practical account of weather forecasting. Other lectures were given as follows:—

"The Oil Conquest of the World"	...	Parker W. T.
"The Microscope and its uses"	...	Beale C. E.
"Coniferæ"	...	Slater I. G.

The last but one was illustrated with lantern slides, whilst Slater's lecture was pleasingly varied with a goodly supply of specimens. There was also a discussion of Scientific Questions on Tuesday, November 23rd. Mr. Carter has kindly consented to lecture on the next Saturday night allotted to us, when it goes without saying our previous record attendance is sure to be broken.

Mention should be made of Baldwin J., who has ably assisted this Term by drawing some very striking posters on the lectures which have been given.

CHESS CLUB.

The Chess Club has resumed operations and has attracted quite a large number of enthusiasts. A Tournament and a House Competition have commenced and are now in full swing. It is hoped that matches will be arranged next Term with other teams, as well as some lectures and exhibitions of simultaneous play by the Secretary of the Worcestershire Schools Chess Association, who is an O.E., and has kindly offered to show us how "things are done."

CRICKET.

W.R.G.S. 1ST CLUB XI. v. OLD ELIZABETHANS.—This, the last match of the Term, was played on Flagge Meadow on July 24th. The Old Boys batted first, but after a good start wickets fell quickly. Humpherson alone batted confidently and contributed 17 out of a total of 48. The School started badly, but later Day and Collier hit out vigorously and help to raise our score to 68. In the second innings the visitors did much better: Capt. Loseby batted well and

Perkins and Done added 34 for the ninth wicket. Requiring 76 to win, the School lost 5 wickets for 24, but some bright batting by Sinclair enabled us to win with 4 wickets in hand. Humpherson's bowling was of great assistance to his side ; his 10 wickets costing only 55 runs. Scores :—

O.E.'s.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
B. W. Sadler c Kings b			
Williams	5	b Day	5
V. W. Humpherson b Chessall	17	lbw Kings	17
A. C. W. Hobson c Hill b			
Chessall	4	b Kings	1
W. Wells b Williams	2	c Hackett b Kings	2
C. E. Loseby b Williams ...	0	lbw Day	19
C. W. Knowles run out	1	b Kings	13
R. A. Done b Chessall	1	b Sinclair	16
W. W. Shakespeare b Kings	10	c Wells b Day	0
K. H. Perkins b Day	4	b Wells	18
H. M. Gardner not out	0	b Day	3
E. T. Dovey c Hackett b			
Kings	3	not out	0
Extras	1	.....	1
Total		Total	
48		95	

W.R.G.S.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
R. W. Hill b Humpherson ...	0	b Humpherson	0
S. Wells c & b Done	0	b Humpherson	2
C. J. Day c Perkins b Humpherson	25	b Humpherson	8
J. A. Sinclair b Humpherson	0	not out	21
J. B. Collier c Loseby b Humpherson	20	c Wells b Knowles	9
R. Kings c & b Knowles ...	1		
Williams b Humpherson	0	not out	8
B. C. Hackett b Humpherson	0	b Knowles	2
W. A. H. Chessall not out ...	12	b Humpherson	16
C. M. Morgan b Knowles ...	0		
A. C. Hudson b Knowles	0		
Extras	10	.....	10
Total		Total (6 wkts.)	
68		76	

CRICKET AVERAGES.

1ST CLUB XI.

Batting.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Average.
Williams	9	3	53*	197	32·8
Mr. Chessall	10	1	45	159	17·6
J. B. Collier	8	2	25*	94	15·6
S. Wells	10	0	87	133	13·3
J. A. Sinclair	10	2	33	89	11·1
R. Kings	8	2	19*	59	9·8
G. H. Wheal	3	1	9	15	7·5
C. J. Day	9	0	25	64	7·1
Mr. Hill	10	0	10	48	4·8
B. C. Hackett.....	9	0	19	37	4·1
C. M. Morgan	5	1	4	9	2·2

1ST XI.

Batting.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Average.
J. A. Sinclair	5	1	54	96	24·0
J. B. Collier	3	0	44	59	19·6
C. M. Morgan	3	1	22	39	19·5
G. H. Wheal	3	0	33	38	12·6
S. A. Barwell	5	0	36	61	12·2
S. Wells	5	0	23	57	11·4
P. Belman	3	0	28	34	11·3
C. J. Day	4	1	12	29	9·6
B. C. Hackett.....	5	0	15	43	8·6
P. Parker	4	2	7*	15	7·5

1ST CLUB XI.

Bowling.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Mr. Chessall	90	22	198	39	5·07
Williams	74	28	190	17	6·78
R. Kings	50	8	160	18	8·8

1ST XI.

Bowling.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
J. B. Collier	18	4	44	9	4·9
C. J. Day	11	1	33	6	5·5
R. Kings	33	5	88	15	5·86
P. Parker	23	4	49	5	9·8
S. A. Barwell	34	6	94	9	10·44

W.R.G.S. (Under 12 $\frac{3}{4}$) v. TREDENNYKE.—This return match was played on July 21st and won by us after an exciting tussle by 2 runs. The ground was very wet and rain prevented a start being made until after a quarter to 4. We batted first and made 60. Buckney and Marsh played well and reached double figures. After a bad start our opponents only wanted 8 runs to win at the fall of the 7th wicket. Dyer bowled very well throughout and took 6 wickets. Scores :—

W.R.G.S. :—60.

Tredennyke :—58.

2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S.—Played at Hartlebury on July 24th. The home side went in first and wickets fell fast. Several bowlers were tried and each met with some success. Our innings was a complete failure, no batsman offering any resistance to the bowling of Lloyd and Gittens. Six of our side failed to score a run. In the 2nd innings our opponents hit out well and “declared,” but we never looked like getting the required runs. Barwell was our most successful bowler. Scores :—

Hartlebury G.S. :—39 and 61 (7 wickets).

W.R.G.S. :—16 and 23 (5 wickets).

FOOTBALL.

1ST CLUB XI. v. CAPT. R. A. MAUND'S XI.—Played on Thursday, October 7th, on Flagge Meadow. Won 6—3. The School XI. outplayed the visitors in the first half and took advantage of the lack of cohesion between their defence and forwards. Evans and Mr. Hill each scored twice. The left wing was the strongest part of the opposing side, and the outside left scored a fine goal just before the interval. During the second half the visitors obtained two more good goals. The end of the game was marked by Sinclair's good defensive play, and the School obtained two more goals through Evans, the first of which came from a good centre by Collier.

Team :—Southey P. C. ; Mr. Clemo, Smaldon F. W. ; Mr. Hudson, Sinclair J. A., Barnes E. A. ; Mr. Crawford, Mr. Scougall, Evans J. R., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B.

THE SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. THE MASTERS' XI.—Tuesday, October 12th, resulting in a win for the Masters by 4—3. The Masters with an unevenly balanced side were superior to the School XI. in the first half. The School left wing was well held by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Clemo, and Mr. Hill scored from a centre by Mr. Barker, and after much mid-field play of a robust nature Mr. Wilson obtained a second goal. In the second half the School XI. played up pluckily and but for the desperate defence of their goal area by the Masters, would have won. Mr. Hill added two more goals for the Masters, and Collier once and Evans twice scored for the School.

School Team :—Southey P. C. ; Chinery F. J., Smaldon F. W., Parker P., Sinclair J. A., Barnes E. A. ; Brown E. G., Doody A. J., Evans J. R., Collier J. B., Taylor P. R.

The Masters' XI. :—Mr. Scougall ; Mr. Clemo and Mr. Edwards ; Mr. Hudson, Mr. Meere, Mr. Cooney ; Mr. Barker, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Hill, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Stratford.

1ST CLUB XI. v. WORCESTER ROWING CLUB F.C.—Played on Flagge Meadow on Thursday, October 14th Lost 2—6. The School XI. was overweighted and beaten by a much superior side. We made a good stand in the first half and had hard luck in not scoring, although the visitors scored twice. In the latter half the opposing centre forward was too quick for our defence and scored three times. One goal was presented to them. Towards the end Sinclair scored a fine goal while Mr. Meere converted a pass from Evans. Sinclair, Collier, Mr. Hill and Mr. Meere played a good game.

Team :—Southey P. C. ; Mr. Clemo, Smaldon F. W. ; Day C. J., Sinclair J. C., Mr. Hudson ; Mr. Meere, Mr. Scougall, Evans J. R., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B.

1ST CLUB XI. v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY F.C. 2ND XI.—Played on Flagge Meadow on October 16th. Lost 2—8. The ground was wet and slippery and we showed up badly against a side which was strong and well together and played good football. In the first half they obtained three goals.

and though the School XI. played up hard and Mr. Hill scored twice the superior tactics of the visitors puzzled our defence and they obtained five more goals in rapid succession.

Team :—Southey P. C. ; Mr. Clemo, Smaldon F. W. ; Day C. J., Sinclair J. C., Mr. Hudson ; Mr. Meere, Mr. Scougall, Evans J. R., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B.

1ST CLUB XI. v. ST. MARTIN'S F.C.—Played on Flagge Meadow on October 23rd. Won 5—2. The School XI. was always a little superior to that of the visitors, and our defence played better football and fed our forwards better. Mr. Hill scored twice in the first half. Immediately after the interval the visitors scored twice from two isolated rushes, but the School was always on top, and Mr. Hill making full use of the passes from the wings and halves scored three more goals for us.

Team :—Southey P. C. ; Mr. Clemo, Sinclair J. A. ; Day C. J., Mr. Hudson, Barnes E. A. ; Mr. Crawford, Mr. Meere, Evans J. R., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B.

THE SCHOOL XI. v. THE MASTERS' XI.—Played on October 23rd, when the School won by 2—I. The School XI. played much better football than in the previous Masters' match and just managed to avenge their defeat. The first half of the game was a ding dong struggle and the School XI. was handicapped by the ineffectiveness of its forwards in the front of goal. Later Hall and Evans scored for the School and Mr. Hill for the Masters from a penalty. Mr. Wilson's goalkeeping was of great service to the Masters' XI.

School Team :—Southey P. C. ; Day C. J., Smaldon F. W. ; Parker P., Sinclair J. A., Barnes E. A. ; Brown E. G., Hall J., Evans J. R., Doody A. J., Collier J. B.

Masters' Team :—Mr. Wilson ; Mr. Clemo, Mr. Edwards ; Mr. Hudson, Mr. Meere, Mr. Cooney ; Mr. Crawford, Mr. Barker, Mr. Stratford, Mr. Hill, Mr. Scougall.

1ST CLUB XI. v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY F.C. 2ND XI.—Played on the visitors' ground at Selly Oak on Nov. 24th.

Lost 7—1. The visitors fielded quite a different team for this fixture, but it proved quite as formidable an obstacle. During the first half the School left wing broke away many times but failed to score; but by degrees the opposing forwards, who dribbled with skill and were thoroughly accustomed to their own ground, outplayed our defence and scored three goals before half-time. Mr. Hudson scored our only goal with a good first time shot, after a centre by Collier. In the later stages the School were obliged to play merely a defensive game, and we did well to keep the final score down to seven goals against us.

Team :—Gainsford J. P., Mr. Clemo, Day C. J.; Mr. Crawford, Sinclair J. A., Barnes E. A.; Mr. Barker, Mr. Hudson, Evans J. R., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B.

1ST CLUB XI. v. CAPT. R. A. MAUND'S XI.—Played on Flagge Meadow on December 4th. Lost 2—6. This game was considerably interfered with by a strong wind which made the control of the ball very difficult. The visitors on the whole were a heavier side, and were well led by their captain at centre-forward. He kept the line together and they scored four goals before the interval. The School then pressed hard and Collier obtained two goals after some pretty passing between him and Mr. Hill. But our opponents proved much too strong for our defence and scored twice before the end. Mr. Crawford at right-half and Southey P. C. in goal made up the visitors' XI.

Team :—Mr. Wilson; Mr. Clemo, Day C. J.; Mr. Hudson, Sinclair J. A., Barnes E. A.; Mr. Barker, Hall J., Mr. Hill, Collier J. B., Taylor P. R.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. HEREFORD C.S.—This match at Hereford on October 20th ended in a draw after a very close and keenly contested game. The ground was wet and the players had difficulty in controlling the ball. After some even play in mid-field we pressed as the result of a good run by Collier, but the forwards did not combine well and were weak in front of goal. A determined attack on our goal now

followed and resulted in our opponents' scoring. Just before the interval some good work by Hall and Sinclair enabled the latter to equalize with a well-directed, long shot. On changing ends our goal received much attention, but the defence only let them in once. Collier and Hall were again conspicuous for good work, during which the former scored. The remainder of the game proved a hard and exciting struggle, but neither side was able to get the lead.

Team :—Southey ; Day, Chinery ; Parker P., Sinclair J. A., Barnes ; Brown E. G., Hall J., Evans J. R., Doody, Collier J. B.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. STOURBRIDGE G.S.—Played at Stourbridge on October 27th, and ended in our defeat by 6 goals to 1. We started well and pressed, but soon their forwards got away and scored twice. Our defence broke down chiefly through mis-kicking. After this our forwards combined well and several good shots were put in ; eventually Doody succeeded in beating the goalkeeper. Our opponents replied with another goal just before half-time. In the second half we pressed most of the time, but the shooting was weak. On three occasions the homeside rushed down and scored. Our defeat was largely due to ineffective play in front of goal among our forwards. Parker at half was good but still too slow. Sinclair tackled well all through the game, but mis-kicking by the backs was very frequent, and this was of great assistance to our opponents.

Team :—Southey ; Day, Smaldon ; Parker P., Sinclair J. A., Barnes ; Brown E. G., Hall J., Evans J. R., Doody, Collier J. B.

1ST XI. v. WOLVERHAMPTON G.S.—We played this match on November 13th and suffered a heavy defeat. The ground was wet and the ball difficult to control. After some play in mid-field, the homeside got the upperhand and our goal was heavily and constantly attacked. The defence broke down and mis-kicking was frequent. As some relief Collier twice broke through and scored after good runs. In

the second half we met with bad luck, three of our men being injured, Sinclair having to leave the field for about half-an-hour. They added 6 more goals and Hall scored for us. Our opponents were a well balanced side and proved too heavy and fast for us. Our forwards were unable to combine against them and thus we lost by 13 goals to 3.

Team :—Southey ; Day, Smaldon ; Parker P., Sinclair J., Barnes E. A. ; Brown E. G., Hall J., Evans J. R., Doody, Collier J. B.

W.R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. HEREFORD C.S.—This return match on Flagge Meadow on November 20th ended in a victory for us by 5 goals to nil. We began pressing early in the game and a good shot from Collier opened the score. After some even play in mid-field, Collier again scored with a well-directed shot from the wing. The visitors attacked our goal with vigour, but their centre-forward received little support, and Sinclair proved equal to the occasion. Just before the interval Hall scored after a good run by Evans. In the second half our superiority was well established, Taylor and Collier on the left wing being conspicuous for several good runs. Most of game took place in our opponents' half, but we only scored twice more. Smaldon played a good game at back and Gainsford was safe in goal.

Team :—Gainsford ; Day, Smaldon ; Parker P., Sinclair J. A., Barnes ; Doody, Hall J., Evans J. R., Collier J. B., Taylor P. R.

1ST XI. v. STOURBRIDGE G.S.—This return match on Flagge Meadow on December 1st was very keenly contested, and although we were leading up to within five minutes of time we had to acknowledge defeat by 4 goals to 3. At the start our opponents made a determined attack on our goal, but Day, Brooking and Sinclair were equal to the occasion. Our forwards now got together and several good runs, in which Collier was conspicuous, ensued. After this pressure had been kept for some time Brown scored from a good centre by Doody. On re-starting the visitors' centre-forward got

possession and breaking through our defence scored with a hard shot. We continued to have most of the play and Evans put us ahead again. Shortly before the interval Sinclair beat the goalkeeper with an excellent long shot. During the second half, we rarely allowed the ball to come into our half of the ground. Once their forwards got away and scored. Our wings worked well together and the defence was sound. Several good shots were put in, but the Stourbridge goalkeeper was very alert and made some excellent saves. During the last few minutes our play fell off and the visitors broke through and scored twice with long shots. The result was very disappointing after the team had played really well and had most of the game.

Team :—Gainsford ; Day, Brooking ; Parker P., Sinclair J. A., Barnes E. A. ; Doody, Brown E. G., Evans J. R., Collier J. B., Taylor P. R.

2ND XI. MATCHES.

2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S.—Played at Hartlebury on October 13th. We found our opponents too fast for us, and from the start play settled down in our half. Our defence tried hard to keep them out and Gainsford brought off several good saves. At half-time the score was 3—Nil. We did better after changing ends, but our forwards were weak in front of goal. Towards the end Parker, who played well, scored from a long shot. Result 5—1 against us.

Team :—Gainsford ; Chinery, Smaldon ; Slater, Parker P., Barnes ; Brown E., Kings, Hall J., Doody, Taylor P. R.

2ND XI. v. HEREFORD C.S. 2ND XI.—This game proved very close and interesting on Flagge Meadow on October 20th, and ended in a draw 2—2. We pressed at first and our left wing was conspicuous for good combination. Taylor opened the score with a hard shot after 12 minutes play. After some even play in mid-field the visitors equalized just before the interval. On re-starting Belman put us ahead with a well-

directed shot. We pressed for some time after this, but the forwards displayed inefficiency in front of goal. During the last 10 minutes the visitors made desperate efforts to reduce our lead, but Gainsford, Wells and Cooke defended well. At last some good work on their left wing enabled them to score again.

Team :—Gainsford ; Cooke, Wells E. ; Johnson A. R., Flower, Payton ; Armstrong C., Kings, Belman, Smith C., Taylor P. R.

2ND CLUB XI. v. KIDDERMINSTER G.S.—Played at Kidderminster on October 23rd and resulted in our defeat by 4 goals to nil. After some even play the homeside pressed and were awarded a penalty from which they scored. We had several good chances of scoring, but the forwards were weak in front of goal. Mis-kicking by the backs constantly let their forwards in, and the halves were altogether too slow in tackling. Belman and Hall played well, but their shooting was inaccurate.

Team :—Gainsford ; Chinery, Smaldon ; Wells E., Parker P., Slater ; Brown E., Belman, Hall, Doody, Taylor P. R.

2ND XI. v. STOURBRIDGE G.S. 2ND XI.—We won this game on Flagge Meadow on October 27th by 4 goals to 2. Play was even at first until some good work by the left wing enabled Taylor to score. From this time onwards we had things our own way, and further goals were scored by Belman, Barwell and Taylor. After half-time play was much more even ; our opponents scored twice in quick succession. Taylor played well on the left, but the right wing was very weak. Barwell played a good game, and Wells tackled and kicked with judgment.

Team :—Gainsford ; Chinery, Wells E. ; Prosser, Flower, Hincks ; Armstrong C., Barwell, Belman, Smith C., Taylor P. R.

2ND CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S.—We won this match on Flagge Meadow by 3 goals to 1 on November 17th. The first half was very even and most of the play took place

in mid-field. Our forwards worked well together, but failed to score. After 20 minutes play the visitors' left wing got away and opened the score. Shortly after this, one of the visiting forwards had the misfortune to break his leg. We pressed most of the second half and scored three times; the visitors played very well, but the loss of one of their best forwards took the sting out of their attack.

Team :—Gainsford ; Chinery, Smaldon ; Wells E., Parker P., Hutchinson ; Brown E. G., Hall J., Barwell, Doody, Taylor P. R.

2ND XI. v. HEREFORD C.S.—On November 20th this return match resulted in a win for us by 5—2. The visitors got together at once and opened the score after 5 minutes' play. Soon after this we attacked and some good work by Brown and Barwell enabled us to take the lead. Our opponents equalized soon after half-time with a good low shot. A keen and hard game followed, each side making desperate efforts to get through. Eventually after 30 minutes' play Barwell broke through and scored. The visitors' defence now broke down and Barwell added two more goals.

Team :—Southey ; Chinery, Brooking ; Wells E., Flower, Hutchinson ; Brown E. G., Hincks, Belman, Barwell, Smith C. G.

2ND CLUB XI. v. KIDDERMINSTER G.S.—Played on Flagge Meadow on November 24th. This game may be dismissed shortly. The team appeared to be making no effort to win the match. The ineptness and inertia of our players, with the exception of Wells E., are not easily described. There was no score up to half-time, but shortly after the interval Barwell gave us the lead. Good fortune enabled us to keep this lead until 7 minutes from time, when we allowed the visitors to score twice, and thus were finally successful in losing the match.

Team :—Southey ; Brooking, Chinery ; Wells E., Parker P., Hutchinson ; Doody, Hall J., Belman, Barwell, Taylor P. R.

2ND XI. v. STOURBRIDGE G.S. 2ND XI.—We lost this match on December 1st by 2 goals to 1. Both sides attacked in turn and eventually Belman scored for us from a well-directed pass by Dyer. They soon equalized and after some play in mid-field they took the lead with a shot which Southey just failed to clear. After the interval we pressed most of the time and should have scored enough goals to win the match, but the shooting was erratic. Dyer was the pick of our forwards; his accurate passing provided several good openings. Hutchinson and Chinery were the best of our defenders.

Team :—Southey ; Chinery, Slater ; Wells E., Flower, Hutchinson ; Armstrong C. W., Dyer V., Belman, Barwell, Smith C.

OTHER MATCHES.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—This match on Flagge Meadow on October 13th was very one-sided. From the start our forwards proved too fast for the opposing defence. Only once during the first half did the visitors threaten our goal, but Williams saved well. After the interval the ball was kept in our opponents' half and 7 goals were scored. We eventually won by 11—0. Belman shot well and scored six times.

Team :—Williams C. ; Payton, Cooke ; Prosser, Flower, Dyer D. ; Armstrong C., Johnson A. R., Belman, Barwell, Smith C.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HANLEY CASTLE G.S.—Rain spoilt this game at Hanley Castle on October 16th ; the ball was difficult to control. We started uphill and play was very even ; but after 15 minutes' play their forwards got possession and broke through our defence. Shortly afterwards Barwell took advantage of a miskick and equalized. At half-time the score was 2—2. We pressed most of the second half, but the forwards displayed weakness in front of goal. Twice

the homeside broke through and scored, thus winning by 4 to 2. Dyer V. played well at inside left.

Team :—Williams C. ; Payton, Cooke ; Prosser, Flower, Dyer D. ; Armstrong C., Barwell, Belman, Dyer V., Smith C.

3RD CLUB XI. v. KIDDERMINSTER G.S. 2ND XI.—On October 23rd we beat the above on Flagge Meadow by 8 goals to 4. The first half was fairly even ; our opponents scored first, but just before the interval Barwell and Best put us ahead. On changing ends we did most of the attacking and scored four times in 25 minutes. Towards the end our defence broke down, with the result that the visitors added 3 goals in quick succession.

Team :—Williams C. ; Payton, Cooke ; Prosser, Flower, Dyer D. ; Armstrong, C., Kings, Barwell, Dyer V., Best.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HANLEY CASTLE G.S.—This return match on November 3rd proved an easy victory for us, and thus avenged our defeat earlier in the Term. We held the upperhand from the start ; the forwards combined well, Barwell and Dyer V. being conspicuous for good work. At half-time the score was 5—0. On changing ends play was more level, the visitors broke through our defence twice. Kings and Flower played well and we won by 8 goals to 2.

Team :—Williams C. ; Brooking, Cooke ; Prosser, Flower, Dyer D. ; Armstrong C., Kings, Barwell, Dyer V., Johnson A. R.

3RD CLUB XI. v. HARTLEBURY G.S. 2ND XI.—Played at Hartlebury on November 17th, and ended in a victory for us by 5 goals to nil. The first half was evenly contested, both goals receiving much attention. Just before the interval Slater scored for us with a well-directed shot. During the second half our forwards played well together and proved too fast for the opposing defence. Johnson played well and scored most of the goals.

Team :—Best ; Brooking, Cooke ; Slater, Flower, Dyer D. ; Armstrong C. W., Hincks, Johnson A. R., Dyer V., Smith C. G.

3RD CLUB XI. v. KIDDERMINSTER G.S. 2ND XI.—We won this match on November 24th by 3 goals to 1. We pressed most of the time ; but the shooting was very weak and half-time arrived with no score. After the interval the homeside opened the score, but Hincks soon equalized with a good shot. The remainder of the game took place chiefly in the neighbourhood of our opponents' goal, and Smith and Johnson gave us the lead. Dyer V. played well at inside left.

Team :—Williams C. ; Payton, Cooke ; Slater, Flower, Dyer D. ; Brown E. G., Hincks, Johnson A. R., Dyer V., Smith C. G.

A TEAM (Under 13) v. TREDENNYKE.—We proved too fast for our opponents in this match on October 16th and won by 8 goals to 2. The wet ball made the task of the goalkeeper difficult. Our forwards played well together and were cleverer than their opponents. Dyer scored most goals and Thomas was good on the left wing. Taylor proved an efficient goalkeeper.

Team :—Taylor A. L. ; Bennett R., Buckney ; Higgins, McEwen, Baddeley ; Blackwell, Dyer E. J., Marsh, Armstrong J. L., Thomas D. G.

A TEAM (Under 13) v. DOWNS SCHOOL, 1ST XI.—On October 27th we won this match on our own ground by 5 goals to nil. We soon established our superiority and kept the game in our opponents' half. Our forwards were much quicker on the ball than the visitors and several good combined rushes were made. Dyer played well and scored most of the goals. Thomas D. G. centred well from the left wing.

Team :—Taylor A. L. ; Bennett R., Buckney ; Higgins, McEwen, Baddeley ; Blackwell, Dyer E. J., Marsh, Armstrong J. L., Thomas D. G.

A TEAM (Under 12) v. DOWNS SCHOOL, 2ND XI.—On the same day the younger boys went to Colwall and were defeated by 4 goals to 1. The homeside scored in the first minute, their forwards playing very well together. In the second half we were quite outplayed, but good goalkeeping by Allen kept the score down. Just before the end, Clarke scored for us after a fine run. He played very well all through, but received little support from the other forwards. The backs were unreliable.

Team :—Allen R. A. ; Thomas P. J., Timms ; Hunt, Bray, Philpott H. J. ; Duckworth, Wale, Clarke J., Mobbs, Felix L. A.

A TEAM (Under 12-8) V. TREDENNYKE.—For this return match on November 6th we played a weaker team and won by 5 goals to 1. The game was evenly contested, but our forwards were more effective in front of goal. Higgins played a sound game at centre-half, and Baddeley and Dyer played vigorously and were responsible for most of our goals. The visitors scored their only goal shortly after half-time as the result of a good run by their centre-forward. Taylor was safe in goal.

Team :—Taylor A. L. ; Daniel, Hart D. ; Marsh, Higgins, Baddeley, Blackwell, Dyer E. J., Clarke J., Felix L. A., Mitchell.

A TEAM (Under 13) V. DOWNS SCHOOL.—We played a rather weaker team in this return match at Colwall on November 20th. The ground was very wet and the players found the ball difficult to control. After some even play, the homeside scored, but some good work among the forwards ended in Clarke scoring with a good shot from a centre from Betteridge. After half-time Dyer put us ahead after a good run. Taylor played very well in goal.

Team :—Taylor A. L. ; Hart D. S., Buckney ; Marsh, Higgins, Baddeley ; Blackwell, Dyer E., Clarke J., Mason A. W., Betteridge.

A TEAM (Under 12) V. DOWNS SCHOOL, 2ND XI.—On the same day we won a keenly contested game on Flagge Meadow. Clarke scored with a good shot during the first half. On changing ends we attacked and Bray and Thomas scored for us. Towards the end the visitors scored from a penalty. Our players handled the ball several times and if the visitors had taken advantage of penalties, they would probably have won the match.

Team :—Allen R. A. ; Daniels, Timms ; Bray, Taylor E., Hunt ; Clarke H. W., Mobbs, Thomas P. J., Phelps H., Mitchell.

A TEAM (Under 12½) V. TREDENNYKE.—A very keen and evenly contested game on Flagge Meadow on November 27th ended in a victory for us by 4 goals to 1. Both sides pressed in turn, but our shooting was stronger and Mason opened our score. Our defence was sound, Taylor doing very well in goal. After attacking for some time the visitors equalized, but our forwards combined very well and Clarke J. scored twice. The second half was very even, most of the play taking place in midfield. Towards the end we scored once more.

Team :—Taylor A. L. ; Hart D. S., Daniels ; Marsh, Higgins, Clarke H. W. ; Blackwell, Dyer E., Clarke J., Mason A. W., Mitchell.

INTER-HOUSE LEAGUE.

The two strongest teams in the 1st XI. Competition were School House and Tudor, the former eventually winning the

Cup after a keen and interesting contest. Barwell, Wells R. and Dyer V. were the most prominent players for the winners, and Brooking, Thomas, Macdonnell and Prosser, under the able and enthusiastic captaincy of Palmer, did very good work throughout for Tudor. The elevens of the other Houses were smaller and their standard fell below that of the leaders. Several good games took place when playing one another and there was keen competition for third place. For Wylde, Payton, Collins D., Preece and Carstairs played well, and Houlson, Else, Steer and Martin did good work for Woolfe. Temple had a very light team, Johnson, Kersey and Armstrong being the best.

A conspicuous fault in most teams was weakness in front of goal and a tendency to pass to the wings when near the goal instead of shooting.

School House also won the 2nd XI. Cup, winning all their matches easily. They had a far stronger and heavier team than the others. Hillard C., Dyer E. and Davies were the most conspicuous players. Woolfe and Tudor tied for second place and had several promising young players.

The 3rd XI. Cup was won by School House without much opposition. The other Houses did well when they could muster full teams. Woolfe possesses two promising players in Hart D. S. and Clarke. Washington and Daniels did well for Temple.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

In the first round Woolfe beat Wylde by 4 goals to 2, after a very close game. For some time the score was level, but just before the end Woolfe got the upperhand. Higgins played a very plucky game for the losers.

In the second round Temple was beaten by Woolfe by 3 goals to 2. The game was very even, though the winners just held the upperhand throughout. Sinclair was the mainstay of his side in attack and defence, and Chinery and Taylor played well for the losers. The game between Tudor

and School House proved very close and exciting. Tudor scored first through a good shot by Kings. Just before the interval Belman equalized. The second half produced no further score and extra time was played, and 3 minutes before the end Evans broke through and scored. The Tudor defence was excellent, Smaldon, Brooking and Day proving a match for the strong forward line of their opponents. Collier J. and Wells E. played well for the winners.

School House beat Woolfe in the final by 3 goals to 1 after a hard and well contested game. Evans, Belman and Hincks scored for the winners, and Collier and Wells were the mainstays of their defence. For the losers, Sinclair worked hard, and the backs, Slater and Smith, did well and kept the opposing forwards in check. Best in goal made several good saves.

OXFORD LETTER.

CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

Nov. 19th, 1920.

There is little to report of importance from Oxford this Term. Work and the other usual attractions have continued to occupy the attentions of the O.E.'s in residence. Scientists and mathematicians, indeed, seem to spend most of their time at work or in learned discussion; to others who study less pretentious subjects some little relaxation is allowed. Lee C. R. is reported to spend most afternoons of the week, when his knee permits, defending the Exeter goal at Hockey. Rugger is, however, the chief attraction for Oxford O.E.'s. Ingleson, Beynon and Attwell sometimes appear for their respective Colleges, while the prospective 'Varsity match on Dec. 7th provides a fruitful topic for discussion. Watts, Bowen and Shilton contrive to hide their heads in distant laboratories and other out of the way places. Wall and Ranford are occasionally to be seen issuing forth to seek a mild relaxation in botanical expeditions. Finally, Smith, in awed expectation of finals in June seems to spend most of his time at work.

There are numerous other methods of amusement which appeal to the different individuals. The Union still continues to attract those who are interested or amused by politics. The doings of the various 'Varsity Clubs, however, provide most interest this Term. Perhaps next Term there will be more to tell of the achievements of Oxford O.E.'s.

HOUSE LETTERS.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Of all the bald productions of this century the literary effusions which go under the name of House Letters are inevitably the baldest. Fain would the unwilling scribe evade the task, but that is not to be. Happily the School House record is one of success and this Term has been no exception to the rule. We have gained all three Cups—the 3rd XI. and 2nd XI. with ridiculous ease and the 1st XI. after keen competition with Tudor House. We hope to win the Challenge Shield, having scraped through the first round at the expense of Tudor House after a most exciting game. Letts and Dyer V. have been awarded their House colours.

In the Chess Competition, which has been revived this Term, there have been many interesting matches, of which we have not lost any, but we have yet to meet Baskerville.

We are pleased to record that all our eligible new members have joined the O.T.C., and Evans, Buckley, Gainsford and Barwell are to be congratulated on their promotion.

As regards internal activity we have not been idle. Lines have apparently been very popular, also chess, draughts, &c. Alas! our erstwhile peaceful community has been rudely disturbed by the ravages of a guerilla warfare "à l'espagnol," and the prefects have been haunted by two large and baleful eyes from which there has been no escape.

The following left last Term :—Edwards G., Adams L. J., Hackett B. C., Greenwood J. F., Blackwood W. B., Morgan C. M., Wells S., Durston H. G., Eckley J. J. W., Whittles P.

We welcome :—McClure J. E. C., Rincon J., Pretty I. C., Pickard T. G., Johnson R. S., Jones R. F. R., Cooper G. A. B., Davies I. P., Dyer R. S., Fellowes D. E.

SCHOOL.

BASKERVILLE.

Our sad plight this Term with regard to numbers has been the cause of the fact that for the first time in our history we have been unable to gather a House football eleven. We exonerate ourselves from all charges of slackness on this account by stating that our community numbers this Term just eleven. Two of these—Doody and Southey—are members of the XXII. and have played in many 1st XI. matches. Two more of us are in the first form, so it is obviously impossible to play with a team of nine, under such circumstances.

However, where we have failed where matter is concerned, we hope to score with mind, for we have every hope of winning both the House Chess Competition and the Senior Championship. We are happy to be able to congratulate Mackay R. M. on his winning last year's Chess prize.

Baskerville, like all other boarders' houses, is subject to that most infectious of diseases—craze. The latest seems to be that of joining the O.T.C. band, which contains no less than five Baskervillans—all that are eligible in our little community—four of whom have joined this Term.

We welcome S. Scudamore to swell our society, which has sadly collapsed owing to the loss of Mackay R. M., Haffenden J. F., and Dyer "B."

BASKERVILLE.

 WOOLFE HOUSE.

A steady level of success has been maintained in all the Competitions this Term; and though we have no outstanding success to record we have every reason to hope for better results next year. The junior members of the House have realised at last that they must take their share in the games; and great keenness and skill have been shown by them this Term.

Luck was with us in the first two rounds of the Challenge Shield, and as a result we have to meet School House in the final. Against Wyld we won 4—2, after a very vigorous and well contested game in which Martin and Houlson were prominent for us. Temple were beaten 3—2; owing to some hard work on the part of the Captain and one or two of the "old-stagers." We hope to give School House a hard game on December 11th.

Best, Houlson, Martin and Else have played well for the 1st XI., which finished fourth in the Competition. The 2nd XI. took second place; showing good football qualities all through the Term. Stinchcombe, Coombs, Buckney and Hickling have been the "star-turns"—they should prove of value to the House next year.

The 3rd XI. was small, but made up for size in the matter of pluck. Their outstanding win was against School House—the only time the winners were defeated—when our team piled up 11 goals. Hart D. is very promising at back, while in Clarke J. we have the most skilful junior centre-forward in the School. We ended up in the third position in the table.

The House is to be congratulated on winning the Shooting Shield last Term. Our team—Sinclair, Slater, Webb A. J. and Wood V.—managed to beat Tudor by 3 points as a result of steady, if not brilliant shooting. We congratulate Slater on his promotion to Corporal; and it is to be hoped that more members will join the O.T.C. next year.

We hope that Hockey will be played as keenly as Football has been; then we may attain our old place as cock day-boy House.

WOOLFE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

This Term we welcome Mr. Scougall as House President; he has shown a keen interest in the House Football. On the whole it has been a very successful Term, although we were rather unfortunate not winning the Challenge Shield.

The 1st XI. finished second in the League, losing only one match and drawing another. The whole team has played well, but its strength has been affected by the changes in the XXII. Palmer has made an efficient Captain and has been well supported.

The 2nd XI. finished second in the League, but this distinction has been shared by another House, no doubt due to a slight slackening off towards the end of Term. The most promising player in the team was Blackwell, while Felix R. H. has worked well.

There are many promising players in the 3rd XI., which has also finished second in the League, being only defeated by School House.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we were drawn against School House, and after a very close game and twenty minutes extra time we were defeated 2—1. Kings worked very hard among the forwards and scored our goal, while Smaldon and Brooking were a sound pair of backs, and with Beale made an excellent defence.

House Football colours have been awarded to all those who have been in the 1st XXII. this Term, and Palmer, Fortey and Beale.

We congratulate Kings, Holder and Patrick on their promotions in the O.T.C.

A welcome revival of keenness has been noticed among the younger members of the House; we hope this will continue.

TUDOR.

WYLDE HOUSE.

The House, this Term, has given a very poor performance at Football. Undoubtedly the reason that the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s have come out at the wrong end of the list, was due to the bad attendance of players. It is the old complaint, and no House Cups will be won until it is remedied. Firkins, Yarnold and Smith H. T. in the 2nd XI. and Payton T. B. and Haskins in the 3rd XI. have done what they could, but have had little help from the rest of the teams.

The 1st XI. has done rather better. Payton A. E. played some good games, but would be more effective if he were a little quicker. Collins D. S. and Preece R. J. played together with great dash. Considering the small size of the players we did well to finish third.

The Challenge Shield match was somewhat of a disappointment as we seemed, at one time, to be getting the better part of the game. In beating us Woolfe must be thankful for a heavier team.

House colours have been awarded to those in the first XXII. and Payton A. E., Preece R. J. and Collins D. S.

WYLDE.

 TEMPLE HOUSE.

As usual, this was our worst Term. Having won the 1st XI. Cup last Term we have slipped back into a state of nonchalescence. So many players have had so many different engagements, that often our 1st XI. has been represented by a centre-forward, two wing men, a couple of half-backs, the backs, and no goalkeeper. However, sometimes something like the team did turn up, as in the game with Woolfe, our only win. Johnson A. R., Kersey, Buchanan J. W. and Armstrong C. W. played well and have been awarded their House colours. Kennagh J. E. proved a good partner at left-back.

The same fate befell us in the 2nd XI. One win, one draw. Buchanan W. S., Austin J. F. and Avery are promising players. Pointer has kept a sound goal. The 3rd XI. has done better, having managed to win two and draw one, thus securing six points. Washington has proved an able Captain, being well supported by Baker and Williams.

In the Challenge Shield Competition we were drawn a bye in the first round, only to meet Woolfe in the second round, to whom we succumbed as usual by 3 goals to 2. In the 1st XXII. we are represented by Chinery F. J., Brown E. G. and Taylor P. R.

TEMPLE.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

(Note.—Correspondents wishing to reply by post must enclose stamped envelope).

"*Lower I I.*" For removal of ink-stains from the countenance try a fairly rough file, or the side of a matchbox will do at a rub.

Anxious (V I. Former). The songs "I hid my love" and "I gave my love a hiding" are not the same.

"*Homer.*" Thanks for your piffling Limerick. Why not try the Epic style. It would probably better suit your genius.

"*Hobbs.*" We agree with you that the umpire's decision of L.B.W. against you was wrong. It should have been both legs B.W.

"*Naturalist and Others.*" "Worm-club" is a shortened form of Natural History Society.

"*Inquirer.*" We cannot tell you how many miles a centre-forward covers in the course of a game. We attempted to work it out but used up all the Logs in the Tables before we had finished.

"*Classicuss.*" No "toto" is *not* the ablative of "tum-tum."

(A lot of answers are unavoidably held over, until the Editor can think of questions they will fit).

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

SUMMER TERM, 1920.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank	95	2	4	Wages	51	15	0
War Savings Certs.	41	17	6	Match Expenses...	10	5	2
Subscriptions ...	63	10	0	Cricket Material...	58	7	9
Sports Subscrip-				Sports Prizes ...	39	9	9
tions	24	16	3	Sports Expenses...	3	5	8
Sale of Fixture				Dramatic Society	1	18	5
Cards	2	9	0	Bills Paid	1	16	5
Sale of Sports Pro-				Sundries	3	18	7
grammes	0	18	0	Balance	16	15	8
Sale of Goods ...	0	16	10	War Savings Certs.	41	17	6
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W. A. H. CHESSALL,

Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

R. J. CARTER.