



HORSES CROSSING A RIVER "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."

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## EDITORIAL.

WE had hoped in this number to have given a full description of the Central Buildings and to have added some illustrations of the same so that O.L.'s might have realised in some degree what advantages we now possess in the way of equipment. But it is not to be. The war and other things delayed the work to such an extent that we did not get into the classrooms until the mid term had passed, and as we write the Hall is not yet finished, though it is occasionally used. We have therefore decided to make the April number a special New Buildings' number, and we are the more encouraged to do this from the fact that we shall then be able to include an account of the formal opening of the same.

We offer a cordial welcome to Mr. T. C. Elliott, who has joined the Staff as Modern Language master. He is an M.A. of Manchester University and Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises of Dijon University. He scored a further success just before coming here as one of very few candidates to gain a First Class in the examination in the Theory, History and Practice of Education of Cambridge University. He is a Friend, and as he was at school at Sidcot he has been known to the Headmaster for many years. The fact that he can fairly hold his own in fives with Mr. Attenborough (we believe he played for Manchester University in the game) speaks for his keenness in athletics; indeed in all ways he is making a place for himself in the school.

At the beginning of the term we found ourselves working under difficulties, as some rooms had been commandeered for other purposes, and the new classrooms were not ready for use. Most places available were therefore made to serve a double or even a treble purpose. The gymnasium, for instance, was used for classes, prep., music practice, and physical drill, though how Mr. Mauritz managed we are at a loss to conceive. When, however, the new desks, long promised, did arrive, the pleasure of working under suitable conditions was doubtless enhanced by the inconvenience that we had suffered.

A week later the Library was unlocked by Mrs. Kenneth Backhouse, and the Governors held their meeting in it. We understand that Mrs. Backhouse has given the oak panelling, book-shelves and furniture in memory of her husband who was at L.P.S. from September 1896 to July 1903. To describe the Library an abler pen than ours is needed. We would say that it is a perfect dream, but that the phrase strikes us as hackneyed and effeminate. If, however, environment counts for anything, then its delightful severity, combined with the good quality of the material, should re-act on the minds of the readers and produce logical thought of a high order. Rightly used the room should become a centre of self-culture, second to none in the educational advantages that the school offers. The opportunity is there ; it is for us to take it.

We started the term with the idea of holding the Big Social as usual, but as time advanced the feeling grew that we could not make merry, when so many around us are suffering, so we turned our attention to the making of splints and are turning them out at the rate of three hundred a week. This, and the work for the Hobby Exhibition, has occupied most of our leisure time. In addition some sixteen of us are preparing for an examination in "First Aid" under the St. John Ambulance Association.

The illustrations in this number call for a little explanation. The first comes from "Somewhere in France," and depicts Ross Snee teaching his horses to cross a river by means of an endless

rope. The second and third A. E. Backhouse has kindly sent us; they were taken by him while assisting in the Relief Work in France. One of them shows P. S. Cadbury sitting by a shell-hole at Gerbéviller; the other, the church at Vitrimont, with a stock of clothing in it, arranged for distribution. The fourth illustration is a replica of the portrait of Mr. Edminson, that now hangs above the fireplace at Grove.

This number completes the twenty-first year of the Magazine's existence, and finishes the seventh volume. An index will be issued with the next number. Subscribers who wish their numbers bound are requested to send them to the Editor before the first of February, as by so doing they will materially lessen the cost of the same.

At such a time it is worth while asking ourselves the question, "Has *The Leightonian* justified its existence?" Started with some fear lest it should damage the N.H.J., we saw that other Friends' Schools soon followed our lead, so that to-day we have some five or six on our list of exchanges. Founded with the three intentions of encouraging literary talent in our midst, recording our daily life, and binding together all O.L.'s, we think we may say that it has in some measure fulfilled them all. Nevertheless, we are not content to stand still. The Editor wants more articles, and more news of Old Boys, who are still, many of them, too shy to report what they are doing in the world. In one sense the opening of the new buildings means the beginning of a new era in the life of the School. May future numbers of *The Leightonian* prove worthy of it. The Editor asks for increased co-operation both from O.L.'s and those at present in the school, and is sure he will not ask in vain.

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#### NEW BOYS.

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| V.                 | F. R. Merttens, Rugby.   |
| V <sub>(2)</sub> . | A. D. Jennings, Horsell. |
|                    | H. G. Sharman, Reading.  |



- IV. G. A. Cole, Bournemouth.  
 R. W. B. Ellis, Leicester.  
 R. C. Harris, Croydon.  
 W. A. Norbury, Hale.
- III. J. R. A. Hockin, Bedford.  
 G. N. Fox, Beccles.  
 B. H. Marriage, Hatfield Peverel.  
 E. H. Pease, Heighington.  
 P. F. Scanlan, Nottingham.

#### NEW OLD BOYS.

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- P. F. King, Elleray, Windermere.  
 W. A. W. Bell, Huntly, Peaselake, Guildford.  
 A. F. Grierson, 6 Woodside Place, Glasgow, W.  
 O. A. A. Pollard, Ferndene, Churchgate, Cheshunt.  
 Eliot Wallis, Ashton Lodge, Reading.  
 L. W. Wells, 27 Upper Redlands Road, Reading.

#### PREFECTS.

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| L. B. Cole (senior prefect) | appointed | September, 1914. |
| R. B. Hopkins               | „         | January, 1915.   |
| J. B. Fryer                 | „         | „ „              |
| G. R. Fox                   | „         | May, 1915.       |
| R. A. U. Jennings           | „         | September, 1915. |
| M. A. Sisson                | „         | „ „              |
| R. Pease                    | „         | „ „              |
| G. Jefferys                 | „         | „ „              |
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#### COMING OF AGE OF GROVE HOUSE.

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GROVE House celebrated the twenty-first year of its existence on the sixth of November. After the House match, the Governors, members of the school and a few friends from the neighbourhood assembled in the dining-room to witness the unveiling of a portrait of Mr. Edminson, presented to the House by

his old pupils. Mr. J. H. Lloyd, who presided, having referred to the connection of the House with Grove House, Tottenham, paid a warm tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Edminson's work. H. T. Crosfield, in unveiling the portrait, emphasised the deep sense of friendship that old boys had carried away with them on leaving. Mr. Unwin, in accepting the gift on behalf of the house, said how much he was indebted to his predecessor for the solid foundation upon which he was called to build. He had received many letters from O.L.'s unable to be present, all of them full of happy memories of the kindness and consideration of their old house master and his wife. Mr. Edminson said how much he appreciated all the kind things that had been said of him. In looking back over the eighteen years that he had lived at Grove, he felt more than ever how much he owed to the help and support of his wife. The Headmaster voiced the feelings of all, in saying what a real pleasure it was to see Mr. and Mrs. Edminson amongst us once more. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Ballard, concluded the meeting.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Unwin and the boys of Grove, entertained the rest of the school and a few friends. Games and guessing competitions of a more or less erudite nature were followed by supper and a "show" in which the powers that be were burlesqued for positively this one and only occasion. We think we are not overstating the fact, when we say that everyone enjoyed the evening immensely.

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### GOBLINS.

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When the darkness onward glides,  
And the gathering twilight rides  
Perched upon a smoky cloud :  
And the west wind howling loud  
Shakes the distant forest tops,  
Sways and nods the homely copse :

Snarls in fury round the house,  
Chills the bones of every mouse ;  
And with angry, fitful gust  
Rattles off the casement's rust,  
Rushing whirls the leaves about,  
Drives their multitudes in rout—  
As the dark creeps up the glen,  
That's the time for Little Men.

Then the poor folk close their doors.  
And the sturdy oaken floors  
Crack, and the legends dark and old  
Round the glowing hearth are told,  
Till there creeps a nameless fright  
On the listeners, and the light  
Flickers out upon their plight.  
Wise folk stir not now from home,  
For Little Men abroad do roam—  
Down the twilight wood they come  
Marching to a fairy drum,  
Hark ! may'st hear their goblin glee,  
As they near the witches' tree :  
Through the gale their distant cries  
Faint and thin in snatches rise ;  
Hear their whistles on the wind,  
Telling how with joy they find  
In the marshes some poor wight  
Groping hopeless thro' the night.

Woe betide the guileless wretch  
Whom they catch, for they will fetch  
Water from the magic wells,  
And with three unholy spells  
Give the liquor which compels  
Dreamless sleep ; when he doth wake,

Homeward he will him betake  
Dazed, folorn, with lips agape  
And senses which do fast escape,  
Never more, perchance, to know  
Whom he is, nor where to go.  
In the forest oft is heard  
Wailing of a goblin bird,  
Which imploringly doth call  
Over stream and waterfall,  
And athwart the shade of trees  
And the placid sunlit leas  
Bright with dew, alluring on  
Hunter bold and traveller wan.

On the drowsy summer's eve  
While the sedges sigh and heave  
In the twilight, and the sound  
Of the myriad creatures round  
Sinks away, and creaking wains  
Housed in barns, have left the lanes  
White and silent—in the shade,  
Which the leafy hedgerows made  
In the spring time, one may lie  
And with fixed and watchful eye  
Through the rustling grass espy  
Tiny twinkling points of light,  
Fairy lanterns of the night,  
And upon the fragrant air  
Oft the breeze doth softly bear  
Rippling music to the ear,  
Which to them who chance to hear  
Brings a sudden icy fear,  
And deafness blank for seven year.

Creatures of the twilight glen,  
Dwellers of the misty fen,



Spirits and unhappy shades  
 From the forest's midnight glades,  
 Goblins of the earth and air,  
 Lurk them hidden everywhere  
 With their magic ;—o'er the heath  
 In the wind's relentless teeth,  
 Thro' the woodland, up the hills  
 Where the moonlight's magic fills  
 All the earth, and spreads a charm  
 Over sleeping cot and farm ;  
 Windy hill-top, reedy tarn,  
 Sheep-fold, rick, and dingy barn.  
 Oh ! the many, merry tricks,  
 Of these Folk,—and their frolics.

A. P. D. P.

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EXTRACTS FROM "THE RUDDY RAZOR OF THE RUGGLE-  
 HEIMERS, OR THE ROAD TO BERLIN."

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BY OUR NOVELIST, "NOT ---- LIKELY."

H.M.S. "Unconquerable" was fighting a long, grim battle for life. Surrounded by the colossal fleets of the German Empire she had fought until but one man remained alive ; but he for two nights and days had maintained a ceaseless fire, and had worked his fifteen-inch gun with such superb markmanship that already twenty of the enemy vessels had found their last resting place. A last time he pulled the trigger but there was no response—the magazine was exhausted ! At this fatal blow even his iron nerve failed him, and he sank swooning into the sea.

Quick as a flash of lightning a long, steel denizen of the deep dived to seize the inanimate form as it sank beneath the icy billows. Grasping a grappling-iron, one of the pirate crew hauled in the lifeless body ; a deep guttural order, and it was thrust into the deepest cockpit.

Two hours afterwards the brutal form of the submarine's commander bent over his unconscious prisoner. Then with a muffled oath he hissed, "Lord Rupert !—he is mine !"

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Lord Rupert, for it was he indeed, turned with a yawn in the small cupboard in which he had been confined. "Hist ! What was that ?" he exclaimed, and then, drawing his pocket tooth-pick he set to work, tooth and nail, to saw through the narrow partition, for, from the other side he had heard the unmistakeable moans of the lovely Lady Eileen !

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Their lips met in one long, warm, passionate caress. . . . In a hurried whisper she told of the destruction of the barque in which her uncle had confined her, and how that her captor was no other than Lord Rupert's hated rival, Baron Rudolph von Ruggleheimer ! "Great Scott !" he ejaculated, and, falling backwards, struck his head against an oaken panel, curiously carved. A click, and it rolled backwards, revealing a row of stairs of polished steel. With an agile bound Lord Rupert dashed up the steps and emerged on the moonlit deck with his beloved clasped in his embrace. To foul the propeller with a marline-spike was the work of an instant, whilst his betrothed secured the companion hatches. Entering the dinghy which was towing astern, Lord Rupert cast off . . . . A few oily bubbles showed where the scuttled submarine had sunk.

At this moment, Thomas, the family ghost of the Montmorencys, appeared in his two-stroke motor-boat, and, with his passion for mementoes, seized the fast disappearing marline-spike, which he appropriated for his collection.

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Lord Rupert was alone ! The advancing horde of Huns was bearing down upon him like an avalanche. Drawing his sword he prepared to sell his life dearly, thinking of England, Home and Beauty.

But lo ! "What's that ?" he muttered, as a passing Taube swept down upon him. Taking out his beautifully chased solid silver and mother-of-pearl revolver (a gift from the lovely Lady Eileen) he potted the pilot, and the machine slid to a standstill not five yards away. Quick as thought his innate knowledge of everything enabled him to start the engines, which leapt into life amid a devastating fusilade of 12-inch shells. With grim jaw and eyes of steel, he hissed, "I'll do it," and set his aerial course high in the clouds to the East.

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Panic reigned in Berlin. Only the day before the Kaiser had been reviewing the Prussian Guard, when, like a thunderbolt from Zeus, an Allied aeroplane disguised as a Taube, had swept down from the West, and had destroyed two full battalions. And now, donner-vonblitzen ! The airman, whose machine had failed him, was defying the whole power of Germany by the narrow postern gate that pierced the palace wall.

Lord Rupert was at his last gasp. Wounded in one hundred and forty-seven places, he had withstood army corps after army corps which had rolled up from the west, thus leaving the road to Berlin open. A knock at the postern door and it was flung open ! Lord Rupert thought his last hour had come, but what was his surprise and joy to see Sir John French, surrounded by his magnificently caparisoned staff, leading at a terrific gallop, a battery of 42-inch howitzers. Phalanx after phalanx the Allied armies rolled up behind, like the all-conquering surges of the deep. "Saved !" sighed Lord Rupert, and with a contented moan sank back into the arms of—the lovely Lady Eileen !

Sir John French turned to his brother officers, and with these inspiring words addressed them : "Gentlemen, to him alone belongs the honour of this victory—to him do I relinquish my command." Then, with a low bow, he handed his sword to the unconscious Lord Rupert, whilst Thomas, ever on the alert for trifles, appeared on

the scene, and, harnessing his tame mule to one of the howitzers, dragged it off the field.

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The last roseate hues of the setting sun, disappearing over the distant hills, were reflected in a brilliant blaze of glorious light from Lord Rupert's marvellously bejewelled and be-medalled chest, and from the golden point of his magnificent uniform.

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Above in her boudoir, lay the lovely Lady Eileen.

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A muffled cry rent the air, and rushing to the window, Lord Rupert was just in time to catch the ebon tresses of his fair bride between his pearly teeth.

Could he hold her? No! She was slipping, slipping, slipping! she—slipped! But, quick as an arrow from the bow, he caught her again and gently lowered her to the ground.

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No more was ever heard of Baron Rudolph von Ruggleheimer, but we shrewdly suspect that Thomas shaves with a razor not his own. As for Lord Rupert Montmorency, Duke of Bugwater, Brunswick and Schleswig-Holstein, F.M., V.C.<sup>31</sup> and his bride, the lovely Lady Eileen of the limpid looks, they are as happy a pair as may be found in all their spreading acres.

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### THE LAST VOYAGE.

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A MISTY moon shone throught the night,  
 And piercing deep the clouds around  
 Sometimes alit with dancing light  
 On waves that tossed in ceaseless sound.  
 And for a space its sudden ray  
 Fell on a lone ship, floating low,



Whose groaning yards in rolling sway,  
Sluggishly swung in motion slow.  
Bathed in the silver of that light,  
The stricken barque, as in a dream,  
Her rigging clothed in blazing white,  
Turned to the moonlight's silent stream :  
The gray hull in its funeral shroud  
Once more the roaming waters kissed,  
And floating light as passing cloud,  
Flung free the waves that seething hissed.

The bow swung round, the white sails filled,  
The clanging bell its striking stilled,  
The yards creaked home, the sheets drew taut,  
And all the figured bow was caught  
In blaze of phosphorescent blue.  
Then manned and steered by phantom crew  
The clipper heeled in stately bow  
And thunder played about her prow  
Which white the waves below it crushed,  
As swift before the wind she rushed  
On swelling wave and moonlit crest,  
Towards the Islands of the Blest.

G. R. Fox.

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#### FRUIT PICKING CAMP, EVESHAM, AUGUST, 1915.

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EARLY in July it was announced that owing to shortage of professional labour in the district a fruit-picking camp would be held at Wickhamford, near Evesham, for those in Friends' schools desirous of helping in this way. Eight members of L.P.S., R. B. Hopkins, G. R. Fox, R. A. U. Jennings, E. G. Grace, W. I. Holmes, T. F. Fox, W. W. Pollard, W. P. Southall, joined this camp, and R. Pease the second camp at Pershore, five miles distant, which was started later. The Evesham camp included at different

times some forty members in all, from Sidcot, Bootham, Saffron Walden, Ackworth and Leighton Park.

On Saturday, 7th August, the majority of us reached Evesham station, a distance of three miles from the camp, others were to join at different dates. The camp itself stood 200 yards back and quite hidden from the main road, in the ground adjoining an old mill, now rarely used. We had the use of a barn, more or less watertight, for stores. There were six bell tents and several private tents. Some disused portions of the Old Mill would have been available for sleeping had we not been blessed with such excellent weather. The mill-stream provided 150 yards of good bathing, available at all times of day (or night). R. Wilfred Crosland, of York, acted as commandant, ably assisted by C. Brightwen Rowntree, of Saffron Walden, S. E. Maltby, of Sidcot, and Gerald Littleboy. Mr. Brayshaw, was, of course, a tremendous asset to the camp, and we were greatly disappointed in that he could not stay the whole time. The best way of describing one's work will be to give the routine of a typical day.

4.45 a.m.—Awakened by a tremendous noise produced by the contact of Mr. Rowntree's boot with a frying-pan.

4.49.—Turn out clad in a cold, damp towel, run over frosty or dewy grass and after shivering on the brink until . . .

5.0.—Second and final pæan of the frying-pan announces breakfast.

5.10.—Eat same. Excellent porridge, bread, jam (plum), with tea or cocoa, served by the orderly for the day (a strenuous task).

5.30—5.45.—Set out on bicycles to start labours, at various distances, from a quarter to four and a half miles.

6.0.—Said labour commences, consisting chiefly in picking plums into a basket suspended round the waist by a strap, either from the ground or from a precarious position on top of a so-called "light" ladder, or from a pair of steps, technically known as "breaknecks."

The plums are of different sorts and are picked into baskets holding about 24lb. They are then distributed into many different types of trade baskets—the “chip” holding 6lb. or 12lb., the “bonnet,” 18lb; the “sieve,” 24lb.; the “half-pot,” 36lb.; the “big sieve,” or “bushel,” 48lb; and the “pot,” 72lb. It is by this last measure that piece-work is paid. “Pershores” and “Victorias” (the plums of which most were picked), were paid at 6d., and in one case 9d. per “pot.” On well-stocked trees a good picker picks about ten pots in a ten-hour day. There are about a dozen different sorts of plums picked, chiefly paid by “piece,” but many by “time.” A few unfortunate individuals spent some time endeavouring to pick dwarf French-beans, at which occupation they each earned 1s. 1d. per day. The record day’s money for plums was 6s. 9d., and the worst about 2s. Mr. Arthur Thorne, one of the chief growers, to whom the camp was in great measure due, agreed to pay 2s. 6d. a day for labour, wet or fine. He also very kindly supplied the camp with fruit and vegetables. All wages went to the upkeep of the camp, which was in this way rendered entirely self-supporting. Besides that already described other work done was pea-picking, “’oovin’” (hoeing), potato digging, apple picking, gleaning, rick making, bran cutting, and packing and weighing plums.

9.30.—Light lunch or second breakfast, consisting of sandwiches and morning papers (chiefly dealing with the Budget crisis of 1909).

10.0.—Labours resumed.

1.0.—Dinner hour. Some go home to a lunch of ham, etc., others devour lonely sandwiches on far-off farms, listening to shady anecdotes of depraved foremen.

2.0.—Labours again resumed, generally with much argument on any topic totally unedifying.

5.0.—Return home to a bathe and small talk.

6.0.—Dinner. Menu :—Soup (warranted to loosen all tongues to vain babbling and slander of neighbours’ merits; the

behaviour of Sidcot is a cause of much prayerful thought. "Are you diligent . . . etc.") Stew and three vegetables. (Sidcot again give proof of decadence of man). Stewed plums with rice or custard, during which, one becomes merrier and merrier until the climax of the evening's entertainment is reached in "Bible-thump" (portions of New Testament in modern speech).

7.15.—Some retire to their palliasses to read ; others deck themselves in wedding-garment, and hie them to Evesham for purposes unknown and unquestioned by the innocent.

9.0.—To bed. L.P.S. tent Debating Society opens its proceedings on abstruse subjects during which one by one we drop into peaceful, much-needed slumber to be again awakened by the judgment-thump of the frying-pan.

T.F.F., R.A.U.J.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

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Oh, my darling, oh, my darling, oh, my darling "Tin Machine,"  
Thou art lost and gone for ever, oh, my darling "Tin machine."

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In the darkness, in the morning, when 'twas dreary, damp, and cold,  
How we gathered all around thee, and our various tales we told !

With what tender recollections we would gaze upon thy form,  
And remember days now long gone, when thou cheered and kept us  
warm !

Once an old man, passing by, said, "You seem very warm in there,"  
But resenting this intrusion, "Chunky" called him names, I fear.

Once a stranger entered fuming, so we journeyed south and north ;  
Thou alone didst stay beside him and couldst pacify his wrath.

Oft in moments of excitement we would kick thee long and loud,  
To annoy those just above us, whom we thought were far too proud.



I remember, I remember, once in ages past and gone,  
 I was thrust within thy bosom, and the gas was turned full on.  
 But I loved thee, still I loved thee, and thou wast to me still dear,  
 For the memories, happy memories, which around thee hovered near.  
 Then a pair of "foolish virgins" came and took away thy face,  
 To complete their summer arbour in a somewhat distant place.  
 Oh, the scenes which thou hast witnessed, windows smashed, and  
 prefects slain,  
 And the "Betties" at the window, thou shalt never see again !  
 Oh, my darling, oh, my darling, oh, my darling "Tin Machine,"  
 Thou art lost and gone for ever, oh, my darling "Tin Machine !

S. J.

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#### REPORTS OF SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

L.H.A.—The Society has held two meetings this term, at which N. Kitching, W. N. C. Fosbery, E. G. Grace, R. C. Taylor, W. W. Pollard, R. L. Nisbet and R. C. Harris were elected members. The first evening was devoted to a lecture by Mr. Pearce on "Whistler in relation to his times." It was the first lecture that has been given to the L.H.A. on painting, and was extremely good from all points of view, and much enjoyed. The discussion which followed was unfortunately very poor. At the second meeting the Society discussed "Some Modern Poets." Papers were read by R. B. Hopkins on "Henry Newbolt," by G. R. Fox on "John Masefield," and by R. A. U. Jennings on "Kipling." There was much good discussion on all three papers, and the meeting as a whole, was a great success. Two songs from Newbolt, by Villiers Stanford, sung by Mr. Unwin, were very much appreciated by all. At our next meeting we look forward to the presence of Mr. H. M. Wallis, who is to lecture on "Ireland, as she is."

R. A. U. J.

SENIOR ESSAY.—So far this term we have held two meetings. At the first Mr. Attenborough was re-elected president, and L. B. Cole and R. B. Hopkins were elected members. The School chronicles

for the Spring and Summer terms were then read ; the former, in the absence of its writer, E. Wallis, was read by Mr. Attenborough, whilst R. A. U. Jennigs gave us that of the Summer Term. Both were full and descriptive papers. Two other essays were given, both by coincidence dealing with Cornwall. The first was a short story with a Cornish setting by T. F. Fox. The second by G. R. Fox, was entitled "The Cornish Coast." The meeting was successful though we would suggest that criticisms as to style are of more value than the discussion of isolated points of grammar. The second meeting was devoted to papers by J. B. Fryer and L. B. Cole on "Militarism and the Future of Britain." The different views and problems and proposed solutions produced a good general discussion.

G. R. F.

CAMERA CLUB.—At our first meeting this term, W. W. Pollard, W. A. Norbury and R. C. Harris were elected members, and R. L. Nisbet was appointed a curator. At our second meeting Mr. H. A. King gave us a lantern lecture, entitled, "The Photography of some Insect Life Histories." He showed us many lantern slides, all of his own making, illustrating life histories of moths, butterflies, beetles and other insects. The lecture was much enjoyed by all.

A. J. H

JUNIOR ESSAY SOCIETY.—Our first meeting this term, held on September 20th, was a business meeting. Mr. Elliott was elected President and T. Barlow and W. Pollard were elected Union members. G. Hampton opened the meeting on October 11th, with an essay on "The events leading up to the First Crusades." R. A. Penrose followed with a paper on "Instinct in Animals," which gave rise to much discussion. R. C. Taylor's essay on a "Visit to the 'Daily News' printing works," was interesting, but was spoilt by a bad finish. E. Smith gave us a good account in his essay of "Bull Baiting," and how the custom is dying out. T. Laurie's essay on "Bees, and how they live," was very interesting, especially as he had had personal experience in the keeping of them. N. C. Fosbery finished the evening with an essay on "Reading Abbey."

He illustrated his essay with a plan of the Abbey. Our 100th meeting was held on November 8th, when the evening was devoted to essays on the "Life and works of Scott." A short "Life of Scott" was given us by T. Barlow, who read extracts from different works to illustrate the essay. Elverston expressed in a essay his views on "Kenilworth," which gave rise to a discussion on "Whether an author should keep to historical facts or not." T. Laurie read a short essay on "The Lay of the Last Minstrel." This was the only paper of the evening on a poem of Scott's. Rink read a good essay on "Ivanhoe," giving a short outline of the story and completing with his own thoughts of it. W. Pollard finished the evening with an essay on "The Black Dwarf." Before the meeting broke up it was decided to form a Standing Committee of five including the President and Secretary. E. S. Smith, T. Laurie and W. Elverston were elected members of this committee. Our meetings this term have been of a distinctly high grade. Our membership is now well over twenty, and we hope we shall continue to keep up the high standard which at present prevails.

W. W. POLLARD.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.—The last musical evening, held on July 26th, was not devoted to the works of any one composer. The band contributed Haydn's VIth (Surprise) Symphony and the Der Freischütz overture, by Weber. In addition to these and the "Adagio," from Haydn's XIIth Quartette, the programme included a song out of "Der Freischütz," from Mrs Robson, and the following old folk-songs, "The Two Magicians," from Mrs. Robson; "The Golden Vanity," from Mr. Unwin; and "The Carrion Crow," from Mr. Scarborough. The evening was altogether very successful and was much appreciated. This term we have to regret the serious loss to the band of A. Bell, L. Wells, and O. A. Pollard. The first especially has been one of the mainstays of the band for several years. We have been only able to meet for practice once a week

lately. At first we were practising in expectation of a Big Social, but recently we have begun some music by Grieg for next term's musical evening.

M. A. SISSON.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—At our first meeting this term, E. H. Pease and R. W. B. Ellis were elected members of the Society. A paper was then read by Richardson on "Leaf Colouration." He treated the subject in a general manner, pointing out the reasons for the pervading green colour in the vegetable kingdom, and showing how colouration varies with the soil, light and heat. He also dealt in an elementary manner with the chemical changes which take place within leaves causing changes of colour. A number of specimens which he brought in added greatly to the clearness and interest of his paper. This was followed by papers by J. Hodgkin and K. Wilson, on "Small Mammals of the Park," the former dealing with rodents and the latter with carnivora, insectivora and cheiroptera. It was found that sixteen varieties of small mammals had been seen by various members of the Society on the Park. At our second meeting Mr. T. T. Cass gave us a lecture on "The analysis of Milk." He first of all read the laws relating to the amount of butter fat and other solids which should be present in good milk, pointing out how entirely unjust they are in some cases. After this he analysed two samples of school milk and found that it satisfied the demands of the government in every way. He ended by pointing out how essential it is, if good milk is expected, to take care of the cows by sheltering them well, and milking them at regular times. He emphasised the need of getting stock from good breeding strains. The lecturer then answered the questions put to him by members. In the few minutes remaining, Mr. Unwin read a letter from Hubert Ransom, now in South Africa, dealing with natural history.

L. B. COLE.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—The Society has held two meetings this term at which the following recruits to the gentle art of argument have been enrolled :—W. I. Holmes, R. A. Penrose, P. B. Redmayne and W. Elverston. We would extend a very hearty welcome



to Mr. Kitto as our new president. The first meeting was devoted to the usual Sharp Practice **debate**, which was more conducive to humour of a sort than to oratory. Despite the alterations in the rules regarding Sharp Practice, the discussions still seem to be lacking in grip. Is it possibly because they are not taken seriously enough? At the second meeting the Society debated the question as to whether a nation is justified in using any means to win a war. M. A. Sisson and R. L. Nisbet proposed and seconded the extremist point of view, whereas J. B. Fryer and R. K. Wilson upheld the humanitarian, which won by eight votes to seven. We had the company of Mr. Crammar, of Reading School, with whom we could only agree that there were many illogical arguments used and false inferences drawn. The next meeting is to be a joint debate with Reading School; it will be held in the Library.

J. B. F.

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### OLD LEIGHTONIANS AND THE WAR.

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*The Editor will be glad if O.L.'s will keep him posted with the latest news.*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of two O.L.'s on the battlefield; but our sorrow and sympathy is mingled with pride when we remember that they followed the path of duty, regardless of consequences, and so have left us an example to imitate, a memory to cherish.

M. S. Wills was at L.P.S. from May 1906 till April, 1908. He then went to Blundell's, where he joined the O.T.C. On completing his education he took up a clerical appointment with the Imperial Tobacco Company, Bristol. On the outbreak of war, he was one of the first of the staff to enlist. Refusing a commission, he preferred to serve in the ranks with his companions, and joined the 6th



P. S. CADBURY AND A SHELL HOLE.

[A. E. Backhouse.

(WAR VICTIMS' RELIEF).



THE CHURCH AT VITRIMONT.  
(WAR VICTIMS' RELIEF).

[A. E. Backhouse.]

Somerset, a "Pals" battalion. He soon became a sergeant, and left for Flanders on 21st of May. He was mortally wounded in one of the battles of last August.

G. A. Howkins, 2nd Lieutenant, 12th Northumberland Fusiliers, machine gun section, was killed in action in France, on 25th of September. He was at L.P.S. from May, 1906 till April, 1908. On leaving us he went to Harrow, where he represented the school in the Public School Gymnasium Competition at Aldershot, got his "Fez" for football in 1911, and won the Trotter cup for diving, and the Royal Humane Society's presentation medal for life saving. On leaving Harrow, he entered Trinity College, Cambridge.

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J. E. Knott, Captain 8th Batt. Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers.

R. B. Knott, Captain 16th Batt. Lancashire Regiment.

Colin Smee, 2nd Lieutenant, 22nd Middlesex Regiment.

J. S. Stephens has been transferred to the F.A.U. to undertake relief work.

Basil Pickard went out to Vitry-le-François at the end of April, to work under the War Victims Relief Committee. He has been most of the time in the Châlons district, driving Dr. Morland's car.

A. B. W. Baynes is an orderly in the V.A.D. Red Cross Hospital, at Shortlands.

J. S. Harrison has experienced some exciting times in the trenches on the western front. His story of the capture of a spy speaks well for his powers of observation and deduction.

G. L. Ford is now an Inspector in the Leeds Special Constable Force.

O. S. Hopkins has been doing duty in the same body in the motor section. He is now training at Jordans for the F.A.U., where he has P. S. Cadbury, C. V. Goddard and H. R. Smith as companions. The last three have just left for France to work on the second Ambulance Train. Hugh V. Smith is acting as cook to the F.A.U. stationed at York.



- J. T. Wotherspoon has obtained a commission in the North Royal Scotch Fusiliers.
- H. C. Bradley has been recovering from his serious wounds at a hospital in London. Arnold Silcock has also been down at Torquay for a similar reason.
- R. H. Hodgkin holds a commission in the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers. We believe he is stationed near Blythe.
- J. Murray Grierson has been gazetted a captain. We were glad to see him looking so fit after his arduous work in the trenches.
- O. A. Pollard has joined the Naval Flying Corps.
- Eliot Wallis is working on the first Ambulance train controlled by the F.A.U.
- E. B. Fox is Commandant at the Hospital in York that is staffed by members of the F.A.U.
- Dyson Holdsworth is the resident medical officer at the Wharncliffe War Hospital.
- R. Ll. Lloyd and L. J. Cadbury are in Dunkirk. Both are working with the F.A.U. The former has charge of the Finance, the latter superintends the fleet of motor-cars.
- F. W. Knott has joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. to train for a commission.
- C. B. Wilson, Assistant Paymaster, H.M.S. Barham.
- Ll. Marriage, Lieut. in the Eastern Mounted Brigade, A.S.C.
- A. Warner, 2nd Lieut., 3/5th City of London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).
- Theodore Gibbins is Commandant of a Red Cross Unit in South Wales. He is training his men in stretcher drill in readiness for the arrival of wounded, as a Military Hospital is shortly to be opened near Neath.
- D. G. Walker is taking a course at Sandhurst preparatory to a commission in the Regular Army.
- A. C. Benson, Capt. King's Own Yorkshire, L.I. is at present invalided home, but expects to return to France on the 30th.

## OLD LEIGHTONIAN NOTES.

Colin Smee, having passed his exams at the School of Science, is now training men at Aldershot.

L. Wells is working at the City and Guilds College.

On the 22nd of July, at St. Lawrence's Church, Swindon, Cheltenham, Raymond J. Heelas to Miss Ellie Marguerite Marigold, of Swindon Manor.

On the 26th of September, at Hillsboro', Glebe Road, Reading, to Howard Reckitt and Edith B. Smith, a son, who was named Ralph Reckitt.

On the 12th of September, the wife of George Mounsey, of a son.

On the 2nd of October, at Hampstead, to Henry T. and Lucy (nee Bellows) Cadbury, a daughter, who was named Ruth Candia.

On the 2nd of October, at Edgbaston Grove, Birmingham, to Alan S. and Dorothy Margaret Lloyd, a son.

On the 31st of July, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Durham, J. J. Finch to Miss Phyllis S. R. Hammond. O.L.'s of recent date will remember J. J. F. as their classical master. He now holds a similar post in Liverpool Collegiate School.

Leonard Doncaster is writing a series of articles for *The Student Movement* on "Some Scientific Difficulties in the way of Religious Belief."

We have recently had the pleasure of reading George Cadbury, junr.'s book on "Town Planning." It strikes us as a most valuable contribution to a problem that is becoming increasingly urgent. Social work to be of value must be based on knowledge. Here is an opportunity for members of our Sixth to acquaint themselves with facts, with the added stimulus that it is written by an O.L.

On the 8th of October, at Mendip House, Oxford, to Robert and Dorothy Hodgkin, a daughter, who was named Elizabeth.

On the 22nd of October, at Grove Lodge, Hampstead, to Bertram F. and Eleanor Crosfield, a son.

On the 22nd of October, at Upland Road, Selly Park, Birmingham to Henry Chorley and Ethel Mary Gibbins, a daughter, who was named Joan Christine.

On the 25th of October, at Walden Cottage, Tadworth, Surrey, to Hugh T. and Helen G. Crosfield, a son, who was named Derrick Harvey.

On the 12th of November, at Marion Road, Southsea, the wife of W. E. Petty, of a son.

Maxwell Armfield has provided the illustrations for a new edition of William Morriss' "Life and death of Jason." He has also decorated Vernon Lee's "The Ballet of the Nations," a present day morality.

Theo H. Fox has been working hard on the Philadelphia Committee of the British National Relief Fund. Up to July 8th. \$1,000,00 had been sent to the Mayor of Folkestone for the relief of Belgian refugees, \$5,000,00 to the Prince of Wales' Fund and about \$500,00 had been used to help the wives and families of men who had enlisted from Philadelphia. In addition to this work T. H. F seems to be the organiser of the concerts and lectures that are given by the local branch of the Over-Seas Club.

A. C. Benson paid us a flying visit a few days ago. On leaving school in 1894, he obtained a commission, and served in the Army for some years, but met with a serious accident while stationed at Malta, and sent in his papers. He then devoted his energies to journalism, and contributed to *The Times*, *Pall Mall Gazette* and *Bystander*. On the outbreak of war, he rejoined the Army, and has for some time been serving in France.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. J. S. Inglis. It seems that he was motor-cycling, when something went wrong with the engine, and he collided with a telegraph pole. He never regained consciousness, and died two days later. Inglis was at L.P.S. from May 1906 to April 1911. On leaving, he entered his father's business for a time; but recently became a pupil of an aircraft school in the lake district, with the object of serving his

country as soon as he was qualified. Those who were at school with him will, among other things, remember his plucky running in the Sports and his ability in taking a humorous part in Shakespeare's plays. Himself always bright and happy, he had the power of passing these virtues to those with whom he came in contact. All his school fellows will unite in sympathy with his parents in their time of sorrow.

Colin King Smith (City of London Yeomanry) is down with typhoid in the 17th General Military Hospital Alexandria after two months in the Dardanelles.

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### AQUATIC SPORTS, 1915.

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#### OPEN EVENTS.

- 9 LENGTHS.—A. F. Grierson (3 min. 27 1/5 sec.), J. D. Barlow, G. R. Fox.
- 4    "     A. F. Grierson (1 min. 13 2/5 sec.)\* G. R. Fox, J. D. Barlow.
- 1    "     A. F. Grierson (14 3/5 sec.), L. B. Cole, R. A. U. Jennings.
- 1 LENGTH ON BACK.—R. A. U. Jennings (17 3/5 sec.), L. B. Cole, L. Wells.
- PLUNGE.—L. Wells (37 ft. 4 ins.), L. B. Cole, A. J. Hodgkin.
- DIVE.—A. F. Grierson, P. F. King, G. Jefferys.
- TEAM RACE.—Grove House (1 min. 13 2/5 sec.), A. F. Grierson, G. R. Fox, A. K. B. Gregory, C. W. Gillett.
- LISTER HARRISON CUP (Open Champion), A. F. Grierson.

\* Record.

#### JUNIOR EVENTS :—

- 4 LENGTHS.—A. K. B. Gregory (1 min. 33 2/5 sec.), T. Barlow, P. B. Redmayne.
- 1 LENGTH.—A. K. B. Gregory (16 3/5 sec.), T. Barlow, P. B. Redmayne.
- 1 LENGTH ON BACK.—A. K. B. Gregory (24 1/5 sec.), T. Barlow, D. S. Newbegin.



PLUNGE.—T. Barlow (36 ft.), Gregory, H. D. Fry.

DIVE.—T. Barlow, Gregory, P. B. Redmayne.

CADBURY CUP (Junior Champion), A. K. B. Gregory.



### FOOTBALL.

The 1st XI. has been as follows :—

Fryer : I. Bell and R. B. Hopkins ; E. Grace, G. R. Fox and R. L. Nisbet ; J. D. Barlow, R. Pease, L. B. Cole (captain), L. S. Penrose and R. D. Buchanan.

H. D. Fry, P. B. Redmayne, N. Kitching and G. Jefferys have also played.

### REPORTS OF PLAYERS.

G. R. FOX\* (vice captain).—A very hardworking useful centre half. Has pace which he uses to great advantage, his tackling is energetic and effective.

J. B. FRYER.\*—A steady and reliable goal-keeper, clears well and shows sound judgment in coming out.

R. PEASE.\*—A good inside left ; he uses his pace with great effect, and although his shooting is inclined to be erratic, he has scored consistently. He should endeavour to get more control over the ball. Has also played outside right.

E. G. GRACE.\*—Has developed into a very valuable left half. He is very quick on the ball, and feeds his forwards well.

I. BELL.\*—A sound right back. His ability to kick from any position makes up for his lack of speed. A powerful kick.

J. D. BARLOW.\*—Played right half at the beginning of the season, but later outside left. His heading is an example to the whole school.

L. S. Penrose.—A very tricky inside right, has improved greatly since the beginning of the season. His passing is very accurate but he does not shoot often or hard enough ; should play a more vigorous game.

R. L. NISBET.—Has played right half for the latter part of the season. He tackles well and his passing is accurate.

R. B. HOPKINS.—Left back, is liable to have off days, and his kicking is sometimes very uncertain ; he should keep cool at all times and tackle harder. He uses his pace well.

R. D. BUCHANAN.—Outside right, rather liable to have off days ; he centres well, but should put more vigour into his game.

This season up to the present has been successful as may be seen from the table below, so far it has been marred by only one scratched match. Our only defeat was sustained against the Pilgrims ; the boys 1st XI. has lost no match.

We are grateful to Mr. Attenborough, Mr. Robson and Mr. Unwin for the assistance they have given us in club matches.

The boys' 1st XI. has played well together as a whole, although the combination of the forwards has at times been poor, and the majority of the goals have been scored by rushes. The throwing in has been a great weakness.

## MATCH LIST, 1915.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	L.P.S.	Op's.
Sat. Oct. 2	Mr. Attenborough's team	L.P.S. ....	Won ..	3	2
" " 9	Y.M.C.A. ....	L.P.S. ....	Won ..	6	1
Wed. " 13	Kendrick School .....	Reading ..	Won ..	5	1
Sat. " 16	King Alfred's School ...	L.P.S. ....	Won ..	13	0
Wed. " 20	Abingdon " .....	Abingdon	Won ..	4	1
Wed. " 27	Madgalen Coll. School ..	Oxford ...	Won ..	4	0
Sat. " 30	Pilgrims .....	L.P.S. ....	Lost ..	2	3
Wed. Nov. 3	A.S.C. ....	L.P.S. ....	Drawn	1	1
Wed. " 9	University College .....	Reading ..	Won ..	5	1
Sat. " 13	King Alfred's School ...	Wantage	Won ..	2	1
Wed. " 17	Mansfield College .....	Oxford ...	Won ..	2	1
Thurs. " 18	F.A.U. ....	L.P.S. ....	Won ..	4	2
Sat. " 20	Bedales School .....	Petersfield	Drawn	3	3
Wed. " 24	Abingdon School .....	L.P.S. ....	Won ..	5	0

*L.P.S. v. Y.M.C.A., at L.P.S., Saturday, October 9th.*

Our opponents were at a disadvantage in not having played together before. The game was fairly fast and L.P.S. had distinctly the better of it all through. The goals were scored chiefly by rushes of the L.P.S. forwards who were considerably faster than the opposing backs ; two goals were scored in the first half and four in the second.

*L.P.S. v. Kendrick School, at Reading, Wednesday, October 13th.*

Although L.P.S. succeeded in scoring in the first ten minutes through a good rush by Buchanan, the team did not as a whole start well. The forwards, especially, seemed unable to hold the ball or combine with any consistency, while to begin with, the shooting was wild. This was partly due to the Kendrick backs who were both fast and very sure kicks. The game was a great deal in mid-field, although we had rather more rushes than they. Just before half-time Pease scored again. Early in the second half they scored, but after this the effects of the running club began to make itself felt. L.P.S. pressed more and more and by the end of the game had added three more goals to the score.

The forwards did not combine well enough, especially at the start. Redmayne's centreing was wild. Hopkins' kicking was at times very uncertain.

*L.P.S. v. King Alfred's School, at L.P.S., Saturday, October 16th.*

From the beginning the game was very one-sided and consequently was not very strenuous. L.P.S. got together fairly soon and scored four goals in about the first twenty minutes. After this the play was more even for a while, and only one more was scored before half-time. In the second half L.P.S. scored eight more goals at fairly regular intervals with a lull at the end. At times the forwards combined quite well, but most of the goals were scored by rushes. Buchanan centred well.

*L.P.S. v. Abingdon School, at Abingdon, Wednesday, October 20th.*

This was the most vigorous game that we have had so far this year. The play was fairly even to begin with, although L.P.S. made

several good rushes, which failed owing to bad shooting. In the first half, after repeated attempts, we scored twice. In the second half, the forwards got going at once, and Pease rushed through two more goals in rapid succession. After this the team seemed to fall to pieces for about a quarter of an hour. Abingdon scored once and made several more vigorous attempts. For the remainder of the game L.P.S. pressed without further result. The forwards combined fairly well but were weak in front of goal.

*L.P.S. v. Magdalen College School, at Oxford, Wednesday, Oct. 27th.*

This was certainly the best game we have had this season. L.P.S. started well and pressed vigorously so that a goal was scored in the first ten minutes through a good shot from Pease. After this, play was rather more even for the rest of the half, although we pressed more than they did, and Penrose scored from a corner kick. In the second half L.P.S. had the distinct advantage and scored two more goals. Their forwards made several determined rushes all of which were successfully broken up. The forwards combined well on occasions, but the wings were rather starved, partly on account of the rough ground and wide field. There was not enough shooting.

*L.P.S. v. Pilgrims, at L.P.S. Saturday, October 30th,*

This was a very hard game as our opponents were a good deal the heavier. L.P.S. scored early on in the first half through Pease, but they soon equalised from a corner. After this the play was mostly in midfield, though there were occasional rushes by both forwards, in one of which Mr. Unwin scored. In the second half they scored two more goals in the first twenty minutes, and after this L.P.S. pressed continuously for the rest of the game without further result. The match was lost through the feeble and inaccurate shooting of the forwards. The backs were very shaky at times and did not get rid of the ball quickly enough.

*L.P.S. v. A.S.C. at L.P.S., Wednesday, November 3rd.*

This was a good game, and the score represented the play. The school was slow in starting, and the forwards played much too



gentle a game. They pressed rather more than we did and scored about the middle of the first half. In the second half L.P.S. played better all round and pressed a good deal. After several attempts we scored our only goal, several other opportunities being subsequently missed. Barlow was a great success at outside left, but his corners were poor.

*School v. Grove, Saturday, November 6th.*

This was a very tough and fast game all through. Grove were terribly handicapped by having a very weak forward line and it is to this that they owe their defeat. At the commencement School-house pressed, but without result. After this the game was of a mid-field character until Grove nearly scored from a corner. This check seemed to put new life into the School-house forwards, who rushed through two goals in quick succession. After this the game was more even for the remainder of the first half. On the re-start, School House pressed and continued to do so for the rest of the game, though they did not often shoot and there was no further addition to the score. The Grove backs and halves played a very good game.

TEAMS:—*Grove*: Fryer; Hopkins, Fry; Nisbet, Fox, Grace; W. Holmes, W. Southall, R. Jennings, Gillett, P. Holmes.

*School*: Smith; Bell, Jefferys; Kitching, J. D. Barlow, F. Merttens; Redmayne, Pease, Cole, L. Penrose, Buchanan.

*L.P.S. v. University College, at Reading Wednesday, November 10th.*

This year, owing to their having a weak team, we played University College with a boys', instead of a masters' eleven. Leighton Park lost the toss and started by defending the far goal with a strong sun in their faces. For the first ten minutes the College pressed, but eventually Leighton Park got away with a rush and the ball was dribbled rather than shot through the goal, by Jefferys. Before the first half ended Pease succeeded in obtaining two more goals, both with nice shots. Shortly after commencing the second half the college obtained one goal, but for the rest of the time we attacked, and Penrose shot two goals, one from a corner, and later, another

from a scrimmage in front of goal, thus bringing the final score to 5-1 for Leighton Park. In the absence of the captain we did well to obtain five goals. The play was of a somewhat desultory nature, and the surface of the ground slippery.

*L.P.S. v. King Alfred's, at Wantage, Saturday, November 13th.*

L.P.S. won the toss and started play with a strong sun and wind behind them. For the first ten minutes L.P.S. pressed and the game looked as if it would end with a score similar to the home match with our opponents. After fifteen minutes, Pease scored a goal, but after that the play was of a more mid-field character though generally in our favour. Before the end of the first half Barlow found the net from a centre from Buchanan. The play of the second half was, if anything, in our opponents' favour, and they succeeded in obtaining one goal. Penrose, however, had hard luck in not scoring at one time, as his shot hit the goal post. The final score was 2-1 for us—in strange contrast to the score of 13-0 by which we beat King Alfred's at home. In some degree the difference of the respective scores can be accounted for by the captain's absence, and by the peculiar shape and very heavy condition of the ground. L.P.S., however, did not play up to their usual mark as a team, and the forwards especially did not come back enough for the ball.

*L.P.S. v. Mansfield College, at Oxford, Wednesday, November 17th.*

This was a very good game, although through a mistake about trains, we were not able to start the game until 3.30, and could only play 25 minutes each way. L.P.S. pressed at at the start, making several unsuccessful attempts to score; after this the game was more even until about ten minutes later, L.P.S. scored. Mansfield then had more of the game, and just before half-time they equalised. In the second half both sides pressed alternately, ten minutes before time, however, L.P.S. scored through a good shot by Mr. Attenborough, and continued to press for the remainder of the game. The backs' clearing was weak, probably a good deal on account of

the frozen ground. J. D. Barlow played a vigorous game at outside left and centred well.

*L.P.S. v. F. A.U., at L.P.S., Thursday, November 18th.*

In the first half L.P.S. had distinctly the better of the game, and after many attempts scored three goals. The F.A.U. forwards made a few unsuccessful rushes. Our opponents then improved considerably, and for the first part of the second half they were all over us, the backs and halves seemed quite unable to clear the ball. They scored twice before we could again get the upper hand. After this, play was more of a mid-field character, getting more and more in our favour towards the end until we scored again a little before time. The School backs were inclined to be erratic. Considerable improvement was shown in corner kicking.

*L.P.S. v. Bedales School, at Petersfield, Saturday, November 20th.*

L.P.S. lost the toss and played downhill against the sun. Bedales started off with great vigour, and for the first few minutes were all over us, so that by the time L.P.S. began to hold its own our opponents were two goals to the good. After this, both sides pressed alternately for a while, and a little before half time we scored. Later Penrose sent a very good shot into the corner which was saved. For the first part of the second half L.P.S. had distinctly the better of the game, scoring twice more and sending in a good many shots. The Bedales forwards then got going again, and ten minutes before time they scored. After this, play was rather more in mid-field, although just before time they nearly got through. Except for the first ten minutes the School team played well. Redmayne was distinctly better than usual, and Penrose played more vigorously.

*L.P.S. v. Abingdon School, at L.P.S., Wednesday, November 24th.*

L.P.S. were not able to put a full team in the field, Kitching and Jefferys taking the place of Cole and Hopkins, nevertheless, the result was quite satisfactory. In the first half only one goal was scored, though many chances were missed. In the second half the team played together very well indeed, and L.P.S. scored four more goals from a good many more attempts. Redmayne had a good

run up and scored, and Pease played well at centre forward, though he should have scored more in the first half.

L. B. COLE.

## SECOND XI.

The second XI. have had quite a successful season, having won five and drawn two out of eight matches. The only match lost was that against the second team of the F.A.U. in training at Jordan's. Contrary to the line of last year, the forwards have been weak. Except on a few occasions they have failed to combine and shoot effectively. The team has regularly consisted of :—G. S. Hampton, W. I. Holmes, W. P. Southall, C. W. Gillett, E. S. Smith, A. J. Hodgkin, R. A. Penrose, N. Kitching, F. R. Merttens, P. B. Redmayne and R. A. U. Jennings (captain). The following have also played :—T. F. Fox and P. Holmes.

### MATCH RESULTS.

Opponents.	Where Played.	Result.	L.P.S.	Opp'ts.
King Alfred's School, 2nd	Wantage	W	5	1
Abingdon, 2nd	L.P.S.	D	0	0
Maidenhead .. ..	L.P.S.	D	1	1
Henley .. ..	L.P.S.	W	7	2
King Alfred's School, 2nd	L.P.S.	W	4	0
Henley .. ..	Henley	W	1	0
F.A.U., 2nd .. ..	L.P.S.	L	1	4
Abingdon, 2nd .. ..	Abingdon	W	2	0

R. A. U. J.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

WE came back on September 17th, to find the buildings much as we had left them, still to the undiscerning eye far from being inhabitable. The sunk fence, too, seemed little altered, and on occasion it has proved a resource for those whose afternoons are not entirely their own. One or two of us have come back late, and several new boys came about half term, but now we have again reached sixty, with good promise for the future, so rumour has it.

On Monday, September 20th, and Wednesday, September 22nd, Mr. Brayshaw conducted two small archæological excursions of the



L.H.A. to Checkendon and Dorchester, in Oxfordshire. The interesting Norman church at Checkendon was explored thoroughly, and lament was voiced at the habit of these wretched south-country people who make beautiful with plaster, and whitewash their churches within. On the Wednesday, ten energetic enthusiasts met Mr. Brayshaw and Mr. Robson in Dorchester Abbey, a church presenting much difficulty even to such an experienced archæologist as the former. But he cleared up all our doubts and difficulties with regard to the history of this interesting pile, in the very pleasant hour and a half spent in and around the church. We hope this experiment of afternoon excursions may be repeated in the future.

Morning exercises have temporarily disappeared, much to the relief of the prefects it is whispered. Now they, with the rest of the school, have the duty of running round the drives, new and old, which surround Grove field. We hope that this form of morning exercises will be kept up even after the cause of it has disappeared. It should prove an excellent addition to other forms of training that the school may go in for.

Whistling and running in the New Buildings' corridor is punishable with a run; could not this form of punishment be extended profitably now that we have a suitable track?

Early this term we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Sawdon, now missionaries in China. Mr. Sawdon used to be at Saffron Walden as a master, and has recently been in charge of the Boys' School, at Chun King. He talked to us on Sunday evening, in meeting, of the different kinds of schools that there are in China, and of the native methods of education there, which seem to consist firstly and lastly in repeating passages from Chinese authors of an incredible antiquity all at the same time. No ideas of real brain concentration seem to enter into their curriculum. Dust and noise will be what we shall remember as chiefly characteristic of Chinese schools. Mr. Sawdon then went on to tell us of the missionary's schools. He gave us some interesting anecdotes to illustrate the

Chinese fear of being beaten, and of the difficulty which the missionaries found in getting the Chinese to play games. If only the average Englishman had a little of the Chinese love of study for its own sake, as well as his other qualities, what a being he might be !

On the evening of October 29th, the school attended a public meeting in University College Hall, in which descriptions were given of the work of Friends' Ambulance Units by the Right Hon. J. W. Wilson, M. P. ; of the work of the War Victims' Relief in France by Mlle. Griboval, whose address we may well take as an ideal in amusing speaking and linguistic study ; of the work in Holland by Philip Burt ; and of the Agricultural work by Theodore Rigg. Some of the older boys acted as stewards, in which capacity they seem to have been appreciated.

On October 30th, we had the pleasure of a visit from the Pilgrims. After a good game and tea, they gave us their customary excellent Social. Amongst much that was very humorous, perhaps Mr. Philip's comic songs (we are not quite sure that he would like them to be called comic) and Mr. Thorne's recitations will remain with us longest. The School also contributed some songs and recitations. We were very pleased to find that most of our guests could stay over the week-end.

"A Fire at the Farm !" Such was the news that greeted some of us on our return from Oxford. Apparently the loft above the work-shop caught on fire where the wood beams came in contact with the stove pipe. Mr. Andrews, we learn, was the first on the spot. The fire-engines were speedily sent for, but the labours of Mrs. Evans and Messieurs Kitto and Elliott had got the flames well under before two of them came to the spot. We would tender our congratulations to all who successfully put it out, mixed, however, with a little sorrow that the fire did not make a clean sweep of the old farm buildings. There would seem to be some scope for a local artist to portray "the things we could do without," (the San, first and foremost), but we are sad to say that all the apples are "burnt out," they certainly should not be put in the above suggested

category, and we hope by the time this reaches our readers any sorry prognostications of there being no suitable substitute will have been falsified by our cuisinierie department. We may thank ourselves to have got off so lightly. Perhaps the most practical effect should be to hasten the coming of regular fire drill practice.

What little bird gave us the following scene? A rather heated L.P.S. master coming at the double—finds the telephone engaged.—“Fire! Fire!—my best—bur-r—wood’s burning!”

Some of us recently have been in a position in which we felt able to exercise much sympathy with the Black Hole of Calcutta unfortunates. Can anyone tell us if the notices usually plentiful in railway compartments cover all the “forbidden ground?”

On Thursday, November 18th, we were paid a visit by some members of the Friends’ Ambulance Unit who were training at Jordan’s. In the afternoon, which was the monthly half, two games of football were arranged which proved very enjoyable, the first ending in the School’s favour, whilst in the second the Unit proved the conquerors. It was noticeable that some of our team seemed out to get their money’s worth when they were playing an ambulance unit. After the game some of us watched our visitors practising stretcher and infantry drill. We understand that the Unit slept in the Gym. Long before most of us had awakened next morning they were gone, and we have since heard that they carried out their intended day’s training, i.e., walking to Jordan’s via Maidenhead, with three hours’ drill there. We were very glad to welcome three O.L.’s amongst them, viz., P. S. Cadbury, H. R. Smith and C. V. Goddard.

Our readers will be pleased to hear that the “Library” in Grove no longer belies its name! We understand that the miscellaneous collections which adorned its glass cupboards have now gone to a

more suitable and abiding resting place, the Biological Lab. We are sure that the authorities of Grove will be pleased to receive any old books of the lighter type (religious books don't seem in much demand now—can it be owing to the war?)—which may help to transform our at present quack lie' library into a dynamic truth. But we would not poach on the preserves of the School Librarian, he, like most of us, would be pleased for help both for the period of the war—and for longer.

The latter part of the term has witnessed an unaccustomed activity in the workshops where "Splints" are being made. At a special meeting of the School it was announced that there would not be a play at the Social at the end of the term, and as a consequence much time would be saved which it was hoped would be given to splint making. A committee of three was appointed, Mr. Kitto, L. B. Cole and G. R. Fox, to supervise the work done in voluntary time. We received one hundred square feet of three-ply wood from the Reading War Hospital Supplies Committee, and the Union has granted ten pounds for wood for splints. We are hoping to turn out three hundred splints (one hundred each of arm, elbow and hand splints), per week. At present the School seems to be working steadily, and we hope that as the novelty wears off the time spent will not decrease.

We understand that the carpentry classes in school-time are also making splints.

Hobby time seem well occupied this term, alternate Thursdays seeing Ambulance lectures by Dr. Gilford, while some of the younger boys take wood-carving lessons with Mr. Davies. Chess seems crowded out of hobbies, though it is a recognised Sabbatical occupation. All the ambulance class hope to take an exam. in December, we believe.

In the evening, after the House Match, Grove gave a "Social" to the rest of the School and to some friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edminson, and of the School. Shortly after we assembled there was an advertisement competition, and then a bean-hunt, for which Mr.



and Mrs. Unwin kindly offered prizes. It is wonderful how the greatest celebrities seem to have never met an advertisement or to have seen a bean. Then came supper. We understand from some of our Epicurean friends that this item was in keeping with the high traditions of Grove in this line in the past.

At nine o'clock followed a series of semi impromptu scenes from School life. The first was an evening of the Musical Society, at which the life, works and faith of Leslie Biceps Cole were studied, and in which his nurse, Miss Bibbers, played a prominent part. After this there was an excursion to a neighbouring church, conducted by A. Neave Brayshaw (J. B. Fryer), with the nominal help of the contradictory Vicar (W. N. C. Fosbery). Then followed a scene from the Common Room in mid-morning break, in which we feel that several of the Staff may have seen their characters and persons in a new light. The evening closed with a scene from Monthly Meeting. In this we think that the thought of Mrs. Smith (P. F. Scanlan in Mary Unwin's mail-cart), C. I. Evans (R. A. U. Jennings), T. T. Cass (W. I. Holmes), Alfred Rawlings (W. W. Pollard) and our visiting friends from Banbury, W. C. Braithwaite (A. P. Cotterell), and John Padbury Gillett (J. B. Fryer), as well as the clerks, Howard R. Smith (R. K. Wilson), and E. E. Unwin (E. G. Grace), will leave a refreshing memory. We would not forget any who helped to give us a very enjoyable evening, space alone forbids the inclusion of their names.

An interesting sidelight has been thrown on Greek pharmacopœa by a member of the VIth form, who translated

“Οὐδέ τι φάρμακον Θρήσσαις ἐν σανίσιν,”

(Eur. Alcestis).

by, “nor any Thracian drug in tablets.”

The autumn has been remarkable for its heavy rainfall, which included a record for L.P.S. on 31st of October, when 1 43 inches fell. On the other hand the number of days on which rain has fallen has not been above the average. The highest and lowest readings of the barometer occurred within a fortnight of each other, 28·41 on

the 8th and 30 478 on the 20th of November. The gale on the night of the 13th and the fall of snow on the 15th were, no doubt, connected in some way with this extraordinary increase in the atmospheric pressure.

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INTER-DEBATE WITH READING SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 27th.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

We are pleased to record that Reading School Debating Society accepted an invitation to discuss the thesis "That war brings more evil than good in its train." The variety of points of view from which the subject was regarded made the debate a valuable one, and it is to be hoped that the experiment may be repeated. Fryer and Jennings proposed the motion, and two of the visitors ably opposed; the debate was then open to all present, and a lively debate it proved.

Most speeches were fluent, and without signs of nervousness. If feeling tended to violence, it was checked by the serene calm of the president—like some granite rock that fronts the storm—not without mild sarcasm. Speeches, interesting, with fervid thoughts aglow, at times marred by irrelevancy. Arguments too material on the whole, to the detriment of the spiritual aspect, which alone is real. References to history, frequent, as was right, but not always apposite or fair. Occurrences of fallacious analogies and bad logic, perhaps not unduly numerous, considering the age of the debaters. Particular instances, masquerading as universals, led to some illicit conclusions. Most speakers attempting to prove too much, yet considering chiefly the weaker points of their opponents, damaged their case, as was noted by a philosophic visitor, to whose attitude be all credit given. In fact, Truth not completely attained, chiefly from lack of critical ability. But some steps on the way to the Higher Synthesis perhaps ascended, which is the right tendency for erring mortals.

## CHESS.

We note with pleasure the insertion in the chess column of the "Saturday Westminster," of a problem by L. S. Penrose, in collaboration with A. Neave Brayshaw.

Owing to the war, little chess has been played this term, but that little maintains a high standard, both in chess proper and "Kriegspiel." Of the two appended games, the former was won by L. S. Penrose, the latter by one of our members on three separate occasions, there being no deviation until the eleventh move.

## I.

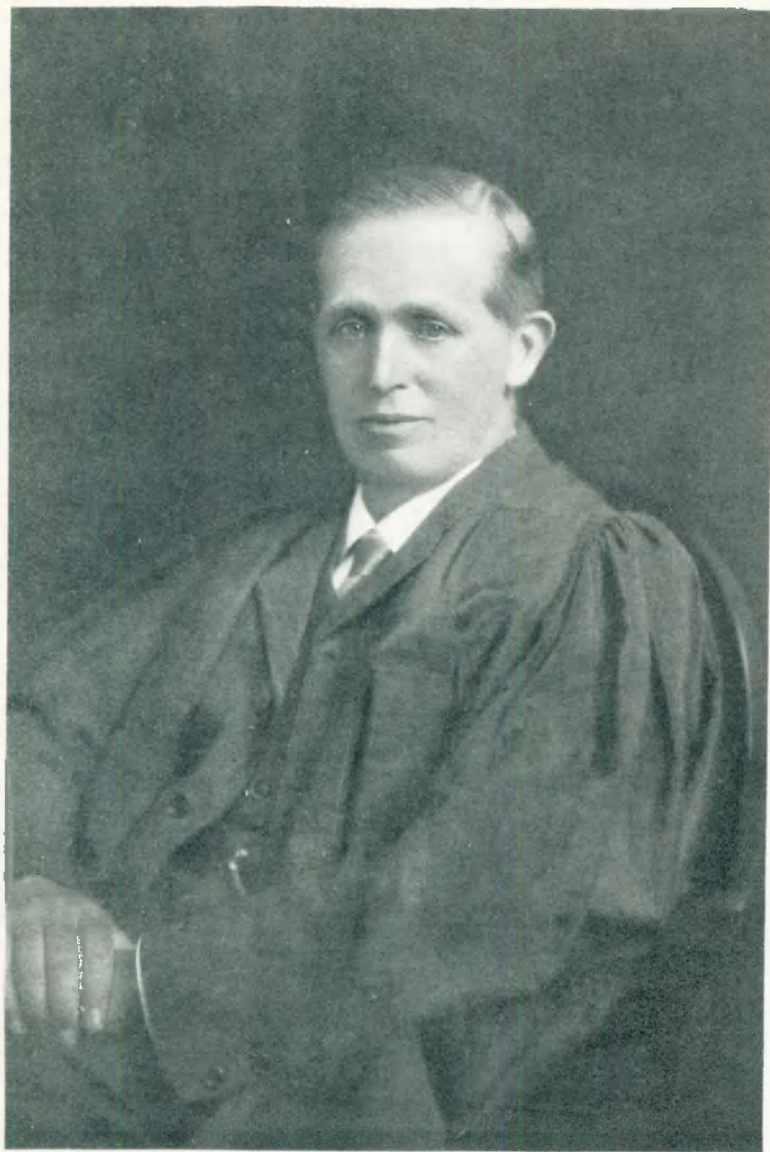
## EVANS GAMBIT. Remove White's Q Kt.

	White	Black		White	Black.
1	P-K4	P-K4	9	P-K5	Kt-KKt5
2	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	10	Kt-Kt5	Kt-R3
3	B-B4	B-B4	11	Q-R5	Castles
4	P-QKt4	BxP	12	B-Q3	BxP
5	P-QB3	B-B4	13	KtxRP	BxR
6	Castles	Kt-KB3	14	Kt-B6ch	PxKt
7	P-Q4	PxP	15	White declares Mate in	
8	PxP	B-Kt3		8 moves beginning with	
				QxKt.	

## II.

## RUY LOPEZ.

	White	Black		White	Black
1	P-K4	P-K4	7	Q-R5ch	P-Kt3
2	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	8	KtxKtP	BxKt
3	B-Kt5	P-B4	9	Q-K5ch	Q-K2
4	PxP	P-K5	10	QxR	Kt-B3
5	BxKt	QPxB	11	P-Q4	PxPdis.ch.
6	Kt-K5	BxP		White resigns.	



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