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### Editorial.

FOR about thirty years now, the Magazine has been in existence, as a fairly faithful mirror of the life of the School, during a most interesting period. It is in some ways a strangely foreign atmosphere, of which one gets glimpses in the early issues, when the Sixth Form thought it beneath their dignity to have to wear a School cap, and be "dictated to in matters of dress," as one indignant and would-be sarcastic scribe has it, in the year of grace 1893. The Chess Club was in existence even then, and the Literary and Debating Society; and soirées were not unknown. They were, however, not the less conventional evenings which the members nowadays so much enjoy, but formal entertainments, by outside artistes engaged for the occasion; and, however excellent they were, they must, for all that, have lacked much of the gaiety of the present-day soirée. The Magazine, in those days, was run under the auspices of the Debating Society, and used to print as articles the papers which had been read to the Society. One fancies that sometimes the School must have been very much bored by these essays which seem often to have needed as many as three issues. These were little things of eight pages, without a cover; and were issued, not always regularly, once a month, costing a penny. Certainly we have improved since then.

Nowadays we have only one serious danger to face. So long as the Magazine depends for contributions solely on the Sixth Form, it must needs tend to become more and more a Sixth Form Magazine. There are plenty of boys in the School who are quite able to write regularly for the Magazine, and many more who might often do something; if they want the Magazine to improve as it ought, or even to maintain its present level, it is for them to conquer their shyness, and not to be discouraged by a possible preliminary failure.

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### Chat on the Corridor.

THE following are the successes in the Matriculation Examination of the Joint Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities:—First Division: J. Macdonald, J. Wilde, R. E. Williams. Second Division: R. G. Baxter, E. S. Cox, T. Evans, S. Howard, D. G. M. Jackson, G. King, J. Laver, C. E. O. Lee, J. R. Oddy, J. K. Reid.

The following are the successes in the Oxford Senior Local Examinations this year:—First Class Honours: H. F. Hutchison, F. J. Stringer, A. Tumarkin, H. M. Turner. Second Class;

H. Graham, J. McWilliams, M. Newman, G. W. Pym, E. S. Roberts. Third Class: L. M. Blankstone, J. W. Brown, G. L. Clubb, E. J. Harvey, C. R. Jones, J. Roulston, D. C. Ward. Pass: A. R. D. Adams, M. J. Kauffmann, R. F. O. Lee, R. Maiden, H. Ravenscroft, A. Sholl, C. H. Taylor, E. C. Thomas, A. T. Woolley.



The School Prizes have been awarded as follows:—  
Maths.: K. N. Black. Physics: W. C. V. Rosney. Chemistry: W. C. V. Rosney. Essay: F. G. Norris. French: J. I. McKie. Latin: F. G. Norris (resigned owing to having won last year) J. I. McKie. The German Prize was not awarded.



E. Capstick and J. Laver have been appointed Editors of the Magazine.



We wish to congratulate C. F. Wallbank on gaining a Scholarship to Cambridge.



We offer a hearty welcome to Miss Carter, who has joined the Staff this term.



H. F. Hutchison has been appointed Cricket Secretary, and A. Thomas Sports Captain.



It is our painful duty to announce that Captain Whiting and Lieutenant Simon (former masters) were killed in action on the Western Front in July.



Captain Ellis has been wounded in France, but is now progressing favourably in a London Hospital.



During the term, F. J. Wright, E. F. Waide, and S. K. Maddrell have left us to join Officer Cadet Units. Wright is at Gales in Scotland, and Waide and Maddrell are at Oxford.



F. G. Norris is also at a Cadet Unit at Lichfield.



We are at last able to hail Hughes House as the victor of the tortoise race, which has now been in progress fifteen months.

According to the conditions of the race, the House which first bought, completed, and hung an Honours' Board was to be declared the winner.



From inside information, we may inform our readers that the Danson Honours' Board is certainly "the finest and largest in the School," and "the completed monument of elaborate skill and unsparing expenditure of time, now in a state of glorious perfection." Observers will doubtless see that we are quoting from some of the finest masterpieces of flamboyant style that have ever appeared in our pages.

[For further information, see Danson House notes in the last three issues of the Magazine. Editors will supply back issues at cost price to those who want them.]



The Cochran Board is a worthy effort of the mathematical and practical mind of K. N. Black, and is extremely effective.



The Hobby Show will be held, as usual, late next term, so we take this opportunity to remind those who are intending to send in exhibits.

### School Officials.

HEAD OF THE SCHOOL.—J. I. McKie.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.—Captain: E. Capstick. Secretary: D. C. Ward. Organizing Secretary for House Games: W. J. Laird.  
LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—Secretaries: J. Wilde, J. Laver.

CAMERA AND FIELD CLUB.—Secretary: C. T. M-Brown.

CHESS CLUB.—Secretary: R. B. Onians.

Alfred Holt House.—Captain: J. I. McKie. Football Captain: A. F. C. Christian.

Danson House.—Captain: R. B. Onians. Football Captain: H. F. Hutchison.

Hughes House.—Captain: E. Capstick. Football Captain: E. Capstick.

Tate House.—Captain: A. G. Russell. Football Captain: G. S. Pate.

Philip Holt House.—Captain: A. H. Kennedy. Football Captain: K. Maddrell.

Cochran House.—Captain: W. J. Laird. Football Captain: D. Lloyd.

### Roll of Honour.

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

Lieut. T. Y. Lloyd	N. McC. Wilson
Captain H. M. Adcock	S. A. McKenzie
W. A. Houseman	W. Kenyon
N. R. E. Hodgson	M. Manson
Lieut. R. J. Jones	R. D. Rodgers
Lieut. R. H. Tomlinson	R. R. Banks
A. E. Curphey	Lieut. A. C. Challener
W. J. Miles	Lieut. R. H. Jones
Captain F. W. Gosling	R. H. C. Telfer
W. P. Griffiths	M. Hodgson
Captain T. Whiting	T. R. Hill
Lieut. N. Simon	R. G. Muir
R. Curwen	Lieut. H. Lewis
J. Wesley Williams	J. H. Price
2nd-Lieut. J. Reid	A. J. Henshaw
G. R. L. Street	L. E. Ingham
H. F. Downey	A. P. Raymond
H. H. Eyden	Lieut. C. H. Battery
A. E. Fletcher	Lieut. K. Laing Scott
Captain A. N. Meadows	F. J. Pulford
G. R. Low	J. E. Jones
Lieut. P. O. Limrick	G. Whitehead
H. Lockhart	Stanley Jones
W. H. Lenthall	A. Collie
P. A. Bibby	S. W. Lipson
R. T. Taylor	Percy Tate
	H. Hancock

## Military Distinctions.

The following distinctions have been won by Old Boys of the School since the last publication of the Magazine:—

### VICTORIA CROSS :

Captain E. N. F. Bell.

### MILITARY CROSS :

Lieut. J. S. Williams.  
Lieut. E. C. Barber.  
Second-Lieut. G. H. H. Sutton.  
Second-Lieut. A. McK. Reid.

### DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL :

L.-Cpl. R. Curwen.

### MILITARY MEDAL :

Sergt. J. Briggs.  
L.-Cpl. J. W. Williams.

### CROIX DE GUERRE :

Cpl. E. N. Brass.

### MENTIONED IN DESPACHES :

Lieut.-Col. H. Leech.

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## Camp Notes.

**T**HIS year again the War Office was too busy to organise the usual O.T.C. camps, under the supervision of regular officers, so once more we had to rely upon ourselves for our annual training under canvas. Early in the year, however, our officers arranged that we should take part with contingents from Manchester Grammar School, Bury Grammar School, Nottingham High School, King Edward VII. School (Sheffield), Bridlington Grammar School, and Hymer's College, Hull, in a joint camp to be held at Ilkley, August. 1st-10th. Long before August 1st arrived, our officers had spent many valuable hours in arranging the tedious details connected with a large camp, and for a few days before camp commenced the Sergeants spent a busy time making good the camp baggage by much hard hammering and extravagant spending.

Tuesday, August 1st, dawned bright and clear, and many of us were up almost in time to see the sun rise, as we paraded at School at 7-30 a.m. in order to allot rifles and form up for marching off. By 8-35 a.m. we were entrained at Lime Street, one hundred and three cadets and three officers strong. At Exchange Station, Manchester, we picked up the Grammar School contingent, which was approximately as strong as ours. At Leeds we had to change and wait over an hour, on a dreary platform in an oppressive atmosphere. Ilkley was reached soon after 2-0 p.m., and after a very short march we arrived at the camping ground, which was practically in the town. We were soon served with a meal, in very rough and ready fashion, and were feeling quite refreshed, when we heard that owing to a delay in travelling, the advance guard (Bury contingent) had been unable to put up our tents, draw our bedding, etc. We set to work with a will, however, and soon two neat lines of tents had been pitched, which were to be our shelter for the next ten days. Before night we had made everything comfortable, and had quite settled down. Everybody heard reveillé at 6-30 a.m. next morning, although far more of the tenderfoots managed to obtain some sleep during their first night in camp than is usual. We were set down in orders to provide the day guard, and at 7-0 a.m. it paraded under Sgt. Capstick and L.-Cpl. Hutchison as Corporal. A rouse parade was held as early as possible, chiefly to make sure that everyone had emerged from their blankets, as little was done in the way of exercise. The first hour of the O.C.'s parade at nine o'clock was spent in arranging the contingents into two companies, and Sgt. Tytler as Battalion Orderly Sergeant laid the foundation of the reputation he gained during the camp. Our contingent became No. 7 Platoon and half of No. 8 Platoon (together with Sheffield) of No. 2 Company. A few of the commands were:—

O.C. Camp: Capt. Spivey (Bury).

Adjutant: Lieut. Dann (Manchester).

O.C. No. 1 Coy.: Capt. Steumer (Bridlington).

2nd in Command: Lieut. Doughty (Liverpool).

O.C. No. 2 Company: Capt. Hood (Nottingham).

2nd in Command: Capt. Procter (Sheffield).

2nd Lieuts. Broom and Brown commanded respectively Nos. 7 and 6 Platoons of No. 2 Company, No. 8 being under 2nd Lieut. Godfrey (Sarah). Among the N.C.O.'s, Sgt. Tytler was appointed Coy. Sgt.-Major No. 2 Coy.; Sgt. Capstick, Coy. Quartermaster Sgt. No. 2 Coy., and Sgt. Black, Platoon Sgt. No. 7 Platoon. A Sergeant of Sheffield was appointed to No. 8.

As soon as the companies were arranged, the parade marched out of camp on to the hill that rises steeply to the east of Ilkley town, and practised skirmishing in sections, and then in platoons, and, finally, a theoretical exercise of the company in attack. We returned to camp in good time; dinner was served at 1 o'clock. In the afternoon, despite the broiling sun, the battalion paraded for manual and company drill. The extreme heat rendered good work impossible; the parade was soon dismissed, and we were free for the remainder of the day. At 7-0 p.m. our guard came off duty, and were congratulated by the Orderly Officer for the day on their smart appearance and turnout.

On the next morning, very few heard reveillé, but we were roused by the indefatigable Orderly Sergeant in time to turn out for rouse parade, which took the form of a short "double" on the road outside the camp. The morning parade was devoted to an elaborate instructional practice of the company in attack. The aims and methods of artillery formation, extension, reinforcing, re-telling off of sections, advancing past captured positions, and making use of ground scouts, were fully explained by Captain Hood. Next we made an instructional attack, and were afterwards criticised by our Company Commander, who pointed out the more common and serious faults that he had noticed. In the afternoon, we had a short spell of company drill, but, owing to the heat, no satisfactory standard of smartness was attained.

In the morning of August 4th, there was a slight shower of rain, so that the morning parade was delayed about an hour. In consequence, the intended field practice was changed to company drill. In the afternoon, despite the great heat, Capt. Hood, our company commander, put us through an instructional outpost scheme.

Saturday morning was fine and bright, and as we were to have the afternoon off, we put all our energies into an attack upon an outpost line; blank ammunition being used. No. 1 Coy. was to constitute the outpost line, and No. 2 Coy. was to attack it. In spite, however, of our instructional practices, the whole operation was badly executed. We made a long unconcerned advance, over ground swept by enemy fire without attempting to make any reply to it; indeed, without bothering our heads about such a minor detail as cover. It was certainly a very brave deed, but it was fortunate that the ammunition used was only blank. Lack of cohesion in the various sections of the attack was painfully manifest, so that it could scarcely be deemed a success. In the evening, the night guard was supplied by our contingent under Sgt. Black, with L.-Cpl. Reid as the Corporal. Even now some of us shudder at the mention of the two words, "Sentries pass," which during that mysterious night succeeded in disturbing our slumbers more than once.

On Sunday the weather was again fine, and Church Parade was the order of the day. The C. of E.'s marched to St. Margaret's Church, and took part in an impressive and helpful service. The Nonconformists attended service at the Congregational Church. For the rest of the day we were free, and as leave was plentiful the day passed all too quickly.

On Monday morning we had an attack and defence scheme, which was full of interest and movement, and probably ended in a drawn game, although we did not hear the official opinion [passed by Censor] of the Umpires. In the evening the first round of a soccer knock-out competition was played, and our team, comprised of Ward, Procter, Waide, Capstick, Tytler, Black, Pate, and Low, defeated Notts. 1—0.

On the following morning we had the most important manoeuvres of the camp. No. 2 Company took up a defensive position, and when No. 1 Company had reached fairly close quarters with their attack, we assumed the offensive, and after a very strenuous advance were declared the victors. Later in the day we defeated Hymers by one goal to nil, after one drawn game. In this game Capstick was unable to play, having been hurt on Monday, and Maddrell took his place.

Our last day in camp was occupied in a route march to the historic and beautiful Bolton Abbey. We were allowed two hours there to eat our haversack rations and inspect the absorbingly interesting ruins. On returning to camp we were defeated by Manchester in the final of the football competition, with a score of 3—0. During the day, the guard, under Cpl. Christian, had been supplied by our contingent, and also Sgt. Capstick had been acting Battn. Orderly Sergeant. In the evening we had a special sing-song as a grand culmination to the many pleasures we had experienced during our ten days under canvas. At 9-0 p.m. in the evening, a composite guard, under Sgt. Tytler, whose appointment was a well deserved honour, was mounted to preserve order, and guard against a raid from the neighbouring camp of a cadet corps. "Words not deeds," however, was their motto, so we slept the sleep of the just.

In the morning all was confusion and pandemonium rolled into one; for the striking of tents, stacking of blankets and ground sheets, and the packing of tent boxes, are operations which try the mettle of the best of us. We, however, were fortunate, for under Lieut. Doughty's supervision we accomplished our tasks in comparative orderliness. At about 8-30 a.m. we marched off, amid the cheers of two contingents that were remaining to clear up. We arrived in Liverpool soon after mid-day, and, before dismissing us, Lieut. Doughty congratulated

us on our conduct during camp, and Sergt. Tytler on the reputation he had deservedly gained for his smartness. He thanked him for the invaluable service he had given him during his association with the Corps. He then called for three cheers for Sgt. Tytler, who returned them. It only remains to thank our three officers for the way in which they worked to make the camp the success it was, and for accepting our enjoyment as the only reward of their efforts.

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### House Notes.

**A**LFRED HOLT HOUSE.—The most outstanding feature of this term has been our success on the football field. Despite the fact that we have four 1st XI. colours of last season in the House, as well as numerous others playing for the various School teams, both our teams have, up to the time of writing, had a most successful term. The Seniors, under A. F. C. Christian, have won all their matches, and hope to record the capture of the House Shield, and then win the Horsfall Cup next term. The Juniors, under Capt. H. C., have been equally successful.

Since last term, A. F. C. Christian has become a prefect, and Knox, T. M., has left us for Tate's. The House Honours Board will be up by the end of the term.

At last year's Hobby Show, our House carried off a good proportion of the prizes, and it is to be hoped this performance will be repeated next term.

**DANSON HOUSE.**—Grief and pride must mingle in our hearts when we recall the cypress and laurels meted out by the chances of war to our one-time leaders and friends. It is ours to mourn the loss of Captain Whiting, once our House-master, and of P. O. Limrick, who captained the House in some of its earliest days. It is ours, too, to congratulate our first House-Captain, J. S. Williams, on his winning the Military Cross.

The same varied fortune features throughout our school life, too. In the football field, we have felt profoundly and markedly the loss of our stalwart friend and Captain, who has brought such glory to the House, W. Y. Daly. We wish here to express our grateful appreciation of his services. Hutchison, his sub-captain, now ably fills his place, and leads the Seniors to moderate success, while the Juniors, under the guidance of E.

V. Brown, meet with but poor fortune at the hands of indifference. In the Swimming Competitions, by the enthusiasm and efforts of our Captain, F. J. Stringer, and of A. L. Taylor, and of others, we have been able to better our performance of last year, but still the dearth of talent in that sphere of our activity defies even the loyal spirit and energy of such as these.

Intellectually, however, the House has once again asserted its superiority. We are proud to boast two out of the three First Division passes in the Matriculation, enjoyed by the whole School, namely, J. Wilde and R. E. Williams. The Oxford Senior Local results are equally gratifying. Of the four First Class successes there, two, H. F. Hutchison and F. J. Stringer, consecrate their trophies to Danson's. The part played and respect enjoyed by the House, in the institutions of the school life, are well represented by the elevation, in the Literary and Debating Society, of J. Wilde to the Secretaryship, and of his predecessor in that office, R. B. Onians, to the Vice-Presidency.

In conclusion, it may be said that the prosperity of the House finds a more than adequate monument and expression in the magnificent and charming Honours Board, now at last in a state of glorious perfection. It may seem strange to those who have not seen it, but inspection of its united beauties elicit yet another recognition of our debt to Turnock, the designer of the board, and to Stringer, the carver of the frame.

**HUGHES HOUSE.**—The task of writing these notes is not of the most pleasant this term, as our strength as premier athletic House has gone, although, as our prestige has not yet disappeared in the mists of time, we may still bask in the halo created last term. This unfortunate change has occurred through so many stalwarts leaving last term, of whom we must mention E. F. Waide and E. R. Longhurst, who are now in Officer Cadet units qualifying for commissions in His Majesty's Forces. It is our painful duty to state that R. Curwen, a former Captain of the House, was killed in action in France this summer, after winning the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

At the meeting held at the beginning of the term, Capstick was elected senior football Captain, and Waide Sub-Captain. Morland was elected by the Juniors as their Captain, and Coomer deputy. Laver and Dudley were elected as our Debating Society representatives. Laver is now a Secretary of the Society. In the Swimming Gala, under Fry's Captaincy, we were placed third in order of merit in the Championship. We offer our congratulations to Philip Holt House on wresting the Shield from us. On the football field we have not been very successful. The Seniors and Juniors have both played three matches, from which the Seniors have only gained one point, and the Juniors

three points. Fortunately, however, it is true that these mediocre results are not caused by lack of keenness, but merely lack of talent. The House Honours Board was put up some time since, and we are proud to state that we are first in the field in this respect. In the Matriculation examination, held last term, J. Laver, C. E. O. Lee and J. R. Oddy obtained passes. The Oxford Senior Locals brought us more honour still, as H. Graham, M. Newman, and G. W. Pym obtained Second Class Honours; L. F. Blankstone, E. J. Harvey, and J. Roulston, Third Class Honours; and C. H. Taylor a pass.

In conclusion, this is an opportune moment to remind boys that they will do well to prepare exhibits for the Hobby Show, held next term, during the long, dark evenings of the Christmas holidays.

TATE HOUSE.—It is our sad duty first to record the death in action of our former Captain, Lieutenant Kenneth Laing-Scott. His sacrifice has cut short a most promising career, and he will always be remembered, with deep regret, as one who did his best for his House and School, of which he was Head from September, 1914, to July, 1915.

The performance of the Senior Division, this term, in football has been decidedly disappointing. Of the three matches so far played, two have been drawn—against Philip Holt (2—2), and against Hughes (7—7). The other was lost disgracefully, against Alfred Holt (2—11). These results are due entirely to the slackness of the Senior members, who seem to have no enthusiasm, and do not care whether they are down to play. Things will have to change before next term, when the Horsfall Cup Competition takes place.

The Juniors have done better, and shown more keenness. Of the two matches played, in one they scored a sweeping victory over Danson (13—0), and in the other were defeated, after a good game, by Alfred Holt (5—6).

Owing to a stupid oversight of the referee, who allowed a Cochran's man to play for Tate, the match has to be replayed.

The Swimming Gala, held this term, produced a fair number of entries from the House, and all the competitors swam well, and gained marks. Our total was 169, and we finished second on the list. It was mainly owing to Roxburgh, who swam very well, that we gained our place, and we congratulate him on winning the Championship.

We must also congratulate Turner, H. M., on getting First Class Honours in the Oxford Senior Locals last July, and Jones, C. R., Third Class; also Cox, E. S., on passing the Matriculation Examination.

PHILIP HOLT HOUSE.—This term the House has maintained its usual high standard in all directions. Members of the House appeared in the First and Second Division in the Matriculation, and in the First, Second and Third Class Honours in the Oxford. Maddrell was elected Captain of the Senior football team, with an able second in E. Jones. Up to the time of writing, the Senior and Junior teams have been very keen in turning up, and have each gained five points out of a possible six. Kennedy assumed the Captaincy of the House in the Swimming Gala, and, through his organisation, Philip Holt, for the first time in its history, gained the House Championship. Thanks are due to Maddrell, Hughes, Gornall and Eschwege, who won the squadron race easily for the House, and who each obtained 35 marks. Our former House Captain, F. G. Norris, and our best remaining Prefect, K. Maddrell, have left us to join their O.C. Unit. We wish them every success in their new career. Kennedy has succeeded Norris as Captain of the House.

COCHRAN HOUSE.—During the term we cannot record any brilliant successes, but at least in scholastic achievements we have cause for satisfaction. In athletics, however, we know that there is latent ability which only needs to be developed. The fact that this ability has not shown itself, is the reason for our very poor performances both in swimming and football; more effort is needed in this direction. In the Swimming Gala we were fifth on the House list, our total marks being ninety-eight; we should have done much worse but for the splendid individual efforts of Halliday, who is specially to be congratulated on his performance in winning the fifty yards breast stroke race. The House football does not, on paper, furnish a glowing account, but it is really not so bad as it looks, and although we have won none of the matches played, in general they have only been lost by narrow margins. By strenuous efforts we may yet steer clear of the ignominy of being lowest in the House league; and we should like to see more people taking an interest in the game, by turning up to pick-up matches. This is the only way by which suitable players can be chosen for the House teams, and is certainly worth considering. Our scholastic achievements are quite satisfactory, K. N. Black winning the School Mathematics Prize. The successful Matriculation candidates are R. G. Baxter and S. Howard; while the following have passed the Oxford Senior Examination: M. J. Kaufmann, H. Ravenscroft, A. Sholl, E. C. Thomas. Also our congratulations are due to Wallbank, who has won a Scholarship to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

The House Honours' Board, so artistically executed by Black, is now finished, and should be in position in Mr. Groom's room by the time this appears in print. To Wright, who has

left us this term, we offer our thanks for having so ably guided the House for the past year. He is at present at Gailles, in Ayrshire, with an O.C.U., and we wish him the best of good fortune in his new sphere. W. J. Laird is the new House Captain. The other Prefects of Cochran-House are R. G. Baxter, S. Howard, D. Lloyd and T. B. Kenyon, the two former of whom represent the House at the meetings of the Literary and Debating Society.

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### Autumn.

Now sleeps the squirrel in his pine-tree bed;  
The rough-winged rooks fly cawing overhead;  
Autumn has turned the withering bracken red,  
And from the bough the leaves are hanging brown and dead.

All golden is the east; along the sky,  
Flecks of sky-foam, the golden cloudlets lie.  
Along the vales the mist's white armies fly,  
Fast driven by the wind, sweeping with mournful cry.

A little while, the season will be o'er;  
'Tis fled with the year, fled to come no more.  
With frost the green fields and the woods are hoar;  
Cold winter with his snow is knocking on the door.

J.L.

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### Camera and Field Club Notes.

**B**EFORE giving an account of this term's excursions, three outings, which took place during last July, and were held too late to allow of an account in last term's Magazine, must be recorded.

On July 5th a party of seventeen boys, accompanied by Miss Wilson and Miss Makins, visited Leasowe. Refreshments were partaken of on the shore, and the return journey was made *via* New Brighton.

The excursion on July 19th was to Raby Mere. Ten boys made up the party, and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Willis. Tea was served on arrival, and also strawberries, provided through the kindness of Mrs. Willis.

On July 25th, the last, and best, excursion of the term took place. At 11.55 a.m. some twenty-five boys and Mr. Elliott assembled outside the School, and proceeded to the Central

Station, taking the train for Bromborough. From this point they walked to Neston, stopping for tea at Hinderton. At Neston they were shown over a coal-mine, which was intensely interesting, and for this we are in the debt of Mr. Halliday.

The first excursion of this term took the form of a visit to Cross's Menagerie, Aigburth, on October 4th. The party was about twenty boys, who found the outing very interesting.

On October 11th, the same number of boys was allowed over the Garston Bottle Works, a new factory. For this excursion we are once more indebted to Mr. Halliday.

On November 4th we were enabled to see through the works of the P.P. Press. About sixteen boys attended, and were accompanied by Messrs. Elliott, Brierley and Stell.

Messrs. Bryant and May, Ltd., kindly let us go through their match works on November 8th. The party, composed of Messrs. Elliott, Malkin and Stell, and twenty boys, met at Exchange Station, took the train to Seaforth, and from thence walked to the works. About an hour was taken up in seeing the works, which were most interesting.

Through the kind permission of Messrs. Goodlass, Wall and Co., the Club was enabled to visit that firm's Paint Works at Old Swan, on November 29th. The party, three masters and twenty-seven boys, was split up into three groups to go through the works. After this they joined again and were shown various specimens of paint ingredients, which could be taken away by any who wished. Before leaving, the firm most kindly provided us all with tea. It is interesting to note that one of those who made the afternoon so enjoyable for us, was himself an Old Institute Boy.

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### Literary and Debating Society.

**S**O far, the present season has been one of the most successful ever enjoyed by the Society, there being almost always an attendance of about 50. There has been no lack of speeches, from the crudest to the most polished, from the hollow-sounding and too ornate orations, with which the Society is sometimes favoured, to that disjointed and chaotic rambling, which is so easy to deliver and so difficult to report. The days of the giants are indeed departed, and the secretarial sinecure has fallen into feebler hands, but the present holders of the office have done their best to merit the unanimity with which they were elected, and the general acclamation amid which they have continued their work.

At the Annual General Meeting, on September 18th, the following appointments were made:—President, the Headmaster; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Bain, Broom, Brown, Doughty and Hickinbotham, with McKie and Onians; Secretaries, Wilde and Laver.

The actual season was opened on 26th September, with a short paper, by D. G. M. Jackson, on the Yellow Peril. Jackson, handling his subject very ably, said that he did not believe that the yellow races would ever sweep over Europe. It was in the opposite direction that their empire would extend, and the countries threatened would be Australia and the United States. He spoke of Japan's progress, in the last forty years, and the coming awakening of the sleeping monster China. R. G. Baxter opposed the motion that the white races were in any peril, and said that most yellowmen only desired to be allowed to live in peace at home, or in the countries of their adoption. He begged the meeting not to regard him as a "cheerful optimist." E. S. Jackson delivered a long list of statistics. Onians related the sad story of the pet tiger, who, after living peacefully with his master for many years, tasted blood, and, to put it briefly, "ate the gentleman." Williams somewhat hysterically remarked that the heathen Chinese was peculiar, and needed very careful treatment. Knox declared that the white races were already prepared. McKie, Laver, Dudley, Stern, and Hutchison also ran through some of their opinions, for the benefit of the meeting. The resolution was lost, by thirty-four votes to nineteen.

On 10th October, Williams proposed "that no Government is better calculated to promote general happiness and efficiency than an enlightened and moderate despotism." His chief point was the speed with which an enlightened and moderate despot could despatch business, and his ability to ignore public opinion, and the cries of an ignorant and degraded press. He admitted that enlightened and moderate despots were indeed rare creatures, but thought that a college might be established for future despots, where they could be taught to be enlightened and moderate. McKie, replying, spoke of the injurious moral effect on the people of not having to decide their own country's affairs, and emphasised the danger from foreign powers, when a long-continued despotism came to an end. D. G. M. Jackson, seconding the motion, declared that "Despotism gives unity of purpose," and exalted Alfred the Great as the ideal ruler. E. S. Jackson delivered the usual geographical homily. Hutchison suggested that despots were peculiarly liable to fall under the influence of favourites. Rosney suggested that despots might be manufactured from condemned criminals by a chemical process. The House was informed by Baxter that there was only one end, namely, the finish. Blankstone made the extraordinary

statement that the Premier was an enlightened and moderate despot, and that the success of his administration was enough to prove the motion. Wilde pointed out the immense harm which a despot who makes a mistake is capable of committing. Mr. Broom remarked on the picture which had been drawn by some speakers, representing the despot as a fatherly greybeard, who had a kindly interest in all his subjects. He declared that the comfort produced by a despotism was mere animal comfort. Dudley had the audacity to doubt the possibility of the scheme proposed by Rosney. The motion was carried by twenty-nine to twenty votes.

A meeting was held, on 24th October, to hear a paper by Laver on "Wordsworth." The reader began by lamenting the unpopularity of the poet, due to his apparent coldness, his lack of humour and passion. He dealt with the "Prelude" as illustrating Wordsworth's development, and spoke of the great disappointment which the Revolution was to him, and the influence of his sister, Dorothy, and of Coleridge in recalling him to himself. His love of Nature, deep-seated in his heart from the beginning, was supplemented by the love for Man which came to him in early manhood. Laver quoted from the "Solitary Reaper" as illustrative of Wordsworth's simplicity, and lyric charm, and, in conclusion, ventured to hope for the good time of praise and recognition which all disciples of the great poet felt sure must eventually come. D. G. M. Jackson, opening the debate, classed Wordsworth with Byron and Rousseau, as essentially a writer of the Revolution, of the revolt against the classicism of the eighteenth century. Rosney declared that the grotesqueness of Nature was more apparent than its beauty, and that "the so-called beautiful human form" was only the covering of a grisly skeleton. Mr. Broom doubted whether Wordsworth could have written as he did if he had not lived in beautiful country but in a modern city. He called him a typically English poet because of his calm manner. Baxter became quite violent over the "Pet Lamb" and "Lucy Gray," and declared that Wordsworth did not "sing," as the writer of the paper had said, but "burbled." Williams spoke of the similarity between Byron and Wordsworth. The Chairman, Mr. Hickinbotham, defended Browning, who had been disparaged by a previous speaker, and urged the meeting to read him more earnestly. McKie said that he had not been an admirer of Wordsworth, but could not but be struck by his numerous merits. Mr. Norris, referring to Browning, said that it seemed the tendency of the age to avoid deep thought. Mr. Holt said that Wordsworth was the poet to which to turn for renewed hope and renewed joy in life; and, after Laver had replied to the numerous questions put to him, the meeting came to an end.

On the 7th November, Wilde proposed "that an early concession of Home Rule to Ireland is desirable." He began with a brief survey of Irish history, and pointed out how business was impeded by the presence of the Irish members at Westminster. The taxation of Ireland was discussed, and pronounced to be too heavy for her scanty means. Ulster was the chief obstacle, but where the wishes of the whole nation were concerned, Ulster must give way. He concluded by saying that now was the time to grant Home Rule to Ireland, if we wished to gain recruits for our armies in France. Onians, opposing, rose in act more graceful than his peers, and in speech more overwhelming than Niagara. He repudiated with scorn the charge that he was an "advocatus diaboli," and implored the meeting to look at the matter as he did, sanely, and not with the jaundiced eye of party prejudice. His passions were fired by the Sinn Fein revolt, and his fiery eloquence seemed to burn up all opposition. Knox, seconding Wilde, spoke of the superstition and bigotry of "enlightened Ulster." This was followed by a comic act by E. S. Jackson, whose wonderful power of mimicry has been so often and so justly praised. D. G. M. Jackson startled the House by advocating, boldly, Irish independence. Scott, Rosney, Williams and Laver said a few words; Rosney's speech contained the usual ingenious but impracticable schemes. Baxter addressed the assembly as "Dear Friends," and described the present state of Ireland as one of "confusion, disorder and mess." Short speeches were made by Russell, Blankstone and Roberts, Russell defending Mr. Redmond, who had been somewhat bitterly attacked. Mr. Doughty spoke of the dangerous Irish temperament, and the power of the priests. After Oddy and Hutchison had made a few cursory remarks, Mr. Elliott, who was paying the Society his first visit, rose and said that Celtic sentiment would never be satisfied until it had obtained what it desired. He advocated the better education of the Irish, and said that there was really no military danger resulting from Home Rule. In spite of the good speeches in favour of the motion, it was wrecked, as might have been expected, on the immovable rocks of English prejudice, and was lost by 17—30.

On the 21st November, King was called on to propose "that the franchise cannot be denied to women after the war." He spoke of the success of woman suffrage in the colonies, and said that it was only fair that woman, having vindicated her capacity, should be allowed to vote, as the Government of the country concerned her as much as anybody. He did not attempt to excuse the militant suffragettes, but remarked on the change for the better produced by the war. Knox, in opposition, said that woman was not capable of voting, because of her instinctive dislike to co-operative work, and that she, moreover, in most

cases, did not want the vote. D. G. M. Jackson boldly declared that woman was in every way man's equal, and should be allowed a voice in Parliament. The destruction of our present electoral system was feared by Russell, who lost the support of all true patriots by quoting Nietzsche. Rosney suggested that the female vote would always be given against war, and was, therefore, desirable. The comfortable reflection of man's created superiority was put forward by Scott, Kenyon, Turner, Baxter and Blankstone then made a few remarks, more or less to the point. Williams proposed the disenfranchisement of many who now hold votes, and Brown quibbled on some of the previous speeches. Stern thought that the vote could be taken away again from women if woman suffrage was found undesirable. Laver said that the vote would make little difference, as women were the masters already. Mr. Broom declared that the days of monarchy in enlightened countries were passed, and the end of the war would see the dissolution of party ties. After Low had spoken disparagingly of the intelligence of women, and King had replied in a short speech, the motion was put to the vote and lost by 19—24.

On 28th November the annual inter-school debate with Wallasey, was held in the hall, when our visitors proposed "That this House is in favour of compulsory military training in secondary schools." Wallasey Debating Society showed great keenness, turning up in force and delivering very able speeches. We hope to have many more enjoyable evenings in conjunction with the Wirral Society.

We have yet to hear this term Mr. Doughty's paper on "How plants feed," which we are all awaiting with the greatest impatience.

This term has, on the whole been a most successful one, and the good attendance of the boys in the Removes has been very gratifying.

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### Sunset and Nightfall over the City.

O'er the silent city, eastward, sweeps the whelming veil of night;  
Sable-wing'd it stealeth westward, soft upon the heels of light,  
Where, enthron'd in purple glory, blushes still the orb of day,  
Triumphs dying, flushes gory, yields in death its proudest ray.

Bright its gorgeous banners streaming flame defiance at the foe,  
And in wrath majestic gleaming warm the West with mantling  
glow.

And the dancing silver river turns to molten ruddy gold,  
And the shimmering ripples quiver 'neath a bridge to realms  
untold.

In its last great blaze of empire, Day, ere sinking in the deep,  
Seems itself a sea of sapphire, topaz-isled with ruby steep.  
Yet, like Man's ephemeral splendours, fadeth Nature's pageant  
too.

Time, that bendeth all things, renders unto Man and Day their  
due.

Slumber's downy pinions hover, brooding, in the wake of night,  
Man with grateful shadows cover, puts his dogging cares to flight.  
Peace, its velvet curtain dropping, closes now life's busy scene;  
And the twain, on eyelids drooping, set their seal of rest serene.

Night now dons her sombre mantle, spangled with full many a  
gem.

And her dusky brow encircles with a crescent diadem.

Thus, by myriad hosts attended, shall she reign amid the skies,  
Till, her waning might transcended, daylight's rosy herald rise.

R. B. O.

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### Lectures.

THE School has been favoured this term with two lectures by the Headmaster. The first dealt with sound waves, and the scientific relations of the vibrations of two notes in harmony. He showed how the pitch of the note of a stringed instrument depended on the length and on the tension of the string. The principles of the wood harmonicon were demonstrated, and the method of altering the pitch of a strip of wood by planing it and cutting it shorter with a saw. The Headmaster took the case of two singers standing at right angles, and singing two notes in harmony, one note, however, being composed of twice as many vibrations as the other. This was typified by two pendulums, hung one below the other, and swinging transversely, one being four times as long as the other. At the bottom was hung a funnel, filled with sand; and, when both pendulums were set in motion, a figure 8 was drawn in sand on a table below. The same experiment was performed with two tuning forks, one horizontal and the other vertical, to the ends of which small mirrors were attached. A thin beam of light from a lantern fell on the first mirror, was reflected on to the second mirror, and from that on to the screen, on which it appeared as a spot of light. When either mirror singly was vibrating, the spot of light became a line, either vertical or horizontal. If both were vibrating together, and the lengths of

the forks were the same, the appearance on the screen was a ring of light; but if one fork were four times as long as the other, so as to vibrate only half as fast, the result was a figure 8. The same thing was shown by the swinging of two pendulums, one four times as long as the other, attached to each other by a hinged rod, with a needle point projecting from the hinges. This needle moved against a piece of smoked glass, in front of the lantern, and it also traced out a figure 8. By altering the lengths of the pendulums, various combinations were obtained, and many curious and beautiful figures, shell-like homes or embodiments of sound, were drawn on the glass. The lecture concluded with a series of slides, which had been drawn on smoked glass by the pendulum needle.

The next lecture had for subject, "Extinct Monsters and Bacteria," being a part of a larger lecture, given about four years ago, on "The Dwindling of Man's Foes." The dreadful creatures with which man waged war were shown on the screen; and the abilities by which he conquered them, his power of striking from a distance and his power of making a fire, were emphasised. Now that man had so little to fear from the great creatures of the earth, his chief danger came from the microscopic, infinitesimal creatures that were constantly attacking him, and were only repelled by energetic white or soldier corpuscles in his blood. The principles of inoculation were explained, and the most deadly enemies of microbes were stated to be sunshine, fresh air, and pure water. The Headmaster, ending his lecture, warned us not to think that all bacteria were evil. On the contrary, the curdling of milk, and its transformation into cheese, depended on one variety. A few days later, the Headmaster kindly put through the lantern a series of microscope slides for the Lower School. Our best thanks are due to the Headmaster, who had spent so much time and trouble in preparing these lectures for our amusement and instruction.

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### Swimming Club.

Time and circumstance seemed bent this year on blasting the ardent hopes of the swimming enthusiasts. The baths and lighting authorities combined, unfortunately, in fixing the time of a possible gala for a day and an hour inconvenient alike for guests and boys. Only the untiring efforts and zealous importunities of Mr. Eaves and certain members of the Committee turned a threatened failure into a brilliant success. Practices were announced and at first attended with discouraging irregularity and slackness. The advisability of holding a public

competition was despondently questioned, but at last the few enthusiasts succeeded in kindling some of their own fire in the indifferent breasts of their slacker fellows, and entries were sufficient to warrant the fixing of the date for 3 p.m. on Friday, October 27th. This done, Mr. Eaves, ably seconded by Mr. Bailey, took all the requisite preparatory measures to ensure even greater success, though under less favourable conditions, than last year.

The only circumstance which marred the social aspect of the proceedings was the regrettable, but unavoidable, absence of the Head Master from the chair. Mr. Tiffen, however, ably fulfilled the duties of president, and the hearts of all were gladdened by the welcome presence of Mr. Bickerstaff at a function in which he formerly played so honoured and important a part.

The general quality of the swimming was higher, the marks were more evenly distributed, and the number of entries much more satisfactory. Although some of the outstanding competitors, who rather monopolised the prizes last year, were absent, the competition was all the keener. It may safely be said that the championship race of six lengths proved, this year, an event of unparalleled interest and breathless excitement. Never has it been more evenly or fiercely contested. The times of the three first did not differ by four-fifths seconds, and even when the struggle was over, the issue seemed doubtful to all except the judges. E. M. Fry won after a steady fight, covering the 150 yards in exactly 150 seconds. J. L. Roxburgh came second in 150½ seconds, just failing in his final effort to overtake Fry, while T. E. Gornall came in a very good third with 150¾ seconds. The Squadron Race was won easily by Philip Holt House, which, blessed as it is with several excellent swimmers, also carried off the House Championship with 177 marks, and will therefore hold the Challenge Shield for the coming year.

The Two Lengths Breast Stroke Race was won in excellent time by J. Halliday in 42 secs., and the Back Stroke of the same distance by Taylor in 48 secs., with a margin of 27 secs. The Neat Dive Open formed another interesting feature of the programme, and the performance of G. L. Hughes, the winner, was decidedly neat and graceful. T. E. Gornall gained an easy victory in the Four Lengths Open, swimming the 100 yards in 94 secs. The Craven-Carefull Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of marks was won by J. L. Roxburgh with 60 marks whose closest rival was E. M. Fry with 54.

It is to be regretted that time forbade the playing of a Water-polo Match between the Classical and Modern Sixths, but the other items were so well attended as to fill all the time at our disposal. Finally, it would be an unjust omission not

to express the well-earned gratitude the School must feel towards Mr. Eaves, Mr. Bailey, and other masters who organised and made the preparations for the whole gala. The marks gained by the Houses are as follows :—

Philip Holt	...	...	...	...	177
Tate	...	...	...	...	169
Hughes	...	...	...	...	148
Danson	...	...	...	...	121
Cochran	...	...	...	...	98
Alfred Holt	...	...	...	...	23

The results were as follows :—

25 yards (beginners) : 1, Farnworth, T. ; 2, Jones, D. G.

Neat Dive (under 15) : 1, Duncan, G. A. ; 2, Boulton, R. S. J. ; 3, Jones, W. R.

Squadron Race (Philip Holt House) : Maddrell, K ; Eschwege, A. ; Hughes, G. L. ; Gornall, T. E.

50 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Halliday, J. (42 secs.) ; 2, Kennedy, A. H. (45 secs.).

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Taylor A. L. (48 secs.) ; 2, Lloyd, D. (75 secs.).

100 yards (under 15) : 1, Curd, W. W. (116 secs.) ; 2, Blake, T. S. (128 secs.).

150 yards Championship : 1, Fry, E. M. (150 secs.) ; 2, Roxburgh, J. L. (150½ secs.).

50 yards Handicap : 1, Taylor, A. L. ; 2, Corlett, R. E. Q.

Neat Dive (open) ; 1, Hughes, G. L. ; 2, Lloyd, D. ; 3, Halliday, J.

100 yards (open) : 1, Gornall, T. E. (94 secs.) ; 2, Roxburgh (100 secs.) ; 3, Stringer, T. J. (103 secs.)

50 yards Clothes Race : 1, Cox, G. H. ; 2, Kennedy, A. H.

Obstacle Race : 1, Fry, E. M. ; 2, Corlett, R. E. Q. ; 3, Halliday, J.

The results of the Swimming Competitions, as far as they go, seem to vindicate the establishment of the House system and to demonstrate its effect upon the life of the School when carried out by patriotic leaders, for there is no doubt that, but for the praiseworthy energy and enthusiasm displayed and communicated by R. B. Onians and A. H. Kennedy, the apparent general apathy with regard to swimming matches would have made the competitions impossible.

The School has in the past turned out an army of swimmers of the highest class, of whom any School in the country might be proud, and many of them have had the good fortune, by means of their knowledge, to be instrumental in saving human life. These considerations, together with the annual enthusiasm developed on the day of the sports, ought to be sufficient to dispel all apathy, and induce the older members to throw themselves into the work and to give of their best in help and encouragement to the younger ones, thus furthering the accomplishment of the ideals which led to the foundation of the House system, and also, whilst worthily maintaining the old, fostering and perpetuating new School traditions.

The following cutting from the Press will, perhaps, speak more eloquently than mere exhortation, and is worthy of being printed yearly as an incentive to effort in the learning, teaching, and encouragement of swimming:—

“The Stanhope Medal for the bravest deed of the year has been awarded by the Royal Humane Society to Cecil Hetherington, aged eighteen, of Allendale, Northumberland. In August he was an apprentice on the steamer ‘Jacona,’ which was torpedoed in the Moray Firth. The crew were thrown into the sea. Hetherington, seeing a boat a hundred yards away, swam to it, got aboard, and rescued nine of his comrades. He is now third officer on a troopship. Writing to the Mercantile Marine Association, he states that what he did was only a seaman’s duty, and had any of his comrades been able to swim they would have acted just as he did. His father writes that the young man has received a gold medal from inhabitants and visitors of Allendale, and fifty pounds from Messrs. Cairns, Noble and Co., his employers, and that a King’s bronze medal will be presented later.”

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### O. T. C. Notes.

**T**HE Winter Term is of necessity the most uninteresting and inactive term of the year, as far as the corps work is concerned. The short days make parades after School practically impossible; the inclemency of the weather renders field operations hazardous forms of instruction; while, above all, the chief interest of the term is centred around that king of winter sports—football.

When term commenced we were left with five of last year’s N.C.O.’s, and, in consequence, our smartness and steadiness on parade has suffered somewhat. We have had company parades on Tuesday and Thursday between 2-10 p.m. and 3 p.m. The sections have been under the command of promotion candidates, two or three being allotted to each sector. During the first few

weeks of the term these candidates took their sections in squad drill, and, with a few exceptions, they soon developed their voice-power. Later, squad drill was superseded by platoon drill, which will in the future probably be succeeded by more advanced work, now that the promotions have been made.

Over thirty recruits have joined the corps this term, so that, in spite of the large numbers that left us at midsummer, our strength is only about four less than last year.

At the beginning of the term, in accordance with War Office regulations, the cadets in the corps who were over eighteen years old commenced on a time-table which included ten hours of military work. There were, however, only four in this class, so that they were allowed to do most of the work alone. Lieut. Doughty has kindly supervised and instructed them in musketry and map reading, and Lieut. Broom in tactics. The class is now, unfortunately, reduced to one, as Sergt. Wright and Cadet Waide left early in the term and Lance-Corporal Maddrell about the end of November. They are now at Officer Cadet Units qualifying for commissions.

The shooting, under Lieut. Brown’s supervision, has been very satisfactory, and we have many useful shots. The Corps Library, under the charge of Lance-Corporal Baxter, is steadily growing, and order is being gradually established.

Last term we held two parades for camp cadets in order to get them in training for the life under canvas. The first, on Tuesday afternoon, July 25th, took the form of a route march in the Wirral, with full kit. About thirteen miles were covered, and all finished in good order. On Thursday, July 27th, we had a whole day field-day in the Wirral. Detraining at Bidston, we marched to Moreton, where we split up into two parties. The smaller, under Lieut. Doughty, was to hold Greasby Village, while the larger party, under Lieut. Broom, was to get into the village from the direction of Upton. The attacking force split up into three parts, left flank under Sergt. Tytler, centre under Lieut. Broom and right flank under Sergt. Capstick. Owing to the very poor scouting, the centre and right flank parties were surprised and captured, and, although Sergt. Tytler was successful in his enterprise, his force was not strong enough to turn the scales in favour of the attack.

Reforming again, we marched to Irby Mill Hill, where we were allowed to fall out for an hour for lunch. In the afternoon, we proceeded to Thurstaston Common, where Lieut. Doughty again took up a defensive, and Lieut. Broom with similar dispositions to the previous operation again led the attack. This time, the scouts were under Sergt. Black, and, with adequate information, all was going well with the attack when the “cease fire” sounded. We then marched back to Moreton where we entrained, dismissing at Seacombe about 6-45 p.m.

This was one of the most instructive, strenuous and yet most enjoyable days that the Corps has had for some time.

On Wednesday afternoon, September 27th, the Corps paraded, about seventy strong, at the School Ground, for a short route march. The route taken was through Wavertree and Childwall to West Derby, where we dismissed, about 5 p.m. Although the turn out was small, owing to the fact that many cadets were without uniforms, the march discipline was good and worthy of mention.

Through the kindness of the Headmaster the corps had a whole day field day with Merchant Taylor's Cadet Corps on Wednesday, November 1st. Marching to Exchange Station, we caught a train soon after 10 o'clock and detrained at Freshfield, to find that it was raining fairly heavily. The original idea, a convoy scheme, had to be abandoned, and it was agreed that we should march along the shore and meet Merchant Taylor's at Ainsdale. About half-way between Freshfield and Ainsdale, we were allowed to fall out for half-an-hour, so that we might eat such comestibles as we had thought fit to bring with us. Falling in again, we plodded steadily onwards, and eventually arrived at the rendezvous. The rain had cleared off some time before, and it was decided to have a small impromptu scheme in the vicinity of Ainsdale. Our corps were to defend, while Merchant Taylor's provided the attack.

Sergt. Capstick, who was in command of our corps, divided his men into three parties. A strong central position was allotted to Corporal Christian, and since the attackers were not limited to any definite bounds, parties were put well out to the flanks. The right flank party, the stronger of the two, under Corporal Scott, and the left under Lance-Corporal Hutchison. Owing to the nature of the ground, a direct frontal attack on the central position could hardly, under any circumstances, have succeeded, so activity was expected and found on the flanks. Lance-corporal Hutchison soon reported that he was engaged, but could more than hold his own. Events hung fire for a little while, and then with startling suddenness the enemy's main scheme unfolded itself into an attempt to turn our right flank. They made a strong advance against Corporal Scott's position, but in doing so, they had to cross a large expanse of ground swept by the right flank party's fire, and it is extremely doubtful whether the first line of the attack could ever have driven home its assault. However, owing to the slight superiority in numbers of the attackers, Corpl. Scott deemed it advisable to retire on the central position, as there was no obliging umpire at hand to put his opponents *hors de combat*. He was recklessly followed by the enemy, who were now under fire from about half of the main position. Their object, however,

appeared to be to reach our position as fast as their legs could carry them. On seeing how the situation was turning, Sergt. Capstick transferred a section to the right front to help to stay the onrush, but, nothing daunted, our opponents came on and rushed into our position. The main body of the enemy arrived some five minutes later, and, looking at it from their point of view, were highly pleased to find that a quarter of their force had, with great bravery and disregard for danger, succeeded in reaching our position. Judging from their actual arrival at the position, one would be tempted to say that we had had the worst of the argument, but, considering the events carefully, it seems rather extraordinary to think that some thirty men should carry out a whole attack, and have the action finished and over when the main body came up later to see how the fortunes of the day were turning. After the cease fire, we reformed again and marched to Ainsdale Station where we entrained for Liverpool.

On Wednesday, November 22nd, the corps paraded, after prayers, 126 strong, for road operations in the Maghull neighbourhood. Marching down to Exchange Station we entrained for Aintree. From here we marched past the race-course to Waddicar where we were allowed about half-an-hour for lunch. Falling in, we were divided into three parties under Sergt. Scott, and Corporals Hutchison and Onians, which were to proceed along different routes in advance guard formation and concentrate at the canal bridge, 200 yards north of Maghull Church at 14-10 o'clock. Meanwhile, under the command of Lance-corporal Baxter, the scouts, on bicycles, had concentrated at Kenesey Green, and were allotted the task of endeavouring to discover the dispositions of the company and the point of concentration. Although during the operation four of them were captured and their gallant commander virtually killed, as he, with extraordinary bravery and devotion to duty, cycled at top speed through a strong cordon of enemy scouts, they seem to have obtained some tolerably accurate and useful information about the company. Much of their information, however, was rendered useless by carelessly written and inaccurate reports. Reforming in Maghull we marched back to Aintree and entrained for Liverpool. Our thanks for this scheme are due to Lieut. Brown who has proved to us that road operations can be of a very interesting character.

PROMOTIONS, dating from November 6th (all named in order of seniority):—

To be Sergeants:—Corporals Christian and Scott.

To be Corporals:—Lance-Corporals Hutchison and Onians.

To be Lance-Corporals:—Cadets Maddrell, Roberts, Fry, Baxter, Williams, R. E., Halliday, J., and Brown, F. C. M.

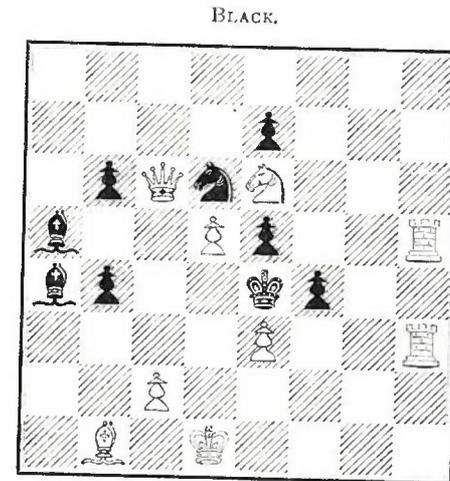
## The Chess Club.

THIS Club, once so flourishing and popular, now languishes in doubtful and spasmodic life, or rather existence, beneath "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

The revised time-table and lighting regulations have placed yet further difficulties in the way of any attempt at sustained activity. There is now no evening of the week on which all the members are free to meet until after 5-20 p.m., an hour both undesirable and inconvenient. The mere "flash in the pan" of enthusiasm which brightened the first meeting and seemed to herald a successful season, has only served to accentuate the obscurity into which the Club has since lapsed in face of internal apathy and crushing force of circumstance. This state of affairs is all the more deplorable because there are such magnificent opportunities for play and improvement ready to the hand of him who is fortunate or sensible enough to seize them. Apparently, the school at large does not appreciate the facilities offered both for learning and practising the game. There are eight large and handsome sets lying idle in Mr. Eaves' room, the property of the Chess Club. They are available for the use of all responsible boys at any reasonable time, such as the dinner break; for a mere application, without subscription, constitutes the only formula for membership of the Club. It only remains to invite this application from all who are at present strangers either to Mr. Eaves' room *in this sense* or to the infinite pleasure and benefit to be derived from initiation into, and practice of, this absorbing and time-honoured game. It may stimulate a little interest among both present and potential members, however, to know that a challenge has been received from Wallasey Grammar School, and that a match with the masters could be arranged.

The present members of the Club are:--President, the Headmaster; Vice-president and Treasurer, Mr. Eaves; Secretary, R. B. Onians; A. H. Kennedy, A. Tumarken, A. Sholl, A. L. Taylor, E. Cosnett, L. M. Fraser, E. S. Jackson.

The following problem is offered for solution:—



WHITE

White to play and mate in two moves.

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### "Concentrated Language."

There are many institutions, such as home-work and ablutions,  
Which inspire me with a hatred felt by few,  
But it's nothing to the pang which it gives *me* to hear strong  
language,  
So I thought that I would write this verse or two,  
And I'd mention several curse-words, such as "?!? asterisks!"  
and worse words,  
Giving different words to suit your different woes;  
And I hope there's no offence meant if I say at the commence-  
ment  
It's intended as a guide for N.C.O.'s.

When all your blank is fired and your section's getting tired,  
And your sandwiches are actually sand,  
And an officer in passing is quite fatuously gassing,  
And asks you, "Don't you think the view is grand?"  
When you're two feet deep in mud, or you're wading thro' a flood,  
On what the "Ordnance" people call a "First Class Road,"  
Then, tho' you're a sinner hardened, yet I think you would be  
pardoned  
If you ventured to remark that you were "blowed."

When you're taking the platoon, on a Tuesday afternoon,  
 And you've managed to run right into a wall,  
 Or you've ordered every section to "Present arms for inspection,"  
 And you've generally made yourself look small,  
 And after half-an-hour's duration they're in *such* a queer  
 formation,  
 Which certainly is *not* the one you figured;  
 Then without much impropriety, and little lack of piety,  
 I think you may remark that you are "jiggered."

R.E.W.

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### House Football.

**T**HIS term has seen the House football progressing favourably, and, in spite of the many other calls upon players, much keenness has been displayed. If the attendance at matches is maintained we may safely predict a very successful season. Owing to the corps and other activities, it has been found impossible to arrange for all the matches to be played that were intended, and it is inevitable that disappointment will be caused when long expected matches do not take place. On afternoons when one of the grounds at the Lacrosse field has been vacant, boys have applied to Mr. Tiffen for its use, and a sort of form game has been organised. These matches were in addition to the ordinary pick-up games, and boys are encouraged, with Mr. Tiffen's permission, thus to make use of a vacant pitch. Of course, the usual rules as to changing apply in this case.

Up to November 29th the results of the House matches are as follows:—

SENIOR.						
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Percentage.
A. Holt.....	4	4	0	0	8	100
Danson.....	3	2	1	0	4	66 $\frac{2}{3}$
Hughes.....	3	0	2	1	1	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
Tate.....	4	0	2	2	2	25
P. Holt.....	3	2	0	1	5	83 $\frac{1}{3}$
Cochran.....	5	0	3	0	0	0

JUNIOR.						
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Percentage.
A. Holt.....	2	2	0	0	4	100
Danson.....	3	1	2	0	2	33 $\frac{1}{3}$
Hughes.....	3	1	1	1	3	50
Tate.....	1	1	0	0	2	100
P. Holt.....	4	2	1	1	5	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cochran.....	3	0	3	0	0	0

### Football.

**I**T would scarcely be true to say that this term the school teams have been favoured with many successes, but we can truthfully say that it is largely due to unevenness of the players, and a dearth of talent. The teams, however, have been exceptionally keen, and, on two or three occasions, have risen nobly, and reversed last year's results. Defeating St. Francis Xavier's before Christmas, and giving Manchester a hard game on our ground, are very creditable performances. The majority of the First Eleven are under age for the Shield Competition held next term, so that, if they put their shoulders to the wheel and train hard, they ought to be able to regain the trophy yet another year. It is now time to select possibles for the Junior Team, and in this sphere Mr. Broom is again lending his invaluable assistance. To Mr. Hicks, for refereeing our games, and to Mr. Tiffen, for the endless time and trouble he spends in looking after the ground and our comfort, we offer our sincere thanks.

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### CRITIQUE.

\*\* Denotes 1st XI. colours 1914-15-16.

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\*WARD, D. C. (Secretary).—Taking his size into account he is one of the most brilliant goalkeepers that the School has ever known.

THOMAS, A.—An unpolished but reliable back with a fairly sure but not too strong kick.

GRAHAM, H.—Very unpolished, but always gets there; has plenty of grit and dash.

MACLEAY, W. A.—A small but useful half with a fair idea of the game.

\*\*CAPSTICK, E. (Captain) — During his second year of Captaincy he has proved a thoroughly reliable and hard working centre-half. Feeds his forwards well and shoots occasionally.

\*CHRISTIAN, A. F. C.—A heavy, forceful player who can use his head. Can play equally well at half or forward.

\*PATE, G. S.—A rather slow but steady forward. A little inclined to over-dribble.

MADRELL, S. K.—A dashing forward who has scored goals where other forwards would never even try. Can also play a good half-back game.

\*JONES, W. G.—A clever centre forward who can dribble and shoot well. Would do well to pass a little more.

\*LOW, R.—A clever footballer, but is very afraid of over exertion. Can play either as a forward or half.

CIVIL, C. C.—A rather small but extremely useful inside forward. Is unselfish and has good idea of the game.

SCOTT, J. A.—Should develop into a useful defender, but is handicapped by taking up the game rather late.

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### REPORTS OF FIRST XI. GAMES.

#### FIRST XI. v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank on Saturday, October 7th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Scott, J. A.; Maddrell, Capstick, Daly; Pate, Christian, Jones, E., Low, Jones, W. G.

Capstick won the toss, and set our opponents to face a strong sun. A strong cross-wind was blowing, which distinctly spoilt the play. It soon became apparent that in mid-field play we were superior to our opponents, for during the greater part of the first half they were confined to their own territory. After about fifteen minutes' play, Pate converted a pass from the left. Soon afterwards heavy rain fell, which caused play to slacken somewhat. The score remained the same until half-time, but on resuming, Jones, W. G., who had been playing very well, put us further ahead. After this, apparently through over-confidence, the whole team, and especially the forwards, slackened their efforts, and, in consequence, our opponents opened their account from a break-away by their outside-right, who was very fast. Soon afterwards they obtained another goal in a similar manner. These reverses spurred us on; but we were too late to score again, and the result remained a draw. Of the team, the halves were certainly the strong link in the combination, as all played well and steadily. Of the forwards, only Jones, W. G., distinguished himself, as the others were very slow, rambling and unable to shoot. The backs were not too steady, but should improve with practice. In goal, Ward was not to be blamed for the two goals scored against him. This was Daly's last game with us, as he is leaving in order to visit the New World. His loss will be sincerely felt, as he was one of the best and keenest of our players, and was always willing to sacrifice his time for any work in connection with football.

#### FIRST XI. v. CATHOLIC INSTITUTE

Played at Wavertree on October 14th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Scott; Macleay, Maddrell, Low; Pate, Christian, Jones, E., Civil, Jones, W. G.

This match, our captain was unable to be with us, and as Ward lost the toss, we were compelled to face a very strong wind. The opposing forwards soon became aggressive and forced a corner, from which their inside-left scored with a clever header. Our forwards could not get into their stride, and the opposing defence took advantage of this to feed their forwards well. In the first half two more goals were scored against us, one by the outside-right and the other, a lucky one, by the inside-right. In the second half, although we were helped by the wind, our forwards failed to score. This was due to over-dribbling and to bad shooting. Only Jones, W. G., among the forwards, showed any desire to put the goal-keeper in difficulties.

Final score: 3—0 against.

#### FIRST XI. v. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S.

Played at Clubmoor on October 18th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Scott; Macleay, Capstick, Low; Pate, Maddrell, Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

Our opponents kicked off, but we were early aggressive and a surprise shot by Jones hit the post with the goal-keeper hopelessly beaten. Soon afterwards, the same player was rewarded for his efforts and scored a good goal. After this we seemed to relax our efforts, and a break-away by our opponents caught the defence asleep and, through a misunderstanding, they drew level. This spurred us on again to further efforts, and Maddrell scored from a mix-up in the goal mouth. On turning round our opponents became aggressive again, but soon tired themselves out, and for the remainder of the game we had it all our own way, goals being added by Christian and Pate. The remodelled forward line worked better than was expected; Jones and Maddrell infused new life into the inside trio while Christian, considering his new and strange position, performed very creditably.

#### FIRST XI. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Manchester on Saturday, October 28th.

Team: Ward; Maddrell, Tonkin; Graham, Capstick, Low; Pate, Macleay, Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

Losing the toss, we kicked off on a very heavy and wet ground which gave every advantage to our heavier opponents. In less than three minutes Manchester had scored, and before

the game had been in progress ten minutes we were four down. This heavy reverse was chiefly due to nerves, our inability to flounder about in the mud and the exceptional prowess of our opponents' centre forward. Slowly but surely, however, we began to adapt ourselves to the ground, and during the remainder of the half, although kept strictly on the defensive, we were pierced only three times.

On changing round we fared a little better and had a fair share of the argument. Jones, early on, scored a good goal, while later, Macleay added another by a deceptive dropping shot. During this time our opponents had bagged three more, which, of course, was a distinct improvement on our part on the first half. This was largely due to Christian dropping back into the half line, thereby subduing Manchester's outside-right, and to Capstick's improvement against the centre forward who failed to increase his total during the half. Criticism of the team on such a game is worse than useless and better left alone.

#### FIRST XI. v. ALFRED HOLT F.C.

Played at Greenbank on Saturday, November 4th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Scott; Macleay, Capstick, Low; Pate, Maddrell, Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

Once again we faced a heavier team, but on our own ground and under dry conditions. Winning the toss, our opponents kicked off against a light wind. For some time mid-field play reigned supreme, in which there was little to choose between the teams. An advance by our left wing led to a splendid centre from Civil, which Maddrell converted. Soon afterwards McDavid, an O.I. of considerable note, scored twice in rapid succession, thus giving our opponents the lead. Jones, W. G., soon equalised with a good effort. The score remained the same until half-time, although both teams tried hard to gain the ascendancy. On changing round, the game was still sturdily contested, until a misunderstanding between the backs let the outside-right in to score an easy goal. Soon afterwards they scored again after severe pressure, which rather unsettled the defence. The tide turned again, however, and Christian headed a good goal from a corner. Our opponents replied with another goal through McDavid. Before full time Civil managed to score for us, so that we retired rather unlucky to be beaten by an odd goal in five.

#### FIRST XI. v. BOOTLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank on Wednesday, November 8th.

Team: Ward; Tonkin, Scott; Macleay, Capstick, Graham; Pate, Jones, E., Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

Losing the toss, we kicked off on a ground which was too wet to be pleasant. Play was very uninteresting and tame for some time, until Jones, W. G., receiving a pass from the left, opened our account after a little tussle with the goal-keeper. Soon afterwards, however, a mistake by Scott allowed Bootle to draw level. Kicking off again, we kept up a severe pressure on our opponents' territory, until Jones, E., scored, thus putting us ahead. The score remained the same until half-time, but on changing round, Bootle immediately scored twice in rapid succession through unpardonable mistakes committed by the defence. These reverses, however, failed to rouse our forwards, who played about with the ball in the most discouraging fashion, and it looked as though we were going to retire beaten after enjoying practically all the play. About ten minutes before the close, however, the team partially awoke, and Jones, W. G., put us level, but all efforts to secure a winning goal were futile.

#### FIRST XI. v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Calderstones on November 11th.

Team: Ward; Thomas, Scott; Graham, Capstick, Low, R.; Wright, L. R., Low, T. B., Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

In the first few minutes our opponents made a determined attack upon our goal, but soon became exhausted, after which they were more or less strictly confined to their own half. Wright opened our account by converting a pass from the left. This was followed immediately by another from Jones through a good surprise shot. During the remainder of the half we kept up a steady pressure, during which Jones obtained two more goals, thus securing the hat-trick. The second half was much the same as the preceding one, with the exception that the Holt forwards made two or three promising but unsuccessful raids into the lines of our partially sleeping defenders. Jones secured four more goals, and Low scored our last point a few minutes before the close by a long shot, which was only partially intercepted by one of the opposing backs. The substitute right wing worked well, but lacked a certain amount of dash and finish. The left combined very promisingly, and Christian should be a tower of strength when he is able to kick with either foot with reasonable certainty.

#### FIRST XI. v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Fairfield on November 15th.

Team: Ward; Thomas, Tonkin; Graham, Capstick, Low, R.; Wright, Low, T. B., Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

The opening exchanges were of a very quiet nature, and it seemed as if the opposing teams were trying to measure each others strength. This over, our left wing assumed the

offensive, but nothing resulted as the forwards finished weakly. The Collegiate then came down and their centre scored from close range. On kicking off again, our left again made progress, and through their efforts, Jones, W. G., equalised with a strong shot. This state was not of long duration, however, as the Collegiate soon scored twice in rapid succession. Until half-time, play remained very even, but our forwards apparently had an off day, and could effect little against the opposing defence. In the second half, the Collegiate early got through, and scored their fourth. The remainder of the game was of an even and open type, in which both teams scored twice, and if only our forwards had only regained form a little earlier, we might have fared better. In goal, Ward played exceptionally well and was, perhaps, the strongest link in the defence.

Scorers: Jones, Christian, Civil.

#### FIRST XI. v. LISCARD HIGH SCHOOL.

At Liscard on November 18th.

Team: Ward; Thomas, Graham; Scott, Capstick, Low, R.; Wright, Low, T. B., Jones, W. G., Civil, Christian.

Winning the toss, Capstick chose to kick down a steep slope, up which a fair wind was blowing. After about eight minutes' play, our forwards sailed down the field in good order, and W. G. Jones scored the first goal. Soon afterwards, Christian dashed through on his own account and obtained the second point. Immediately afterwards Liscard entered our territory, and Thomas accidentally handled, well outside the penalty area. The referee, however, seemed to think otherwise, and awarded the kick. As Ward saved the shot, he awarded another kick, which was taken by a better player, and the ball passed safely between the posts. On changing round, Liscard made great efforts to equalise, but were unsuccessful until a few minutes before the close, when their centre-half scored with a strong but rather long-range shot, and the final whistle blew with the result a draw. In the second half, our forwards had been sleeping pleasantly, and did practically no valuable work.

#### FIRST XI. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Greenbank, Saturday, November 25th.

Team: Ward; Thomas, Graham; Macleay, Capstick, Christian; Pate, Maddrell, Jones, W. G., Low, Civil.

Losing the toss, we quickly made headway, carrying the ball into the enemy's territory. Play was fast and swinging. From a corner, forced after about fifteen minutes' play, Low cleverly headed the ball into the net. After the kick-off, Manchester pressed hard, and their efforts were rewarded, as Marquis, their centre-forward, beat Ward with a shot which

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found its billet in the net. A mistake by Thomas soon let in their outside-right, who put them one ahead.

We held our own till half-time, the forwards several times proving dangerous, but nothing resulting. Turning round, play was fairly even for some time, but the superior weight of our opponents, which had told all through the game, again began to have effect. After repeated shots, their centre-forward again scored with a very strong shot, which hit the crossbar and bounced into the goal.

Kicking off again, the ball was soon again in our territory, repeated scrimmages occurring in front of goal. From one of these their inside-right bundled the ball through. Full time came with the score unchanged. The team, as a whole, played a plucky game, the defence being especially strong. Christian performed very creditably in his temporary position. Capstick, always steady, performed prodigies at centre-half. The backs were rather shaky at the beginning of the game, but soon settled down and played a good game. The forwards had not much to do, but performed quite creditably. The result was chiefly due to the greatly superior weight of our opponents. Ward in goal played an excellent game, effecting many wonderful saves. This was Maddrell's last game with us, as he has left to join an O.C.U. In his new sphere we wish him every success and rapid promotion.

## Dulce et Decorum est pro Patriâ Mori.

BY the courtesy of the Editors of the "Xaverian," we are enabled to print the following, from an Old Boy of St. Francis Xavier's College, about the late Captain Whiting, who was killed in action on July 30th:—

"By the way, you may not know that our company commander is Captain Whiting, so that educational circles are well represented in our battalion.

"... Captain Whiting is probably the most popular captain in the 'Pals.' He has just the right amount of discipline, as well as that human touch that, in my opinion at any rate, is even more important. He takes his risks with the best of them, and I have seen him walking about amongst the barbed wire very carelessly sometimes, when we have been digging on the top. When we 'popped the parapet' he injured the muscle of his leg very badly, and was lame the whole of the time we were in the trenches. Nevertheless, he stuck it gamely right throughout, and amazed everybody by coming in with us again after we had only had a two-days' rest."

We wish to thank the Headmaster for permission to print this extract from an Old Boy's letter :—

"When I was just about to leave a famous area, some month or so ago, I met Captain Whiting. He was his old jolly self, and was remarking that he was one of few left. He told me with characteristic nonchalance that he had been wounded slightly, but was not going to report sick while the lads went on. About two days later he was killed. I cannot vouch for the details, but I am told that when badly wounded in attack, he received a rough dressing and went on with his company, whom he loved, and by whom he was adored in return. Hardly on his feet again, he was killed—the most heartily loved and deeply mourned officer in his battalion."

To all who remember P. O. Limrick at school, the following extract from a letter, from his Major, will be of intense interest :—

"I must write you a line, even from the midst of the Somme fighting, to express to you and family my sense of deep regret at the loss of your son, Lieut. P. O. Limrick, who was killed in action on the night of the 12th inst.

"I cannot say in this short note how great that loss is, not only to me personally but to the battalion.

"He was one of the few surviving officers of the old first line unit, and I am proud to think he had command of his company for some time before he was killed.

"He and Captain Mahon were together at the time, and were hit by the same shell.

"The loss of these two officers has been a sad blow to us all.

"I cannot speak but in the highest terms of the conduct and bearing of your son during the recent fighting.

"He worked indefatigably while in the front line to advance our position, and in the attack led his men with fearless gallantry.

"His men, I fear, will miss him most of all, as he was deservedly popular with his company."

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### Editorial Notice.

The Editors wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologize for any omissions :—Wyggestonian, Portcullis, Esmeduna, Kelly College Chronicle, Birkonian, Scotch Collegian, Ruym, and Hymerian.

### Chat on the Corridor.

THE School sustained a great loss at the end of last term by the unexpected departure of Mr. Broom to take up an appointment as Classical Master at the City of London School; we wish him every success there. The vacancy thus caused in the Staff has been filled by Mr. Cunningham-Pike, who comes to us with a great reputation, and to whom we extend a hearty welcome.



Owing to the war, it has been decided to abandon the Inter-School Sports this year, as was done last year.



At the time of writing, the Senior Shield Team has successfully passed through the second round of the competition, and we hope that, by the time this Magazine is published, we shall have fought our way through the final, and obtained the coveted Shield.



The Library has at length been opened for the use of boys in the Sixths and first-class boys in the Removes and 5x, at specified times. Mr. Bain has kindly undertaken the duty of Librarian, a task by no means easy, and our thanks are due to him for the excellent and painstaking way in which he has carried out his work.



C. E. O. Lee has been appointed an Editor of this Magazine.



An innovation, in the shape of a peculiar red box, has been placed at the end of the Alfred Holt corridor, and dignified with the title of "Line-box." Into this respectable small boys, who have incurred the wrath of prefects, are instructed to place their impositions. The scheme appears so far to have been a complete success.



Capstick has unfortunately been compelled to enter the army through the ranks, his O.C.U. papers not having yet arrived. By his leaving, football loses one of its most ardent devotees and the School its most popular Prefect. His "valet" gives but a very poor idea of his sterling worth and importance in the life of the School.