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Editorial.

THE end of an Editor's butterfly existence may seem an unworthy moment for pausing to look back upon the progress of the School; it may seem to give too much of an idea that the date of our leaving is an epoch in the School's history. Yet it is not through any conceit that we look back upon our six years here; but we feel—without any merit in ourselves for the thought—that we are the last survivors of old times. Our first days were those of the Commercial School—days of intense rivalry, which was at times too real to be sportsmanlike, days when we, as High-School partisans, had often with shame to admit that it was our fate to be beaten by the hated wearers of the red caps. We can recollect the passing of the Commercial School, followed by the birth of the House System, which within the last two years has grown until it now embraces almost every activity of school life; we can recollect the day when we were still four hundred pounds off that coveted organ, and when a gymnasium was undreamt of. There will be only a few in the School who do not remember the days before the New Library and Prefects' Room. Any who wish may seek memorials of that past era in Mr. H. M. Brown's room, once the Blessed Abode of the Prefects. There is also the seat of a desk, which is preserved in the office, and contains many names once well-known!

These are years which have seen a great expansion of the High School, numerically, and a great advance in its prestige. Perhaps we who have grown up with it realise its glories best, and the need of gratitude to its many friends

R.E.W.

I hope that the colleague responsible for the preceding paragraphs touched wood in writing them. For my part, I am always shy of farewells. Your last farewell, like a woman's last word, is so often followed by several more. Leaving school, however, should rightly be a milestone in one's own life; and the desire is natural to reckon up one's accounts, as it were, before going on.

It was really some such reckoning that tempted me last term to surprise the School with an insistent eulogy of its recent progress. Without wishing to preach, I have always thought that the Editor of a School Magazine is wasting his time and the school's paper, if he fills his Editorial with a repetition of stale news, with a more or less witty periphrasis for nothing, or even with a platitudinous discussion of outside affairs. He has other things to do.

The virtues which are the peculiar essentials of school life, *esprit-de-corps*, a high standard of personal honour and of collective responsibility, should not be imposed on the various generations of boys from above. Their growth should be stimulated in the boys themselves. This is the whole point and value

of the prefect system, that the boys can see that the rules and discipline of the masters do not represent an arbitrary caprice, but are such as even boys from their own number find to be needed for the smooth working of a manifold school life.

The weakness of the system is that the semi-isolation advisable, and in part essential, for the maintenance of prefects' authority, tends to obscure, for all concerned, masters and boys, and prefects also, the true position of a prefect, as representative of the rest of the school.

If, therefore, it is essential that the prefects' own view of their position and duties should be an exact and a high one, it is still more necessary that that view should be kept always before the eyes of the school. This last is the province of whoever writes a school Editorial.

In accustoming his own generation to the praise of the school's true glories, he will ensure that the methods by which they were won, and by which alone they can be kept, are not forgotten. It is better for a school to praise itself than to abuse outsiders; and while boys have tongues they will always be doing one or the other.

J.I.M.

Chat on the Corridor.

WE wish to thank all the officials whose connection with the Sports made them such a success this year. We are sorry that the rain-gauge is incapable of realising our gratitude for its kindness (or oversight).

Congratulations to the Junior Shield Team, which drew with the Catholic Institute after two replays, so that each School will hold the Shield for half a year.

Many will be leaving us at the end of term, either for University or Army, or civil life. We wish them all every good fortune. Among them is our Senior Editor, who leaves after eleven years, for two of which he has been Head of the School. We thank him for his good work for the School and the Magazine, and wish him good luck in O.C.B. and afterwards.

We have had many visits from Old Boys this term. The Sports were specially honoured by the presence of Lieut. Capstick, Lieut. Stoker, Cadets Christian, Fry, Kennedy, and Laver. They all seemed happy, but we noted that O.C.B. has not modified Laver's pet principles.

Thomas, A., and Jones, E., have been called up to O.C.B. We wish them success.

The O.T.C. Inspection was successful, despite the erratic arm-drill of the Sergeant of No. 1 Platoon.

As we write, about twenty of our boys are going to Cocker-mouth on N.S. Work. They should enjoy themselves.

We understand that the School N.S. Camp in the holidays is being prepared for, as fast as the Government will allow.

The Cricket 1st XI. Record is very good this season, as the notes will show.

We welcome Mr. Bligh, who has come to us during the term as Classics Master.

The Swimming Gala is to be held this term. We cordially approve the innovation.

The Editors' campaign for "copy" from the body of the School has been met this term with a good response, numerically. We hope that the system will be continued next year with equally good results.

R. E. Williams is one of those who expect to leave us this term, and the Senior Editor wishes me to thank him for his work as Sub-Editor. He has been always hardworking, reliable and (what is not least) enterprising.

Literary and Debating Society.

THERE remain to be chronicled two meetings, held at the close of last term. Doubt has been cast upon the advisability of publishing accounts of these meetings, for "no one feels any interest in the Debating Society in the Summer term." We believe, however, that this statement has been made without due consideration, and we would further point out that it would be greatly unjust to the protagonists, at those two meetings, not to pass an account, rendered however brief by the draconic edicts of a cruel Editor, down to ages yet unborn. It has been suggested that the minute book furnishes such a record; but then it must be noted that it is entirely in manuscript.

A meeting of the Society was held on March 19th, in the Masters' Common Room. We were not honoured by the presence of Stern. After other members had done their best to compensate for that alarming deficiency, R. E. Williams was called upon to read a Paper upon "Sir William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan." His paper, he said, was an account of a partnership of not actually two men, but of three; not only the two mentioned in his title, but also Richard d'Oyly Carte, whose co-operation did much to ensure the success of the other two. He was the first to see the great possibilities in "Thespis," or the "Gods Grown Old," a comedy by Gilbert and Sullivan, hardly a success. He communicated with them, and, when he asked them to produce a curtain-raiser, "Trial by Jury" was the very successful result. "The Sorcerer," which followed, being totally unsuited to the capabilities of the artistes of the age, necessitated the formation of an opera company. Williams then outlined and criticised all the operas composed in collaboration by his two heroes, from the "Pinafore" to "The Gondoliers," reading numerous delightful quotations, to illustrate his points. He well described the split of the great triumvirate, and sympathetically outlined the subsequent career of all three. He concluded by a comparison and general criticism of the author and composer of those charming operas, which have so captivated the public during the last forty years.

We are very grateful to Williams for his delightful paper, and feel really very sorry that it is the last he will be able to give us, before joining up. Perhaps this is the best place to wish him all success in the future, and to express our thanks for all he has done for the Society, not only providing a friendly, though critical, opposition; but also co-operating most heartily in every movement made towards its amelioration.

On March 26th, a very disappointing attendance greeted Mr. H. M. Brown, who came to give us a paper on Chaucer. He began by showing the connection between English and French verse, and proved Chaucer's right to the title of "the Grand Translateur." The crowning grace of the middle ages—courtesy, and chivalry—we owe to Chaucer, imbued, as he is, not only with the ideas implanted by his French education, but also by his residence in England, and his diplomatic mission to Italy. During that important mission he became acquainted with Italian, and especially with Petrarch and Boccaccio; from the latter he learned the art of narrative, but in applying it he showed a "superior skill, taste, and sanity, only comparable with that of Shakespeare." After an instructive history of metrical verse up to Chaucer, and a consideration of the poems with reference to their metres, he concluded by an estimate of his services to poetry. He had invented nothing, but his work in polishing was invaluable.

able. It is a great pity that so few were present to hear a paper which served to stimulate thought, and to send some of us back to look again for that charm which must ever surround the name and verse of Chaucer.

Ode to Science.

To a man who is a classic, in the high poetic line,
A chap who is a scientist is not supposed to shine;
His talents, so they say, are confined to Faraday,
And his faculties to Bunsen are restricted:

Yet there's poetry in the gloomy physics lab.,

And there's beauty in the polished copper can,

—If you look at it aright, your own features heave in sight—

Oh, it takes a lot to beat a really scientific man!

Come with me along a passage, and ascend a little stair,
Till we come across the Chemmy. lab., with its soul-reviving air;
Though a cultivated classic cries "Enough to make an ass sick!"
To a sulphur di-oxidist 'tis delightful:

For there's poetry in the smell of H_2S ,

And there's passion in the taste of KCN ,

—If you doubt the latter line, just you try some when you dine,

That my statements may be placed beyond the doubt of mortal men.

Now come another step towards the glorious terminus,
And halt to watch the god of Maths. dispensing calculus,
Or, as a gentle tonic, pursue the sportive Conic,
And track the lissom Cosmè to its lair:

For there's poetry in the placid permutation,

And there's fervour in the humble hodograph;

—If you'd get a problem right, you must study (H)all the (K)night,

Oh, there's nothing like the Scientific Members of the Staff.

C.H.T. (6b, Sc.)

House Notes.

ALFRED HOLT.—Last term we recorded the loss of one or two people whose part in building up the prestige of the House will not soon be forgotten. The House has since paid them the best compliment possible, by not slacking off after losing them. The Senior Football Team, at the end of last term, won the Horsfall Cup, after a series of hard contested draws with Philip Holt, scores being 0—0, 1—1, and 1—0. The Juniors carried off the Headmaster's Cup. In the Hobby Show the prizelist shows to some extent that we did well. Apart from individual honours, however, we brought the Singing Cup back from Cochran, and were bracketed top with Hughes for the Hobbies' Shield (or is it a cup?). The House Show was placed second in order of merit. I wish to thank Clubb, Tumarkin, and Brown, J. W., for their particular share in making our Show a success.

Despite our recent depletions, we made a very good show in the Sports. Despite the handicap of our large numbers in the Seniors, they were second (to Hughes) in the averages. In the aggregate marks, too, we got second place. Of course, Hughes House had a runaway all along the line, and we are glad to tender it our modest tribute of praise.

As this is probably the last time that I shall write these notes, I wish to thank the House for its keenness and good work while I have been Captain, since May, 1915. For my part, I have always done my best to serve it; only I should be glad to think that every younger boy in the House understood how much I have found myself handicapped in that service by my failure, during the earlier years of my school life, to take my reasonable share in the games.

By the way, the other Houses are wanting House Colours now.
J.I.M.

COCHRAN HOUSE.—During the past two terms, the House has suffered several changes. At the end of last term, Howard left us to become House-Captain of Philip Holt; and half-way through this term we lost Kenyon, who has joined the Army. On the other hand we had to welcome Scott, E., from Danson, and Taylor, C. H., from Hughes, both of whom have already done great service to the House.

The term's record, on the whole, shows a decided improvement on those of the last two terms. It is true that we were a disgraceful lowest in both the Gymnasium Competition and in the Hobby Show. It was only misfortune, however, which prevented our team from holding a far higher place in the former, although there was no excuse for the poor show of Hobbies. The House held the same position again in the Sports; this, however, was not due to slackness in any way, but rather to an unfortunate lack of athletic talent, which seems to pervade the Seniors. The Juniors did quite well, gaining second place.

The House Cricket has so far progressed satisfactorily; the team, under Stephenson, has won three out of four matches. Two of these, however, it must be said, were of the nature of good fortunes, rather than the results of good play.

Of late years the House has not excelled in many things. It remains now to the talent which is rising to the top to secure for Cochran the honour of success next year.

R.G.B.

DANSON HOUSE.—Just as there is an indescribable “something” in the tone of a school which one can feel after a few hours spent there, so there are many indications by which the observant can recognise the tone and keenness of a House; we don’t think that anyone could find in Danson House at any time during the last year, even the slightest trace of that spirit of slackness and disregard for House and House-Captain which has been only too obvious and prominent with some Houses at times.

Throughout the year, the House can congratulate itself, we have taken our part—sometimes more than our part—in school life. We can boast as many persons of note as any other House, and, although we have not carried off all the available cups, as Houses we could mention say they have—well, we have avoided having a bad attack of swelled head!

At the Hobby Show we were a very good second to Hughes and Alfred Holt, and had it not been for King’s inability to attend, we should probably have got the cup; as it was, we did our best, showed gratifying keenness (whisper it), the House-Captain at length succeeded in gaining marks for his House at *something*. Our choir, too, was a good second.

As for the Sports, we simply had no runners, which is no disgrace! The entries were good, and that is what chiefly matters.

Danson House is unfortunately losing its House-Captain at the end of this term. R. E. Williams has been the head of Danson during a period when the “Athletic Achievements” portion of our Honours Board has been very much neglected, yet although there has been little talent in the House, Williams has kept alive a spirit of keenness which is unrivalled in the School. We wish him every success and happiness in his army life.

E.S.R.

TATE HOUSE.—Fortune has proved fickle, and indeed but a flimsy reed on which to lean. Perhaps, having discovered this, the House will now learn to lean a little more upon itself, and so to make itself something worth leaning on. Our efforts in the Hobby Show Competition were foiled, and we came off fifth; in spite of the fact that ours was judged the room best decorated. The effort of the House was good, as a whole, but the Senior division did not exert itself sufficiently. For we won no first prize

and without prizes we could not expect to gain a position otherwise commensurable with our deserts. In the Sports, we must congratulate the Middle Division on gaining the Shield. This is the only trophy which we hold. Let it be an augury for the future; let us all be determined to gain a more worthy place in the school life next term. That is an end which we cannot gain without the private and personal effort of every member of the House. If six or eight, only, turn up for a cricket match, the future has little in store for us. One would have thought that, after the disgraceful exhibition of the House during the last football season, it would be quite unnecessary to issue such an appeal as this for increased keenness. This sudden retrogression in the matter of cricket is a great disappointment, after our continued improvement since last September. Let us hope that it is but temporary.

T.M.K.

HUGHES HOUSE.—Since these notes were last penned, the House has enjoyed considerable distinction in several fields of school activity. Though handicapped slightly by numbers, and by the system of marking, at the Hobby Show we were successful in gaining an equal first place with Alfred Holt. For this result the House is greatly indebted to Laver, who showed great enthusiasm and keenness over the whole show. Owing to the exigencies of military service we unfortunately lost his personal help and advice, but his plans and his enthusiasm he bequeathed to us with successful results. Our best wishes go with him in his new career. Though singing is not one of our good qualities, it cannot be denied that in this part of the Hobby Show also we occupied a prominent position—as prominent as in the two previous years.

The House also figured prominently at the School Sports, where we were successful in gaining the three individual championships and two of the four House Shields. This result is the more gratifying as it is due, not to the labours of one or two good runners, but to the efforts of all. Good runners, however, were not wanting. Scott, J. A., gained the Senior Championship, with Rome (only five marks behind) a good second. Case, J. R., and Baxter, P. J., gained the Middle and Junior Championships respectively. The Senior House Shield came to us, with a lead of more than a hundred marks over Alfred Holt (second), and the shield for the highest aggregate was gained by the handsome surplus of one hundred and seventy. Further Sports details may be found elsewhere.

The cricket, though obscured by other interests, has been as successful as we can well expect, and under Morland’s able captaincy we hope to do well in the cup competition.

To the many members of the House who are leaving us this term we extend our hearty wishes for success in the future.

J.A.S.

PHILIP HOLT.—During the term the House has been, on the whole, quite successful. After a very keen struggle we were beaten by Alfred Holt in the second replay of the Final of the Horsfall Cup, by one goal to nil, although Philip Holt had the better of the game. At a late start we secured third place in the Hobby Show. In the Sports, although not as successful as in former years, we won the Junior Shield, and did moderately well in the other two divisions. The squadron teams are to be congratulated on winning first place in all three divisions.

Owing to the remarkable frequency with which certain members of the House teams manage to acquire "Wednesdays," our record at cricket has not been exactly brilliant. We are looking forward, however, to the competition for the Headmaster's Cricket Cup, in which we hope to be successful.

It is up to us as members of "The House" to keep up our reputation by carrying off the Swimming Shield at the Gala at the end of this term.

At the House Meeting the following officials were elected:—Sports Captain, Wright, L. R.; Senior Cricket Captain, Howard, S.; Sub-Captain, Pullan, J. D.; Junior Cricket Captain, Welch, C. E.; Swimming Captain, Hughes, G. L. O.

At the end of last term Kennedy, Head of the House, A. Thomas, and E. Jones left us to join O.C.B.s. We wish them success in their military careers. S.H.

The Sports.

THE Weather God was again favourable this year, and granted us three fine days for the Sports. Considerable keenness was shown, and, though few people were seen training, the running was slightly better than that of last year. Scott, J. A., gained the Senior Championship, beating Rome (also of Hughes) by five marks. Holmes, who also ran well, was third. Scott and Rome gained first and second places respectively in all the sprint races, whilst the Open Mile was won by Jones, W. R. (A.H.) The Middle and Junior Championship Cups also went to Hughes House, being gained by Case, T. R., and Baxter, P. J., respectively. Of the House Championship Shields, the Senior went to Hughes, the Middle to Tate, and the Junior to Philip Holt. Hughes House gained also the Shield for the highest aggregate marks, with a lead of 170 over Alfred Holt. We wish to thank our old friend, Mr. Owen, who kindly distributed the cups and medals after the Sports. His presence was

very much appreciated. We also take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Mr. Tiffen, who, as usual, organised and executed all the Sports arrangements, and to Mr. Doughty, who performs his arduous task in such an efficient manner.

SPORTS RESULTS.

Cricket Ball (Open).—1st, Pate, G. S.; 2nd, Morland, R.; distance, 80yds. 1ft. Under 15: 1st, Case, T. R.; 2nd, Bramwell, L. L.; distance, 68yds. 3ins. Under 13½: 1st, Baxter, P. J.; 2nd, McDavid, A. R.; distance, 55yds. 2½ft.

Long Jump (Open).—1st, Scott, J. A.; 2nd, Holmes, H. E.; distance, 17ft. 9in. Under 15: 1st, Bramwell, L. L.; 2nd, Campbell, E. A.; distance, 15ft. Under 13½: 1st, Baxter, P. J.; 2nd, Taylor, H. M.; distance, 13ft. 2ins.

High Jump (Open).—1st, Hutchinson, F. J.; 2nd, Holmes, H. E.; height, 4ft. 6ins. Under 15: 1st, Cohen, E. C.; 2nd, Downey, K. W.; height, 3ft. 11ins. Under 13½: 1st, Wardle, D. B.; 2nd, Danks, A.; height, 3ft. 10ins.

100 Yards (Open).—1st, Scott, J. A.; 2nd, Rome, G. H.; time, 11½secs. Under 16: 1st, Wilson, G. S.; 2nd, Maxwell, H.; time, 11½secs. Under 15: 1st, Eden, P. H.; 2nd, Tarshish, J.; time, 12secs. Under 13½: 1st, Tod, D. S.; 2nd, Taylor, H. M.; time, 13½secs. Under 12: 1st, Abel, C. N.; 2nd, Forrest, A.; time, 13½secs. Under 11: 1st, Gornall, R. H.; 2nd, Taylor, C. H.; time, 13½secs. Under 10: 1st, Kirby, T. H.; 2nd, Kelly, R. H.; time, 14½secs.

220 Yards (Open).—1st, Scott, J. A.; 2nd, Rome, G. H.; time, 26½secs. Under 16: 1st, Wilson, G. S.; 2nd, Scott, E., Balfour, E.; time, 27½secs. Under 15: 1st, Tarshish, J.; 2nd, Case, T. R.; time, 29½secs. Under 13½: 1st, Todd, D. S.; 2nd, Griffiths, W. A.; time, 31½secs. Under 12: 1st, Newall, R. H.; 2nd, Chiswell, S. S.; time, 33½secs. Under 11: 1st, Sanders, T. E.; 2nd, Winnall, G. J.; time, 35½secs.

440 Yards (Open).—1st, Scott, J. A.; 2nd, Rome, G. H.; time, 59½secs. Under 15: 1st, Cox, E. H.; 2nd, Case, T. R.; time, 67½secs.

880 Yards (Open).—1st, Scott, J. A.; 2nd, Rome, G. H.; time, 2mins. 22secs.

One Mile (Open).—1st, Jones, W. R.; 2nd, Rome, G. H.; 3rd, Holmes, H. E.; time, 5mins. 22secs. Under 16: 1st, Emmett, D. C.; 2nd, Pearson, F. S.; 3rd, Scott, J. H.; time, 5mins. 37½secs. Under 15: 1st, Cox, E. H.; 2nd, Tarshish, J.; 3rd, Stoker, J. H.; time, 5mins. 37½secs.

250 Yards Handicap.—1st, Wolfe, A.; 2nd, Bramwell, L. L.

220 Yards Handicap (under 11).—1st, Foulis, D.; 2nd, Gornall, R. H.

Obstacle Race (Open).—1st, Jones, E. W.; 2nd, Ellison, N. W. Under 15: 1st, Bramwell, L. L.; 2nd, Garner, R. A. Under 13½: 1st, Jackson, J. H.; 2nd, Small, O. G.

Sack Race.—1st, Forrest, W.; 2nd, Lenton, G. P.

Egg Race (Open).—1st, Hutchinson, F. J.; 2nd, Hutchison, H. F. Under 15: 1st, Coomer, G. M.; 2nd, Cohen, E. Under 13½: 1st, Lodge, T. F.; 2nd, Danks, A. G.

Squadron Races.—Senior: 1st, Philip Holt; 2nd, Hughes; time, 1min. 14½secs. Middle: 1st, Philip Holt; 2nd, Tate; time, 1min. 20secs. Junior: 1st, Philip Holt; 2nd, Tate; time, 1min. 26½secs.

Tug of War.—Senior: 1st, Hughes; 2nd, Philip Holt. Middle: 1st, Tate; 2nd, Hughes. Junior: 1st, Philip Holt; 2nd, Tate.

Old Boys' Race (100 Yards).—1st, Mr. Cabrera (Hughes) 2nd, Mr. Samuels (Tate); time, 11½secs.

Championship Cups.—Senior: Scott, J. A. (Hughes). Middle: Case, J. R. (Hughes). Junior: Baxter, P. J. (Hughes).

House Championships.—Senior: Hughes. Middle: Tate. Junior: Philip Holt.

AVERAGE MARKS.

SENIOR DIVISION.

HUGHES...	...	12'2	Danson ...	...	4'4
Alfred Holt	...	6'3	Philip Holt	...	3'4
Tate	...	5'1	Cochran	...	3'2

MIDDLE DIVISION.

TATE	...	4'1	Hughes	...	2'9
Philip Holt	...	3'9	Cochran	...	1'6
Alfred Holt	...	3'2	Danson	...	1'1

JUNIOR DIVISION.

PHILIP HOLT	...	4'9	Tate	...	2'6
Cochran	...	3'9	Alfred Holt	...	0'95
Hughes	...	3'5	Danson	...	0

TOTAL POINTS.

HUGHES	...	595	Philip Holt	...	400
Alfred Holt	...	421	Cochran	...	258
Tate	...	412	Danson	...	164

Omne Ignotum pro Magnifico.

BEING one of those unfortunates in the possession of an insatiable curiosity, the temptation presented to me at the beginning of the current term proved irresistible. For, in the School buildings, it is my lot frequently to pass a door, which is always closed; and not once only, but several times, have I longed to know what was behind it. About a fortnight after the term had begun, I passed it as usual—it was half open! I was luckily in possession of a “free period,” and the rest of the School were busy. Why should I not enter and see what lay behind the mysterious portal? As far as I knew, there was no written law to prohibit my entrance. I hovered for a moment in fatal indecision, and then cautiously entered . . . There was no one inside; but the room was filled with strange and wonderful things. It soon dawned on me that this was the nucleus of a new School museum; the exhibits having been presented by sundry members of the Staff and School, as being representative of their peculiar activities, in and out. The exhibits, carefully labelled, varied from mere collections, through all other grades,

to mere “other deserving pieces of work”; so, realising the value of my “find,” I whipped out my ever-ready notebook and pencil, and made a list as I went along:

Presented by—

Mr. GR - - - M: Large “Great Scott” potato, with the motto appropriately culled from the Rudens of Plautus “Meo Labore” [Act. IV., Sc. iii, line 81.]

Mr. H - - KS: Pistol.

Mr. EL - - - T: “Dorothy Perkins” Rose, specially grown for this exhibition, in the Oxford Clay Vale [In a fair state of preservation.]

Mr. D - - - - TY: Thesis on Kopper Khan.

Mr. W - - - - AMS: “Tenner.”

M - TCH - LL: Elementary treatise on the Science of Campanology.

W - LL - - MS, R. E.: Learned disquisition to prove that the fourth dimension is the measurement of the divergence of his own opinions from those of the Debating Society Secretaries.

SC - TT, J. A.: Pliant rod, three feet long, with the motto: “The Hammer of the (ether) Scotts.”

H - W - ARD, S.: Bottle of hair oil.

ST - RN, H. J.: Comedy, specially written for members of the Camera and Field Club, entitled: “The Importance of being Stern.”

W - LS - N, G. C.: Pamphlet: “My experiences as Shepherd of the Flock.”

H - TCH - S - N, H. F.: Series of “clever” drawings for Cadets to show the correct method, when with rifle, of saluting an Inspecting Officer.

I had just examined the drawings with profound attention and interest, trying to assimilate the instruction therein contained, in case of need, and was glancing at the next exhibit, an unmistakable policeman's helmet, truncheon, and sergeant's stripes when, before I could see the donor's name, I was haled away from the room of my dreams to retribution by a hand laid heavily on my shoulder, accompanied by the words: “What are you doing here, my friend?”

T.M.K. (6a. C.)

Camera and Field Club.

ALTHOUGH some of our hopes with regard to this term's excursions have not been fulfilled, yet on the whole the season has been quite a successful one. The attendance at the excursions has been good, although the Upper School was not well represented.

The first excursion this term took place on May 15th to the North Shore Flour Mills. Mr. Stell and twenty boys attended. The process of milling was seen and fully explained, and we were initiated into the mysteries of war-bread. For this very interesting outing we are indebted to Mr. Cooper, the manager of the mills. Owing to the large number that wished to go a similar party visited the mill later.

On May 22nd, Miss Wilson and Mr. Elliott accompanied some fifty boys to Woodchurch. It was originally intended to go to Landican, and owing to the change half a dozen of the more eager members found themselves stranded at that village. At Woodchurch our refreshments were interrupted by a slight shower, during which Miss Wilson and Mr. Elliott, with about forty boys, started off for Birkenhead. The Committee, who were regaling themselves, with some other members, were too busy to notice this departure until a heavy thunderstorm compelled them to make for Upton Station in quick time. After some discussion this party walked to the car, and rejoined Mr. Elliott on the ferry boat. After sheltering for a time in a barn the party at Landican doubled back to Prenton, and eventually got home. Two of our number on this occasion rambled away on their own, and got somewhat wet in consequence.

About thirty members took part in a ramble around Oglet. The return journey was made through a wood, where plants were studied and games played. On this and the previous excursion refreshments were provided by the Club.

It is hoped to arrange several more excursions and bicycle rides before the end of the term. R. G. Baxter and G. S. Clouston have been elected to the Committee in place of R. B. Ellis and Kenyon, who has joined the forces.

In conclusion, the Secretary, in rendering up office, expresses his sincere thanks to those masters and boys who by their willing help and interest in the Club have greatly increased its prosperity.

H.J.S.

Contrast.

The crags are white that girt that vale,
And snow the picture perfect makes;
The purling stream glides gleaming pale,
The mists hang low on glassy lakes.

Though grand, the scene is not too grim,
For crofter's lights are not yet down,
That tell of households neat and trim
And gladden hearts that tire of town.

Another scene is 'neath my gaze;
The murky toil of lusty life;
The smells, the sights, the crowds, the haze,
They make me curse this human strife.

The deaf, the halt, the dumb, the blind,
The jarring sounds of cars and trains;
—Ah! City life is harsh, unkind,
But sweet are thoughts of flow'r decked lanes. H.F.H.

Swimming Notes.

THERE is very little to be said. The only event which has occurred is the alteration in the date of the Gala. Of past years, this has been held in the autumn term; but it was thought that, as the season is, by then, somewhat advanced, and as the entries have been diminishing, something might be gained by transferring it to the end of the summer term; and, accordingly, the date this year has been fixed for July 18th. It is hoped that a great increase in the number of entries will have justified this alteration, when this appears.

R.G.B.

Cricket Notes.

THIS season has been very successful from all points of view. Looking purely at results it has been excellent; the 1st XI. having lost one match, the 2nd XI. and the 3rd XI. only two! But these statistics do not do justice to the spirit of real keenness for games throughout the school. Seniors and juniors are one in their enthusiasm for cricket, and we note with satisfaction that those older boys who cannot play are quite willing to umpire and to score—both being necessary for good, orderly

games. In this latter respect we mention specially the names of R. E. Williams and G. L. Clubb. The zeal of the Juniors is largely due to the efforts of several members of the Staff, who have kindly taken an interest in that portion of the school to which a cricket captain has the greatest difficulty in gaining access.

Net practice has been very satisfactory, but, as is quite natural, has been handicapped by the distance of the field from the school, and those people who, quite rightly, think that scholarship should come first in their routine and games second. At nets, also, several masters have rendered great assistance, while behind the scenes of all the outdoor life of the school has been the guiding and controlling genius—a genius which compounds the technicalities of mere grass growing with a wonderful talent for making people work—of Mr. Tiffen.

There is one subject on which we who played cricket last season are rather sore; namely, the almost unnoticed death of our old groundsman, Kemp. "Old Kemp," as we familiarly called him, had become a tradition in the life of the school—and traditions are valuable things. All that was heard of the matter was a sudden notice which flitted round the school asking for money for a wreath for his funeral—and there the matter ended! We wish to place on record, in this magazine, our appreciation of "Old Kemp's" work, and, above all, our regard for the man himself. Our temporary groundsman this season, though handicapped by a bad wound, received in action, has carried on very successfully, and, being fresh from army life, has been a never-ending source of yarns and glowing descriptions for the benefit of the teams.

No colours have been awarded this term as yet, but they will have been awarded publicly in a suitable fashion by the time these notes are in print. There has been a bad precedent in the school by which the Cricket Captain, when giving colours, merely rushes round the school during some morning, hands out badges—and the thing is done! This term we hope to do something better, and as no caps are available—it is a terrible war—badges will be presented to those gaining 1st XI. colours, in the hall.

Cricket.

CRITIQUE—FIRST ELEVEN.

H. F. HUTCHISON (Captain).—In the second year of his Captaincy has again proved his sterling worth. Has batted extremely well and has surprised us by hitting out occasionally (Caldy). Has maintained his reputation as a fielder. Has greatly encouraged the team by his wonderful example.

A. I. WILKINSON (Sub-Captain).—Has batted consistently well throughout the season, displaying a free and pretty style, together with good judgment. His display against Birkenhead School resulting in 51 runs not out, merited a blazer, but, as they are unprocureable, he has been awarded a well-deserved cricket ball. The bowling average of Wilkinson is excellent chiefly because he "uses his head."

S. HOWARD.—A highly efficient Secretary. Has fielded well at point, but has shown to more advantage as a defensive bat. Howard's well-known stroke, which at times scores a single, has been the cause of much amusement, but it has a real value, and its effects can be seen throughout an innings in the way in which the bowling is worn down. He is to be congratulated upon his cricket in every way.

J. D. PULLAN.—An excellent, swift bowler who has done great execution. An average batsman whose real game is hitting, although he has played one or two good careful innings. A poor fielder.

E. HARVEY.—Is *not* a batter, but has been very useful as a first change bowler, though the latter commodity has not been much in demand this season. His fielding could be vastly improved.

H. HOLMES.—A good free and easy hitter. His record exhibition of five 4 hits in one over was delightful to watch. He is a useful bowler and good fielder.

E. COSNETT.—A new member of the Eleven, who has played well throughout the season, and has fully deserved his place. He should try to keep the ball low. A good cover point, though not quite up to Christian's high standard of last season.

G. M. COOMER.—Another new batter, and a real "find." He has an excellent style which can be forceful and careful. He is always good on the off, but should practise leg strokes more.

R. MORLAND.—A hitter who has not come off this season as yet. He has fielded very well at mid-on, his catch at Caldý being a perfect delight.

W. C. BUTLER.—A good batsman who can also bowl. He is a hard hitter who is exceedingly useful when the bowling has gone to pieces. A good fielder.

BROWN, J. W.—A batsman who knows how to play sound cricket but who has had but little opportunity of showing it. He is rather slow as a fielder, but has improved a great deal.

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

(To June 22nd.)

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Most in an Innings.	Total.	Average.
Howard ...	8	2	34	100	16'67
Wilkinson ...	9	1	51*	119	14'88
Butler ...	7	2	24*	67	13'40
Hutchison ...	8	3	17*	65	13'00
Holmes ...	4	0	23	41	10'25
Cosnett ...	7	2	24*	51	10'20
Pullan ...	9	1	28	78	9'75
Harvey ...	4	2	11*	18	9'00
Coomer ...	8	0	37	64	8'00
Morland ...	7	0	8	22	3'14
Also batted—					
Brown ...	1	0	10	10	10
Turner ...	2	0	2	2	1

* Signifies "Not out."

FIRST ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Pullan ...	83	22	127	39	3'26
Harvey ...	21	8	37	11	3'36
Wilkinson ...	74	21	173	30	5'77
Butler ...	8	1	24	4	6'00
Howard ...	3	1	19	1	19'00

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

			Scores			
			School.		Opponents.	
			R.	W.	R.	W.
Merchant Taylors', at Crosby	...	Won...	97	5	93	10
Caldy G. G. School, at Greenbank	...	Won...	71	7	16	10
Birkenhead School, at Oxtown...	...	Won...	77	2	67	10
Holt Sec. School, at Calderstones	...	Lost...	35	10	45	10
Cowley Schools, at Greenbank	...	Won...	110	8	46	10
Collegiate School, at Greenbank	...	Won...	90	10	27	10
Wallasey G. School, at Greenbank	...	Won...	69	10	28	10
Caldy G. G. School, at Caldby	...	Won...	105	5	40	10

SECOND ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Most in an Innings.	Total.	Average.
Baxter ...	2	0	21	35	17'50
Best ...	5	1	27	43	10'08
Thomas, K. St. C. ...	4	0	12	30	7'50
Barrett ...	4	0	8	21	5'25
Stebbings ...	3	1	3*	9	4'50
Ellison ...	4	0	18	18	4'50
Brown, J. W. ...	3	0	8	9	3'00
Davies, F. E. D. ...	4	0	5	11	2'75
Tarshish ...	4	0	8	10	2'50
Wicks ...	4	0	3	5	1'25
Aked ...	2	0	1	2	1'00

* Signifies "Not out"

SECOND ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Davies, F. E. D. ...	27	3	64	16	4'00
Barrett ...	30	8	58	13	4'46
Aked ...	2	1	7	1	7'00

SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

				Scores			
				School.		Opponents.	
				R.	W.	R.	W.
Merchant Taylors', at Greenbank	...	Lost...		35	10	107	10
Boteler Gram. School, at Greenbank	..	Won...		83	7	82	10
Birkenhead School, at Greenbank	...	Won...		61	10	45	10
Cowley G. School, at St. He ens	...	Lost...		55	10	71	10
Collegiate School, at Fairfield	...	Won...		65	10	35	10

FIRST ELEVEN v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY.

Played at Crosby, May 11th, 1918.

Maintaining his good luck of last season, Hutchison won the toss, but, through sheer cowardice—it was our first match—decided to do the wrong thing, and sent his team out to field. The sky was darkly overcast then. Merchants' batting fairly steadily, kept the scorers busy, until Wilkinson found his length. The wickets then fell as regularly as the scoring board registered the tens. Our fielding was shocking. Most of the team had not the vaguest idea of neatly picking up a low ball, but there were two good catches made by Harvey and Davies. The effect of last term's football was to be seen in the ridiculous attempts at fielding on the boundary with the feet! Towards the end of this innings the rain started and became too bad for the game to be continued, especially as there was no sawdust. We adjourned for tea, and then, as the weather was improving, finished the game. Wilkinson's bowling was excellent throughout. Pullan was unable to find his length, and Howard found the absence of sawdust very trying, and incidentally very expensive. Merchant Taylors were all out for 93.

Howard and Morland opened our innings well. Howard was plying very steadily, but Morland was a little too rash, and after one escape retired "caught out" by Vianna. Howard and Wilkinson then put up a short but brilliant stand, carrying the score from one for 18 to two for 41, when Wilkinson was unfortunately run out, Wilkinson's score stood at 20, composed of four four-hits and four singles—in short an excellent innings. Hutchison and Howard then took the score to 78, both scoring slowly but steadily. Howard was then bowled, after a splendid display, by a good off-break. The game was due to stop at 6-30 p.m., and at that hour we had about 8 runs to make to win. Merchants' captain very sportingly granted us an extra quarter of an hour, and consequently we won! Coomer played a short but good innings.

MERCHANT TAYLORS'.		SCHOOL.		
Robertson, ct Davies, b Wilkinson	9	Howard, b Vianna	34	
Gibson, b Wilkinson	10	Morland, ct Vianna, b Smith	7	
Ramsay, b Wilkinson	5	Wilkinson, run out	20	
Dickson, b Wilkinson	5	Hutchison, not out	17	
Allen, b Wilkinson	8	Coomer, run out	7	
Smith, b Wilkinson	10	Cosnett, b Allen	0	
Vianna, ct Harvey, b Howard	11	Pullan, not out	2	
Hay, b Wilkinson	6	Butler, did not bat		
Wollens, lbw, b Wilkinson	11	Brown, J. W., did not bat		
Rhodes, not out	13	Davies, F. E. D., did not bat		
Betham, b Pullan	4	Harvey, did not bat		
Extras	1	Extras	10	
Total	93	Total for 5 wickets	97	
Bowling:	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pullan	14	1	39	1
Wilkinson	16	3	34	8
Howard	3	1	19	1

FIRST ELEVEN v. CALDY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, May 15th, 1918.

Naturally Hutchison won the toss, and sent Caldý in to bat on a good bowling wicket. Caldý's batting was, frankly, quite feeble. Both Wilkinson and Pullan soon settled down. The first wicket to fall was owing to an excellent catch by Butler in the long field. Throughout this short innings the fielding was very good. Pullan soon began to play skittles, and twice narrowly missed doing the "hat-trick." Caldý were all out for 16!

Our innings was opened by Howard and Pullan. Pullan, however, swiped to a yorker and consequently was clean bowled. Wilkinson did not have time to settle down, being caught early on. Caldý's bowling was excellent; throughout the game Witter bowled consistently well. Our batting was not good. There was too much swiping and too little sound cricket. Coomer was playing excellently, but ran himself out. He is rather fond of that method! Holmes and Hutchison made a respectable stand, Holmes scoring 17 in quick time. As Caldý had to catch an early train to West Kirby, stumps were drawn at five o'clock, leaving our score at 71 for seven, with Butler and Hutchison not out.

On the whole, Caldý's batting was weak, but their bowling good, while our own batting was fair and our bowling excellent.

CALDY.				SCHOOL.			
Cooke, c Butler, b Wilkinson	0	Howard, c Caughey, b Witter	4				
Fittack, b Wilkinson	3	Pullan, b Grundy	3				
Slade, b Pullan	1	Wilkinson, c Phillips, b Grundy	5				
Witter, not out	1	Hutchison, not out	16				
Grundy, b Pullan	0	Coomer, run out	3				
Caughey, run out	0	Morland, b Grundy	1				
Milne, b Pullan	0	Holmes, c Caughey, b Goodwin	17				
Phipps, b Pullan	0	Cosnett, c Phipps, b Witter	3				
Pedder, c Harvey, b Wilkinson	4	Butler, not out	6				
Maw, c Coomer, b Pullan	3	Turner, did not bat					
Goodwin, b Pullan	0	Harvey, did not bat	5				
Extras	4	Extras					
Total	16	Total for 7 wickets	71				
Bowling:							
	O.	M.	R.	W.			
Pullan	4	4	2	6			
Wilkinson	4	0	10	3			

FIRST ELEVEN v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Oxton, May 22nd, 1918.

"Mirabile dictu." Hutchison lost the toss, and on a hard wicket, in the broiling sun, we went out to field. Birkenhead's batting was not impressive; Blair and Marsh being practically the only ones who played good cricket. However, Birkenhead luckily obtained a total of 67 all out. Harvey and Pullan were our best bowlers. The fielding was not very smart, but doubtless the heat was the cause.

Our innings opened disastrously, as Pullan was soon bowled. Then Howard and Wilkinson settled down to a long stand. Howard played his usual blocking game—much to the exasperation of the bowlers. Wilkinson, in his free and easy style, scored rapidly. After the tea interval the stand was not maintained for long. Howard who, in one hour and ten minutes, had scored 13 runs, thought he would see what "slogging" was—he was bowled. However, it would not be right to belittle his really useful and well-played innings. Hutchison then went in, and incidentally a thunderstorm began to break. The weather had completely changed. Early in the afternoon the heat was almost unbearable, and the sun brilliant, but at 5-30 p.m. the sky was black and the rain was beating down heavily. The game was then abandoned. Wilkinson had scored 51 not out in a very creditable manner, and we had excelled our last year's success by beating Birkenhead by 10 runs and eight wickets!

The disgusting fickleness of the weather was explained in two ways. The first explanation was that about half our eleven were wearing straw hats with the new 1st XI. band, and the second—well, I hardly like to say so—but the coming of the rain curiously coincided with the arrival of the Head. Our ideas as to the power of such a "numen" to arrange the weather satisfactorily were rather jarred!

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.				SCHOOL.			
Blair, b Pullan	13	Howard, b Cotton	13				
Cavan, b Pullan	2	Pullan, c Jones, b Ward	3				
Kerr, run out	0	Wilkinson, not out	51				
Marsh, c & b Harvey	25	Hutchison, not out	5				
Wall, c & b Harvey	1	Coomer, did not bat					
Cotton, b Pullan	2	Holmes, did not bat					
Mauve, c Wilkinson, b Pullan	3	Morland, did not bat					
Jones, b Harvey	9	Cosnett, did not bat					
Townsend, b Harvey	2	Butler, did not bat					
Williams, c Butler, b Harvey	0	Turner, did not bat					
Law, not out	0	Harvey, did not bat					
Extras	10	Extras	5				
Total	67	Total for 2 wickets	77				
Bowling:							
	O.	M.	R.	W.			
Pullan	11	1	22	4			
Wilkinson	4	0	27	0			
Harvey	6	2	9	6			

FIRST ELEVEN v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Calderstones, May 25th, 1918.

We arrived at Calderstones dreaming of tremendous averages, of wickets doing the long jump, of hat-tricks—in short feeling very cocksure that an overwhelming victory over the Holt awaited us. Remarks were frequently made urging Hutchison not to declare under the 200 limit!! These dreams were only dreams!

The Holt batted first. I rather hesitate to say "batted"—there was only one good stroke seen in the whole of their innings. However, through good running and the irregular contours of the ground they made a total of 45.

Our innings opened disastrously. Wickets fell in quick succession. Pullan and Wilkinson were the only ones who really made a stand. Cosnett was shaping well, and our hopes were rising, when, with great élan and more "abandon" he cleverly ran out our last two men with our score standing at 31. We were beaten by a team which could not bat, and which had no wonderful bowlers. This was the result primarily, of our cocksureness, and, secondarily, of the bad pitch. Our revenge will come, when, instead of skirmishing over the Calderstones, we fight on the sunny plains of Greenbank.

HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.				SCHOOL.			
Hall, b Pullan	0	Howard, c Anderson, b Shannon	0				
Lawton, L. b Pullan	4	Wilkinson, b Shannon	6				
Shannon, c & b Harvey	13	Hutchison, c Lawton, L. b Anderson	0				
Marsden, c Howard, b Pullan	7	Coomer, b Anderson	0				
Anderson, c & b Pullan	6	Pullan, c Lawton, K. b Shannon	13				
Eldridge, not out	4	Morland, b Shannon	0				
Lawton, K. b Harvey	0	Butler, c Eldridge, b Anderson	3				
Carson, b Pullan	0	Holmes, b Anderson	0				
Thompson, b Pullan	2	Cosnett, not out	4				
Jones, b Pullan	0	Turner, run out	2				
Milne, c Cosnett, b Harvey	0	Harvey, run out	2				
Extras	9	Extras	6				
Total	45	Total	34				
Bowling:							
	O.	M.	R.	W.			
Pullan	7	1	17	7			
Wilkinson	4	0	16	0			
Harvey	3	1	3	3			

FIRST ELEVEN v. COWLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, June 8th, 1918.

The School went in to bat on a hard wicket, and in glorious sunshine. Cowley's bowling was not very good, and gave little trouble. Coomer played a fine innings of sound cricket, and scored 37—an excellent performance. Wilkinson had a short and sweet innings. Butler and Cosnett made a good stand towards the end of the game. Finally, we declared with the score-board registering 110 for eight wickets.

Cowley's batting was not up to their last year's standard, and they only scored 46. Our fielding was not good—several catches being dropped. Pullan and Wilkinson did good execution in the bowling, but Harvey did not keep up to his previous high average.

SCHOOL.		COWLEY.	
Howard, lbw Gee	4	Cook, b Harvey	10
Coomer, b Wright	37	Makin, b Pullan	2
Wilkinson, b Wright	12	Mahon, run out	11
Hutchison, b Mahon	0	Gee, b Wilkinson	9
Pullan, c Hamblett, b Mahon	10	Wright, b Pullan	0
Butler, run out	21	Naylor, b Pullan	0
Cosnett, not out	24	Knowles, b Pullan	0
Morland, c Knowles, b Makin	0	Oulton, b Pullan	3
Turner, ct Mahon, b Makin	0	Hamblett, b Wilkinson	1
Harvey, not out	0	Pennington, b Pullan	0
Thomas, K. St. C., did not bat	2	Mavity, not out	6
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total for 8 wickets	110	Total	46
Bowling:	O. M. R. W.		
Pullan	11 4 13 6		
Harvey	8 2 23 1		
Wilkinson	3 1 8 2		

FIRST ELEVEN v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, June 15th, 1918.

The Collegiate batted first, and batted very poorly. Clarke was the only player who showed any real style, but their captain, Williams, played-on in a most unfortunate way, and so had no opportunity of giving a good exhibition. Pullan and Wilkinson shared the wickets, the Collegiate being all out for the poor total of 27. Our fielding was again poor, three catches being dropped, and the fielders as a general rule were slow at picking up and returning the ball.

Our innings opened disastrously, for three wickets dropped rapidly for the disheartening total of 11. Hutchison and Cosnett then made a good stand. Cosnett played well and scored rapidly. Our score gradually improved, and a little later the scorer had a busy five minutes registering Holmes' five-fours-in-one-over stunt. The last few batsmen made a good score, chiefly owing to the very poor bowling. Harvey and Brown surprised us with their last-wicket stand.

Our total for ten wickets was 90, and we could congratulate ourselves on a handsome victory over our rivals.

SCHOOL.		COLLEGIATE.	
Howard, c Quayle, b Lisser	3	Brown, b Pullan	2
Coomer, c Quayle, b Lisser	2	Clarke, b Wilkinson	15
Wilkinson, c Davies, b Lisser	4	Hetherington, c Butler, b Pullan	0
Hutchison, c Williams, b Clarke	9	McIntosh, c Morland, b Wilkinson	3
Cosnett, b Hetherington	19	Quayle, c Coomer, b Pullan	1
Pullan, ct Williams, b Clarke	0	Davies, E., b Pullan	2
Holmes, ct Lisser, b Davies	23	Williams, S. R., b Wilkinson	0
Butler, ct Crystal, b Clarke	0	Lisser, b Pullan	1
Morland, ct Williams, b Crystal	8	Williams, B. A., not out	1
Brown, J. W., ct Williams	10	Jones, S., b Pullan	0
Harvey, not out	11	Extras	3
Extras	1	Extras	27
Total	90	Total	27
Bowling:	O. M. R. W.		
Pullan	8 1 13 6		
Wilkinson	8 3 11 3		

FIRST ELEVEN v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank, on June 19th, 1918.

Hutchison again lost the toss, and Wallasey sent us in to bat on a sticky, but drying wicket. Wallasey's bowling was not extraordinary, but our first few men soon succumbed. We had only scored 11 runs for five wickets, but then the tail began to wag vigorously. Howard, who had gone in first, played steadily throughout, while Butler and Pullan pulled up our dismal score. Pullan went in confessedly to "swipe," and he did swipe, scoring a rapid 28. Our score, which at the beginning was so feeble, finished up respectably at 69 all out.

Wallasey's batting was of no avail, against Wilkinson in particular. Their wickets fell rapidly, Crooke being the only one to score at all well. Our fielding was excellent, and a welcome improvement on last week's display. Baxter made a brilliant début in pulling off an almost impossible catch, while Coomer fielded well in the long field. Wallasey were all out for 28, and so we had a handsome revenge for the victory they scored over our non-corps XI.

SCHOOL.		WALLASEY.	
Wilkinson, b McFarland	2	Taylor, b Wilkinson	1
Howard, not out	15	Crooke, c Baxter, b Pullan	7
Coomer, b McFarland	1	Meadows, lbw Pullan	1
Hutchison, c Brook, b McFarland	0	Davies, c Coomer, b Wilkinson	0
Cosnett, c Meadows, b McFarland	1	McFarland, c Harvey, b Wilkinson	1
Holmes, b Taylor	1	Pepper, c Baxter, b Harvey	0
Butler, b Meadows	11	Richardson, c Howard, b Harvey	4
Pullan, b McFarland	28	Stanway, b Wilkinson	8
Morland, run out	0	Tipping, b Wilkinson	1
Harvey, c Davies, b Smith	7	Thomson, c & b Wilkinson	0
Baxter, P., b McFarland	2	Smith, not out	2
Extras	1	Extras	3
Total	69	Total	28

Bowling:		O.	M.	R.	W.
Pullan		7	3	8	2
Wilkinson		10	4	15	6
Harvey		4	3	2	2

FIRST ELEVEN v. CALDY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Calday, on June 22nd, 1918.

We were sent in to bat first. Howard and Cosnett opened our display, and it opened rather badly, as Cosnett soon retired, having spooned the ball into mid-off's hands. Howard and Hutchison then made a long stand, and it must be mentioned that Hutchison actually hit out for once, and scored a good four-hit well over the head of long field! Howard persisted in his usual "nibbling" tactics, waging a war of attrition on the bowling. Hutchison went out in an unlucky manner—hitting his wicket. Wilkinson, Pullan and Butler all felt quite at home with the Caldys bowling, and our score went up rapidly. We declared with the score of 105 runs for five wickets.

Caldy were no batters, and put up a poor show. Our fielding was feeble in the extreme, though Morland pulled off in a most easy-going fashion an almost impossible catch. Caldys were all out for 40, and if we had kept keen and not slacked that total could have been halved.

SCHOOL.

Howard, not out	27
Cosnett, c Ellis, b Witter	0
Hutchison hit wicket, b Goodwin	18
Coomer, run out	0
Wilkinson, c Canghey, b Ellis	18
Pullan, b Grundy	17
Butler, not out	24
Holmes, did not bat	
Morland, did not bat	
Brown, did not bat	
Harvey, did not bat	
Extras	1

Total for 5 wickets105

Bowling:

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pullan	9	4	16	5
Wilkinson	9	3	21	4

CALDY.

Cook, b Pullan	1
Mattock, c Cosnett, b Wilkinson	2
Witter, c Morland, b Wilkinson	6
Grundy, c Hutchison, b Wilkinson	0
Canghey, c Howard, b Pullan	2
Slade, b Pullan	0
Goodwin, b Pullan	1
Ellis, c Morland, b Pullan	1
Pedder, not out	13
Milne, run out	5
Mair, lbw Pullan	6
Extras	3

Total 40

Hobby Show.

WE last year suggested that what the Hobby Show needed to ensure its permanent success as a school function was the stimulus of House Competition, as at the Sports. The authorities had the same idea, and this year we had the Show run experimentally on those lines.

The experiment has been successful. There was a certain amount of confusion over the marking, and this had to be done again on the Friday morning, after the Show; but it was due in the main to the regrettable fact of Mr. Willis's absence during the last few days before. He was called away suddenly on account of his mother's death, and we wish to express our sympathy with him in his loss. The delay which the re-marking caused made things later than necessary in getting straight again, but this will be avoided in future, and even this year the dislocation caused was not serious. All the six classrooms used for the Houses' exhibits, and Mr. Brierley's room, which served as a general lumber-room, were required during the whole of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. It will be possible in future to have things straight by the end of Friday morning. As formerly there has been no class-work ever on the Thursday, and the Labs. have been needed on Wednesday and Friday morning, the new scheme does not make much difference, and the gain to the Show was immense. Nearly all the Houses showed great keenness.

A small band of Seniors in each House was employed before the night in arranging the exhibits in the allotted classroom, and concealing, more or less artfully, any scarcity. One House clothed its nakedness in yards and yards of cloth and bunting; another raised a barricade of desks which left only a third of the room open to view. In this part they arranged their exhibits; in the other, as the night grew late, little boys sometimes played "tick." The other Houses spread their things out more, and

used artificial decoration of various kinds, and coloured shades for the lights. One House put its best exhibit, as some think, outside.

Everyone who saw the Pierrot Show will wish to thank Mr. Brown and Mr. Doughty for the work they did to organise it. It had originally been intended, by a small band of enthusiasts, to produce a short comic opera, and Mr. Williams and Mr. Baxter had very kindly interested themselves in it; but owing to a family bereavement Mr. Williams had to retire from the cast, and the project fell through. It was only finally decided to run a Pierrot Show at midday on Wednesday; and it was something of an achievement to get ready by Thursday night the entertainment shown. It went with a go from start to finish, and it lasted about an hour. It is hard to mention any particular items; the first to come to our minds as we write are the "willow-waly" thing from "Patience," given by Kennan and R. E. Williams, the opera burlesque, and the "Keys of Heaven" song, by Turner and K. St. C. Thomas. Our congratulations to everyone concerned.

While we are on the subject we should like to express the hope that the "Opera" idea may not fall through on the departure of that confirmed opera-fiend, R. E. Williams; there is no reason why it should. We should like to see it combined with another good idea, that of Entertainments given by Houses on their own. A little show could easily be arranged, out of the fifty odd people who are old enough in each House; and the field is wide enough. It only needs a little pluck. The introduction into the Hall of some of the best of the Illustrated Lectures was another innovation which we welcomed. The spectacle of two boys lecturing downstairs on the Harmonograph also gave us food for thought. All these little things could be made a great deal of, if they are brought into the magic circle of the House Competition.

It had been decided to award a Hobbies' Shield to the House gaining the highest average mark; we hear a welcome rumour that a Cup is coming instead.

Our thanks are due to the masters and prefects on the Committee, who worked untiringly as ever, and more so under the difficult conditions of novelty, and in particular to Mr. Willis. The Show was held, we may as well say, on April 4th.

Financially it was very successful, resulting in a net balance of over nine pounds, which was paid over to the War Fund.

The Prize-list follows:—

MUSIC.—Instrumental: 1, Fraser, L. M. (Rc.) A.

Vocal: 1, Thomas, K. St. C. (Rc.) A.; 2, Boyd, T. E. (3y.) T.

ART.—Painting: 1, Roberts, J. (6b. Sc.) H.

Drawing: 1, Hutchison, H. F. (6a.C) D.; 2, Laver, J. (6a. C) H.

MAPS.—1, Francis, F. C. (6b.C) D.; 2, Taylor, C. H. (6b. Sc.) H.; Fry, S. (5b.) A.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Prize not awarded.

WOODWORK.—Fretwork: Prize not awarded.

Carving: 1, Miller, D. M. (5x) H.

MODELS.—*1, Fry, S. (5b.) A. (Model Town).

MECH. APPLIANCES.—1, Stringer, F. J. (6a. Sc.) D.

COLLECTIONS.—Stamps: 1, Hutchinson, F. J. (6b. Sc.) A.

Coins: 1, Hepple, W. N. (3c.) H.; Kneale, W. C. (5x.) D.

Eggs: 1, *Motisi, S. (Rm) A.

ORIGINAL VERSE.—1, Laver, J. (6a.C) H.; 2, *McKie, J. I. (6a. C) A.; Bradnock, E. W. (Rc.) T.

RECITATION.—1, Ellis, A. R. (Rc.) P.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.—1, Ellis, A. R. (Rc.) P.; Gross, J. (6b. Sc.) P.

[N.B.—*Prize resigned.]

SINGING CUP.—Alfred Holt House.

HOBBIES' SHIELD.—Hughes House: Alfred Holt House.

Order of merit for arrangement of exhibits:

- 1.—Tate.
- 2.—Alfred Holt.
- 3.—Philip Holt.
- 4.—Danson. }
- Hughes. }
- 5.—Cochran.

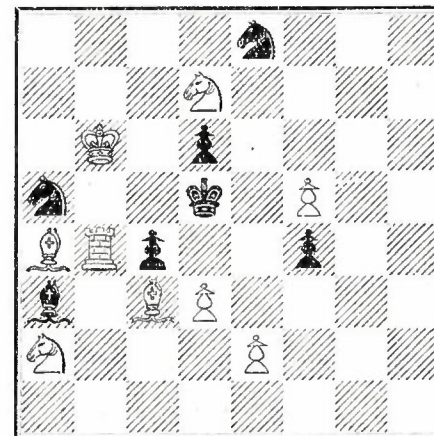
Chess Notes.

THE Summer Term being the least active with the Chess Club it is natural that there should be little of interest to report. We have even been denied the pleasure and excitement of a match with the masters. We have, however, the prospect of a match with an old boy, Mr. Levy, who proposes to play the whole club at once. The results of the match will probably be inserted in next term's issue. Solutions for the problem in last term's issue have been received from Cosnett, Fraser, De Jongh, and Best.

The comparative simplicity of the problem explains the unusual number of solutions. The Key Move was Queen to Rooks

square. We now offer the following problem, hoping that it will be met with equal success:—

BLACK (7)



WHITE (9)

White mates in two moves.

* O.T.C. Notes.

THE Summer Term this year has not been marked by the usual two or three field days, but, in spite of this, quite a lot of useful work has been done. A field day was held at the end of last term, in conjunction with Merchant Taylor's School Cadet Corps. The O.T.C. in two parties, under Corporal Brown and Lance-Corporal McKie, were to concentrate at a point at Maghull. The day was particularly important for the Scouts, who were to discover, and report on, the strength of the enemy, his point of concentration, and route. The concentration was not good, both parties being considerably in advance of their time. The Scouts, however, redeemed this by obtaining nearly all the information possible concerning the enemy. A small party of this intelligent body gained great fame by using the modern art of "camouflage" to such an extent that the enemy reported, "A strong force in possession . . . etc. The enemy were at a distinct disadvantage throughout in having no cycle Scouts with them.

There have been a number of half-holiday parades during the term, which have been devoted to company drill, P.T., and

general instruction. It is hoped that the bayonet fighting parades, which seem to have lapsed lately, have not finished altogether, as they were popular (?Eds.), as well as very useful (a combination not usually found).

The great event of the term, the annual inspection, took place on June 10th. The weather tried hard to be bad, but only succeeded in being slightly cold, which, our experience of inspections has taught us, is much better than being hot and sunny. We were very unfortunate in only having one officer on parade. Lieut. Brown, although very ill, came to school, but was obliged to return home, and Lieut. McNeile was absent from school. We are glad to see that Lieut. Brown is back again, and trust he has recovered from his illness. In the absence of the officers, the O.C. took command of No. 1 Platoon, and Sergt. Scott No. 2. The corps was inspected, at the school field, by Captain Watson, Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, Border Regiment, stationed at Great Crosby. After the march past, No. 1 Platoon did some platoon drill, under Sergt. Hutchison, who caused rather a sensation by introducing a new form of salute, a decided improvement on the one laid down in "Infantry Training." The O.C. then drilled No. 2 Platoon for a short time, and this was followed by an attack across the field, by platoons, No. 2 Platoon following No. 1. At the end of the parade, the inspecting officer made a short speech, in which he expressed his satisfaction with what he had seen, and emphasised the fact that drill was the foundation of all steadiness and discipline; to use his own words, "Troops that can drill well, will fight well."

During the half-term holiday, a small party of enthusiastic cycle and foot Scouts, under Corporal Baxter, spent a strenuous day in the neighbourhood of Maghull and Lydiat. Several complicated schemes were worked out with varying success, the main one being an attack and defence of an important road junction. The signallers, a party of whom were also present on this occasion, had very little chance of displaying their undoubted prowess in their art, owing to the nature of the ground over which the operations were carried out. There are rumours of a tea at Ormskirk after the "battle," but not being a Scout we have been unable to obtain official information on this point.

On the 26th June the corps was visited by Major Lander, of Chester, who came to inspect the musketry of the corps and our methods of teaching this subject. The contingent was divided up into a number of squads under the Musketry N.C.O.'s, each squad being taught some branch of the subject. The Major came round and watched each squad at work, making a few comments and asking a good many questions.

This visit was followed immediately by an inspection on June 27th, by Lieut.-Colonel Burnell-Nugent, also from the Western Command Staff at Chester. The contingent was drawn

up in line in the schoolyard for the general salute and inspection, after which some company drill was done, under the S.M. and Corporal Williams. The corps then split up into squads, doing P.T., bayonet fighting and musketry under N.C.O.'s. The Colonel came to each squad in turn and carefully examined them. The company then fell in again, and the inspecting officer said a few words to us. He was quite satisfied with the standard of efficiency in the corps, which he said was equal to that of any other contingent in the Command. He hoped we would spend more time in bayonet fighting, so that we might become more efficient in this important branch of training. He concluded by following the good example of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command, who, when pleased with a contingent, always asks for a holiday for it after inspecting it. This the Headmaster granted.

Shooting has also been carried on regularly on Saturday afternoons throughout the term at the open range at Altcar, and on the miniature range. A party of N.C.O.'s attended a musketry course at the Western Command School of Musketry during the Easter holidays, but owing to the infectious illness of some N.C.O.'s from another school the course was broken up at the end of the first week. The band this term has improved considerably, mainly owing to the efforts of Buckingham, who has been complimented by the O.C. for his work in this direction.

The competition for the "Sir Alfred Jones Challenge Shield" for shooting and the "Hutchison Cup" are to take place at the end of the term. The competition for the latter trophy is to be on a much bigger scale this year, sections being tested in every subject. This should make the contest much keener. A cup has been offered for the most efficient section in Platoon 2. Thus having something to compete for the sections should become keener.

The corps is to attend a camp at Welbeck, in Nottinghamshire, from July 22nd to August 1st. This is to be a big general camp of from 1,500 to 2,000 Cadets from various contingents in the United Kingdom. It is hoped that 50 Cadets will go to represent the Institute.

Since our last issue Lance-Corporal Kennedy and Cadet A. Thomas have been called up to O.C.B.s, and Corporal Williams. Lance-Corporal McKie, Cadets Wright and Hughes leave us at the end of the term. We wish them every success in the future. There will be numerous additions to the Commission Class next term, and no doubt the new members will speedily become adept at the art of rope-drill, and all the other intricacies which these militarists to be have to learn.

The following promotions have been made since last term:—
Cadets Civil, C. C., Turner, H. M., and Lee, R. F. O., to be
Lance-Corporals.

E.S.R.

An episode a little out of the ordinary, this term, was the presentation of an aeroplane to Newfoundland, on behalf of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, by Lord Desborough, a ceremony which the Corps attended on May 4th, on the Review Field. Lt.-Col. W. H. Franklin, D.S.O., who received the aeroplane on behalf of Newfoundland, is an Old Boy of the School. At the outbreak of war he was a merchant in St. John's, Newfoundland, and he commanded and trained, with the army rank of Captain, the first batch of 500 men from the Colony. Coming to England in October, 1914, he was seconded to the Royal Army (Suffolk Regt.). He was transferred in March of the next year to the Warwickshires, and promoted Major and Second-in-Command in April. A year later he was appointed to command another battalion of the same regiment, with the rank of Lt.-Colonel. In the attack on Serre, July 1st, 1916, he was severely wounded four times; for his work in this action he was awarded the D.S.O. The *Gazette* report is as follows:—

“He led his battalion with great dash; and, after being severely wounded, organised and led a bombing attack.”
He has been three times mentioned in despatches.

This very gallant Old Boy has the best wishes of the School and the Corps for his complete recovery, and still further distinctions in all fields.

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McKie, J. I.—Entered 1907 (Ib.). Prefect 1914 (Danson). House Captain (Alfred Holt), 1915. Head of the School, 1916. Assistant Editor Magazine, 1915. Senior Editor, 1916. Library Committee, 1916. Sports Committee, 1917-18. L.I.L.D.S. Committee, 1914-15. Vice-President, 1916. O.T.C., 1915. Lance-Corporal, 1917. Matriculation, 1914. Essay Prize, 1916. French Prize, 1916. Latin Prize (after F. G. Norris (resigned)), 1916. Essay Prize (resigned), 1917. Latin Prize (resigned), 1917. R.C.I. Open Essay Competition, 1st Prize, 1915. Junior Hume Scholarship, Oxford (Brazenose College), December, 1917.

Williams, R. E.—Entered, 1912 (IIIa.). Prefect, 1915 (Danson). House Captain (Danson), 1917. Advt. Editor Magazine, 1917. Assistant Editor, 1917. Library Committee, 1916. L.I.L.D.S. Committee, 1916. O.T.C., 1914. Lance-Corporal, 1916. Corporal, 1917. Oxford Local Senior (third class Honours), 1915. Matriculation (1st Div.), 1916. Org. Secretary House Games, 1917-18. Physics Prize, 1917.

Scott, J. A.—Entered, 1912 (IIIa.). Prefect, 1915 (Tate). Secretary to Prefects, Easter Term, 1917, 1917-18. Sports Committee, 1916, 1917. Football Colours (2nd XI.), 1916-17. House Sports Captain, 1916. House Swimming, 1917.

O.T.C., 1913. Lance-Corporal, 1915. Corporal, 1916. Sergeant, 1916. Oxford Local Senior (second class Honours), 1915. Captain of Hughes House, 1918. House Sports Captain, 1918, School Sports Captain, 1918. School Gymnasium Captain, 1918-19. House Swimming Captain, 1918. Senior Sergeant O.T.C., 1918. L.I.L.D.S. Committee, 1917-18. Library Committee, 1918. Sports Championship (Senior) Cup, 1918.

Wright, L. R.—Entered, 1912 (IIIa.). Prefect, 1916 (Philip Holt). Football (1st XI.) Colours, 1916-17. O.T.C., 1914. Oxford Local Senior, 1915. House Sports Captain (1918); Matriculation, 1917.

Thomas, A.—Entered, 1912 (IIIa.). Prefect, 1916 (Philip Holt). L.I.L.D.S. Committee, 1916-17. Sports Committee, 1917. Football (2nd XI.) Colours, 1915-16. Captain of School Sports, 1917-18. House Sports Captain, 1917-18. House Swimming Captain, 1915-16. O.T.C., 1916. Oxford Local Senior, 1915. Sports Championship Cup (open), 1917. School Gymnasium Captain, 1917-18. House Football Captain, 1917-18. House Gymnasium Captain, 1917-18. Joined O.C.B., May, 1918.

Kenyon, T. B.—Entered, 1910 (IIa.). Prefect, 1916 (Cochran). Camera and Field Club Committee, 1916, 1917. Matriculation, 1917. O.T.C., 1917.

Clubb, G. L.—Entered, 1911, May (Ia.). Alfred Holt. O.T.C., 1914. Oxford Local Senior (third class Honours), 1916. Matriculation, 1917. Prefect, 1917 (Alfred Holt). L.I.L.D.S. Committee, 1918. Hobby Show Committee, 1918.

Owens, B. J.—Entered, 1914 (IIIa.). Tate. Oxford Local (senior), 1917. O.T.C., 1914. Prefect, 1918, March (Tate). Joined O.C.B., 1918 (March).

Military Distinctions.

The following distinctions have been conferred upon Old Boys of the Institute since the publication of last term's Magazine:—

Military Cross:

Dixon, M.
Humphreys, L.
Sampson, M. T. (Bar).
Blackburn, T.
Johnson, R. W.
Humphrey, L. (Bar).
Cruickshank, H. J.
Jackson, G. G.
Capstick, E.

Military Medal:

Hill, S.

Distinguished Conduct Medal:

Price, H. E.

Meritorious Service Medal:

Corkhill, N. L.

Editorial Notices.

The Editors acknowledge with thanks, and apologies for any omissions, the receipt of:—Liverpool College Magazine, Esmelduna, Glasgow High School Magazine, Holt Secondary School Magazine, The Wallaseyan, The Portcullis.

Our readers will note that we have at least abolished the funny thing that has hitherto appeared on the back cover of the Magazine, purporting to be a view of the School.

Roll of Honour.

The following names must be added to the Roll of Honour this term:—

Lieut. F. G. Norris

E. T. Palmer

Capt. F. B. Reece

E. C. Ford

Corp. H. Symonds

L.-Corp. R. Hargreaves

Lieut. A. H. Hindle

Lieut. W. H. Foggo

B. Sibbitt

W. T. Perreyman

D. Corson

L.-Corp. J. F. Gornall

Capt. T. J. Pritchard

Capt. H. N. Teaz