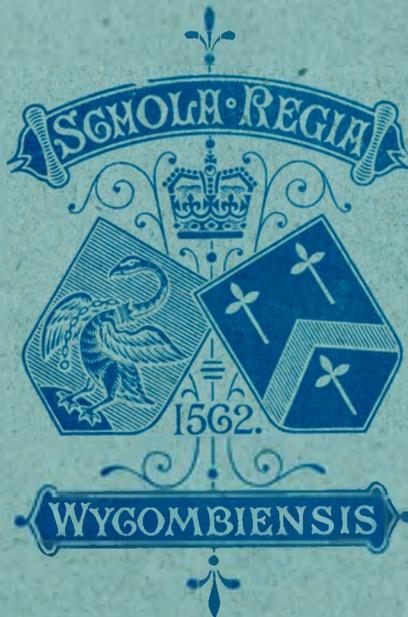


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SCHOOL NOTES.

GOVERNORS.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Major Coningsby Disraeli and to Mr. L. W. Reynolds, J.P., on their unanimous re-election to the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governors.

We are very pleased to note that Bishop Shaw has been re-elected a Co-optative Governor of the School. For many years he has been a true friend to the School, and we are glad that, in spite of his numerous duties, he still remains a member of our Governing body.

It is with pleasure that we note, also, the re-appointment by the Town Council of Mr. R. S. Wood and Mr. G. E. Stephenson as Representative Governors of the School.

On the occasion of the Silver Wedding of Major and Mrs. Coningsby Disraeli, a deputation from the School was sent to offer them a silver rose bowl, with the hearty congratulations of the School and Staff.

GENERAL.

For a long time great inconvenience has been felt owing to lack of space on the School playing-field. The Governors for some time have had in view the purchase of an additional four acres of land adjoining the north-east side of the playing-field, of which they were promised the first option when the new School was built. Negotiations with the Marquis of Lincolnshire's representatives have now been in progress for some time, and we hope in our next issue to be able to announce the purchase of the land.

On behalf of the O.T.C. we have to thank Mrs. Leys, the mother of Colin, Duncan and Alan Leys, for the useful gift of various articles of equipment and a collection of military hand-books.

We note with pleasure the revival of the "Unofficial," a magazine published by the Sixth form, which will, we hope, do much to develop the literary talent of the School. It supplies a long-felt want, and we wish it all success.

We congratulate H. C. T. Briden, M. G. Evans, and D. V. Kyle on passing the London Matriculation Examination last January. All three were placed in the Second Division. Evans

and Kyle satisfied the examiners in English, Mathematics, Electricity and Magnetism, French, and Advanced Mathematics; Briden passed in English, Mathematics, Electricity and Magnetism, French, and Chemistry.

We also congratulate J. W. Kape on passing the London General School Examination last December. He passed with credit in English, History, Geography, French, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Heat Light and Sound, and Economics; he gained a Distinction in Drawing. He was awarded a Certificate, and obtained exemption from Matriculation. C. J. Saunders passed with credit in English, History, Religious Knowledge, Arithmetic, and Drawing; he qualified for entrance to a Training College.

As we go to press we hear that D. A. Winter has been awarded a Kitchener Memorial Scholarship of £135 per annum, in addition to fees, at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. We offer him our very hearty congratulations.

The Prefects' Holiday this term was held on Thursday, March 30th, and was spent in exploring the little-known regions in the direction of Frieth and Lane End. The "Unofficial," we understand, contains a more detailed account of their wanderings.

Prefects this term have been:—D. A. Winter (Senior Prefect and Head of the School), A. G. Boorman, J. Freeman, D. V. Kyle, J. H. Reader, B. H. Weller, G. W. Ray, T. K. McAusland.

The Games Committee has been composed as follows:—President, the Head Master; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. Brand; Football Captain, D. A. Winter; Football Vice-Captain, B. H. Weller; Members of the Committee—The Assistant Masters, F. W. Judge, A. G. Boorman, D. V. Kyle, G. W. Ray, J. H. Reader, M. S. Rose, T. K. McAusland.

The following have been the House Captains and Vice-Captains:
 East—Captain, G. W. Ray; Vice-Captain, B. H. Weller.
 House—Captain, T. K. McAusland; Vice-Captain, E. M. Jones.
 West—Captain, D. A. Winter; Vice-Captain, F. W. Judge.

1st XV Rugby Colours have been awarded this term to: —
 B. H. Weller, T. K. McAusland, R. A. Pearce, J. H. Hunt,
 A. E. Malein, E. M. Jones, M. G. Evans.

2nd XV Colours have been awarded to: — Dancer, Matthews, Klein, Wooster i, Dodgson, Fowler.

D. A. Winter and G. W. Ray have been elected Captain and Vice-Captain for the forthcoming cricket season.

1st XI Cricket Colours returning next term are: — D. A. Winter, G. W. Ray, B. H. Weller.

2nd XI Colours returning are:—Kyle i, Tyzack, Dancer, Matthews, Jones i, Judge, Boddy, Janes.

The following books have been added to the Library this term:—

"From Sea to Sea"	(Kipling)
"The Day's Work"	(Kipling)
"A Northumbrian in Arms"	(Surrey)
"Jack Chaloner"	(Fraser)
"The Flying Boat"	(Strang)
"A Compleat Sea Cook"	(Bullen)
"Ancient Times"	(Brested)
"Groundwork of British History"	(Warner)
"Ancient History for Beginners"	(Botsford)
"Illustrative History"	(Adams)
"Movements in European History"	(Davison)
"Heroes in Modern Crusades"	(Gilliat)
"Social and Industrial History"	(Tickner)
"Economic History of England"	(Waters)
"The Romance of Empire—South Africa"	(Colvin)
"Humphrey Bold"	(Strang)
"The Vicomte de Bragelonne"	(Dumas)
"Count Robert of Paris"	} Presented by A. Dodgson (Scott)
"The Surgeon's Daughter"	
"Castle Dangerous"	
"The House of the Wolf"	(Weyman)
"The Great White South"	(Ponting)

The following books have been added to the Science Reference Library:—

"Achievements of Chemical Science"	(Philip)
"Wonders of Physical Science,"	(Fournier)
"The World of Sound"	(Bragg)
"Pioneers of Progress (Faraday),"	
"Natural History of Coal"	(Arber)
"Descriptive Astronomy"	(Tancock)
"Changeful Earth"	(Cole)
"Atmosphere"	(Berry)
"Threads in the Web of Life"	(Thompson)
"Prehistoric Britain"	(Munro)
"Electricity and Magnetism"	(Ponting and Thomson)
"Calculus"	(Franklin, McNutt, and Charles)
"Applied Mechanics"	(Andrews)
"Experimental Electricity"	(Whetham)
"Statics"	(Lamb)
"Dynamics"	(Lamb)
"Physics"	(Wilson)
"Science from an Easy Chair"	(Lancaster)
"Twentieth Century Inventions"	(Gibson)

The following left in December:—

- Bristow, H. E., IVB, entered 1920², placed IIIU (B).
 Dixon, H. J. W., VB, entered 1915³, placed I.
 Gibson, K. L., IIIU (B), entered 1920⁴, placed IIB.
 Gill, C. M., IIU, entered 1918³, placed I.
 Gill, H. C., IIL, entered 1920³, placed I.
 Guard, G. B., VB, Coy. Q/M. Sergt., O.T.C., entered 1918⁵,
 placed IIA.
 Hodges, J. G., VU (B), entered 1918³, placed IIIA.
 Jones, H. E., VU (B), entered 1918³, placed IIIB.
 Kape, J. W., VU (B), 1st XI (F), entered 1916³, placed IIIB.
 Kyle, O. M., IVB, entered 1916², placed I.
 Luttmann, C. F., IIU, entered 1919², placed I.
 Musselle, S. J., VB, 1st XI(F), entered 1919², placed IIIL.
 Nitrug, G. F., IIIU (B), entered 1919³, placed I.
 Ritchie, H. D., IIIU (B), entered 1918¹, placed I.
 Sly, N. F., VU, (B), 1st XV (F), entered 1920², placed IVA.
 Theweneti, F. S. G., VIU, Head of the School and Senior Prefect,
 House Captain, Under Officer, O.T.C., 1st XV, entered
 1913³, placed Shell.
 Townsend, J. R. VU (B), Corporal, O.T.C., entered 1913³,
 placed I.
 Trickey, C. W. R., IVB, entered 1917³, placed I.
 Van Raalte, M. H., IIIU (A), entered 1918², placed I.

The following entered in January:—

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| Banks, B., placed IIIL. | Dyer, E. C., placed IVA. |
| Banks, E., placed IIIL. | Gale, G. E., placed IIL. |
| Coleridge, R. J. D., placed IIL. | Horton, H. E., placed IIIL. |
| Coleridge, J. S. D., placed IVA. | Walker, J. R., placed IIL. |

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of "The Bridlingtonian," "The Ealing County School Magazine," and "The Southwellian."

Numbers this term have been 266. Of this number 36 were boarders.

The first term of 1922 ended on Tuesday, April 11th. Next term begins on Tuesday, May 2nd.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION.

This year twenty-six sheets of drawings were sent to the Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition at the Guildhall, London, with most successful results. The Exhibition was a very large one, 2,580

sheets of drawings being sent in, representing the work of 430 schools and studios. The Royal Drawing Society awards 10 gold, 45 silver, and 100 bronze stars for the best sheets exhibited; work that comes next in merit is distinguished as "Highly Commended;" while the remaining sheets are classified as First, Second, Third, or Fourth Class. The results obtained by the School were most satisfactory, and reflect the greatest credit on all concerned. Bronze Stars were obtained by A. E. G. Pienne for six sheets of Figure drawings; by J. W. Kape for two sheets of Engineering designs; and by F. W. Judge for a pen and ink landscape. Four sheets, by F. U. Hook, R. A. Priest, A. V. West, and S. J. Musselle respectively, were Highly Commended, and one of these sheets, consisting of a series of drawings of the Common House Fly, was, we understand, included in a selection sent for the inspection of H.R.H. Princess Louise, President of the Royal Drawing Society. Of the remaining thirteen sheets, one was placed in the First Class, nine in the Second, and three in the Third Class. No work sent in by the School was awarded a Fourth Class.

A detailed list of the work sent in is given below:—

- Pienne, A. E. G.—Bronze Star, R.D.S.—Figure (6 sheets).
 Kape, J. W.—Bronze Star, R.D.S.—Engineering Designs (2 sheets).
 Judge, F. W.—Bronze Star, R.D.S.—Landscape (Pen and Ink);
 2nd Class—Landscape (Woods, etc.); 3rd Class—Eggs and Butterflies.
 Hook, F. U.—H.C.—Landscape (Pencil).
 Priest, R. A.—H.C.—Objects, Shaded.
 West, A. V.—H.C.—Objects, Shaded (furniture).
 Musselle, S. J.—H.C.—Microscopic (House Fly).
 Peachey, F. A.—1st Class—Furniture; 2nd Class—Statue;
 2nd Class—Candlesticks.
 Bennett, V.—2nd Class—Butterflies.
 Layne, T. E.—2nd Class—Butterflies.
 Davis, J. R.—2nd Class—Rabbits.
 Cottrell, J.—2nd Class—Eggs.
 Various—2nd Class—Boots (pencil).
 Various—2nd Class—Hands (pencil).
 Hastings, G.—3rd Class—Geological.
 Rose, M. S.—3rd Class—Fruit.

O.T.C. NOTES.

The earlier part of the term was principally occupied in preparation for the Certificate "A" Examination. Seventeen candidates were entered for Part I (Practical), and fifteen passed. The successful candidates were:—Corporals Briden, Clark, Hook, Jones, E. M., Parker, R. F., Weller; Lance-Corporals Davis, D. C., Eyles, Guest, Judge, Ray; Cadets Housden, C. B., Matthews, Richards, Rose.

The weather has prevented any firing on the Wycombe Marsh Range, but it is hoped that the Corps may have a whole day on the range early next term, in order to fire the Classification G.M.C.

Camp this year will be at Mytchett Farm, Aldershot, from 1st to 10th August.

The following report on the work of the candidates for the Certificate "A" was sent to the War Office by the Senior Examiner:—

"The general knowledge of the candidates was very good indeed. Results showed that much attention had been paid to detail, and that a high standard had been reached by the instructors.

"Drill was the weakest subject; this perhaps being due, not to the lack of knowledge on the part of the candidates, but to the lower standard of the boys forming the drill squads. Words of command were given with confidence and without hesitation.

"Both the Musketry and Map Reading were of a high standard, and reflect credit on the work of the officers of the Contingent.

Tactical knowledge was above the average, particularly with reference to Advanced Guard work."

As the Senior Examiner has examined the majority of the Schools in the S. Midland Area, it is gratifying to receive the above report. The results of Part II are not yet to hand.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Sergt. Evans (late Bucks Batt. O.B.L.I.) as Sergt.-Instructor. Sergt.-Instructor Evans has served as C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. in France. He saw active service in France and Italy with the Bucks Battalion, and also with the Warwickshire Regiment. In addition to the 1914-15 Star, he holds the Territorial Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

On February 15th, Captain H. J. Carr, Sikh Pioneers, I.A., very kindly gave a lecture to the O.T.C. Captain Carr is an Old Boy, and served with the M.G.C. in France, transferring later to the Indian Army.

He took as his subject the operations in Waziristan in 1920. He described, with interesting details, the modern method of operating against the frontier tribes. The expeditions were essentially punitive, and, as the country was barren, all supplies for troops and transport animals had to be taken by the Expeditionary Force. This meant that the actual striking force was very small compared with the number of troops engaged on convoy duty and on the lines of communication. There were no roads; the line of advance was by the river valleys; and, before any advance could be made, it was necessary to secure the high ground on either flank, and to hold it by means of piquets. Sniping continued day and night. All operations were carried out under the greatest difficulties. The Mahsuds and Wazirs were fanatically brave; their priests had told them that they were bullet-proof. No prisoners were taken by these people, and it was necessary to teach

them a stern lesson. Nearly all their villages and strongholds were burned, so it is expected that they will remain quiet for some time. Captain Carr brought several very interesting photographs of the frontier country, and weapons used by the tribesmen. Some of these he has very kindly presented to the School.

Captain Carr has been appointed Adjutant to a Sikh Training Battalion, which supplies drafts to the other four battalions of the Brigade. We wish him all success, and hope that when he is on leave again he will pay us another visit.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

This year it was decided to hold the annual entertainment in aid of the Games Fund at the end of the Christmas Term instead of at Easter. It was further decided to depart from the precedent of recent years, and, instead of a long continuous play, to present a series of scenes from Shakespeare, preceded by a short musical and instrumental concert.

The two public performances of the entertainment took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 13th and 14th, and on both nights the hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience. The first item was a pianoforte solo by J. G. Hodges, who, for his years, is a player of outstanding ability, as the audience were not slow to appreciate. His interpretation of Mendelssohn's "Andante Cantabile" was spirited and expressive, and thoroughly deserved the applause it received. As an encore, he rendered a continuation of the same piece of music with equal credit.

The singing of V. A. Bennett was also greatly appreciated: his first song, "Homeland," was deservedly encored, and on his second appearance he delighted us with an excellent rendering of the old favourite, "It was a lover and his lass."

He was followed by Mr. A. Marti, in whom the School possesses a violinist of no ordinary merit; his perfect execution of the difficult "Elégie" of G. Saint-George was only surpassed by the exquisite and expressive music of Chopin's "Valse Triste," which he played as an encore.

The musical part of the programme was concluded by the singing of Christmas Carols by the School Choir, who performed with great credit to themselves and to Mr. F. J. Britnell, who trained them.

The dramatic part of the entertainment consisted of scenes from three of Shakespeare's plays: — "Much Ado About Nothing," "King John," and "Henry IV." For these Mr. A. M. Berry was responsible, and the excellent way in which they were produced speaks much for his careful preparation.

The scenes from "Much Ado About Nothing" presented the immortal Dogberry, whose "tedious efforts to be brief" were ably interpreted by Boorman; while Guest, as Verges, made an excellent "poor old man."

The first scene from "King John" was distinguished by the remarkably fine acting of Jones, as the King, and by McAusland as Hubert. In the second scene Berry made a charming Prince Arthur; his pathetic appeal to Hubert to spare his eyes was extremely well done; while McAusland again was most convincing. The executioners, also, looked their part to perfection.

Finally came the great Falstaff scene from "Henry IV;" in this the outstanding character was, of course, the renowned fat Knight, played by Theweneti, who, in his spirited presentation of the part, surpassed even his last year's success as Tony Lumpkin. The audience were not slow to appreciate his merits, and greeted every one of his witty retorts and outrageous statements with well-deserved applause. From beginning to end the whole scene went with a swing; Eyles, as Prince Hal, is worthy of special praise, while V. A. Bennett made an excellent Mistress Quickly. But all the actors are to be congratulated on the way in which they entered into the spirit of the scene, which had a touch of the true Shakespearean humour.

In every way the entertainment was a great success, and our thanks are due to all those who in any measure, however small, contributed towards it. The total receipts were £79 7s. 1d., and after all expenses had been paid a sum of £49 18s. 4d. remained to be devoted to the Games Fund.

A copy of the programme is appended :

Part I.

1. Piano Solo — "Andante Cantabile e Presto agitato" (Mendelssohn)
J. G. HODGES.
 2. Song — "Homeland" - - (Frederick Drummond)
V. A. BENNETT.
 3. Violin Solo — "Elégie" - - (G. Saint-George)
MR. A. MARTI.
 4. Christmas Carols—
(a) "See amid the Winter Snow" - (Goss)
(b) "We Three Kings of Orient are" - (Stainer)
- THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

Part II.

SCENES FROM SHAKESPEARE.

1. "Much Ado About Nothing."

Leonato	D. A. Winter.
Dogberry	A. G. Boorman.
Verges	R. I. F. Guest.
1st Watch	G. Hastings.
2nd Watch	A. L. White.

Scene i: On the Outskirts of Messina.
Scene ii: In Leonato's House.

II. "King John."

King John E. M. Jones.
 Hubert T. K. McAusland.
 Prince Arthur C. A. F. Berry.
 Queen Elinor F. H. M. Meade.
 1st Executioner T. M. Stanton.
 2nd Executioner F. Wooster.

Scene: A Room in a Castle.

III. "Henry IV."

Prince Henry G. L. E. Eyles.
 Falstaff F. S. G. Theweneti.
 Poins R. W. M. Clark.
 Bardolph J. R. Townsend.
 Hostess V. A. Bennett.

Scene: A Room in the Boar's Head Tavern.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

BOXING COMPETITION.

The fourth Annual Boxing Competition was held on Wednesday, March 22nd. Keen interest was taken in all the events, and, owing to the number of entries, several preliminary bouts were fought on March 16th, 17th, and 20th, leaving only Finals and a Semi-Final to be decided on the day of the competition. We were again very pleased to welcome Mr. John Pearson who, for the fourth time, acted as referee, while Mr. A. J. Van Raalte and Mr. F. Adams were the judges. Mr. Cutts was responsible for the arranging of the competition, and carried out the duties of Master of the Ceremonies, Mr. Barfle acting as time-keeper. Many parents and friends were present, among the number being Major Coningsby Disraeli, Chairman of the Governors. The boxing throughout was of excellent quality, almost every event providing an exciting and well-fought struggle. There was hardly a dull moment in the whole afternoon, and, during some of the keenest contests, enthusiasm ran very high.

Little need be said of the preliminary bouts decided before March 22nd, the result being in many cases a foregone conclusion: the best contests were those between Bevis and Morris in the 2nd series of the Cigarette Weight, and Beckford and Hann in the Semi-Final of the Hair Weight. Carver deserves a special word of praise for the plucky way in which he took a severe punishment from Saunders in the Semi-Final of the Paper Weight; though completely outclassed in every way, he struggled on manfully to the end without the slightest sign of flinching.

The events decided on March 22nd were as follows:—

Leaf Weight, Semi-Finals. (6st. 4lbs.)

1. Morrison beat Michell.

This was a very even contest. Morrison, having the advantage in reach and experience, was much more aggressive than his opponent, and got in some heavy body blows. Michell, however

boxed well, and at times his replies were very effective; when roused, he hit back well, but showed a strange reluctance to attack.

2. Ward beat Allen.

Ward was markedly superior in age and physique, and though Allen boxed well he was no match for such a vigorous and active opponent, and retired defeated after the second round.

No Weight. Final. (4st. 8lbs.)

Colmer ii beat Rolfe iii.

This contest between the two youngest competitors of the afternoon provided great amusement. Rolfe's furious attacks did not always find Colmer at the desired spot, and his ducking tactics were most entertaining. Colmer's attacks were better directed, and his footwork was a treat to watch.

Cigarette Weight. Final. (5st. 2lbs.)

Morris ii beat Stone.

This was the best contest of the afternoon: the antagonists were very evenly matched, and both are boxers of outstanding skill and keenness. Every round was fought at a furious pace, but there was no wild hitting, both competitors giving a brilliant display of really clever boxing. Mr. Pearson decided in favour of Morris, who hit slightly harder and stayed the three rounds a little better; but Stone showed splendid style, and everyone was pleased to see him awarded the Junior Boxing Cup.

Hair Weight. Final. (5st. 10lbs.)

Beckford beat Cousens.

Beckford did all the attacking in the first two rounds, his somewhat unorthodox rushes proving most effective, though occasionally Cousens met them with surprising coolness. In the third round Cousens attacked and got home some well directed blows, but Beckford resumed his rushing tactics and held his own, though Cousens throughout boxed with courage and confidence.

Paper Weight. Final. (6st. 12lbs.)

Saunders ii beat Barnes i.

Saunders has a most peculiar, spider-like style of boxing, but in this bout it proved very effective. His hard hitting soon reduced Barnes to the fatal expedient of blind leading with his head down, a mistake for which he paid dearly, though at intervals he boxed well.

Fly Weight. Final. (7st. 8lbs.)

Morris i beat Pierce.

The winner of this bout is a clever and experienced boxer, and the issue was never in doubt, though he very sportingly gave Pierce many openings and retaliated as little as possible, contenting himself with a decisive attack at the end of the second and third rounds.

Bantam Weight. Final. (8st. 4lbs.)

White ii beat Klein.

This contest was remarkable not only for the brilliant display given by White, who is the most finished boxer in the School, but also for the plucky way in which the loser took his defeat. Though outclassed and heavily punished, Klein never gave up, and in the third round had the satisfaction of scoring with a good straight left to the nose.

Feather Weight. Final. (9st.)

Dancer beat Meade.

In this bout Dancer was by far the better boxer; but Meade put up a very plucky fight, and made a good show, though he suffered severely from Dancer's well placed blows, especially from a hard upper cut which the latter used with considerable effect.

Light Weight. Final. (9st. 10lbs.)

Jones i beat Walker i.

This was one of the most thrilling events of the afternoon. Walker had the advantage of reach, and in knowledge of boxing he was superior to Jones. Jones, however, went all out to win, and, by frequent rushing and clever in-fighting, managed to neutralise Walker's reach, while he lost no opportunity of pounding his opponent. Walker was by no means inactive, and got in some heavy blows, one of which drew copious blood from Jones' nose and handicapped him severely. The pace was furious throughout the three rounds, Jones being far more aggressive than Walker and punishing him heavily on many occasions. Jones' victory was the triumph of weight and determination over superior skill.

Welter Weight. Exhibition Bout. (10st. 8lbs.)

Keen (O.B.) v. Pearce.

In this bout Keen, who represented the School at the Public School Boxing Competition last year, showed that he had lost nothing of his speed and skill. Pearce boxed well, making several spirited attacks, and putting up a good defence against Keen's formidable tactics; he was distinctly unfortunate in receiving a blow that winded him just as the final gong sounded.

Leaf Weight. Final.

Ward beat Morrison.

In spite of an excellent effort, Morrison was forced to admit defeat, Ward proving too tough and experienced for him. The latter appeared to have taken a lesson from Jones' tactics, and neutralised Morrison's reach by fighting close in.

At the close of the boxing, Mr. Arnison announced that the House Cup for Boxing, presented by Mr. Harry Stratford, had again been won by House, who had scored 26 points in the Competition; East came next with 15 points; while West had scored 9. The Challenge Cups presented by Mr. A. J. Van Raalte had been awarded by the referee to A. L. White in the Senior Division, and to G. Stone in the Junior Division. The award of the Junior

Cup might occasion some surprise as Stone was defeated in his bout with E. Morris, but the Cups were given for the boys who showed the best style in boxing, and Mr. Pearson was decidedly of opinion that Stone was the best Junior in this respect.

A vote of thanks to the referee and judges and to all who had contributed to the success of the afternoon was carried with three hearty cheers.

The following were the entries for the various Weights:—
No Weight.—Colmer, V. A.; Rolfe, G. E.

Cigarette Weight.—Bevis; Knowles; Morris, E.; Richardson; Ryan; Walker, J. R.; Weller, C. B.; Williams, C. A.

Hair Weight.—Beckford; Coleridge, J. S.; Coleridge, R. D.; Cousens; Hann; Maynard; Ridgley; Rolfe, N. W.

Leaf Weight.—Allen; Caldwell; Kimber, R. M.; Michell; Morrison; Perfect; Ward.

Paper Weight.—Barnes, N.; Carver; Fisher; Saunders, A. S.

Fly Weight.—Foggo; Morris, R. C.; Pierce.

Bantam Weight.—Guest; Klein; Moffatt; Tippetts; White, A. L.

Feather Weight.—Dancer; Meade.

Light Weight.—Jones, E. M.; McAusland; Parker, R. F.; Walker, G. H.

Welter Weight.—Pearce.

CROSS COUNTRY RACES.

SENIOR.

The Senior Cross Country Race was run on Tuesday, March 28th, under conditions that were by no means favourable; the wind was blowing strongly from the north-east, and showers of sleet fell at intervals, while the ground was heavy and in places very slippery. In spite of these disadvantages, excellent time was made, Judge, the winner, completing the course in 31 mins. 18 secs., beating Ray, who came second, by 26 secs. All the runners completed the course, and the time of the last man was only 40 mins. 36 secs. Although Judge secured the first place, he was not supported by the other members of West, and the honours of the race went to East, who got every member of their team home among the first ten, scoring only 17 points against 36 by House and 37 by West.

Judge and Ray struggled hard for the first place, passing each other more than once, but, in the last half-mile, Judge put on speed and won comfortably. A similar struggle took place between Dodgson and Hunt, the former of whom just managed to get in third, while Guttridge also ran well, retaining the fifth place throughout.

A complete list of the competitors is given below, in the order in which they finished:—

1. Judge.	W.	10. Cutler i.	E.
2. Ray.	E.	11. Ovenden.	W.
3. Dodgson.	H.	12. Evans i.	W.
4. Hunt i.	E.	13. Briden.	W.
5. Guttridge.	E.	14. Housden i.	W.
6. Dancer.	E.	15. Kimber i.	W.
7. Tucker.	E.	16. McAusland.	H.
8. Parker i.	H.	17. Fowler.	H.
9. Grimsdale.	H.	18. Klein.	H.

JUNIOR.

The Junior Cross Country Race on Thursday, March 30th, was also run under somewhat wintry conditions, the going being very bad in places. Roberts, however, ran splendidly, and finished the course in 18 minutes, thus equalling last year's record established by Hann, a very creditable performance considering the difficult nature of the ground.

Hann led nearly all the way round, but Roberts kept close behind, letting him make the pace, and then put on a fine spurt, and finished well ahead, beating Hann by 15 secs. Johnson, Morris ii, Thorp, and Britnell iii also ran well, all completing the course in under 19 minutes. The points for the Inter-House Championship were secured by House, with a score of 18, West coming next with 27, East scoring 34.

A complete list of the competitors is given below, in the order in which they finished:—

1. Roberts.	H.	10. Turnbull i.	W.
2. Hann.	W.	11. Cutler ii	E.
3. Johnson.	E.	12. Colmer ii.	W.
4. Morris ii.	H.	13. Johns.	E.
5. Thorp.	H.	14. Taylor.	H.
6. Britnell iii.	W.	15. Martin.	W.
7. Rolfe ii	E.	16. Dyer.	H.
8. Brock.	H.	17. Spratt	E.
9. Lane.	W.	18. Perfect.	E.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Thirty-third Annual Athletic Sports were held on the Town Cricket Ground on Thursday, April 6th. In spite of the snow earlier in the week, the weather was fairly favourable, and the conditions for running surprisingly good, though the ground was naturally somewhat treacherous. There was a large attendance of parents, Old Boys, and friends of the School, all of whom enjoyed a very interesting afternoon's sport.

The Wycombe Marsh Excelsior Band was in attendance, and acquitted itself very creditably, playing a large and appropriate selection of music during the afternoon.

Owing to the large number of entries, a great many preliminary events were decided earlier in the week. Nearly all the eliminating heats were run off, and in addition, the Cricket Ball, the Mile, and the Long Jump (Senior and Junior) were decided before the actual day of the Sports. The Cross-Country Races, as usual, also took place earlier in the term, and a full account of them will be found elsewhere.

All the events were contested with great keenness, the competitors striving not only for their own individual success but also to obtain points for their House. The keenest rivalry was between East and House, and it was not until almost all the events were decided that it was apparent that House were the victors. Many of the finishes were exceedingly close, and the judges often found the greatest difficulty in determining the winners.

The first few events of the afternoon were heats and semi-finals of the flat races. One of the first decisive events was the Junior Half-Mile: for this there were so many entries that it was decided to run it in two sections, one under 15, the other under 13½. The winner of the former was Klein, who won easily, thanks to his long stride; while in the latter Thorp ran with excellent style and judgment, beating G. E. Rolfe and Miller, though these small people made splendid use of their large handicaps and finished strongly.

In the Hurdles some good running was seen, and the finishes of both Senior and Junior were very close. The Senior High Jump was distinctly good, though the competitors found the wet grass very difficult to take off from. Winter, Clarke, and Eyles all jumped well, and Winter, the winner, came within an inch of the record, 4ft. 10½ins., established by S. T. Theed last year. The Junior High Jump also produced jumping of quite a creditable standard, Brock and Morrison, particularly, displaying excellent style.

The Sack Race provided rather more than the usual amount of amusement, tumbles being frequent and most entertaining, while several belated competitors elected to roll home.

The Quarter Mile and Half Mile Scratch Races were excellently contested, the winners, Judge and Ray, both beating last year's times, while McAusland also ran well, coming third in both races.

In the Senior Sprint races the finishes were very close, Bryant, Pearce, Winter, and Kyle all running well. The 220 Yards Scratch was won by Winter in the excellent time of 27 secs., only 2-5th secs. behind F. S. G. Theweneti's record of last year. In the 100 Yards and the 120 Yards there was little to choose between the competitors, though Bryant and Pearce carried off the honours.

Among the Juniors, also, competition was very keen, E. G. Barnes and G. E. Rolfe dead-heating for the first place in the 220

Yards Handicap (under 12); while T. R. Boreham just succeeded in beating Horley in the 120 Yards Handicap (under 13).

The Old Boys' Race was run in two heats and was finally won by L. F. Watkins, with J. W. Kape a good second.

The Relay Race, being almost the last event in which points could be gained for the Inter-House Championship, evoked great enthusiasm, and was remarkable chiefly for a splendid recovery by West, thanks to the brilliant running of Judge and Winter.

In the Tug of War, East defeated West after a brief struggle, and the School Team easily accounted for the Old Boys.

The Inter-House Challenge Cup was won by House, with 66 points; East coming next with 57; West scoring 33.

The Sports Champion was Judge, who came first in the Cross-Country, first in the Mile, the Quarter Mile and the Hurdles, and second in the Half Mile, scoring 14 points in all. Pearce and D. V. Kyle came next with 10 points each.

As usual, the Mayoress (Mrs. G. H. Taylor) kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the events. The prize-winners were heartily cheered, the Sports Champion and the Captains of each House being particularly popular, while the winners of the Tug of War found many admirers.

After the presentation of the prizes, a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress was proposed by Major Coningsby Disraeli, Chairman of the Governors, and seconded by Mr. R. S. Wood; this was carried with acclamation. The Head Master also expressed the thanks of the School to the Mayor and Mayoress and to all whose generosity or personal help had contributed to make the Sports a success. In particular, he mentioned Mr. Brand, to whose untiring efforts during the past three weeks the success of the day was largely due. The boys, he said, had a way of their own of showing their appreciation of the Mayoress' kindness. At this, F. W. Judge, the Sports Champion, stepped forward and presented a handsome bouquet to the Mayoress, and led off three cheers, to which the School vigorously responded.

Replying on behalf of the Mayoress and himself, the Mayor, Councillor Taylor, thanked the School for their kind reception, and, while congratulating the prize-winners on their success, spoke a few words of encouragement to those who had not gained a prize: the knowledge that they had done their best was its own reward.

A list of the results is given below:—

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1st, Fowler; 2nd, E. M. Jones; 3rd, Pearce. Distance, 71 yds. 1 ft. 10 ins.

ONE MILE RACE.

1st, Judge; 2nd, D. V. Kyle; 3rd, McAusland. Time, 5 mins. 21 4-5ths secs.

LONG JUMP (OPEN).

1st, Pearce; 2nd, D. V. Kyle; 3rd, J. H. Hunt. Di-tance, 14 ft. 10 ins.

LONG JUMP (UNDER 14).

1st, Dyer; 2nd, Brock; 3rd, J. D. Bennett. Distance, 14 ft. 7 ins.
220 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 14).

1st, Brownhill (14 yds.); 2nd, Brock (8 yds.); 3rd, Thorp (12 yds.).
Time, 27 secs.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 15).

1st, Klein (10 yds.); 2nd, F. Wooster (15 yds.); 3rd, G. W. Parker (5 yds.). Time, 2 mins. 28 4-5th secs.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 13½).

1st, Thorp (20 yds.); 2nd, G. E. Rolfe (80 yds.); 3rd, Miller (60 yds.).
Time, 2 mins. 35 2-5th secs.

HURDLE RACE (SENIOR).

1st, Judge; 2nd, D. V. Kyle; 3rd, Pearce.

HURDLE RACE (UNDER 15).

1st, Stanton; 2nd, Klein; 3rd, Grimsdale.

HIGH JUMP (OPEN).

1st, Winter; 2nd, Clark; 3rd, Eyles. Height, 4 ft. 9½ ins.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 12).

1st, E. G. Barnes (10 yds.) and G. E. Rolfe (18 yds.), dead heat; 3rd, H. T. Turnbull (6 yds.). Time, 33 secs.

HIGH JUMP (UNDER 14).

1st, Brock; 2nd, Morrison; 3rd, Ware. Height, 3 ft. 10 ins.

SACK RACE (OPEN).

1st, Samuels; 2nd, Guest; 3rd, Cousens.

QUARTER-MILE SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Judge; 2nd, D. V. Kyle; 3rd, McAusland. Time, 60 secs.

OBSTACLE RACE.

1st, Dancer; 2nd, Matthews; 3rd, F. Wooster.

HALF-MILE SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Ray; 2nd, Judge; 3rd, McAusland. Time, 2 mins. 25 secs.

100 YARDS SCRATCH (UNDER 14).

1st, Perfect; 2nd, M. S. Smith; 3rd, Dyer. Time, 14 2-5th secs.

120 YARDS HANDICAP (OPEN).

1st, Bryant (2 yds.); 2nd, Pearce (scr.); 3rd, Winter (scr.). Time, 14 secs.

120 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 13).

1st, T. R. Boreham (4 yds.); 2nd, Horley (6 yds.); 3rd, Stone (scr.).
Time, 17 1-5th secs.

220 YARDS SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Winter; 2nd, D. V. Kyle; 3rd, Fowler. Time, 27 secs.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 12).

1st, J. R. Walker (9 yds.); 2nd, Horley (scr.); 3rd, Ford (scr.). Time,
15 secs.

100 YARDS SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Pearce; 2nd, Eyles; 3rd, Bryant. Time, 11 4-5th secs.

120 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 15).

1st, Klein (2 yds.); 2nd, G. W. Parker (scr.); 3rd, Dyer (5 yds.). Time,
15 4-5th secs.

RELAY RACE.

1st, West; 2nd, House; 3rd, East.

OLD BOYS' RACE.

1st, L. F. Watkins; 2nd, J. W. Kape; 3rd, J. A. M. Sallis.

HOUSE TUG OF WAR.

Winners of Semi-Final, West; Winners of Final, East.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE (SENIORS).

1st, East; 2nd, House; 3rd, West. Time, 31 mins. 18 secs.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE (JUNIORS).

1st, House; 2nd, West; 3rd, East. Time, 18 mins.

CONSOLATION RACE.

1st, R. F. Parker; 2nd, H. L. Hearsam; 3rd, T. E. Davis.

OLD BOYS' TUG OF WAR.

Winners—School.

School Team.—A. W. Bryant, J. Dodgson, M. G. Evans, N. V. Fowler, A. E. Malein, R. A. Pearce, T. K. McAusland, G. W. Ray (Capt.), F. Wooster.
 Old Boys.—R. F. Blaikie (Capt.), J. G. Bristow, E. S. Burnett, G. F. Pearce, E. J. Read, A. Richards, L. J. Thompson, L. F. Watkins.

OLD BOYS' CLUB.
DANCE.

By kind permission of the Governors of the School, the third of the dances organised by the Old Wycombiensians' Club was held in the School Hall on Friday, Jan. 13th, 1922. In spite of the date and the weather, a most enjoyable evening was spent by a gathering of Old Boys and their friends, numbering close on eighty. Dancing began at 8 p.m., and was kept up with unabated vigour till 2 o'clock next morning.

No Whist Drive preceded the dancing on this occasion, as the Committee feared that it might be difficult to make the Hall comfortably warm in cold weather. The weather justified their decision, for it was decidedly cold, and the Hall, though amply warm for dancing, was not to be described as sub-tropical in temperature. Mr. C. Williams at the piano, aided by a violin and a 'cello, supplied an excellent selection of music, but we will not compare it with the efforts of the Boarders' jazz band of a month previous. Light refreshments were served by Messrs. Darvill, and general approbation was expressed at the way in which they catered for the occasion.

Mr. J. C. S. Nutt, who also acted as M.C., was Secretary to the Sub-Committee, and we wish here to thank him and congratulate him too. Our thanks are due for the work he did in arranging everything; and we congratulate him on the very successful and pleasant evening which many so much enjoyed.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Saturday, February 11th, at Sherriff's Restaurant, High Wycombe, with Major Coningsby Disraeli (President of the Club) in the chair, a most successful gathering of Old Boys, Governors, and Masters was held. The catering was all that could be desired, and this furnished the first requisite for a most enjoyable evening. The Chairman was supported by Dr. L. W. Reynolds, Messrs. H. Stratford and W. T. Groom (Governors), and by the Head Master.

To the first toast, that of "His Majesty the King," the Chairman added a suitable tribute to Princess Mary, whose wedding was to take place a few days later.

Mr. C. A. Skull proposed the toast of "The Governors," with

appropriate references to the Chairman and the debt that the Empire owed to his illustrious relative; also to Dr. Reynolds and Messrs. Stratford and Groom, gentlemen who were always keen on doing all that was possible for the good of the School.

Dr. Reynolds replied, and spoke of the value of such re-unions of Old Boys in fostering esprit de corps. He was sure that the Governors did all they could for the School; only a day or two before they had considered the possibility of enlarging the School playing fields. Mr. H. Stratford also spoke, and referred to the Sports side of the School, and the pleasure he had often derived in meeting Old Boys and present ones on the playing fields and elsewhere.

Mr. W. T. Groom proposed "The School and Staff," and said that though he and the Chairman, as members of the Bucks County Council Education Committee, occasionally differed as to points of administration, yet in all matters that concerned the School they had always agreed and worked together.

The toast was received with musical honours, and cheers were added for Mrs. Arnison.

The Head Master, in reply, referred to various School activities of the past year, and specially spoke of the health of the School; it had been so good that their Medical Officer must have thought last term that they had thrown him over, for there had been no occasion to call in a medical man at all. Other references were to cricket, football, boxing, and the Scientific Society. He concluded by congratulating Old Boys who had so recently distinguished themselves in the Final Examinations of London University.

Mr. Brand also replied, and spoke of the pleasure it gave when Old Boys visited the School from time to time.

The Chairman proposed "The Old Boys' Club." He did not think he was quite the right person to propose the toast, as he had been elected President of the Club and was therefore one of them. As Chairman of the Governing Body, it was comforting to feel that there was an increasing number of young men keeping in touch with the School, and ready to do what they could for it. He congratulated the Club and its Hon. Secretary on that most successful gathering—it was one of the best dinners he had ever partaken of at a public gathering, and that, he thought, was the opinion of most of those present that evening. He had listened with interest to accounts of the work that Old Boys were doing in various parts of the world, and was glad that so many boys of Wycombe and district were doing their duty as citizens of the Empire even in the remotest quarters of the globe. From a financial point of view the times were difficult, and difficulties lay in the way of the development of Secondary education; it was possible that in the future the Old Boys could give material help to their School.

The toast received musical honours, after which Mr. W. J. Bartle, the Hon. Sec., replied. He mentioned the growth of the Club, and expressed the wish that its growth could be doubled, even if it

entailed more work for the officials. He was glad to hear that there was a chance of enlarging the playing field; cricket was not very safe on an over-crowded field—he spoke feelingly on the point, as he had once been a sufferer, and had gone to Dr. Reynolds with a mastoid bone crushed in, and had been told that all he could do was to grin and bear it. He thanked Messrs. H. S. Groom and W. Timms who had entertained the assembly with song, and Mr. J. C. S. Nutt, who had accompanied them at the piano, and also the members of the Dinner Sub-Committee, and especially the Head Master, for the help they had given him.

Mr. T. H. Redington also responded to the toast, and spoke of the School and its activities, with special reference to sport. He testified to the success of the Old Boys' Club, and hoped that it would continue to increase and flourish.

Anecdotes by the Head Master and the Hon. Secretary, and a vocal effort by Mr. John (supplemented by Mr. Jones in Welsh) further amused the diners. The evening ended with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

OLD BOY NOTES.

BIRTH.

RICHARDS.—On March 24th, at Pine Cottage, Hazlemere, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Richards, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BRITNELL—HAGGART.—At Alyth, Perthshire, on the 4th April, by the Rev. W. Connan Smith, M.A., assisted by the Rev. F. S. M. Walker, B.D., and by the father of the bride, Frederick John Shaw Britnell, D.F.C., son of F. J. Britnell, Esq., of High Wycombe, to Jean Grainger, daughter of the Rev. John Haggart, Alyth.

YOUENS—MONTAGUE.—On Feb. 25th, at Hazlemere Parish Church, by the Rev. A. M. Berry, Hubert St. John Edgerley Youens, son of the late Mr. C. H. Youens, and of Mrs. Youens, of 47, Temple End, High Wycombe, to Irene Montague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Montague, of Widmer End Farm, Widmer End, High Wycombe.

DEATH.

RAYNHAM.—At Mablethorpe, Lincs., on the 8th of March, T. H. Raynham. (Mr. Raynham was at the School from 1876 to 1879, and for many years was in business in Oxford Street, High Wycombe, and retired to Mablethorpe some four years ago).

T. W. Ballantyne (1911-1915), of whom we have seen little for some time, took part in the Old Boys' match v. the School, and was present at the Annual Dinner the same evening. We understand that he would have preferred a Rugby game. He plays for the 1st XV of the Edgware Rugby Football Club.

F. J. Buggy (1913-1915) was also able to come to the dinner. He

is in the service of the Union Castle Line, but, owing to the slump in shipping, had not been appointed to a ship in February, and was thus able to come to Wycombe.

J. D. Bavin (1909-1910), writing from Rotterdam, gives a short outline of his doings for the past nine months; first in Copenhagen, then, in September, at Helsingfors, by way of Stockholm. Living in Finland is very cheap if one has English money to pay for things, but amusements are rather expensive. It is a "Dry" country, which seems to mean that there is a lot of smuggling of spirits, largely by young men who own fast motor boats. In November Bavin passed on to Norway, and, in the intervals of work, found time for quite a lot of ski-ing and tobogganing. There he spent Christmas, and in February saw some ski jumping competitions; the longest jump was 46 metres. Ski-ing is not easy for the novice; corners and braking are the main difficulties to be faced. From Norway he passed, by way of Sweden, Denmark, and Germany, to Holland, where some months' work await him in Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

E. S. Burnett (1913-1920) seems to have retired from boxing and taken to motor cycling competitions. His mount is a 5-6 Raleigh, and on it he took part in a trial of 320 miles, London—Exeter, on Boxing night and the following day; in this trial he gained a silver medal. In the trial of 230 miles, London—Gloucester, riding the same machine, he was fortunate in obtaining 95 per cent. of the possible marks, and was awarded a silver cup for the performance. It may be interesting to learn that he rode the last 47 miles on a flat tyre, which makes his riding to time all the more creditable.

J. R. D. Bushell (1908-1912) seems to have made great strides on the way to improvement with his lame leg, for he speaks of dancing being good for it, but complains that he has not enough time to devote to that form of exercise.

H. M. Corke (1906-1913), we are sorry to say, has made no great improvement. He and his people, in the hopes that the North Sea breezes may prove beneficial, have removed to Westcliff.

H. J. Carr (1907-1910) was home on leave from India in February. He came up to the School one afternoon, and gave a most interesting talk to the O.T.C. on the recent frontier fighting. He was recalled to take up a new appointment as Adjutant of a training battalion of his favourite Sikhs.

L. S. Fraser (1908-1914) wrote from Bristol, where he is employed at Fry's, in smelling cocoa, as he says, and tasting chocolates. We expect that there will be some anxious enquiries from some of the junior school as to how such a post has been obtained, and when they learn that it was by a good knowledge of chemistry, they may begin to realise that even the Lab. has points in its favour.

R. A. Harman (1908-1914) has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

W. L. Luttman, Mus. Bac. (1883-1891) played the organ at the concert recently given in the Town Hall by the Wycombe Choral Association; the work rendered was Elgar's "King Olaf."

F. W. Raffety (1886-1890), Recorder of High Wycombe, has been returned as a Progressive member of the London County Council (West Islington), securing 5,746 votes. He has also been adopted as Independent Liberal Candidate for West Bristol.

N. H. Theed (1912-1919) has obtained a post with a Stock Exchange firm. It is interesting to note that the same post has been previously filled by two other Old Boys; first, by T. H. Redington, who stayed with the firm for 20 years; and more recently by V. G. Rogers.

S. T. Theed (1914-1921), too, has joined the band of those who get up early and catch trains to town where he has a post with a shipping firm.

F. S. G. Theweneti (1914-1921) writes that he has not yet got the post he is wishing for in the Shell Transport Coy., and in the meantime he is employed in insurance business.

J. R. Townsend (1913-1921) has obtained a post with the British Law Insurance Company.

R. E. Douglas (1913-1918), on the Oil Fields of Mexico, writes the evening after receiving the last issue of the Magazine. As his letter did not arrive till this number was on the very point of going to press, it is evident that mails to Mexico are not much quicker than to Australia. He has had more than a year at his work, which he finds interesting and varied. He is employed in the District Superintendent's office, and this position enables him to see a good deal of the practical side of the work. Drilling is always going on. The depth of the wells is in the neighbourhood of 2,000 feet. Many wells prove useless; some are dry, and others yield only salt water. A good well, however, pays for the lost labour on several failures. One Mexican well produced a hundred million barrels, and quite a number have produced over a million. The pressure of the oil sometimes reaches 900 lbs., and it then needs an experienced man to operate the valve, otherwise the well head connections may be blown off, and the well run wild. All wells in the district are "gushers." When oil is first struck, in drilling a well, the first rush of gas and oil usually blows the tools up into the air to such a height that when they hit the ground, the auger stem, a steel rod 30 feet long and 5 inches in diameter, bends like lead, and is sometimes twisted like a corkscrew. As may be imagined, closing in the well is not exactly a joke, with oil rushing out at such a pressure. On Sundays, and occasionally during the week, Douglas gets a 15 or

20 miles ride out to visit other wells and camps, so, in spite of his being an office job, he gets a modicum of outdoor life. The weather at the time of writing was fairly warm, 90 degrees in the day (March 13th), but a "Norther" a few days before brought the temperature down suddenly to 46. He says he never felt colder and never saw so many sweaters being worn. By means of the "Overseas Club" and the "Times" Book Club, he manages to keep in touch with home news and literature; while at one time tennis, and later golf, have provided exercise and amusement.

WAR MEMORIAL.

A Committee meeting was held on March 27th, and received reports on the completion of the Memorial Tablet, the Book of Remembrance, and the Photographs.

Mr. Arnison laid before the meeting a plan and estimate from Messrs. J. and E. Bumpus, Ltd., for an inscribed mount for an enlarged photograph of Lieut. F. Youens, V.C. The inscription consisted of Youens' Regimental Record, the Gazette Notice, and the Account of the deed for which the Cross was given, as printed in the Durham Light Infantry Magazine. The estimate was approved unanimously.

Mr. C. A. Skull submitted a drawing for a case to contain the Book of Remembrance. The drawing was approved, subject to a slight alteration.

The following statement was placed before the Committee:—

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1919 Subscriptions...	297	15 6	Stationery	2	18 2
Interest	7	6 11	Postage	3	14 0
1920 Subscriptions...	214	10 5	Printing	20	2 0
Interest	20	12 10	Railway	0	2 11
1921 Subscriptions...	10	1 6	Bumpus, Book of		
Interest	19	18 5	Remembrance ...	51	0 0
			Birmingham Art		
			Guild, Memorial		
			Tablet	116	15 0
			Messrs. Hunt, fixing		
			Tablet	5	7 6
			Photographs	8	15 5
				£208	15 0
			<i>In hand—</i>		
			On Deposit... ..	360	0 0
			Current account ...	1	4 5
			Cash	0	6 2
Total	£570	5 7		£570	5 7

Total Funds in hand, December 31st, 1921	£361	10	7
Promised	£62	15	0
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The estimated expenditure on the items mentioned in the account of the Committee meeting above is £24, so that there should be a balance of £400, with added interest to spend on some further object.

The Committee proposes to call a general meeting of subscribers in the early summer, so that the completed memorials may be seen. It is also hoped to place before the meeting estimates and plans for five courts to be built with the balance of the Fund.

FOOTBALL.

R.G.S. 1st XI v. OLD BOYS' XI.

Played at home on February 11th. Won, 1—0. This year, instead of a "rugger" match, a return "soccer" match was played against the Old Boys, and the School had the satisfaction of wiping off their last term's defeat. In spite of the difficult nature of the ground, which was sticky on the surface and hard underneath, the game was very fast throughout. In the first half the Old Boys had most of the play, but, though their halves put in a great deal of useful work, the forwards were weak in front of goal; while Tucker, the School goalkeeper, was in fine form, and kept his charge intact.

The second half opened with the score sheet blank. The Old Boys continued to attack strongly, and goals seemed certain; but the School defence repeatedly rose to the occasion, and the Old Boys were unable to score. Early in the second half Ray had to retire with an injured leg, but the School played up well, and the forwards made repeated expeditions into the enemy's country. From one of these Weller secured the ball, and, after cleverly drawing the backs and the goalkeeper, passed back to Mr. Baker, who had only to tap it into the net. Encouraged by this success, the School attacked again, and soon afterwards Mr. Baker headed the ball hard towards the corner of the goal; it seemed impossible for Redington to get to it, but he made a brilliant effort, and succeeded in tipping it over the bar. The concluding stages of the game were fast and furious; both sides made strenuous efforts to score, and the goalkeepers on both sides did excellent work. No further goals were scored, and the School remained winners of one of the keenest and most sporting games seen on the School ground this season.

Teams:—School—Tucker; D. V. Kyle, M. S. Rose; G. W. Ray, Malein, G. W. Matthews; D. A. Winter (capt.), Hunt ii, B. H. Weller, Mr. Baker, Clark.

Old Boys.—T. H. Redington (capt.); T. W. Ballantyne, N. H. Theed; J. W. Kape, E. T. Thurlow, F. J. S. Britnell; A. V. Britnell, L. F. Watkins, R. W. Bartlett, C. G. Locke, A. E. Chapman.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

R.G.S. 1st XV v. THAME GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV.

Played at home on March 11th. Won by 9 points (3 tries) to 3 points (1 try).

Great interest was aroused by this game, as it was the first inter-school match which either school had played under the handling code.

Playing against the sun, the School kicked off, and, after some mid-field

play, the forwards dribbled the ball across their opponents' line, but Thame just managed to touch down. It was soon evident that the visitors' three-quarters were dangerous, their passing and tackling being very sound. By some good passing movements they carried the ball down to the School line, and their wing three concluded the effort with an excellent try. This was unconverted and the home forwards then attacked, forcing their opponents back to their own line and scoring a distinctly lucky try through Housden.

The School kept up the pressure and some strong running by their threes put the ball into touch near the Thame line; from the line-out McAusland secured possession and dropped over the line: Winter had hard luck in his attempt to convert this try, the ball only just failing to go between the posts.

In the second half play was very even; the Thame three-quarters were always dangerous when they secured the ball, but the home forwards worked hard and their "threes" made some good individual runs. It looked as if there would be no more scoring, but towards the end of the game Pearce secured a third try for the School, making a fine run from the half-way line and grounding the ball between the posts. This try remained unconverted and there was no further score, though play continued keen and fast to the last.

Team:—Matthews; Housden i, Fowler, D. A. Winter (Capt.), G. L. Eyles; D. V. Kyle, Dancer; M. S. Rose, Hunt i, Pearce, Malein, McAusland, Evans i, Dodgson, Klein.

R.G.S. 1st XV v. MASTERS' XV.

Played on Thursday, March 16th. Lost, 5 points (1 goal) to 16 points (2 goals and 2 tries).

The School lost the toss and played against the wind in the first half. After a few minutes' play Mr. John, following up well, dribbled the ball over the line and scored the first try for the Masters. This was unconverted, and, soon after, a good cross-kick by Mr. Brand put Mr. Baker in possession and he was able to score easily.

The School forwards worked well in the scrum and secured the ball almost every time. The best piece of work in the first half was an excellent run by Pearce, who, running past Mr. Brand, scored a try well behind the posts; this try was converted by Winter and concluded the scoring in the first half.

In the second half play was faster and more open; the Masters secured the ball more often and their three-quarters gave a good display of passing, which resulted in two tries (both converted) by Mr. Brand and Mr. Baker respectively.

Teams:—School.—Matthews; R. A. Pearce, D. V. Kyle, D. A. Winter (Capt.), G. L. E. Eyles; Dancer, Cutler i; M. S. Rose, J. H. Hunt, T. K. McAusland, Malein, Dodgson, Evans i, Jones i, Klein.

Masters.—Mr. McQueen; Mr. Brand (Capt.), Mr. Jones, Mr. Baker, Clark; Mr. Hurn, Mr. John; Mr. Cutts, Mr. Jeavons, Mr. Richards, Wooster i, Reader, Baker, Bryant, Parker i.

R.G.S. 1st XV v. THAME GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV.

Played at Thame on March 23rd. Won, 24 points (8 tries)—nil. In this match the School XV played much better football than when they met Thame at home earlier in the term, and in the end won handsomely.

Thame played downhill in the first half, but the School pack worked well, gaining possession of the ball from the scrum more often than their opponents. Rose opened the scoring with a try following upon a good forward rush, and very soon afterwards Winter also succeeded in crossing the Thame line.

In the second half the School had by far the best of the play, and tries were scored by Rose Winter (3), Hunt, and Kyle, most of them resulting from good work by the forwards. Rose and Wooster i were particularly good in the School pack, while Winter initiated several good three-quarter movements and ran well whenever he gained possession of the ball.

Team:—Matthews; R. A. Pearce, D. A. Winter (Capt.), D. V. Kyle, B. H. Weller; Dancer, J. H. Hunt; M. S. Rose, Baker, Jones i, Malein, T. K. McAusland, Evans i, Klein, Wooster i.

HOUSE MATCHES.

HOUSE v. WEST.

Played on Saturday, February 25th. Won by House by 28 points (2 goals and 6 tries) to 4 points (1 dropped goal).

House kicked off against a strong wind, and, although it was soon evident that they possessed more weight and pace, West held their own in the scrum. D. A. Winter was the mainstay of the West defence and for a long time House were unable to score; the first try was scored wide out by McAusland, and later on in the first half further tries were added by him and Wooster i. The first half closed by D. A. Winter dropping a fine goal for West.

In the second half House had the wind in their favour and scored freely, tries (two of which were converted) being secured by Fowler (3), Wooster i, and Jones i. In spite of this, West played well to the end, Housden i, in particular, being conspicuous for some fine tackling.

Teams:—House.—Matthews; Clark, McAusland (Capt.), Meade, Grimsdale; Parker ii, White ii; Jones i, Dodgson, Davis i, Tippetts, Wooster i. Parker i, Reader, Fowler.

West.—D. A. Winter (Capt.); Housden ii, Housden i, Judge, Busby; Kimber i, Ovenden; Malein, Elford, West, Adby, Evans i, Worley ii, Davis ii, Hann.

HOUSE v. EAST.

Played on Saturday, March 4th. Won by East by 9 points (3 tries) to 3 points (1 try).

East won the toss and, playing with a strong wind at their backs, pressed strongly, finding touch on many occasions; finally some strong running gave the ball to Kyle, who scored a try between the posts. Kyle made an excellent attempt to drop a goal a few minutes later and was unlucky not to score, the ball striking one of the uprights. Play remained in East's favour until Grimsdale, with a flying kick, sent the ball to Eyles who was able to score a try. This was unconverted and the East forwards, among whom Pearce, Rose, and Hunt were playing very well, adopted dribbling tactics and took the ball right down the field and into touch. From the line-out Dancer secured the ball and scored a smart try which, like the former two, was unconverted. There was no further score in the first half and the teams changed over with East 9 points ahead.

Helped by the wind, House now had more of the game, the excellent tackling of Matthews holding up the East attack, while, with a free kick, Fowler sent the ball well down the field and into touch. House continued to attack and Dodgson and McAusland did some splendid work; from one of their attacks Fowler secured the ball and just managed to carry it over the line. This was the only try of the second half, and East ran out winners of a well contested game.

Teams:—House.—Matthews; Fowler, McAusland (Capt.), Meade, Grimsdale; Parker ii, White ii; Davis i, Klein, Dodgson, Tippetts, Wooster i. Parker i, Reader, Jones i.

East.—Walker i; Boorman, D. V. Kyle, Dancer, G. L. E. Eyles; B. H. Weller, Cutler i; Baker, Pearce, Ray, M. S. Rose, Hunt i, Bryant, Hook, Stevens.

EAST v. "THE REST."

Played on March 14th. Won by East by 6 points (2 tries) to 5 points (1 goal).

This match between East, the champion "Rugger" House, and the combined forces of House and West was very evenly contested, but the play was not of a very high standard. The three-quarters failed to open up the play and preferred to kick for touch whenever the ball came back from the forwards.

There was no score in the first half, but early in the second half, Hunt i scored a try for East; Jones kicked rather wildly for touch and Hunt, gaining possession, easily crossed the line. East scored again soon afterwards; Kyle, receiving a pass in "The Rest's" twenty-five, ran well and then transferred the ball to Weller, who took it over the line. Both these

tries were unconverted. Just before time Winter secured a try for "The Rest;" this was converted and proved the only other incident of note in the game.

Teams:—East.—Walker i; Boorman, B. H. Weller, Dancer, Richards; D. V. Kyle, Cutler i; Baker, Ray (Capt.), J. H. Hunt, M. S. Rose, George, Bryant, Hook, Steevens.

"The Rest."—Matthews; Fowler, D. A. Winter (Capt.), T. K. McAusland, Dodgson; White ii, Kimber i; Reader, Jones i, Wooster i, Parker i, Evans i, Malein, Housden i, Klein.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

The season has been very successful, and distinct progress has been made both in "soccer" and "rugger." During the Christmas Term ten inter-school games were played, and in six of these we were victorious. One of the best games of the season was that against Amersham, on Nov. 8th, on the School ground. Amersham have a very strong team, having lost only one player since last year, but our team gave an excellent display, and were decidedly unlucky in losing by the odd goal.

Throughout the season the team worked well together, and showed great staying power, often turning defeat into victory by strenuous work at the end of the game.

We were very pleased to receive a second visit from Mr. F. Adams, the Wycombe Wanderers' Captain, who brought a team against us including Mr. R. Boreham, their Amateur International, and four Old Boys. Though heavily defeated, we thoroughly enjoyed the game, and learnt a great many useful lessons from such redoubtable opponents.

Instead of playing the Old Boys at "rugger," we played a return "soccer" match against them, and, after a very strenuous game, succeeded in winning by one goal, thus wiping off our heavy defeat earlier in the season. This match was by far the best performance of the School team this season, and every member is to be congratulated on his share in such a hard-won victory.

The Second Eleven have a most successful record, having lost none of the four games they played; while the Third Eleven, among whom are some very promising players, won most of their matches, losing only against one First and one Second Eleven of other Schools.

In the inter-house "soccer" matches, East were victorious, defeating House after a stiff game, and easily disposing of West in the final.

Rugby Football was started after Christmas, and though the frost hindered things a little at first, we soon got into our stride, especially as the prospect of some inter-school "rugger" fixtures provided an additional incentive to keenness. The match against the R.A.F. Boys, at Halton, unfortunately fell through, but two games were played against Thame Grammar School. These games aroused great interest, as they were the first "rugger" matches played by either school. The first game, on our ground, was very evenly contested, though we just managed to win; but in the

return match several members of our team turned to good account the lessons they had learnt at Twickenham and elsewhere, and Thame were easily defeated.

In the House matches, East again carried off the Cup, after playing a very keenly contested game against House. Later in the season, East played a match against the rest of the School, and, after a fast and exciting game, just succeeded in winning by one point.

On the whole, the knowledge of "rugger" in the School has much improved, and many players are keen and anxious to learn. Tackling is still the weak point, but good progress is being made, and in a few years the School should be able to turn out a Fifteen of really good "rugger" players.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

		1st XI.					
Oct.	8.—Henley R.G.S.	home	...	won	...	5—1	
"	15.—Thame Grammar School	away	...	won	...	1—0	
"	22.—Borlase School, Marlow	home	...	lost	...	3—5	
"	29.—Mr. McQueen's XI	home	...	lost	...	1—3	
Nov.	5.—Aylesbury G.S.	away	...	won	...	2—0	
"	8.—Amersham G.S.	home	...	lost	...	2—3	
"	12.—Henley R.G.S.	away	...	won	...	4—3	
"	19.—Thame Grammar School	home	...	won	...	7—0	
"	22.—Masters' XI	home	...	drawn	...	2—2	
"	26.—Borlase School, Marlow	away	...	lost	...	1—2	
"	29.—Mr. Adams' XI	home	...	lost	...	1—8	
Dec.	7.—Amersham G.S.	away	...	lost	...	3—8	
"	10.—Aylesbury G.S.	home	...	won	...	2—1	
"	14.—Old Boys' XI	home	...	lost	...	0—6	
Feb.	11.—Old Boys' XI	home	...	won	...	1—0	

		Goals			
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
15	7	7	1	35	42

		2nd XI.			
Oct.	8.—Henley R.G.S.	away	...	drawn	4—4
"	22.—Borlase School, Marlow	away	...	won	2—1
Nov.	12.—Henley R.G.S.	home	...	drawn	2—2
"	26.—Borlase School, Marlow	home	...	won	5—0
		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
		4	2	0	2

		3rd XI.			
Oct.	15.—Thame Grammar School 2nd XI ...	home	...	drawn	1—1
"	22.—Borlase School, Marlow, 3rd XI ...	home	...	won	4—1
Nov.	5.—Junior Technical School 1st XI ...	home	...	drawn	6—6
"	19.—Thame Grammar School 2nd XI ...	away	...	lost	1—4
"	26.—Borlase School, Marlow, 3rd XI ...	away	...	won	4—1
"	30.—Junior Technical School 1st XI ...	away	...	lost	1—5
		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
		6	2	2	2

RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Mar.	11.—Thame Grammar School ...	home	...	won	...	9 pts.—3
"	16.—Masters' XV	home	...	lost	...	3 pts.—15
"	23.—Thame Grammar School ...	away	...	won	...	24 pts.—nil.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Feb.	25.—West v. House	winner, House	28 pts.—4
Mar.	4.—East v. House	winner, East	9 pts.—3
"	14.—East v. Rest of the School	winner, East	6 pts.—5

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

- *D. A. Winter (Capt.). Goalkeeper. Has captained the team well. A safe goalkeeper; keeps a very cool head. Kicks a good length. Weight, 9st. 13lbs.
- *B. H. Weller (Vice-Capt.). Centre forward. A good footballer. Combines well and uses either foot. Has led the forwards well. Weight, 8st. 11lbs.
- *G. W. Ray. Left half. Plays a good game, but is still too slow. Weight, 9st. 13lbs.
- *S. J. Musselle. Outside left. Although a light-weight, he plays a fearless game; his footwork is very good. Weight, 7st. 6lbs.
- J. W. Kape. Centre half. A much improved player. Plays a sound game; works hard, and always gets there. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 10st. 11lb.
- D. V. Kyle. Left back. An energetic worker; is never beaten. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 9st. 6½lbs.
- N. F. Sly. Inside right. Combines well. An opportunist in front of goal. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 9st 0½lbs.
- G. W. Matthews. Right half. A greatly improved player. Uses both feet well; a fearless tackler. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 8st. 0½lbs.
- M. S. Rose. Right back. An energetic worker. Slow at starting, but finishes well. Keeps a cool head. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 10st. 13lbs.
- F. W. Judge. Outside right. Much improved. Shows good footwork. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 9st. 3½lbs.
- Hunt ii. Inside left. A promising player; his footwork is clever and he combines well. Should learn always to face his opponents. Weight, 6st. 1½lbs.

* Signifies Old Colours.

BALANCE SHEET, 1921²—1922¹.

GAMES FUND AND MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Entertainment ...	49	18 4	Deficit from last year	78	2 10
Athletic Sports			Athletic Sports		
(1921)	52	3 10	(1921)	69	12 0
Games Subscriptions	136	17 6	Cricket	89	8 11
Miscellaneous	2	16 9	Football	37	16 11
Magazine	51	15 6	Magazine	49	10 0
			Ground (manure, etc.)	13	2 3
Deficit	50	2 10	Bank charges	6	1 10
	<u>£343</u>	<u>14 9</u>		<u>£343</u>	<u>14 9</u>

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

This term the Society has experienced some difficulty in arranging meetings at times convenient to lecturers. For this reason we were forced to cancel lectures by Mr. Dingle and Mr. H. Barrel, B.Sc., one of our Old Boys, but we hope it will be possible to arrange one lecture early next term. In spite of this and other difficulties, several successful and well attended meetings have been held, and it was through the Society that Mr. Wolters came to the School to lecture on "Memory."

The first non-business meeting of the term was held on Monday, February 6th, when two members each gave a short lecture. D. A. Winter explained the mechanism and principles of two railway signalling instruments, of which examples were shown; and M. G. Evans gave a short account of the history of the School till it received the Royal Charter, 1562. Both items were much appreciated.

On February 20th Mr. J. Rushbrooke lectured on "Diesel Oil Engines." The lecturer was well acquainted with his subject, and qualified, by experience, to treat the matter from a practical point of view. He commenced his lecture by stating that the first Diesel Oil Engine was constructed at the Oldsbury Works in 1897. On trial, he said, the new invention proved to have a much higher efficiency than all previously constructed power units, its efficiency being double that of the best steam engine. The new engine required no high-grade fuel, such as is used with petrol engines, but could be run on low-grade oil obtained from coal. Thus the adoption of the Diesel Engines in place of steam engines would not be injurious to the coal trade, and would make it possible to extract the valuable constituents of coal, hitherto wasted. Again, Diesel Engines are not bulky or difficult to install: the low grade of fuel required, the ease with which liquid fuel is stored, and the high efficiency, render them economical and cheap. Having pointed out the advantages of the new engines, Mr. Rushbrooke outlined the three cycles on which heat engines may depend. He showed that the Diesel Engines involved two of these cycles. In conclusion he described the different types of Diesel Engines, and indicated the particular kind of work for which each type was adapted.

The next lecture was given by Mr. Marsh, on "Fire, the Friend and Enemy." Mr. Marsh is the Bucks County Council lecturer in Chemistry, and was able to give amusing and instructive demonstrations of many of the facts which he mentioned. He first of all emphasised the importance of fire, and the extent to which modern civilisation is dependent upon it. To the first men, fire must have appeared as a terrible demon; they saw it vomited from the bowels of the earth or destroying vast expanses of forest, bringing destruction and famine in its train. Thus

fire was deified and men regarded it with fear. We owe a great debt, therefore, to the first man who used fire, and, overcoming this primitive fear, harnessed it as a servant. Methods of kindling flame were speedily discovered; the savage device of rubbing two sticks together being superseded first by the flint, steel, and tinder method, and later by the modern match. Mr. Marsh then outlined the various stages in the progress of lighting by means of flame. He mentioned the use of oil lamps by the Romans, explained how first rush-lights and then candles were discovered, and passed on to the use of gas and the incandescent mantle. In conclusion, Mr. Marsh explained the causes of dangerous fires, and the best means of preventing them.

The last lecture of the term was given by Mr. Brand, who took as his subject "Telephones." He first alluded to the various methods of signalling, and stated that experience had shown that the best results were obtained by using suitable instruments connected by electric wires. The two chief instruments were the buzzer and sounder, but the telephone had proved faster than either of these, though it was not so accurate and could only be used over a limited range. Mr. Brand said that the first telephone was constructed by Professor Bell; its principle is embodied in the modern watch-receiver. Bell made no difference between receiver and transmitter, but, in modern instruments, microphone transmitters are used. Mr. Brand explained the principle of the latter, and then described methods of calling up and the formation of telephone circuits. He explained briefly how two messages could be sent over one wire; and, in conclusion, mentioned the listening-in apparatus used during the war. With this instrument it was possible to overhear conversations passing over wires within a radius of two miles. At the end of the lecture, members of the Society were allowed to use the various instruments which were on view.

LECTURE.

SOME HINTS ON MEMORY.

On Friday, March 10th, we were very pleased to receive a second visit from Mr. A. P. Wolters, Lecturer in Psychology at University College, Reading, who delighted us last year with his lecture on "Illusions." He spoke this time on "Memory," presenting his subject again in a most attractive manner, and combining many valuable hints on memory-training, with amusing accounts of various experiments carried out by scientists in their search for knowledge of the subject.

Mr. Wolters began with a few words on the nature of memory. Many animals, he said, have memories of a kind: dogs learn many things by experience, just as we learn that it is unwise to touch the fire with our fingers. Their memories are of exactly the same

kind as that which enables us to write, without thinking, short words like "and," with which we have long been familiar. Beyond this acting on experience animals cannot go. Mr. Wolters quoted as a proof of this lack of reasoning power in animals the instance of a cat which had learnt to open a door from the outside by pressing down the latch; but, he said, there is no instance recorded where the cat has learnt that from within it is necessary to raise the latch.

In other respects, too, our memories are superior to those of animals: we are able to call up "memory images" of sights, sounds, tastes, etc., with which we are familiar. We are able to acquire a method even quicker than this—we can remember in words. The mention of a single word, as Mr. Wolters convinced us by experiment, brings to our mind groups of associated ideas, some logically connected with it, some suggested merely by a similarity of sound.

Passing to methods by which memory can be aided, he encouraged us by saying that, while nothing can be done for a really bad memory, most of us are capable of remembering more than we think. It is a comforting fact that we never completely forget anything: we may not be able to remember it at will, but it is stored away somewhere in the mind. Our memories are at their best from the age of 15 onwards; after 25, whatever new knowledge we acquire is learnt with much greater difficulty.

With regard to learning by heart, Mr. Wolters gave us many valuable hints, all of which, he said, were based on actual experiment. The first essential is concentration: if you want to make an impression with a hammer on a piece of wood you must hit it hard. The same effect can be obtained by repeated applications: in learning a poem, for instance, better results will be obtained by four fifteen-minute periods with a definite break between each than by an hour's sustained application. The chief dangers to be avoided, he told us, are premature testing of what has been learnt, and revision too soon after the first learning, before it has had time to soak in.

Speaking of the memorising of ideas as opposed to learning by heart, Mr. Wolters advocated longer periods, and insisted on the importance of taking systematic notes based on the association of ideas. "Cramming" for examinations is useful only if the work has been carefully prepared beforehand; then it is an excellent thing to memorise notes so that every idea is ready for use if needed. Here, again, it is advisable to take a short rest to allow the ideas to settle down.

In conclusion, Mr. Wolters emphasised the importance of training and practice. A really good memory, he said, is not the one which retains the most facts. There are people who can never tell a story, because they remember too many irrelevant details. The good memory retains only useful knowledge, arranged in logical sequence, and available at a moment's notice.

At the end of the lecture, the Head Master warmly thanked Mr. Wolters for his kindness in coming to the School, and the hearty cheers, led by the School Captain, proved the appreciation with which his lecture had been received.

METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.

“O to be in England now that April’s there,” said Browning. Apparently there was no reason at the time why he should not have been in England, unless the climatic conditions were such as we are experiencing in April, 1922.

As many as 13 degrees of frost have been registered this month in the Midlands and in Wales. It is difficult to account for the spell of abnormally cold weather this Spring. Probably the following facts may help us. The “Atlantic Greyhounds” are taking the most southerly course between Southampton and New York, because there is an unusual number of icebergs in the North Atlantic; and secondly, the very cold weather experienced on the Eurasian Continent has resulted in a prolonged supremacy of the Continental High Pressure System. Because of the former, the prevailing S.W. winds will be colder than one would expect under normal conditions, and the latter fact would account for the very cold N.E. and E. winds.

So far the rainfall this year is above the average, but we still require heavy rains to make up the deficiency of 1921.

RAINFALL.

1922: January, February, March — 9.475 inches.

Normal year (same months) — 6.46 inches.

EXTREMES.

Month.	Highest.				Lowest.		
	Bar.	Max.	Min.	Rain.	Bar.	Max.	Min.
January... ..	101	55.5	35	.55	99	45	23.5
February ...	102	58	49	.47	98.5	34.5	22
March	101.5	56	49	.39	95.8	37	27

CLASS LISTS.

This List contains the names of the two boys in each Form who are most worthy of praise
in the respective Subjects:—

<i>Form.</i>	<i>Scripture.</i>	<i>Maths.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>English.</i>	<i>History.</i>	<i>Geography.</i>	<i>Chemistry.</i>	<i>Physics.</i>	<i>Economics.</i>	
VIIU.	—	Boorman (E) Winter (W)	Boorman (E) Winter (W)	Boorman (E) Evans i (W)	—	—	Freeman (E) Boorman (E)	Boorman (E) Winter (W)	Boorman (E) Evans i (W)	
VII.	—	Weller i (E) Reader (II)	Reader (II) Weller i (E)	Reader (II) Weller i (E)	—	—	Weller i (E) Steevens (E) SCIENCE.	Weller i (E) Steevens (E) ART.	Reader (H) Weller i (E)	
VU (A).	North (H) West (W)	Layne i (H) Kyle ii (E)	Richards (E) Dancer (E)	Richards (E) Earson (H)	Richards (E) Layne i (II)	Richards (E) West (W)	Layne i (H) Oxlade (W)	Rose (E) Peachey (E)	Hook (E) Rose (E)	
VU (B).	Busby (W) Hearn (E)	Prior (E) Britnell ii (E)	Hearn (E) Walker i (E)	Busby (W) Prior (E)	—	Tucker (E) Williams i (E)	Prior (E) Housden i (W)	Elford (W) Tucker (E)	Tucker (E) McAusland (II)	
VA.	Boddy (H) Harris i (E)	Harris i (E) Fox (E)	Smith ii (H) Britnell i (W)	Smith ii (II) Britnell i (W)	Smith ii (II) Halsey (E)	Smith ii (H) Britnell i (W)	Smith ii (H) Johns (E)	Sheppard (H) Harris i (E)	—	
VB.	Butcher i (W) Taylor i (E)	Guttridge (E) Bennett i (E)	Guttridge (E) Tremear (E)	Butcher i (W) Tremear (E)	Housden ii (W) Butcher i (W)	Bryant (E) Guttridge (E)	Guttridge (E) Dodgson (II)	Dodgson (H) Bennett i (E)	—	
IVA.	Plumridge (W) Jowett (W)	Eggleton (H) Dyer (H)	Jowett (W) Crowther (II)	Colmer i (W) Cottrell i (E)	Colmer i (W) Plumridge (W)	Davis iii (W) Hart (E)	Randall (E) Branch (E)	Davis iii (W) Cottrell i (E)	WOODWORK. Cottrell i (E) Latchford (E)	
IVB.	Newman (H) Grimsdale (II)	Kimber i (W) Grimsdale (H)	Martin (W) Puddifoot (E)	Stanton (H) Martin (W)	Grimsdale (H) Tippetts (H)	Tippetts (H) Puddifoot (E)	Kimber i (W) Grimsdale (H)	Conduit (E) Jolliffe (E)	Smith i (W) Wooster i (II)	
IIIU(A).	Hadden (II) Dean (W)	Dean (W) Harris iii (H)	Dean (W) Beale (E)	Cook (W) Dean (W)	—	Carver (H) Cook (W)	Cook (W) Carver (H)	Harris v (E) Pierce (E)	Hadden (H) Harris iii (H)	
IIIU(B).	Marsh (H) Britnell iii (W)	Richardson (E) Good (H)	Britnell iii (W) Marshall (E)	Britnell iii (W) Marsh (H)	Marsh (H) Richardson (E)	Marsh (H) Eritnell iii (W)	Bristow (E) Samuels (H)	Rolfe i (W) Redding (E)	Foggo (H) Banham (E)	
IIIL.	Ray ii (W) Timms (II)	Cutler ii (E) Ware (W)	Avery iii (W) Smith v (W)	Ware (W) Ray ii (W)	Avery iii (W) Munro (E)	Ray ii (W) Ford (W)	Bevis (W) Timms (H)	Cutler ii (E) Bevis (W)	—	
IIU.	Colmer ii (W) Bartle (E)	Moffatt (H) Bartle (E)	Ryan (W) Moffatt (H)	Watson iii (H) Ryan (W)	Baskin (H) Colmer ii (W)	Baskin (H) Knowles (II)	—	Prenne (H) Hearsum i (W)	MODELLING. Watson iii (H) Moffatt (H)	
III.	Rich (E) Gale (W)	Davis v (H) Walker ii (II)	Walker ii (H) Jones ii (W)	Jones ii (W) Gale (W)	Walker ii (H) Gale (W)	Walker ii (H) Rich (E)	—	Davis v (H) Hearsum ii (W)	Weller ii (E) Walker ii (H)	
LATIN	VU (A)	Richards (E) Oxlade (W)	VU (B).	Prior (E) Housden i (W)	VA.	Britnell i (W) Fox (E)	IVA.	Colmer i (W) Jowett (W)	IIIU (A).	Dean (W) Bolton (W)

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB.

This Club was formed in December, 1909, with the following objects:

1. To promote social intercourse among former Members of the School by organising meetings at suitable places and times.
2. By printing and circulating a Register of the names and addresses of all Members of the Club, to keep Members in touch with one another.
3. To arrange matters connected with Athletics, such as Cricket and Football Matches, and Prizes for School Sports.
4. Generally to maintain the connection between the School and its past Members.

“Old Boys” are invited to become Members immediately on leaving School. The subscription is 5s. annually, or on payment of £3 3s. an Old Boy becomes a Life Member of the Club.

The Annual Meeting is usually held in December. It is hoped that Old Boys will assemble in large numbers on such occasions as the School Sports and the Old Boys' Cricket and Football Matches.

All who wish to join should apply to

Mr. W. J. BARTLE,

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