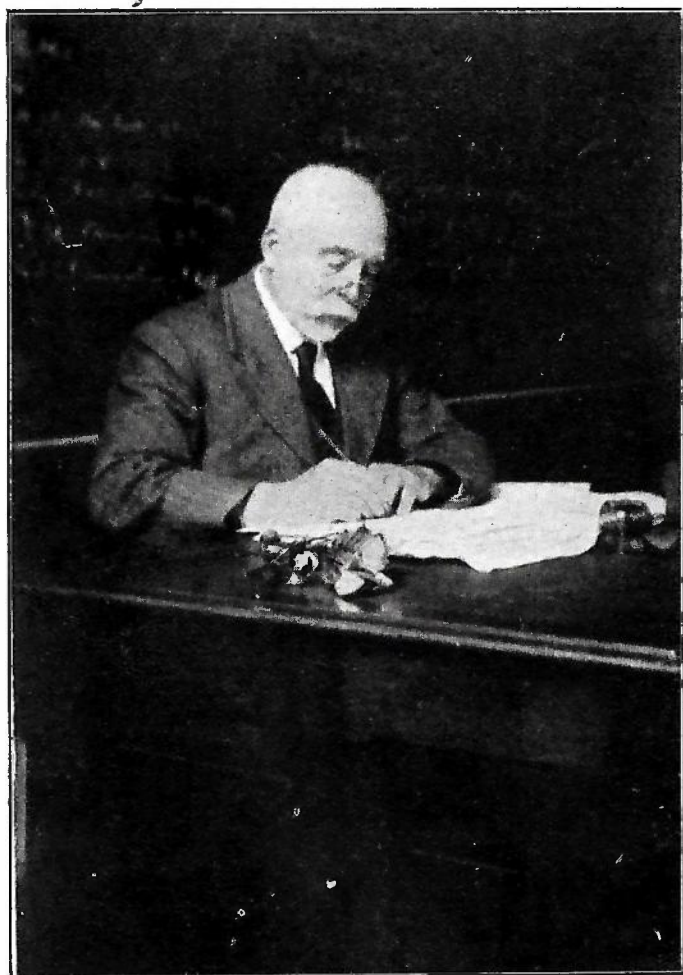




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Editorial.

IT is our painful task this term to record the approaching retirement of one of the best Masters the School has ever had the good fortune to possess. Mr. Owen was educated at the School, and became a member of the Staff on July 1st, 1871. He took his degree of B.Sc. in 1878 at the University of London, with Honours in Mathematics; and he also possesses many other certificates. He has been Vice-Principal since 1903, and now leaves us after having been a Master for forty-six years, and having spent over half a century in the School. Many generations of boys have passed through his teaching, and many under him have received special training, and won great distinction. His departure is keenly felt, for he was much beloved by the boys, in whose individual welfare he always took the greatest interest.

It is with pride mingled with grief that we notice that the board on the Hall door is now filled with the names of those who have given for their country all that they counted dear. Truly, we are impressed with the seriousness of the great crisis through which our country is passing, when we see the names of those who were once our schoolfellows and intimate companions.

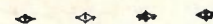
For the second year in succession we have had glorious weather for the Sports. In this we have been much favoured, considering that, for a whole decade, it poured, and often thundered, on the appointed day.

The Hobby Show was quite a success, though there is certainly a tendency to increase the importance of the side-shows, while there is a corresponding decrease in material exhibits. The VI.b. Play was admirably performed, and E. S. Jackson distinguished himself in the Conjuring Revelations.

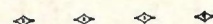
In conclusion, we wish to bid farewell to those who are leaving the School. We wish them every success in the future; and we trust that those who are going straight from us into H.M. Forces will maintain and increase the honour which our Old Boys have won.

Chat on the Corridor.

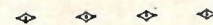
WE are very sorry to learn, in the middle of the present term, that Mr. Owen was about to retire. He has served the School for very many years, and has inspired every boy, with whom he has come in contact, with respect and affection. His resignation will be a great loss to the School.



We were very glad that the Senior Shield Team were able to win the Final, and that the shield, after being absent for a year, is once more back in our possession.



We wish to congratulate W. C. V. Rosney and D. G. M. Jackson, on obtaining scholarships to the Liverpool University, in Science and History respectively.



The first Cricket Eleven has had a phenomenal success this term, and has, so far, lost only one match. We would congratulate them, if there were not so many people to congratulate in these notes this term.



A Silver Cup has been presented to the School by Alderman Fred Smith, to be held by the winner of the Open Mile. We thank the donor heartily in the name of the School.



The death of Miss Helena McCulloch has been a great blow to the School. Many of us will always remember with pleasure the many times she came and played for us.



There are going to be two camps in the holidays for boys who are willing to work on the land. We hope there will be a large number of volunteers and wish them every success.



Several boys have been working on afternoons during term-time at Leasowe, and we believe that their services have been much appreciated.



We wish to congratulate the Corps musketry experts on their enthusiasm. Probably nothing is lost by adorning one's rifle with cast-off clothing, except perhaps one's reputation for sanity.

Many of the older boys in the School will be leaving this term, and we wish them every success.



R. E. Williams has been made Advertisement Editor, and the thanks of the editors are due to him for the work he has done in connection with the Magazine, especially during school-time.



We are glad to note that Capstick has at last been called up to O.C.B.



A. F. C. Christian has been made Football Secretary for the coming season.

Roll of Honour.

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

R. F. Price.
 Captain Wilson Bell.
 Lieut. E. R. B. Middleton.
 W. J. Thomlinson.
 2nd Lieut. F. S. Millikan.
 2nd Lieut. C. F. Lee.
 A. Wales.
 H. E. Hughes.
 E. A. Oglethorpe.
 2nd Lieut. M. W. Cooksey.
 Major H. Millard.
 Alfred James.
 Lieut. R. W. Christie, R.N.
 Captain F. P. Cox.
 Lieut. C. P. Thornton.
 Kirkbride, H.
 Percy Owen.

Military Distinctions.

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

MILITARY CROSS:

Lieut. R. C. H. Ellam.
 2nd Lieut. T. J. Pritchard.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL:

A. S. Morrison.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES:

W. D. Raymond.
 J. B. Clements.
 G. L. Bird.
 W. H. McKerrow.
 C. Wright.

The Hobby Show.

THIS year's Hobby Show was held on the last Thursday of the Easter term, in the evening, the usual classrooms being open for the display of exhibits and the Illustrated Lectures. The attendance was all that could be desired. The exhibits themselves had one fault; they were, as usual, too few. Though strange, it is perhaps true, in this one department of activity, that quantity is at least as much to be desired as quality. After all, the object of holding such shows is the encouragement of effort, much more than the rewarding of success. Just as in the Sports, it is the training and the running that is valuable, so here it is the bringing of a new interest into life, the stimulation of invention, and the opportunity for exercising the imagination. This comparison raises a new consideration. At the Sports, everyone admits that one very great good is the training in House-loyalty, and the encouragement of that idea which is the foundation of all true citizenship, that one must work for the sake of the others, and that every little helps. We make the suggestion in all humility, but we think that, if it is conceded that the Hobby Show embodies an idea valuable enough to be worth each year the careful labour which is devoted to it by Mr. Willis and the other members of the Staff, who give up their time to secure its success, then it might be worth while also to introduce into it, this element of inter-House rivalry, which is now only represented by the Slugging competitions for the House choirs. As we have mentioned this, we may be allowed here to congratulate Cochran Choir on their success this year, under the skilful direction of Lloyd.

Of course, the Hobby Show, that is, the entire function, now stands for much more than the exhibition of hobbies, in the life of the School. It is, like the Sports, and, in lesser degree, perhaps, the Play at Christmas, one of those invaluable School festivals which give

an opportunity for a reunion of the parents and friends of the boys, and for the emphasising in this way of the aspect of the School as an active social entity. From this point of view no complaint can be made. The various activities of the evening drew full audiences of interested parents and their friends. It is always to be hoped that such functions as the Hobby Show will draw not only the immediate relatives of boys, but also many of their friends, unconnected with the School; for it is supremely important that the School should never even appear to be torpid, or in danger of degenerating to the uninspiring and barren level of a mere "knowledge-shop."

The hall was twice occupied during the evening, apart from the musical competitions. On the first occasion Professor Theophilus Jackson, much assisted by the able obtuseness of "Angus" Clouston, and E. V. Barker delighted the audience with an exhibition and exposure of certain conjuring malpractices, and skilfully used them as a stalking horse, under cover of which he launched several side-long shafts of satiric mimicry, which were much appreciated by his hearers and his victims. Much of our gratitude is due to Mr. Brown, who was the "Hidden Hand" of the entertainment, and devoted much time and labour to making it a success.

The other event was the production of a version of Sheridan's "St. Patrick's Day," by a cast taken from the boys of VIB. The play had been modernised by the Headmaster, and those who had feared that it might prove to have lost something of its attraction in the process had a pleasant surprise. The limitations of the form, of course, made it very difficult to get suitable female characters, and we are told that changes had to be made during the rehearsals, but the female parts were on the whole a success. C. H. Taylor did not fit the part of the modern girl Lauretta so well as he did that of Jessica at Christmas, although it is, perhaps, hardly fair to compare the two characters. His acting on the whole was good, albeit a trifle stiff, but the audience was very much amused at the way in which the athletic young lady got across the stage in about two strides. Turner's voice hardly corresponded with the age for which he was made up, but otherwise he was quite good. Pym, as Doctor Rosy, was very good. His figure, voice and gestures, not to mention the way in which he was made up, were very true to type, and his reminiscences of his "poor dear Dolly" amused the audience not a little. For Fry, who played the intensely funny part of Mr. Justice Credulous, we have nothing but praise; his voice, his mannerisms, and, in fact, the whole way in which he acted, combined to make an excellent representation of the old Justice, and his agony in the last scene, when he thought he was poisoned, was exceedingly comic. The part of Lieutenant Michael O'Connor was played, in his usual "love-lorn-hero" style, by E. S. Roberts, who was very good and made a beefy ruffian as "Umphrey 'Um." We particularly enjoyed his remark: "I'll see you hanged first, you pack of skurvy villains." Hutchison, as Sergeant Trounce, was absolutely a typical Army Recruiting Sergeant, and his conversation with 'Umphrey, in which

he tried to impress the recruit with his powers, was very well done. Ward, as Corporal Flint, had a strong Irish accent as well as a strong taste for beer; Maiden made a good butler. Stringer, Dudley, Roulston, Ravenscroft and J. W. Brown were stalwart, if somewhat inebriated, soldiers, Dudley in particular being very beery both in appearance and voice; Clubb and Graham were amusing as countrymen.

The play itself is one of Sheridan's poorest, but modernised, it acted very well, and although the plot, of course, is highly improbable, there are some funny scenes in it, particularly the last, which lost none of their humour in the capable hands of Fry, Pym, and Roberts. The scenery was good, but the intervals for changing scenes were rather long, and had it not been for the excellent music provided, would have been rather boring. Excepting this, which, we presume, was unavoidable, the stage-manager, Hutchison, worked things very well.

The two performances were repeated for the School on Friday afternoon, when Jackson was even funnier.

A very welcome innovation during the evening was the giving of two displays in the Gymnasium by a team of boys, under the skilful leadership of Mr. Stell, who himself contributed to the display in his usual interesting and brilliant fashion.

Financially, the Hobby Show resulted in a net balance of over £17, which was paid into the School War Fund. We must, in conclusion, repeat the expression of our gratitude to all the Masters and boys who worked for the success of the Show.

The following prizes were awarded:—

MUSIC—INSTRUMENTAL:

1. G. King VIA. (D.), Piano and Organ.
2. C. E. Harvey IIX. (C.), Violin.

VOCAL: 1. D. Lloyd VIA. (C.)

ART—1. G. H. Wedgewood VX. (D.), Paintings.

MAPS—Not awarded.

PHOTOGRAPHY—Not awarded.

WOODWORK—1. G. R. Guttridge IIIA. (P.H.), Cake Stand.

MODELS—1. S. Fry IVB. (A.H.), Model Town.

2. C. E. O. Lee VIA. (H.), and R. F. O. Lee VIB. (D.), Battleship.

3. A. Bewley IVA. (H.), "Tank."

SCIENTIFIC APPLIANCES:

1. F. J. Hutchinson RC. (A.H.), } Galvanometers and
C. C. Civil RC. (H.), } Resistance Box.

COLLECTION OF STAMPS—1. F. J. Hutchinson RC. (A.H.)*

2. F. C. M. Brown RC. (H.)

COLLECTION OF EGGS—1. S. Motisi VX. (A.H.)

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE—1. T. H. Ellis RC. (P.H.)

HOUSE CHOIRS SINGING CUP—Cochran House.

* Debarred, having won the prize last year.

Literary and Debating Society.

THE Debating Society has now been over for a whole term, and is about to begin once more under abler, but not more conscientious, Secretaries. A few meetings are still to be recorded, however. On Tuesday, March 13th, the Society met to hear a paper by R. E. Williams on "George Bernard Shaw." Laver read the minutes with that humble deference to the feelings of the rest of the meeting which is so characteristic of him, but Laird, of all people, felt called upon to suggest that something should be altered. It was altered, of course, with rejoicing and enthusiasm. Williams was then asked to deliver what promised to be a very interesting paper. He divided unappreciative readers of Shaw into two classes—those who called him a charlatan and those who professed not to understand him. He declared that the opposition which he aroused was due to his Socialism and his Irish nationality. The influence of Shaw's early education was dealt with, and his parents condemned as unsympathetic and uncongenial Puritans. From his mother, however, Shaw is said to have derived his strangely complex character.

His first success was a play called "The Devil's Disciple," which takes for its subject, or perhaps its moral, the innate heroism of man. The play Williams treated at the greatest length was "The Doctor's Dilemma," and many well-chosen quotations stimulated the interest of the audience. "Man and Superman" was rather neglected, and we should, on the whole, have been pleased to hear a little more about Shaw's attitude towards religious belief and the problem of modern civilisation.

Rosney was the first speaker, and acted very successfully the part of the "barbarian muddled by science." Mr. Hickinbotham defended Shaw from the charge of being a charlatan, declaring that few men, in his opinion, were more frank or less affected. He spoke with appreciation of his good social work among the very poor. Mr. Doughty said that Shaw's mannerisms were a deliberate attempt to obtain the ear of the public so that he might emphasise his serious doctrines, and he supported his views on life and society with unexpected warmth. Williams, called upon to reply, moderated somewhat his attack upon the Puritanism of Shaw's parents, and made a few unnecessary apologies for his really very entertaining paper. A vote of thanks was proposed and heartily carried.

On March 27th, A. G. Russell proposed:—"That this House views with alarm the growing power of Trades' Unions." Russell said that capital and labour were both necessary parts of society, and that capital had its rights as well as its obligations. He dealt with the history of Trades' Unions and the function almost to the present day—protection. Recently they had substituted for this, aggression, and they had, moreover, been used by individuals as political tools. The conduct of the Trades' Unions during the war was criticised, and the speaker declared that they were suffering from "swelled head."

R. S. Jackson opposed, and delighted the Society with his performance, the word performance being understood in the literal sense. Laird was to support Russell, but having been too lazy to prepare a speech, added the crime of cowardice and failed to appear. His place was taken very ably by D. G. M. Jackson, who condemned strikes in war time, and said that the unions had shown themselves thoroughly selfish. Wilde seconded E. S. Jackson with more than his usual skill, and laughed away the fears and the doubts of the opener. A very sensible speech was made by Rosney, who thus spoilt the reputation he had so laboriously built up. He evidently has the safety and progress of Trades' Unions very much at heart. Onians, who has lately been very reticent, gave the Society the rare pleasure of a speech, and Scott, R. E. Williams, and Knox also contributed to the discussion. Baxter said something, and left the room in disgust.

Thus ended the last meeting of the session, and a few words may be said of the main characteristics of all the debates. The Secretaries, who have made it their rule to discourage frivolity, while applauding genuine wit, and, unlike their predecessors, have always written the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about themselves, cannot but be gratified by the improvement visible in the tone of the Society. The person who disposed of all the beauties of nature by labelling them with some scientific name, has become more and more silent; as also the classical student who thought himself a poet because he had studied the "Ars Poetica," and fancied himself a philosopher because he could translate a chapter of Aristotle. Members have shown great keenness in speaking, and, under the kindly correction administered by the minutes, have divested themselves of their most prominent faults. Baxter has lately become quite intelligible and Williams quite gentle. E. S. Jackson has lost some of his former crudity of humour, and, by constant practice, has really become very amusing.

It only remains for the Secretaries, in rendering up the office which they have held so long and so unworthily, to thank the Society for the consideration and sympathy which they have constantly enjoyed, and that total absence of anything which might be termed opposition to their hopes and their ideals, which has marked the whole course of the meetings at which they have had the honour to serve.

School Opera.

LAST term I wrote a letter to this Magazine suggesting the possibility of the School's producing a short comic opera; it was printed, greatly to my surprise, as I had been trying to insert such a letter in the Magazine for a year, and had invariably been crushed by strictly conventional and conservative editors. Now, it appears, the Magazine is adopting the worst of modern attributes, a policy, for I have actually been asked by the Editor to write an article suggesting an improvement in school entertainments.

Almost dazed by this evidence of revolution amongst the editorial staff, I am putting in writing, before as much of the School as possible, and particularly the authorities, an appeal, which I have been pleading for two years by less direct methods. To come straight to the subject, I quote from my last term's letter: "Why cannot the School produce an opera, either at Christmas or at the Hobby Show? Surely we have enough musical talent to manage so small an operetta as 'Trial by Jury' or 'H.M.S. Pinafore.'" Of course, since writing that sentence, about two hundred people have rushed at me, and each given me fifty distinct reasons as to why a School opera is an impossibility; the great point of these reasons is that most of them are merely objections put in the way by people who either have no idea of appreciation of good light music, or—and this species is more common—who have not heard an opera, and are therefore least entitled of all to judge. The chief reason this type of opponent gives is: "You're Gilbert-and-Sullivan mad!" Apart from the truth or untruth of this statement, I cannot see why *that* should prevent the School from producing a short Gilbert-and-Sullivan opera, such as "Trial by Jury." Incidentally, let me advise this type of opponent to visit the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company when they are next in Liverpool. I can name at least three people who, before they had heard a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera, were most antagonistic, but having once been lured into the Royal Court Theatre last Easter, sang its praises for about a week running.

I think I may safely say that no one, to my knowledge, who has heard a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera has disliked it; for that, indeed, he must be both without a sense of humour, and without any ear whatever for music.

Apart from the stupidity of the usual arguments used against the production of a short comic opera, there are several difficulties in the way of such a feat, and nobody realises them more than I. But to be overcome by difficulties is a poor game; and I can see a way out of most of the objections which crop up.

The first, is that we have not the necessary talent; well, the shortest of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas is the first they produced, "Trial by Jury." It requires only two basses, a baritone, a tenor and a soprano for the leading parts, and a chorus of about ten male voices and six female voices. There is very little acting required, the part of the Judge being the only really funny one; anyone who gives the matter consideration, and remembers our Play cast and our singers, will have no difficulty in fitting an exact cast for this operetta. It is short, lasting only about half-an-hour to forty minutes, and would require fewer rehearsals than any other opera. Practically no scenery is required, and, all things considered, it is the opera *par excellence* with which to begin. I realise that in all operas the chorus, particularly the female chorus, is the great stumbling-block, but surely we can find, amongst our crowd of quite good trebles and altos, about eight or ten who will make up into moderately good girls, and who have some slight acting talent;

dances, where they occur, can always be simplified, or even cut out altogether.

I see, too, that large demands would be made upon the time of such masters who took charge of the musical and dramatic training of the company; but what I know of various things of this kind with which I have been associated, that is a difficulty which we might expect to overcome. The orchestra is another difficulty; but we had an orchestra at the Play, and a good one. Only a piano would be needed for rehearsals until near the end. It can be done!

I urge, seriously, that the "powers that be" should take up the suggestion, and that Christmas or Easter next may see "Trial by Jury" performed—and, I am confident, performed well—at the School. Permission for one or two private performances of the D'Oyly Carte's repertoire is not difficult to obtain.

The idea is not new, nor my own. The Headmaster himself, at the time of the pierrot-shows a few years ago, mooted it; I am merely a revivalist, but I am not daunted; we shall do an opera some day;

"Of that there is no manner of doubt,
And no possible, probable, shadow of doubt,
And no possible doubt whatever!" —R. E. W.

Altcar.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—The following article is a description of the Western Command School of Musketry, Altcar, by one of the misguided individuals who suffered a musketry course there. It has been annotated by one of the Editorial Staff, who was also present at the course; for the vagaries, both of the writer and his annotator, we are not responsible.]

IMAGINE a barrack-square, surrounded by huts; on the square imagine about a battalion of men drilling, under the supervision of stern staff-sergeants; imagine a camp swarming with guards and military police; and you get some idea of what we thought the School of Musketry, Altcar, would resemble. Which was quite wrong.

On arriving at Altcar Station (+ kit bag + rifle + great hunger) our first impression was of a pair of moustaches, behind which dwelt a nice kind staff-sergeant, who, when he had taken our names, directed us to the haven where we were destined to vegetate, and told us what to do when we got there. Our second impression was of the extremely good manners of the gentlemen in the mess, who, on our entrance, unanimously invited us to remove our head-gear. These things having been done, we proceeded to enjoy our tea.

After tea, we started to sort ourselves out. (That means fighting for the bed nearest the stove, and trying to divide two rifle-rests and four hooks equitably amongst three people.) There were only twelve N.C.O.'s from O.T.C.'s, and we were to live in the officers' quarters, three in a cubicle. At intervals an orderly (Class K. 9),

came and filled our stove-fire with coal, and some time after lights out (10-15 p.m.), another orderly came and promised to bring us hot water at 7-20 a.m. (As a matter of fact, he *said* shaving-water.) After this, we composed ourselves for sleep, but the inhabitants of the next cubicle immediately began a discussion, which lasted until after midnight. At midnight, a train started shunting just outside the window, and took until 3 a.m. to get it over; promptly at 3 a.m. the next cubicle resumed, with musical selections thrown in. This concert lasted until 7 a.m. when we deemed it expedient to arise. We had been told the previous day by our orderly, who, for some unaccountable reason, we called "Toby," that breakfast was at a quarter to eight and parade at nine o'clock. Accordingly at twenty-five to eight we sallied forth to breakfast, and at five past nine to parade. (He doesn't mention washing ourselves; perhaps he didn't, *I* did).

After wandering about the camp for some time, we were found by our instructors and allotted into squads; and after the issue of arms to those who had none, we marched to the lecture room. Here, the commandant having exhorted us, work began in the form of a very interesting and peaceful, but totally incomprehensible, lecture on a variety of subjects, by our wing-commander, Lieut. Shepherd, who speedily received the name of "Jack." The morning was passed in instruction, and at 12-45 p.m. we were told that dinner was at one o'clock and parade at 1-55 p.m. At 4 p.m. work was over for the day. Tea was at 4-45 p.m., and after, we could apparently do what we liked until 10-15 p.m. One evening we witnessed a very realistic exhibition of night-firing and trench warfare on the range, by "spot" snipers and Lewis guns, the whole illuminated by "Véry lights." On the way back, at about 11 p.m., one of our number got lost and wandered into a tributary of the River Alt, but eventually did get home. (As a matter of fact, it was Rastus, but he's too proud to say so.) Ever afterwards, our sleep was disturbed by periodical demands by the inhabitants of the next cubicle for "Véry li-i-ights"!! or we were told repeatedly that the left gun was clear, sir. Another evening, our instructor stripped a Lewis gun for us and explained the mechanism, with great wealth of detail.

We were allowed leave from Saturday, 1 p.m., to Sunday, 11 p.m., and we are forced to believe that the military police cannot count, because after we were all in, the sergeant, to whom we had to report on arrival, persisted in the belief that one of us was missing. The next day we had to move into another hut. (In other words, the school sergeant-major mentioned casually that he would *like* us to move. No compulsion, of course.) The second week passed (It's a habit weeks have) like the first, with an examination at the end, but was even more interesting, as it included firing on the miniature and open ranges.

The otherwise placid and rural ugliness of Altcar is only marred by a very few beauty-spots. One of these is that benevolent and antiquated walrus, sergeant of the R.D.C. (otherwise known as the "Tired-of-lives"), who can often be seen ambling about the sandhills

armed with a large white flag, which he waves at times in obedience to someone's commands to "introduce meeuvement,"; Another is the genial staff-sniper, who looks after the miniature range "in his spare time." (He had nothing but spare time as far as I could see.) There is also a curiosity who appears on parades, known as the School Sergeant-Major. Before each parade he does a little cane-drill on the parade ground for five minutes, and then says "Cl-a-a-ahs! Fall'n!" He then dresses the parade (but he does not say "Stead-igh!") On our first parade he terrified us by finding fault with our slings. There is also another sergeant-major, in command of a wing, who twice daily requests his wing to "Chine!"

Not the least interesting parts of our life were the seemingly interminable arguments, which occupied the greater part of the waking hours of two particularly controversial members of our party, upon every conceivable variety of subject, from politics to parsons, and from ancestry to the use of soap.

Bayonets were very dangerous. One was somewhat spoilt during firing, by an N.C.O. from another O.T.C. (one of the instructors was very nearly spoilt, too), and one N.C.O. committed wanton assault and battery upon another with one of these weapons, boring a hole in him to the depth of a quarter of an inch.

The whole of our time was spent very enjoyably, and we have every reason to thank the Western Command for holding the course, the officers and instructors of the School of Musketry, and the N.C.O.'s from the other O.T.C.'s with whom we were associated for a very pleasant fortnight.

I may as well say that I am not responsible for some of the unauthorised slang interpolated by him who annotated this.

R. A. STUS.

[And I may as well say that I have done my best to make this article decent but failed, as it was too far gone.—R.E.W.]

Sonnet to Nothing in Particular.

I've bumbled blank verse, I have scribbled song,
And e'en at times in prose I've been fantastic;
But what I'm writing now is less elastic,—
A *Sonnet*! (I believe the rhyme's gone wrong!)
It isn't hard to pour out all day long
Amusing verse and doggerel bombastic,
Or prose remarks supposed to be sarcastic;
But when it comes to this, I'm not so strong.
Still, I have done my best; you mustn't grumble,
Nor vent your anger and your rage upon it;
Though for your handkerchief you may not fumble
With tears within your eyes, yet kindly con. it;
And look with pity on my effort humble,
And chalk it up that *I* can write a sonnet! —R. E. W.

[We ask consideration for this frantic effort after seriousness, on the part of our industrious versifier.—Eds.]

Sports.

THIS year we have been most fortunate in the matter of weather, as it was fine on all the three Sports days, a most unusual occurrence. The running this year was very good, and the competition for the Senior Championship was close, though not quite so close as last year. Thomas carried off the Senior Championship, with a lead of ten points over Christian. The times were on the whole rather better than last year, yet they might have been improved still more, if so many of the Senior runners had not been entered for examinations. Christian was to the fore in the sprints and jumps, while Thomas did quite well in all the events. The mile was won by Lloyd, in quite good time, but the finish was not of the usual neck-and-neck style. The Middle Championship was won by J. H. Scott, who ran and jumped very well; and K. W. Downey won the Junior Championship. In the House Championships, Cochran House secured both the Senior and Junior, while Alfred Holt won the Middle. During the Sports week, Alderman Fred Smith very kindly presented a cup to the school, to be held for a year, by the winner of the open mile. We tender our hearty thanks to Alderman Smith, and hope that his gift will make the mile an object of still keener competition. We should like to thank all those who helped to make the Sports a success, and especially Mr. Tiffen, who organised and carried out practically all the arrangements, and Mr. Doughty, who performed his apparently thankless task in an admirable manner. The School is very grateful to Mrs. Campagnac, who so kindly distributed the cups and medals after the Sports.

SPORTS RESULTS.

Cricket Ball (Open).—1st, G. Bell; 2nd, G. S. Pate; distance 83yds. 4ins. Under 15: 1st, R. Morland; 2nd, G. Balfour; distance 66yds. Under 13½: 1st, K. W. Downey; 2nd, A. Lightbody; distance 53yds. 2ft. 10ins.

Long Jump (Open).—1st, A. F. C. Christian; 2nd, A. Thomas; distance 17ft. 6ins. Under 15: 1st, H. C. Lunt; 2nd, C. E. Harvey; distance 15ft. 11ins. Under 13½: 1st, K. W. Downey; 2nd, G. N. Roberts; distance 13ft. 5ins.

High Jump (Open).—1st, A. F. C. Christian; 2nd, W. G. Wardle; height 4ft. 5ins. Under 15: 1st, J. L. C. Rogers; 2, J. H. Scott and K. W. Wallace (tie). Under 13½: 1st, E. Cohen and K. W. Downey (tie).

100 Yards (Open).—1st, A. F. C. Christian; 2nd, G. Bell; time 11½ secs. Under 16: 1st, H. E. Holmes; 2nd, R. V. Samuels; time 12 secs. Under 15: 1st, H. C. Lunt; 2nd, G. H. Wilson; time 12 secs. Under 13½: 1st, K. W. Downey; 2nd, D. S. Tod; time 13½ secs. Under 12: 1st, D. S. Tod; 2nd, W. Espinosa; time 13½ secs. Under 11: 1st, L. S. Davies; 2nd, R. H. Newall; time 14½ secs. Under 10: 1st, E. H. E. Jones; 2nd, F. E. Saunders; time 14½ secs.

220 Yards (Open).—1st, A. F. C. Christian; 2nd, A. Thomas; time 27½ secs. Under 16: 1st, H. E. Holmes; 2nd, R. V. Samuels; time

28½ secs. Under 15: 1st, H. C. Lunt; 2nd, G. H. Wilson; time 29 secs. Under 13½: 1st, K. W. Downey; 2nd, D. S. Tod; time 31½ secs. Under 12: 1st, D. B. Wardle; 2nd, W. Espinosa; time 33½ secs. Under 11: 1st, E. H. E. Jones; 2nd, H. Morland; time 34½ secs.

440 Yards (Open).—1st, D. Lloyd; 2nd, A. Thomas; time 62½ secs. Under 15: 1st, C. R. Robertson; 2nd, J. H. Scott; time 65½ secs.

880 Yards (Open).—1st, A. Thomas; 2nd, G. H. Rome; time 2 mins. 28½ secs.

Mile (Open).—1st, D. Lloyd; 2nd, A. Thomas; 3rd, H. Graham; time 5 mins. 26½ secs.

250 Yards Handicap.—1st, W. Espinosa; 2nd, G. M. Cox.

Obstacle Race (Open).—1st, N. W. Ellison; 2nd, D. Lloyd. Under 15: 1st, W. G. Jones; 2nd, G. M. Coomer. Under 13½: 1st, H. M. Taylor; 2nd, J. S. Hutchins.

Sack Race.—1st, N. W. Ellison; 2nd, A. G. Danks.

Egg Race (Open).—1, G. S. Pate; 2nd, P. Charlton. Under 15: 1st, W. H. Senior; 2nd, H. L. Best. Under 13½: 1st, H. M. Taylor; 2nd, J. S. Hutchins.

Squadron Races.—Senior: 1st, Cochran House; 2nd, Philip Holt. Middle: 1st, Tate; 2nd, Alfred Holt. Junior: 1st, Hughes; 2nd, Philip Holt.

Tug of War.—Senior: Cochran House. Middle: Hughes House. Junior: Alfred Holt House.

Championship Cups.—Senior: A. Thomas. Middle: J. H. Scott. Junior: K. W. Downey.

House Championship.—Senior: Cochran House. Middle: Alfred Holt. Junior: Cochran House.

AVERAGE MARKS.

House.	SENIOR DIVISION.				House.
COCHRAN ...	...	6'2	Tate ...	...	4'9
Alfred Holt ...	...	5'6	Hughes ...	...	3'2
Philip Holt ...	...	5'5	Danson ...	...	3'1

MIDDLE DIVISION.

ALFRED HOLT ...	...	7'1	Hughes ...	...	3'1
Cochran ...	...	3'8	Philip Holt ...	...	3'08
Danson ...	...	3'2	Tate ...	...	2'0

JUNIOR DIVISION.

COCHRAN ...	...	5'7	Philip Holt ...	...	3'8
Alfred Holt ...	...	4'7	Danson ...	...	2'6
Hughes ...	...	4'6	Tate ...	...	2'4

TOTAL POINTS.

Alfred Holt ...	...	477	Hughes ...	...	296
Cochran ...	...	398	Danson ...	...	244
Philip Holt ...	...	309	Tate ...	...	210

Cricket Notes.

SCHOOL Cricket this season has shown a marked improvement on last year's standards. This change is largely due to those masters who have so kindly helped, in various ways, the School Cricket. Net practice has undergone a change; this again being mainly due to the advice of one of our masters. The names for net practice are posted every week for certain nights, and they have to turn up *changed* at the nets. This has been very successful. To begin with, far better results can be obtained with six players at a net, all changed, and all in earnest, than with perhaps eighteen people dressed anyhow, and just "sending a ball down when they feel like it." Of course, it often happens that all six people do not turn up. Well, that is to be regretted, but it is far better than the alternative just mentioned.

The First Eleven have been very successful up to the time of going to Press. They are keen, and work very well together, the only flaw being their fielding, which is at times rather poor. Their batting and bowling has been extremely good, and what runs have been made have been made by good, sound cricket, there being no confirmed "sloggers" in the team. It is to be hoped that the First Eleven will keep up their record.

The Second Eleven has had a very unsuccessful season. Players seem to be very slack, especially in fielding. The bowling has been fair, but the batting very weak, the younger members playing by far the best cricket; and it must be remembered that playing cricket well is far more important than scoring runs. The Second Eleven must "buck up" if they wish to see any victories, and incidentally any caps.

The Third Eleven has fared rather better. Here members are keen and usually play good cricket. The bowling has also been good, and the fielding fair. The Junior members are very keen and many of the team show signs of talent, but here we are handicapped by the lack of a really excellent "coach" who can send down, time after time, the very ball he wishes his pupil to play.

Mr. L. D. Holt kindly offered us the use of his team's cricket ground at Riversdale Road, Aigburth. It is a beautiful ground, and we wish most heartily to thank Mr. Holt for his generosity. Many games are played there, chiefly between forms in the middle and lower parts of the School. We hope for good results from these games.

The School are extremely grateful to the Headmaster, Mr. Tiffen, Mr. Hall, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Cunningham-Pike, and to all those masters who take an interest in making the games of the School a success.

Cricket.

CRITIQUE—FIRST ELEVEN.

- H. F. HUTCHISON (Captain).—Has shown great judgment in setting the field, has batted excellently this season, and has done much by his example to inspire the Eleven. Has also fielded well at point.
- D. C. WARD (Vice-Captain).—A very helpful and useful Vice-Captain. A good bat who has played some good innings, which have helped to make the game interesting. A very good field, who pulled off a good long-field catch at Birkenhead. He can also play well at wicket-keeper.
- A. F. C. CHRISTIAN (Secretary).—Has maintained his reputation as the smartest fielder in the School. His batting has been very good this term. He can also send down a useful ball, but has not had many opportunities as yet to show his prowess in this direction.
- D. H. OWEN.—Has played well in every way this season. He has bowled very well and is a good steady bat, who has usually braved the first ball of the innings.
- A. I. WILKINSON.—A very pretty bat with a good off-drive. Played an excellent innings against Merchant Taylors'. He is not all he might be in fielding ground balls, but is a good catch.
- E. JONES.—As a bowler has not been quite so successful this season, but has batted very well indeed, scoring most of his runs with a stroke which is original. He has livened up our jaunts considerably.
- J. D. PULLAN.—Has improved beyond recognition this year. An excellent demon howler, who rivals Reece in speed and beats him in strategy. Has batted well, but is a poor fielder.
- W. G. WARDLE.—A useful change bowler and a fair bat, with a style of his own. Not a very successful fielder, but has improved a great deal since the beginning of the season.
- MORLAND.—A new member of the Eleven. A good bat, but rather apt to "swipe." Is a very good and keen fielder.
- LOW, R.—A very good wicket-keeper. A fair, steady, bat, who has not come off as yet.
- TINKER.—A good change bowler. An average bat, who persists in surprising us with his last-wicket stands, *e.g.*, Wallasey.
- HOWARD.—A good steady bat. Can bowl. A good fielder.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

FIRST ELEVEN v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

Played at Gt. Crosby on May 12th.

As usual, the weather on this, the first match of the season, was not all it might have been. We won the toss, and sent Merchants' to bat on a sticky, but rapidly drying wicket. Their innings was a steady one, but they were remarkably lucky in having to bat against a team, which, for the most part, did not know what smart fielding means! About six catches were dropped. Ramsey made a good 36 when he was out with an unlucky l.b.w., while Vianna had a short and brilliant innings of 23. Our bowlers, with the exception of Owen, were not good. Owen took 9 wickets for 29 runs! Our innings opened excellently, with Owen and Morland. The partnership was broken when Morland was bowled, more through nervousness than anything else. Owen was the next to fall, being bowled after a good innings of 15. Wilkinson and Hutchison then made a very good stand, which took the score to 69 runs for 3 wickets, when Hutchison was out with his favourite l.b.w.! Christian and Wilkinson played the only remaining stand. Wilkinson played excellently, at last being caught out, with the score of 28 to his credit. But, alas, the tail did *not* wag, as it might have done, and we lost an exciting game by 10 runs, Merchants' having sportingly offered to play extra time.

The game could have been won but for the disgraceful fielding.

INSTITUTE.		MERCHANT TAYLORS'.	
Owen, b Ramsay	15	Deane, b Owen	4
Morland, b Ramsay	5	Vianna, c & b Owen	23
Wilkinson, c Vianna, b Ramsay ..	28	Ramsay, lbw, b Owen	36
Hutchison, lbw, b Wall	17	Grieve, c & b Owen	2
Jones, E., b Grieve	1	Wall, c & b Owen	13
Ward, b Wall	1	Stacey, b Pullan	7
Christian, run out, b Ramsay ..	17	Hay, c & b Owen	6
Pullan, lbw, b Ramsay	1	Allen, c & b Owen	6
Low, not out	0	Smith, b Owen	4
Wardle, c Grieve, b Ramsay	2	Robertson, not out	4
Howard, run out, b Ramsay ..	1	Sinclair, b Owen	0
Extras	9	Extras	4
Total	97	Total	107

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jones, E.	10	1	40	0
Owen, D.	16.3	4	29	9
Pullan	6	0	38	1
Christian	1	0	2	0

FIRST ELEVEN v. CALDY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank on May 16th.

Hutchison, with his accustomed good luck, won the toss and elected to send Calday out to bat on a dead wicket. (For the benefit of certain members of the XI., Hutchison did *not* say "Heads, I win, tails you lose.") Calday's batting was very feeble and the wickets fell rapidly. Our fielding showed improvement. They were all out for the very low total of 21. Owen and Jones bowled very well, their respective averages being 5 for 10 and 5 for 9.

We began our innings, feeling very sure of a win, *but* Calday could bowl, and the wicket was dead. Result: 2 wickets for 0 runs, and 3 wickets for 3 runs!! Then Jones and Hutchison improved matters by a long stand. Jones did the hitting, while Hutchison, whose play was hindered owing to an injured hand, blocked and scored slowly. Unfortunately, Jones was caught, after scoring 31 and playing a very fine innings. This stand had taken the score from 3 for 3 to 4 for 47. As usual, that miserable tail refused to wag, and we were all out for 63. On the whole we had a very pleasant afternoon.

INSTITUTE.		CALDAY GRANGE.	
Owen, c Wilson, b Needham ..	0	Cooke, b Owen	2
Morland, c & b Needham	0	Ledson, c Hutchison, b Jones ..	4
Wilkinson, b Needham	3	Witter, c Wilkinson, b Jones ..	5
Hutchison, b Egerton	9	Hodgkinson, c Wilkinson, b Jones	0
Jones, E., c Schofield, b Needham	31	Needham, b Owen	0
Ward, c Wilson, b Egerton	6	Schofield, b Owen	0
Christian, c Hodgkinson, b		Davies, b Jones	3
Egerton	0	Wilson, not out	3
Wardle, c Hodgkinson, b Egerton	0	McDonald, b Jones	1
Pullan, b Egerton	8	Egerton, c Wilkinson, b Owen..	1
Low, c Ledson, b Witter	0	Caughey, b Owen	0
Tinker, not out	0	Extras	2
Extras	6		
Total	63	Total	21

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jones	8	2	9	5
Owen	7.2	1	10	5

FIRST ELEVEN v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Oxtun on May 23rd.

Dame Fortune was with us in her best frock for this match! After again winning the toss, the Institute went in first. The wicket was an average one, being neither very soft nor really hard. Owen and Wilkinson opened our innings, but, through some misunderstanding, Wilkinson was unfortunately run out, Owen soon followed him through a l.b.w. Jones and Hutchison now made a long stand. Hutchison playing steadily while Jones did what hitting was done. Jones, however, was caught after a good innings of 29. Morland

next went in and compiled a well played 14. After the tea interval Ward and Hutchison made another stand. At about 5.20 p.m., Dame Fortune was annoyed and went home! Result: Hutchison declared the innings closed at 5.30 p.m., when his score was 44! Still the score board read 133 for 5 wickets, which was a very creditable performance, especially against a team of Birkenhead's standing.

Birkenhead quickly settled down to their innings, and the first few men gave a great deal of trouble. Our fielding was not at all good but showed improvement. Ward caught an excellent catch on the leg-side. Pullan at last found his length, and then began to play skittles, with the result that Birkenhead were all out for 89. This was a very handsome win for us.

INSTITUTE.

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Owen, lbw, b Bailey	7	Marsh, b Owen	19
Wilkinson, run out	3	Willman, c Hutchison, b Pullan	29
Hutchison, not out	44	Floyd, b Owen	5
Christian, c & b Carlyle	0	Wild, c Morland, b Owen	18
Jones, E., c & b Carlyle	29	Slater, not out	8
Morland, c & b Carlyle	14	James, run out	1
Ward, not out	27	Lingeman, c Ward, b Owen	3
Pullan, did not bat	—	Boxwell, b Pullan	0
Low, " " "	—	Carlyle, b Pullan	1
Wardle, " " "	—	Bailey, b Pullan	0
Tinker, " " "	—	Lewis, b Pullan	2
Extras	9	Extras	3
Total (for 5 wickets)	133	Total	89

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen	16	2	39	4
Jones, E.	8	0	27	0
Pullan	7.1	1	20	5

FIRST ELEVEN v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Wallasey on Saturday, June 2nd.

The weather on this occasion was very bad. It rained for most of the morning up to a few minutes before the game began. However, the rain managed to hold off for the match itself. Wallasey won the toss and sent us in to bat, on an extremely spongy wicket. Wickets fell fast, partly owing to the state of the pitch. However Christian and Pullan pulled things together for us with a very good stand. Low and Tinker finished our short innings with some surprising scoring! We were all out for 50, thanks to the good play of the "tail."

Wallasey started their innings badly, but then they revived, Taylor doing most of the scoring. Jones seemed off-form, but Owen bowled consistently well. Pullan then took Jones' place and things began to brighten. Wallasey were 36 for 7, and the last few wickets were exciting. Their last wicket stand took their score to 42, but it closed with one of Pullan's "scorchers." It was a very narrow win for us, and a very exciting game.

INSTITUTE.

WALLASEY.

Owen, W., b McKegg	0	McFarland (min.), run out	0
Wilkinson, b McKegg	4	Taylor, c & b Jones	9
Hutchison, b McKegg	2	Griffith, ct Tinker, b Owen	6
Morland, b Johnson	1	Meadows, ct Low, b Owen	8
Jones, ct Meadows, b Johnson	1	McKegg, b Pullan	4
Ward, ct Crooke, b Johnson	5	Crooke, b Pullan	5
Christian, b Griffith	14	Johnson, b Owen	1
Pullan, ct McKegg, b McFarland	10	McFarland (maj.), b Owen	1
Wardle, b Griffith	0	Richardson, run out	0
Low, R., not out	3	Thwaite, b Pullan	6
Tinker, b Richardson	5	Hodgson, not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	50	Total	42

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen, D.	11	2	23	4
Jones, E.	6	2	15	1
Pullan	4.2	2	2	3

FIRST ELEVEN v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank on Saturday, June 16th.

Hutchison won the toss and elected to field first. For this game we had our usual team out. The Collegiate batting was very poor indeed; they were 5 wickets for 6 runs! Then Hughes, and one or two others, by virtue of some very lucky "swipes," increased the score rapidly. The Collegiate were all out for 42. Our fielding was quite good, except for a misjudged catch in the long field. Owen and Jones bowled well, dividing the wickets equally.

Low and Wilkinson opened our innings, but Wilkinson was soon out, while Low did not stay long owing to an unlucky "run out." Hutchison and Ward then made the only stand of the innings, taking the score to 23 for 3, when Ward was caught, after a short and sweet innings of 15. Hutchison soon followed with his l.b.w. touch! Then a regular rot set in. We were all out for 35! This was not due to any magnificent bowling on the part of the Collegiate, but to the fact that we were all too "cock sure" of victory. This match taught us a lesson. The game finished with a narrow victory for the Collegiate.

INSTITUTE.

COLLEGIATE.

Low, run out	2	Brown, b Owen	2
Wilkinson, b Hockaday	0	Clarke, ct Tinker, b Jones	4
Hutchison, lbw, b Clarke	6	Carter, b Jones	0
Ward, c Carter, b Hockaday	15	Parsons, b Owen	0
Jones, E., b Hockaday	0	Robinson, b Owen	0
Christian, c Hughes, b Clarke	4	Hughes, ct Wilkinson, b Owen	13
Owen, b Parsons	1	Gittins, ct Tinker, b Jones	3
Morland, b Clarke	0	Hockaday, b Jones	6
Pullan, ct Hockaday, b Clarke	6	Hanson, b Owen	4
Wardle, not out	1	Virr, not out	0
Tinker, b Clarke	0	Maxwell, b Jones	1
Extras	0	Extras	0
Total	35	Total	42

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen	7	2	17	5
Jones, E.	7	1	24	5

FIRST ELEVEN v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank on Saturday, May 19th.

Our 1st XI., owing to a Corps Parade, was only a scratch Eleven on this occasion. Holt batted first, but batted very poorly. Owen and Pullan shared the wickets, four of their men being caught out. Lawton and Shannon were Holt's best scorers, obtaining 7 each! They were all out for 27.

Wilkinson and Taylor opened our innings, but neither stayed long. Morland did most of the scoring, making 16. Our batting was not at all good, but Holt's bowling was considerably better than their batting. We were all out for 50.

INSTITUTE.		HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.	
Wilkinson, c Shannon, b Anderson	5	Davis, b Owen	0
Taylor, b Shannon	4	Hall, c Morland, b Pullan	4
Morland, c Lishman, b Anderson	16	Shannon, c Case, b Pullan	7
Owen, b Anderson	5	Howley, lbw, b Owen	0
Pullan, b Shannon	8	Lishman, b Pullan	0
Coomer, b Anderson	3	Lawton, c Pullan, b Owen	7
Best, b Anderson	0	Francis, b Owen	1
Lloyd, c Lishman, b Anderson	1	Marsden, b Pullan	1
Low, T. B., not out	2	Anderson, b Pullan	6
Case, lbw, b Anderson	0	Elderidge, c Thomas, b Pullan	0
Thomas, c Marsden, b Shannon	4	Williams, not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	1
Total	50	Total	27

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen	8.5	3	13	4
Pullan	8	3	13	6

FIRST ELEVEN v. COWLEY SCHOOLS.

Played at Greenbank on Wednesday, June 13th.

Cowley won the toss and decided to bat on a medium wicket. Their batting was not at all brilliant. Cook was their best batter, scoring 15 and giving us a good deal of trouble. Our fielding was not very good, but the only catches offered were quickly snatched up. Cowley's tail wagged considerably, and took the score from 5 for 38 to 10 for 59. Wilkinson was our best bowler, obtaining an average of 4.25, while Wardle in two brilliant overs took 3 wickets for no runs. Our usual bowlers, Owen and Wilkinson, were unable to play, owing to the aftermath of the Sports.

Low and Ward opened our innings, Low scoring slowly, while Ward, in his usual very free style, scored 41 in 10 minutes, made up of 9 fours, 2 twos, and a single. Cowley's bowling was really feeble. Wilkinson, playing good cricket, had scored 22 when he was stumped. Wardle made a good 10 and was run out. We were 8 for 129, and all out for 174. This surprising last wicket jump was mainly due to Howard and Morland. Howard, playing good, sound cricket, kept

his wickets up, while Morland gave the bowling what it deserved, and just scored 50, when he was caught at point. Our score in this game is the highest we have reached this season.

INSTITUTE.		COWLEY.	
Low, R., c Gee, b Makin	9	Gee, c Ward, b Wilkinson	5
Ward, c Knowles, b Makin	41	Laurenson, c Christian, b Pullan	6
Wilkinson, st Cook, b Gilman	22	Cook, b Wilkinson	15
Hutchison, played on, b Makin	0	Hodgetts, b Wilkinson	2
Christian, b Prosser	8	Gilman, b Wilkinson	2
Pullan, c Naylor, b Gee	8	Brown, not out	6
Wardle, run out	10	Makin, c Hutchison, b Wilkinson	0
Morland, c Gee, b Makin	50	Knowles, hit wkt, b Wardle	14
Macleay, b Prosser	1	Prosser, b Wardle	3
Tinker, st Cook, b Brown	10	Waine, b Wardle	0
Howard, not out	6	Naylor, run out	0
Extras	10	Extras	6
Total	174	Total	59

Bowling Analysis:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pullan	8	0	18	1
Wilkinson	12.1	4	21	5
Howard	3	0	14	0
Wardle	2	2	0	3

FIRST ELEVEN v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank on June 20th in beastly weather.

Again winning the toss, we went in to bat on a wet wicket, with the rain still coming down, which state of things continued throughout the afternoon. Owen and Low made a good opening stand which took the score to 27 for 1. Ward then went in, and soon found his form and knocked up a fast and good 32, when he was as usual caught. Wilkinson and Hutchison then made a long stand which added 110 runs to the score. Wilkinson made a very good 78 not out, which was marred rather by two catches which were dropped, while Hutchison, scoring slowly, made 32 not out. The innings was declared closed at about 5.0 o'clock, and as the rain was increasing the game was abandoned, with our score standing at 174 for 3 wickets!

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Low, b McFarland	17
Owen, ct Griffith, b McFarland (m.)	10
Ward, ct Hodgson, b McFarland (m.)	32
Hutchison, not out	32
Wilkinson, not out	78
Christian, did not bat	—
Morland, " " "	—
Howard, " " "	—
Pullan, " " "	—
Lloyd, " " "	—
Tinker, " " "	—
Extras	5
Total (for 3 wkts.)	174

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

(To June 20th)

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total.	Most in an Innings.	Average
Hutchison ...	7	2	110	44†	22.0
Ward ...	7	1	127	41	21.2
Wilkinson ...	8	1	143	78†	20.4
Jones, E. ...	5	0	66	31	13.2
Morland ...	7	0	86	50	12.3
Low ...	6	2	31	17	7.8
Christian ...	6	0	43	17	7.2
Pullan ...	6	0	41	10	6.8
Owen ...	7	0	38	15	5.4
Tinker ...	4	1	15	10	5.0
Wardle ...	5	1	13	10	3.3
<i>Also batted—</i>					
Howard ...	2	1	8	6	8.0
Macleay ...	1	0	1	1	1.0

† Signifies "Not out."

FIRST ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Owen ...	66	14	131	31	4.2
Pullan ...	33	6	91	16	5.7
Jones ...	39	6	115	11	10.5

Also bowled—

Wardle ...	2	2	0	3	0
Wilkinson ...	12	4	21	5	4.2
Christian ...	1	0	2	0	—
Howard ...	3	0	14	0	—

First Eleven Colours have been awarded to:—A. F. C. Christian, J. D. Pullan, and R. Low.

Second Eleven Colours have been awarded to Morland and Lloyd.

THIRD ELEVEN RESULTS.

Institute 3rd v. Merchant Taylors' 3rd XI.—At Greenbank on May 12th. Merchants' 64; Institute 38 (Bosnett made 16). Harvey took 6 wickets for 26. A rather disappointing performance.

Institute 3rd v. Birkenhead School 3rd XI.—At Greenbank on May 23rd. Birkenhead 23; Institute 34 (Turner made 13). Stevenson took 6 for 9, and Best 4 for 8. Fielding bad.

Institute 3rd v. Waterloo-cum-Seaforth Secondary School 1st XI.—At Riversdale Road on June 2nd. Waterloo 57; Institute 23. A very poor display on our part.

Institute 3rd v. Collegiate 3rd.—At Stoneycroft on June 16th. Collegiate 33; Institute 13. Only three scorers on our side! Bloor bowled well.

O.T.C. Notes.

THE Summer Term is always the most strenuous term of the year for the Corps, and this term has proved no exception to the rule.

The ordinary routine parades have been held as follows:—Tuesday, company drill at the School fields, when practice is given to the N.C.O.'s and Senior Cadets in taking the various commanders' posts, and is very interesting. On Thursday evenings, platoon drills have been held for Platoons 1 and 2, and have been well attended. Both platoons have profited by them, for if Platoon 1 are slightly superior to Platoon 2 in manual, they have something to learn from the latter about marching in line. A new departure this term is the Musketry Class, held upon Friday evenings. These classes are instructed by N.C.O.'s, who have been qualified at the School of Musketry. The band has practised assiduously this term, and can be depended upon to make a good show of itself if occasion demands. The Scouts and Signallers, under Cpl. Baxter, have had one field-day this term, and made good use of this in practising eluding patrols.

Mr. Brown has spent a month with the Guards at Chelsea, and has brought a good deal of their atmosphere back with him.

The shooting this term has been carried out by those who have classified, at Altcar, where Table "B" is fired. Mr. Brown has kindly offered a number of small prizes for the best shots in the various groups at the miniature range. The intersection competition for the Sir Alfred Jones' Shield is to be shot off at the end of the term at the miniature range.

Towards the end of last term, a field-day, in conjunction with Merchant Taylors' School Cadet Corps, took place at Ainsdale, for the purpose of carrying out the oft-postponed convoy scheme. The Corps paraded immediately after prayers, and entrained at Exchange at 10.30. We were without the band, and the marching down to the station was quite good. We detrained at Freshfield, and were led by a winding trail to a suitable bivouac, where a halt was called for an hour. Sgt. Christian, who was in charge of the O.T.C. operations, took command, and, promptly to time, the scouts, under L.-Cpl. Baxter, set out, and three parties, a detached force under Sgt. Hutchison, a masking force under Cpl. Onians, and the main body under Sgt. Scott, moved off. Sgt. Hutchison's party was sent round the eastern side of a wood to take up a commanding position at the north of it. Meanwhile, the main body under Sgt. Scott, chiefly owing to the skill of the advance guard, went astray by going too near to the sea coast, and thus were not in a good position to cover the ground between the wood and the coast. Sergt. Scott did his best to

extricate them by turning in towards the wood. The party under Cpl. Onians, which was sent to mask a blockhouse at the S.W. corner of the wood, lost their direction, and when they should have been in position turned up at the scout headquarters; they made a valiant effort to get back and walked right into the main body of the enemy. The scouts were ordered to report to L.-Cpl. Baxter at a certain time and place, but not one turned up with any information. The enemy in the meantime had set out in convoy formation with the escort towards the sea. The escort captured Cpl. Onians' party and entered into possession of the blockhouse without encountering any opposition, whilst the convoy, by dint of crawling through a tangled (!) path in the brushwood, succeeded in arriving at their destination. Sgt. Hutchison's party passed the wood at the time of the passage of the convoy, and were observed by them. On arriving at his position, Sgt. Hutchison joined forces with Sgt. Scott, and succeeded in capturing the rearguard of the escort. Owing to some misunderstanding, upon receiving a message from Sgt. Christian to attack the blockhouse, the united forces came over a hill in a sort of mob formation, which was not the best method of advancing to attack, but evidently the commander thought the action had ceased. The cease-fire went with Merchant Taylors' claiming the victory, the convoy having got through. It was decided, however, that under actual conditions the convoy could never have gone through the wood, which had been examined beforehand by us and considered impassable for the convoy; therefore, precautions had only been adopted to prevent any party from going round either side of the wood. The fact remains, however, that the main guard of the enemy were suffered to pass unmolested, and to occupy the blockhouse. This is due largely to the delinquency of the scouts in failing to procure any information, and if they did, reporting to L.-Cpl. Baxter, which would have enabled Sgt. Christian to call up the main body to intercept the passage. As it was, the only opposition the M.T.S.C.C. main body met with was a party of heroes at the scout headquarters, consisting of the C.S.M., L.-Cpl. Baxter, a stray scout, and a prisoner who kindly assisted us; this party succeeded in making a large party of the enemy retire, whilst waiting for reinforcements which never came. The O.T.C. was at a disadvantage on the sandhills by being handicapped with rifles, etc., whilst our adversaries doffed all encumbrances. After operations had ceased, the Corps was led back to the base (eventually) by Cpl. Onians, and entrained at Freshfield, after having spent a very profitable day.

On Saturday, May 19th, the Corps paraded at the field, and after some "instructional" in distance judging, we set out for a short concentration march. At the first halt some distance judging was done, and later the Corps split up into three parties, under L.-Cpls. Brown, Low, and McKie, who were

given sealed instructions re concentration point, to be opened when certain points were reached. The concentration was well carried out, and after a short rest the whole Corps proceeded to Childwall, where a halt was called, and some more distances were judged. Here some of the lucky ones quenched their thirst with liquid supplied by friendly inhabitants, for the day was very sultry. After a short march back to civilisation, the parade was dismissed about 17.30.

On Wednesday, May 30th, the Corps paraded immediately after prayers, and proceeded via Seacombe to Moreton, where we detrained and set out to march to Thurstaston via Greasby. After a little display of about-wheeling by Sgt. Scott at Moreton, we eventually hit the right road, and after about an hour's march a halt was made at Irby Mill Hill, for lunch. We then proceeded via Irby to the Common, and here a halt was made in a convenient spot, and equipment was doffed. A skeleton defence under Mr. Brown was organised, consisting of two sections, whilst Platoon 3 were ordered to fall out and rest. The rest of the contingent set off to a location about 600 yards from the defending force. The idea was to make a simple frontal attack, great care being given to advancing, giving, covering fire, and re-telling off sections. The attack was commanded by Sgt. Scott, with Sgt. Hutchison with the supports. The country was absolutely void of any visible vegetation, but still it was there, as we discovered when told to lie down; then gorse was discovered in great abundance. The attack was carried out well on the whole, but various individuals thought that if they got behind a screen of bushes and could not see the enemy they were safe. The use of blank ammunition enabled the idea to be carried out realistically, but there are still some who regard it as a huge joke—blank ammunition is the only way to bring it home to them. After about an hour's advance the "cease fire" was blown, and we fell in on our base, where the rifles were given a rough cleaning. Some of the defending force took great delight in shooting Mr. Doughty and Sgt. Christian, who were supervising. Meanwhile, the signalers, under Cpl. Baxter, were practising assiduously, and put in a good afternoon's work. We marched back by the same way and, as the paces of the different platoons differ, Platoon 1, under the C.S.M. and Sgt. Scott, pushed on, followed by Mr. Brown with Platoon 2, whilst the O.C. brought up Platoon 3. The marching done this way was very successful, and the deserted roads allowed the column to spread out, and thus much discomfort was avoided. We dismissed at the Landing Stage about 19 o'clock.

On Tuesday, June 19th, we had our Annual Inspection. The parade was held at the Cricket Field, where the Corps paraded at 2 p.m. At 2.30 p.m., the Inspecting Officer, Colonel

Jones Williams, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, arrived, and after the General Salute, he inspected the Corps most thoroughly. He then asked for some close order drill under the Platoon Sergeants. After this, extended order was done by platoons, and then a simple attack practice was carried out from Greenbank Lane, under Sgt. Christian. After the attack was finished we "Marched Past" in column. The March Past was carried out very successfully. The Inspecting Officer then addressed the Company, congratulating it upon its ability to stand steady. The close order drill was good, and the extended order was good, but the attack was carried out too slowly. The inspection was over at 4 p.m.

We cannot close these notes without adding a word of thanks to the Officers for the tremendous amount of work which they do to make the Corps a success. We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Tomas for his great share of work, and time, which he gives, and which is never fully appreciated by the members of the Corps. At the same time, the O.C. wishes to give public expression of his appreciation of the term's work of the Corps, and to congratulate the N.C.O.'s, in particular the musketry instructors, who have proved invaluable.

The following promotions were made at the end of last term: L.-Cpls. Roberts, Fry, Baxter, and Williams, to be Corporals. Corporals.

A.F.C.C.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—The effect of the above promotions on the mentality of those concerned may perhaps be judged by the following, which comes to us from one of the two worst cases.]

Ye rank and ye file, who can sleep all the while,
And spend field-days in eating and drinking,
Who rush left or right as your leaders indite;
(Which saves you the trouble of thinking.)
Ye officers mighty, ye high-born "élite"
Who ornament hills in the distance;
Ye sergeants serene, who state what *might* have been,
If *you* had been asked for assistance;
Oh, a corporal's stripes are exceedingly nice,
But the rank is uncommonly dear at the price!

Ye scout N.C.O.'s, who enjoy sweet repose,
Awaiting reports inside ditches;
Whose sole occupation is blank execration
Of scouts, and complaining of hitches;
Ye senior cadets, who indulge in regrets,
Because you've not got your promotion;
It isn't *all* swank; of the troubles of rank,
You haven't the ghost of a notion;
Oh, allow me to give *you* a word of advice,
The title's uncommonly dear at the price!

House Notes.

ALFRED HOLT HOUSE.—We cannot but look back with pride to the achievements of the House since the House Notes were last penned. At the end of last term we won the Horsfall Cup, easily beating Philip Holt in the final by 7 goals to 1. The fact that we were presented with all the football trophies bears eloquent testimony to the abundance of talent at present in the House. This term in the sports we gave a good account of ourselves, easily finishing with largest aggregate of points. The Middle Division won their shield with a splendid average, whilst Downey, K. W., won the under 13½, and Scott, J. H., the under 15 championships. A. F. C. Christian was runner-up in the senior championship, and his example was a great spur to the House. The Senior Cricket team, under A. F. C. Christian, has so far been successful in the First Round of the Senior Cricket Cup, whilst the Juniors, under F. E. D. Davies, are making good headway for the Junior Cup. Not only does the House shine in sport, but we have, in addition, two University Scholarships to our credit, D. G. M. Jackson and W. C. V. Rosney being the heroes. It is our sad duty to bid farewell to several prominent members of the House. Ward, Low and Graham are leaving us this term, whilst W. G. Jones left us at the end of last term. The Swimming Gala is in prospect, and we hope that the House will support W. R. Jones as well as it has supported the other Captains. We must bid farewell this term to one of our two brilliant Scholarship winners, W. C. V. Rosney. We trust that his future success will be all that he could wish, and proportioned to his promise.

DANSON HOUSE.—Although our moderate athletic achievements make it rather difficult to convert this record in the pæan of victory and self-satisfaction, with which it has often in the past been our right to grace these pages, yet a note of modest pride and reasonable hope, though tinged with regret, will form a meet accompaniment to the ardent and unselfish spirit which animates all save a contemptible minority amongst us.

With respect to the Sports, suffice it to say that our main strength lies in the Middle and Junior divisions, a fact of happy omen for the future. Our Seniors, no doubt, suffered from the preoccupation of their Captain by his onerous duties of School Cricket Captain. We are deeply grateful to Mr. F. H. Hall who recalled in us his many previous exploits to the honour of

the House, by winning the Old Boys' Race, thereby gaining sixteen marks to our credit.

At the Hobby Show, the House distinguished itself in all the features. Our Choir came in a close second, and has our well-earned thanks. King gave a further demonstration of the elevated taste which directs our leisure pastimes, in winning the Music Prize by an excellent performance on both piano and organ, while E. S. Jackson, with the aid of another budding scion of Danson's, in the shape of E. V. Barker, furnished unquestionable proof of luxuriant native humour in an irresistible performance. We congratulate and thank our other prize-winners.

For the cricket field, the distinguished part played by our members in the School Elevens must inspire all with confidence. If Fortune prove not the fickle jade of the poet's acquaintance, the Headmaster's Cup will once again adorn our trophied walls. The Juniors have had a record of unbroken success under the experienced Captaincy of E. V. Brown, losing not a single match. For them, too, if the future fulfil the presage formed by their past, the Junior Cup will be theirs in very fact. hope, will be theirs in very fact.

At the House meeting, the following officials were elected: Senior Cricket Captain, Hutchison, H. F.; Sub-Captain, Owen, D.; Junior Cricket Captain, Brown, E. V.; and Swimming Captain, Stringer.

In conclusion, it is our sad duty to bid a hearty farewell to all who leave us this term; among them are numbered our Captain, R. B. Onians, and two of our senior Prefects, J. Wilde and E. S. Jackson; to them all we extend our best wishes for the future, and thanks for their many past services to the House.

TATE HOUSE.—The present term is one which is full of interest; yet though certain individual members of the House have worked hard, no particular distinction has been gained in any branch of School activities.

In the Hobby Show last term, our Choir did quite well, considering the unfortunate loss we suffered, and it was not our fault that we were not placed higher than next to last. The Seniors have only had one opportunity, so far this term, of showing their "prowess" in cricket; in the first round of the Headmaster's Cup we were beaten by Philip Holt. Even if our luck was not conspicuously good, the display we put up might

have been better. The slackness of the Middle Division cannot be tolerated much longer. For four people to turn up to a match, is the high-water mark of slackness, and for those who cut matches there will be severe punishment.

In Sports again, we failed to maintain the really good standards we have reached in the past. This year, they were disappointing in view of the fact that over half the marks were gained by three runners. Without the help of Scott, Holmes, and Pate, we should have been nowhere, and they are to be thanked for the work they did, and the energy they showed in endeavouring to remedy slackness on the part of others in the House.

This term, a number of our comrades will be leaving us, and our wish is, that in whatever station they may be, the very best of success may always attend them, and that they may carry with them into the world the refreshing and strengthening memory of their House and School.

PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.—We have just passed through one of our few unlucky terms. At the end of last term we easily passed into the final of the Horsfall Cup Competition, but lost the game to Alfred Holt. In the Hobby Show we were placed equal second in the House Choir Competition. At cricket, the House, under the able guidance of E. Jones and Pullan, has arrived in the second round of the Headmaster's Cup Competition. In the Sports, we did not do half so well as we expected. With the talent we had, we could easily have swamped any other House, but, unfortunately, three of our best runners sprained their ankles and could not run on the Saturday. Thomas got the Open Championship Cup, thanks be to him.

The list of Old Philip Holt's at the front grows longer and longer. McDavid, especially, wishes to be remembered to us all. We extend our good wishes to all members of the House who are leaving this term.

COCHRAN HOUSE.—Looking back upon the events of this, and last, terms, we find that the House has had a fair measure of success, both in Sports and elsewhere. Through the energy of our Sports' Captain, Lloyd, and the splendid results achieved by other members of the House, particularly Bell, the Senior Sports' Shield is again in our possession. The Junior Shield was also won by the House, but owing to a distinct lack of keenness we were a poor second in the Middle Division. We must congratulate Lloyd on his fine performance in winning the Open Mile,

but the House must remember that individual success, however great, can never make up for the slackness of the House as a whole.

In the Hobby Show Competition, at the end of last term, the Singing Cup was won by the Cochran Choir; a fair number of individual successes were also gained by members of the House.

Owing to the scarcity of games, and superabundance of slackness, the Senior Division has not had any praiseworthy results in cricket. The Juniors, however, have had a little more success, but unless members turn up and play when they are told, no notable achievements are to be expected next year. There is a distinct prospect of the House's winning the Gymnasium Cup in the forthcoming contest.

A number of members of the House are leaving us, and to these we offer our sincere wishes for their future success.

HUGHES HOUSE.—There is not much to record this term in the way of athletic performances among the Seniors. Undoubtedly the approaching examinations have considerable bearing upon this state of affairs. We hope that the efforts of those who are working for this end may be crowned with success. Up to the time this went to print we had played one match, from which we emerged victorious in spite of the fact that, owing to the absence of Seniors, the team was composed mainly of members of the Middle House. We have to congratulate Morland on his being awarded a "blazer" in recognition of his fine performance in scoring fifty runs for the First Eleven.

Turning to the Junior Divisions, we find more activity in the field. Out of four matches already played, we have won three; and though in the fourth we were badly beaten, yet in our first match we had just as great a victory. There is a good chance of success in the struggle for the Headmaster's Cup this term, and we look forward with eager expectancy to the time when our younger members will again raise the name and prestige of the House to the high place it once had, and to which it seems once more likely to attain.

As a whole, the House did fairly well in the Sports this year, the Juniors especially distinguished themselves, and showing great enthusiasm as well as great promise. We congratulate Rome on his fine performance in the open mile, and we sincerely hope that next year he will carry off the laurels of the first place.

Camera and Field Club.

BEFORE giving any account of the Club's doings during this term, there remain two things to say in connection with last term's programme. The first, that the visit, so kindly arranged for us by Professor Watkins, to the University took place on Saturday morning, March 17th. The Headmaster kindly excused those boys who attended it last two periods in the morning. The whole party, numbering about twenty-five boys, were accompanied by Mr. Elliott. In the regretted but unavoidable absence of the Professor, the party were shown through the various laboratories by Mr. Okill and Mr. Mason, to both of whom we tender our grateful thanks for making the morning such a pleasant one for us.

The second matter to mention is the excursion promised for March 31st, if circumstances then permitted. Mr. Lawrence Holt had promised, if possible, to show us over a ship on that date, but unfortunately he was compelled to cancel the arrangement owing to the extreme difficulties in shipping caused by the war.

So much for last term. This term, so far, four excursions have been held, the first of them taking the form of a ramble in the neighbourhood of Roby. The date of this excursion was May 9th. The party was composed of nine boys, accompanied by Mr. Elliott.

The second excursion, held on May 16th, was attended by seventeen boys and Mr. Elliott. The objective of the ramble was Bromborough. A pic-nic took place before arrival at Bromborough Station. The return journey was made by train.

On May 23rd, a ramble to Prescot took place. About ten members, with Mr. Elliott, made up the party.

On May 30th and June 6th, no excursions were held, owing, on the former date, to the Corps field day, and on the latter to the Sports.

Calderstones Park was the district in which a very profitable afternoon was spent on June 13th. Miss Wilson and Mr. Elliott kindly attended, and our thanks go to Miss Wilson for the trouble she took in explaining about trees to us. Afterwards, a short test was held on what Miss Wilson had told us, and the winner of the prize which was offered was J. W. Dodd, Vx.

On both this and the previous excursion, pic-nics were held.

In conclusion, we offer our warm thanks to Miss Wilson and Mr. Elliott for accompanying our excursions, though we could wish that their interest in the Club was met by better attendances on the part of the boys high up in the School.

Captain Wilson Bell.

CAPTAIN WILSON BELL, K.O.Y.L.I., who was killed in action on the 15th March, 1917, was one of the best known Old Boys of his period. He came to the Institute in 1896, and had a very successful School career, earning distinction at both studies and games, and enjoying popularity with everyone. On leaving School, he took up the profession of a Solicitor, which he practised at first in London in the employ of Messrs. Sharpe, Parker and Co., and subsequently in Wakefield as an assistant Solicitor to the West Riding County Council.

An old Volunteer, he obtained a commission when the war broke out, and after service of various kinds in England he went to France with his battalion. He was shot by a sniper while returning from a visit to one of his posts.

In his profession Wilson Bell was on the road to a high position. A sound lawyer and a diligent worker, he combined as an advocate the gifts of persistency, urbanity and perfect fairness. Won by such qualities, it is needless to say that his success was greeted with general satisfaction. As a soldier, this is his record written by those who served with him: "A most clever and capable officer, admired and respected by his men, a grand leader and absolutely fearless."

Of the charm which "Daisy" Bell carried with him in his personal relations, it is impossible in so brief a space to give more than a faint notion. Wherever he went, depression, ill-nature, insincerity, or anything of the kind were dissipated. Transparently genuine and frank, he treated everyone he met with courtesy, consideration and generosity. He heartily enjoyed life himself, and followed vigorously the bent of his eager spirit. But he contrived to do so without hurting other people or interfering with their pleasure. He never knowingly did an unkind thing and he could not do a shabby one; if, by accident, he ever wounded anybody's feelings, he was in distress until he had made the fullest reparation. Of his generosity in big matters and small his friends treasure countless remembrances. In his battalion "he was worshipped by all ranks. His courage and coolness under heavy fire was an example to all. His only thoughts were for the comfort of his men—he had no thought of his own comfort."

Thirty-six years seem all too short a span for such a personality, but they were years well and fully used and the whole life was of a piece with its noble end. The old School and a wide body of friends pay their respectful tribute of sympathy and homage to the parents who have lost their only child, to the wife who accepted the risks of war as bravely as the soldier himself, and to the little children who have inherited his spirit.

The world that knew him, school-fellows, colleagues, comrades-in-arms, and other friends, will hold in honoured and affectionate remembrance the name of Wilson Bell.

[For the above appreciation we are indebted to a distinguished Old Boy, Mr. P. J. Rose.]

Allotments.

[Below we print two letters from enthusiastic allotmenters, describing their experiences in pursuit of the wily potato. The letters are, we regret to state, much cut down owing to the exigencies of space. The spelling has been carefully corrected and the whole edited and expurgated. The letters are valuable from the psychological point of view, as they indicate the state of mind to which, more or less, intelligent members of the Lower Sixth can be reduced by over-development of muscle and the neglect of the more studious part of education.]

LET me give you an account of my experiences as a worker on an allotment. It was 9-15 a.m. when I put on my "camp boots," and, picking up my spade, prepared to set out, but was bade go to my room and put on a suit that bore traces of a previous attempt at gardening. At last I was ready, and started on a short walk of some six hundred yards for THE garden. During that five minutes' walk I think I must have passed everybody I have ever known.

Let it be clearly understood that our "farm" is bounded on two sides by newly-built houses, and the contractors have industriously buried a wonderful collection of tiles and brick-ends very carefully at a depth of two inches. Along a third side runs the main road, and the fourth is left open to make an efficient draught.

Having taken off my jacket, for I intended to "stick to it," I commenced operations at the side nearest the road. At the end of ten minutes' work I decided that I had struck a buried Roman city; but that dream came to an end very soon, for I found that the chimney-pot had no firmer foundation than a sardine tin.

Voice from over wire fence: "Good-morning, Mr. ——" (I am "Mister" now, because I have been promoted to long trousers). "Are you going to plant it?" I then told her that I had thought of it. "Well," she continued, "if I were you, I'd grow some cauliflowers over that lime heap; it would look nice and pretty. You know, I have a little garden," &c., &c. I dug on. A few minutes later a lady came out from the house on my right carrying a bucket of ashes in her hand. "Young man," quoth she, "I should be obliged if you would bury these few cinders for me; they do look so unsightly in my garden." While I was thinking of something polite enough to say, one end of the handle parted from the bucket, which was inconsiderate enough to pour its contents over the small portion of our plot which we considered "done."

After two more hours I returned home, having received enough "tips" from over the fence to make me feel that I had been a gardener all my life.

One glance at the nation's cupboard suffices to show that not only the "poor dog," but all of us, will run short of good, sustaining, invigorating, nourishing food if we do not provide ourselves with it. We must obtain our daily ration by the "sweat of our brows" and the "grease of our elbows." A great deal has been done, and our

daily papers tell us that old men of 80, 90, or even 100 or over are cheerfully tilling the land. Old veterans who turned the sods of Moore's grave with their bayonets are now turning up many more wonderful things in our local brickfield with a common or garden spade.

After this digression we will turn to the more serious problem of growing our potatoes or cereals. First, let us say, we are confronted by X square yards of good, hard brickfield, from which we must produce food which is warranted not to kill. The consideration of primary importance is to dig, break up, or even blast this piece of land, to get rid of the thick, solid upper crust of hardened clay, intersected with an accumulation of all that is beautiful in the tin-can art.

Suppose, therefore, that at the end of a month, mother earth, smiling as usual, has been induced to peep through her substantial covering, or, in plain English, that the ground has been converted into tilled soil. Passing over this primary stage, the next job is to heap up the earth in long, straight rows. In doing this we find, with unlimited joy, that we have at one and the same time made a deep trench, along which we may walk, run, hop, skip, or jump. We must now secure some potatoes, and having so done, hie ourselves to the field of action. Holes must now be bored in straight rows along the ranges by means of a corkscrew, gimlet, or, preferably, a dibble. You must be careful not to put the potato with its eye facing down, lest the persevering plant should grow through warmer regions and appear to the delight of the astonished natives of the Antipodes.

Let us suppose that the potatoes are nicely tucked away, eyes upward, in their well-made buttes, and that we are surveying, with evident pride, our little "parcel of land." All that is now to be done is to give a scratch here and there, extract a weed or two, and we may with safety put away our heavy spades and picks and lightly turn to thoughts of deck-chairs, lemonade, and other necessities of summer gardening. Now may we bask in the sun, listening to the young shoots pushing their way to the surface, until one day we will run round to the local newspaper office with the news that the first arrivals have come forth; but we must not, in our extreme joy, pull up these striplings to examine the nodules or the lugunuous excrescences on the roots, for this is fatal to the poor plant.

Months hasten by, and one day you hasten to your allotment, armed with a trowel, many baskets, and a light heart. As you arrive at the consecrated spot, the figure of a man, heavily laden, disappears round the corner. The worst fears rise in your breast; you break into a run, and arrive at your little patch in a state of well-mixed joy and misgiving on finding your potatoes still peeping above the butte. With feverish haste you grasp the plants firmly with four fingers and thumb of the right hand and pull out a severed stalk!

An hour later the policeman finds a huddled form lying over the ravaged butte, the desecrated home.

[N.B.—The Editors will not be responsible for any statement made in these letters, and beg to state that all characters mentioned are entirely fictitious.]

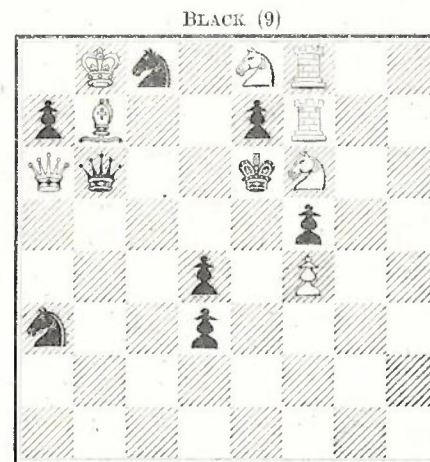
Chess Notes.

THIS term, the Club has passed through its annual summer hibernation, paradoxical as it sounds, and hence there is nothing to report, save the return match played at the end of last term, between masters and boys. The former had obviously profited by the experience of defeat. Perhaps, at the first encounter, some had been guilty of over-confidence; but now all such feeling was banished and caution reigned in its stead. Perhaps, too, success had made the boys reckless and expectant of an easy victory; if so, they soon repented. The games were fewer and much more evenly contested. The result was a draw.

Mr. Hicks.....	1	Kennedy	0
„ Pike	0	Knox, T. M.	1
„ Eaves	1	Onians, R. B. (Capt.) ..	0
„ Hickinbotham	0	Sholl	2
„ Elliott	1	Tumarkin	0
„ Doughty	0	Cosnett	2
„ Baxter	2	Taylor	0
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There has as yet been only one correct solution sent in for the problem inserted in last term's issue, that by Fraser L. M. Being of a totally new and unexpected type, this problem has apparently left all would-be solvers groping in the dark on the wrong track. It is a fine example of that class which requires what is commonly called a "waiting" move. In this case the key move is R to Q.R6.

We now offer the following problem with hopes of better success:—



WHITE (8)
White mates in two moves.

Valete.

ONIAN, R. B.—Entered 1908; Prefect 1914 (Alfred Holt); House Captain (Danson) 1915; Secretary (L.I.L.D.S.) 1915-16; Vice-President 1916; Library Committee 1916; Secretary (Swimming Club) 1915-16-17; Secretary and Vice-President (Chess Club) 1914-15-16-17; House Cricket Captain 1916; O.T.C. 1914; Lance-Corporal 1916; Corporal 1916; Oxford Local Senior 1913; Matriculation 1914.

LWE, C. E. O.—Entered 1909; Prefect 1915 (Hughes); House Captain (Hughes) 1917; Editor Magazine 1917; Library Committee 1916; Oxford Local Senior, 1914; Matriculation, 1916.

ROSNEY, W. C. V.—Entered 1912; Prefect 1915 (Alfred Holt); O.T.C. 1916; Oxford Local Seniors (1st Class Honours) 1915; Chemistry Prize 1916; Physics Prize 1916; Tate Science Scholarship 1917.

WILDE, J.—Entered 1912; Prefect 1915 (Danson); Library Committee 1916; Secretary (L.I.L.D.S.) 1916-17; O.T.C. 1916; Oxford Local Senior (2nd Class Honours) 1915; Matriculation (1st Division) 1916.

JACKSON, E. S.—Entered 1912; Prefect 1915 (Danson); O.T.C. 1916; Oxford Local Senior (2nd Class Honours) 1915.

LOW, R.—Entered 1912; Prefect 1916 (Alfred Holt); Football (1st XI.) Colours 1915-16-17; Cricket (2nd XI.) Colours 1916 (1st XI.), 1917; O.T.C. 1913; Lance-Corporal 1917; Oxford Local Senior (3rd Class Honours), 1915.

WARD, D. C.—Entered 1912; Prefect 1917 (Alfred Holt); Football Colours (1st XI.) 1915-16-17; Secretary of School Football 1916-17; Captain of School Football 1917; Cricket (2nd XI.) Colours 1916 (1st XI.), 1916, 1917; House Sports Captain 1917; O.T.C. 1913.

CAIN, A. R.—Entered 1912; Football (1st XI.) Colours 1917; O.T.C. 1913; R.M.

GRAHAM, H.—Entered 1913; Football (1st XI.) Colours 1917; Oxford Local Senior (2nd Class Honours) 1916; O.T.C. 1916; 6 B.M.

Editorial Notice.

The Editors wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries, with apologies for omissions:—
Eumeduna, Liverpool College Magazine, Birkenian, Holt School Magazine, Kelly College Chronicle.

The Football Captain regrets that he has been unable to give the account of this year's fine success in the Shield Competition.

Sports and Arts Club Account.

APRIL 1st TO MARCH 31st, 1917.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
SPORTS—			Medals and Engraving	10	12 10
Entrance Fees	7	16 8	Lettering Shields	1	19 0
Sale of Tickets	3	15 6	Entertainment Tax	0	12 7
W. V. Weiss Esq., for Tent, Teas, &c.	1	0 0	Hire of Tent, Labour, Cart ridges, &c.	3	6 11
CRICKET—			Printing Fixtures	1	2 6
Sale of Fixtures	0	3 4	Cost of one Blazer, Caps, &c.	2	4 3½
Sale of Badges	0	4 9½	Wages, Fares, Teas, &c.	8	17 0½
SWIMMING—			Printing Cards	0	12 6
Sale of Members' Cards	0	4 5	Medals	3	3 0
Sale of Gala Tickets	1	16 6	Entertainment Tax	0	7 10
FOOTBALL—			Gratuities, &c.	0	16 5
Sale of Fixtures	0	1 0	Printing Fixtures	1	8 6
Profit on Jerseys	0	1 3	Shield Fees and Gratuity	0	7 6
DEBATING SOCIETY—			Fares, Teas, &c.	4	16 5½
Sale of Fixtures	0	0 2	Printing Fixtures	1	0 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS—			Gratuities	0	13 0
May	14	0 6	LOSS ON MAGAZINE—		
October	17	4 0	April Number	6	3 4½
February	14	12 0	July	5	11 5
VARIOUS—			Dec.	5	1 11
Sale of Books, &c.	0	19 5	CAMERA & FIELD CLUB—		
Fines, &c.	1	4 10	Grant	0	10 0
Bank Interest	0	11 10	VARIOUS—		
Deficit on Year's Account	0	9 10½	Wages, &c.	1	7 8
			Loss on Printing Roll of Honour	1	1 10
			Boards in Pavilion	2	9 6
	£64	6 1		£64	6 1