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Editorial.

THE PAST TERM.

IT is with great satisfaction that we review the past three months; these particular months, during which the germs of all known diseases are rampant in the land, when schools are the happy hunting grounds of microbes and bacilli, have left S. Ronan's unscathed and free from illness; this despite the fact that February thoughtfully presented us with the worst weather within our recollection. Day after day we watched the donkey dismally bathing on the cricket pitch, and footballs floating down the football ground; but still we survived, and consequently, although March made full amends for the shortcomings of February, we have just cause for contentment. But it gave us still greater pleasure to see that the harmony of the School continued unruffled, to observe a spirit of thorough unselfishness permeating many of the boys, and we wish to express our gratification at the excellent example set by the head boys of the School; the motives which actuate them in their doings, are in every way the right motives, and we know that matters are going the right way. We have one or two schemes on hand to propound to all S. Ronan's boys, both past and present, but as the time is not yet quite ripe, we will hold our hand for the present. With full information in other columns, there is no necessity to take up further space here, and we will conclude by giving all our readers a cordial invitation to the Sports, on May 14th, and the Parents' match later in the term, for which functions invitations will be sent out in due course.

April, 1910.

School Notes.

The following new boys are entered for admission in May :—

A. Churton-Taylor.
 R. T. S. Phipps.
 W. A. H. Boyd.
 H. C. P. Havers.
 J. M. Coldham.
 H. V. T. Mills.

This will make our numbers 54, as no one is leaving.

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The Summer Term commences on Friday, May 6th. There will, as usual, be a saloon on the 3.26 train from Victoria to West Worthing, and all the boys going through London are invited to travel by that train. N.B.—The above train varies from 3.26 to 3.40 p.m. Summer holidays begin Tuesday, August 2nd.

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There will be an Extra Class next term in consequence of the increase of numbers, and it will go by the name of the "Shell." The Classes, therefore, will be as follows :—

Scholarship Class.
 I.A.
 Shell.
 I.B.
 II.
 III.

This necessitates an extra master, and we welcome with pleasure Mr. G. B. B. Johnson (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), whom we have been fortunate in knowing for many years; Mr. Johnson was Senior Classical Scholar both of his School and College, and took high honours in the Classical Tripos; he is also a keen cricketer. Mr. H. R. Gordon-Miller, an old Marlborough boy, will also join our ranks for the first time.

Mention is made in another column of the Lectures we have had this term; there is no need to add to the remarks of our "Special Correspondent" further than to say that all three Lectures were greatly appreciated, the one by Mr. Julien Grandes, F.R.G.S., on "Palestine, Ancient and Modern," being distinctly the best.

The S. Ronan's Dramatic Society sprang to life again last term; the matter has been dealt with by another "Special Correspondent;" suffice it to say, that considering the actors not only wrote the play themselves, but arranged everything without any outside help, the performance was most excellent, and they are to be warmly commended for their enterprize and enthusiasm.

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Our grateful thanks are due to J. Coode-Adams, Esq., for presenting a beautiful Silver Cup to be shot for annually by members of the Rifle Club. This generous act should go far towards giving a needed stimulus to the "Shooting." Each winner's name will be engraved on the stand.

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We have also to thank C. T. Verry, Esq., for a very handsome Silver bowl which he has sent us from South Africa, to be competed for at the Athletic Sports. He has also promised us one of his first big skins; at present he has hit a Crocodile and a Rhinoceros, but without great effect, as we understand.

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Another generous gift has to be acknowledged in the shape of three handsome "Stoles," from the Rev. R. Thrupp. They are to be used entirely in the Chapel, and Mr. Thrupp has our warmest thanks.

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We rather think the Gymnasium show was better than usual this year; everything was performed to the strains of the piano, and this seemed to impart more life into the whole business. Mr. Simpson kindly officiated.

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By the same token, we now boast an excellent piano in the Reading Room, and Messrs. Hadley, Brookes, Dutton, &c., don't give anyone much chance to forget it either; what with the piano playing "Yip-i-addy" at one end of the room, and the gramophone emitting the strains of "Sweet and Low" at the other, things are occasionally somewhat distracting, especially for those who wish to read or play billiards.

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Lawn Tennis will be a regular game next term, and we hope, therefore, that all those boys who possess racquets will bring them back to School. We also take this opportunity of reminding

everyone that they will need their football shorts, stockings, and running shoes, for sports practice for the first week of term.

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We are glad to hear that Mr. Crick has been appointed to a living in Suffolk, which meets his wishes in all respects ; we wish him and Mrs. Crick the best of luck.

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It is rumoured, but not confirmed, that Mr. G. D. M. r . s is so much encouraged by his voluntary rendering of "Sweet and Low" to a S. Ronan's audience, that he intends to take up "singing" as a profession on the first possible occasion.

The Lectures.

BY H. M. GOODALL.

There have been three Lectures this Term. The first on Wednesday, February 23rd, starting at 5.30, lasted an hour. The subject was the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, Mr. de la Prime being lecturer. The slides were good and clear, though at first not very well focussed. Mr. de la Prime recounted some of his own experiences, and told us about the mat which we are supporting in the Likoma Hospital ; in Africa they call beds mats. The lecturer showed us a Cathedral which is being built out there, and also some of the Churches, which are generally made of wood and which have thatched roofs. After the lecture was over we bought post cards of the various places where the Missionaries live, and also little books about the African people.

On Saturday, March 14th, Mr. Pears came down to give us a lecture on Windsor Castle, and at the end he showed us other pictures both comical and serious. The slides were wonderful, most of them being coloured ; there were several of St. George's Chapel, which were very beautiful, and also some of the Round Tower and the quarters of the Knights of the Garter. Mr. Pears showed us statues and tombs of various people ; there were also two or three pictures of the Queen's fruit houses, pineapple, melon and grape houses. Mr. Pears spoke clearly and distinctly, and sometimes made his audience laugh by saying something funny. Miss Fisher brought 30 of her girls and about two or three of her mistresses. At the end Mr. Pears thanked the audience for having listened to him for so long a time, and for having kept still throughout the lecture, which took place in the Gym., though the preceding one was in the Reading Room.

On Good Friday Evening there was a lecture in the Gym. at 7 o'clock, given by Mr. Grande, a celebrated lecturer from the Lecture Agency. He was lecturing on Palestine, ancient and modern. First of all, Mr. Grande made a short speech, saying what he was going to lecture about, which was not very distinct at first, as he spoke with a foreign accent, but as he proceeded the audience understood him better. He started from Egypt, as he was going the journey of the Israelites, when they went from Egypt to Canaan. He showed us pictures of the desert and of some mountains, one of which was Mount Hor. After a time he came to Petra, called the rock city, as it is built on a huge rock; there were several pictures of the temples cut out of the face of the rock, and the architecture was magnificent. He told us a story of how he was nearly shot by a fanatical Turkish soldier, as he was desecrating a temple which was built on Mount Hor, marking the tomb of Aaron. At first the slides were not very well focussed by the man working the lantern. As before, Miss Fisher brought 30 of her girls. The lecture ended at 8.30. On the whole, it was quite good, though occasionally somewhat difficult to understand.

S. Ronan's Dramatic Society,

(BY G. H. COLDHAM).

This company was originated by our friends Messrs. Eden and Northey quite late in the Term, about the end of February; it started with a performance in the I.A. Classroom. Mr. Latham-Brown was stage manager, and Mr. Coode-Adams was stage carpenter. However, this could not go on for long, and consequently they had a subscription list, and some other members of the school kindly gave contributions; someone, indeed, gave 5s. They immediately sent to our tried firm Messrs. Gamage, Ltd., and a large quantity of masks, hats, &c., put in an appearance a few days later.

After one or two more Acts in the I.A. Classroom they transferred the "Theatre Royal" to the Gymnasium. To gain the best seats, admission had to be applied for to Messrs. Latham-Brown and Harris, the seats for the masters and Miss Bromley being of course specially reserved. The first act proved to be quite a useful one for the initial performance, but unfortunately there was no curtain to descend after every scene and the scenery had to be changed in the open. At the end we had vociferous cheers for Mr. Harris and Mr. Vinter, the masters, Miss Bromley, and "our head prefect," Mr. H. M. Goodhall, at which he got "very sick." Messrs. Brookes and Dutton gave us an excellent performance on the piano.

The second performance, on March 26th, was much better: the talking was louder, the scenery good, and a curtain was erected. Some of the audience evidently appreciated the intervals more than the play, as the waiter, Mr. Mansell appeared on the scene with the choicest sweets the "grub shop" could supply. Some old boys and Mr. W. B. Harris visited us for Easter, and they expressed the opinion afterwards that they thought the performance was a really good one for an amateur company.

The third and last performance, on March 28th, was much the best; they had footlights and better scenery than before. Here again the biscuits were much appreciated, and Mr. Delap's speech even more so. The cheers were not at all good, for more than half the audience had already gone downstairs. After the cheers for Mr. Goodall, and a vain attempt by him to give the proposer of them the same compliment, the play was concluded for this term.

With respect to the acting, where all were so good, it would be invidious to single out anyone for special praise; for a first effort, the thing was quite well done.

School Roll.

The following will be the School Roll next term; the new boys, for the sake of convenience, have been put at the end, as their places will not be decided upon before the beginning of their term:—

SCHOL. CLASS.

Goodall, ma.		Mansell
Crick		Grimley, ma.
Coldham, ma.		Whinney
Barclay-Smith.		

I.A.

Goodall, mi.		Grimley, mi.
Thrupp, ma.		Morris, mi.
Fisher		Cobbold
Horne		Havers, mi.
Havers, ma.		

SHELL.

Brookes		Coode-Adams
Morris, ma.		Hadley
Malcolmson		Latham-Brown.
Northey		Harris
Cumming.		

I.B.

Eden
Delap, ma.
Duttson
Wallis

Tudor Craig
Abraham
Thrupp, mi.
Leathes

CLASS II.

Garrett
Nourse
Chapman
Crozier

Mills, ma.
Nisbett, ma.
Jackson, ma.
Delap, mi.

Byass.

CLASS III.

Hoyle
Barker, ma.
Barker, mi.
Jackson, mis.
Jackson, mi.

Mills, mi.
Churton-Taylor
Coldham, mi.
Boyd
Phipps

Havers, mis.

Thus it will be seen that the "Shell" Class is formed of the last four or five boys in I.A. and those getting their remove out of I.B. The object in view is to make the standard of work in the "Shell" Class, equal to that of the Public School Entrance Examinations; this will make the standard of work throughout the school higher, and should ensure any boy in Schol. Class or I.A. taking a high place at his public school.

The Athletic Sports.

These will take place on Saturday, May 14th, commencing at 2.30 sharp. The Heats have already been decided, and we now want nothing except a fine day and freedom from illness. The Lord Bishop of Chichester has kindly promised to give away the prizes.

Dancing.

The ladies who have hitherto given S. Ronan's boys lessons in the above art at the "Heene Rooms," are willing if a suitable time can be arranged to hold the classes at S. Ronan's during the winter terms; we mention this in case any fresh parents would care to avail themselves of this advantage.

Publisher's Notia.

"101 REASONS FOR BEING LATE IN THE MORNING."

(By MR. G. D. MORRIS).

Messrs. Grimley Brothers beg to announce that this long promised book is now ready.—Price, 2/6 Net.

The work has been compiled by the author with great care, and is the result of his long and varied experience of the subject.

Messrs. Grimley can strongly recommend it to their customers. Copies sent on approval.

The following are a few extracts from the work, it will speak for themselves.

- No. 4. Martha told me the wrong time.
- No. 7. My clock was *fast*.
- No. 12. I put my trousers on the wrong way.
- No. 13. I did the top button of my waistcoat on the wrong button-hole, and had to *undo it all up again*.
- No. 31. My braces busted.
- No. 47. I lost my (a) stud.
(b) trousers.
(c) tie.
- No. 51. I thought it was Sunday Morning.
- No. 60. I thought there was no more 'dril.'
- No. 61. I will tell you presently.
- No. 70. I was listening to Mr. Vizard singing.
- No. 90. First Time.
- No. 101. Late Sir!

A FEW LETTERS FROM CUSTOMERS.

MR. J. R. L. BROOKES, WRITES :—

“Shall certainly borow a copy.”

MR. H. H. FISHER, WRITES :—

“Will you kindly oblige me with a copy.”

MISS BROMLEY, WRITES :—

“Please send me a copy—have had my ‘First Time.’”

MRS. THRUPP, WRITES :—

“Please send a copy at once—we cannot keep William in bed.” “P.S. You might send 2 copies.”

MRS. LATHAM-BROWN, WRITES :—

“Please send a copy immediately—Tony is so restless in the mornings.”

MR. A. A. HAVERS, WRITES :—

“What beastly rot.”

MR. P. DELAP, WRITES :—

“Dear Mr. Grimley Brothers,
Please send one of the books, I want one for my little brother.

Yours affectionately,

P. Delap.’

MR. CUMMING, WRITES :—

“Please send *won*, I will pay when I *remember*.”

The work contains two illustrations :—

- (1) Superb plate—representing Mr. George Coldham coming down late.
- (2) Superb plate—depicting the author—dressed in smiles—coming down in ‘Time !’

Rifle Shooting.

The members of our shooting eight last term were, for the most part, young beginners and lacked the experience of our powerful opponents. We therefore anticipated defeat from the very outset. However, our prospects for next term are excellent. Horne, Coode-Adams, Mills, Thrupp, ma., and Malcolmson, show every indication of developing into first class "Shots," and several of the others are not far behind them. Next term we fully expect to avenge our recent defeats.

Mr. Coode-Adams has very kindly presented a cup to the School, and this gift should still further stimulate the enthusiasm of all those who handle the rifle at S. Ronan's.

Appended are the results of last term's matches:—

- S. Ronan's (118) *v.* Cottesmore I. (228).
 S. Ronan's (122) *v.* Mowden School (168).
 S. Ronan's (132) *v.* Cottesmore II. (187).

The Chapel.

The following have been the offertories during the past term:—

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, Jan. 23rd, Altar Linen Fund ...	0	9	6½
„ Jan. 30th, do. do. do. ...	0	11	7
„ Feb. 8th, Bishop of Chichester's Diocesan Fund ...	1	14	4
„ Feb. 13th, do. do. do. do.	1	8	2
„ Feb. 20th, Altar Linen Fund ...	0	8	10½
„ Feb. 27th, Pembroke Coll. Mission ...	1	9	4
„ March 6th, do. do. do. ...	0	18	4½
„ March 13th, Altar Linen Fund ...	0	11	1
„ March 20th, do. do. do. ...	1	1	0
„ March 27th, do. do. do. ...	2	0	0
„ April 3rd, do. do. do. ...	0	10	5

The complete set of Altar Linen has now been paid for.

A sum of 25s. was found in the Savings Box at the end of Lent; it has been despatched, as usual, for the use of the Melanesian Mission.

Music.

We append a report on the past term's music, as supplied by Mrs. Samson, Music Mistress:—

W. N. DUTTON.—This boy is very good and will play well; he has been allowed to play too much from ear, but is getting out of this habit and will eventually do well.

J. R. L. BROOKES.—Very good. Works splendidly, and will play well.

G. B. WALLIS.—Very slow, but will get on well; practices carefully.

R. L. THRUPP.—Rather better than he was; seems to be trying more.

C. W. THRUPP.—Could work much better if he liked. Lazy.

H. M. MORRIS.—Good; ought to play well.

H. C. D. WHINNEY.—Good; a trifle slow, but very careful, and should eventually play quite nicely. Works well.

G. D. MORRIS.—Slow, but he does his very best and tries hard.

J. S. MANSELL.—Will do well. Persevering.

T. L. HAVERS.—Shows signs of working more carefully, as he is beginning to do much better.

A. E. LATHAM-BROWN.—A very careful boy; it is a pity he has been absent from some of his lessons. He should be quite good.

Football.

The Easter Term is always regarded in a less serious light than the preceding one; there are fewer school matches, and sixes take up a large part of our time, together with sports practices. In the eight or nine matches which took place, however, the Team

once more acquitted themselves with the utmost credit, winning easily in every case. As we said in our last number, we have had an unusually good side this year, and as scarcely any of the team are leaving, our XI for next season should be an extremely powerful one.

The Cricket prospects are fair ; probably the bowling may be a little weak ; in any case, it scarcely seems likely that the team will be as strong as those of the past few years.

Football XI. January—April, 1910.—

A. M. G. Cobbold, Capt.
 A. Latham-Brown,
 C. W. G. Grimley,
 W. H. R. Crick,
 G. T. W. Horne,
 J. S. T. Mansell,
 H. M. Morris,
 G. H. Coldham,
 N. G. Harris,
 P. A. S. Hadley,
 K. G. Malcolmson.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE.

A good game ended in a win for us by 4—2 ; the match was played on our opponent's ground, and it was only after half-time that the S. Ronan's forwards asserted themselves, and won the game by superior combination. Malcolmson made a promising "début," in goal.

S. RONAN'S *v.* SOUTHEY HALL.

An easy win for S. Ronan's by 7—0 was in accordance with the run of the game. The whole team played well.

S. RONAN'S *v.* MALVERN HOUSE.

Against much bigger players ; the S. Ronan's XI. showed excellent form and won by 7—2. Grimley, ma., Cobbold and Morris, mi., make a splendid trio of inside forwards, and they are

well-fed by good half-backs. The great point of the team is that they are so level throughout, and that there is no weak spot.

N.B.—In the return matches against the above schools, S. Ronan's won easily in each instance, and also defeated St Andrew's 9—1.

Characters of the Team, 1909=10.

- W. E. CHETWYND-STAPYLTON (inside right) Captain.—A capital shot ; passed well and always played a cool game.
- A. M. G. COBBOLD (centre).—Very clever with his feet ; passes beautifully and keeps his forwards together ; shooting improving.
- A. LATHAM-BROWN (centre-half).—A strong tackler and feeds his forwards excellently ; a little slow, but a hard worker.
- J. T. RUFFER (goal).—Safe and reliable in every way.
- C. W. G. GRIMLEY (inside left).—A very good player ; clever dribbler ; passes and shoots well ; plenty of pace.
- O. W. HORNE (half).—Most promising player at half-back ; good tackler and quite fast, but at present kicks too hard.
- J. S. MANSELL (centre-half).—A real trier, quick and nippy ; a most useful centre-half, but rather too wild at times.
- H. M. MORRIS (inside-right).—At first a good outside ; has taken to the inside position with success, fast and quick, dribbles, passes and shoots well.
- G. H. COLDHAM (right back).—A very good clean kick with either foot ; much improved this year in every way.
- N. G. HARRIS (left back) —Tackles well, and good with his head ; kicking improving.
- J. O. LAWSON (outside-left). Clumsy, but hard working.

P. A. S. HADLEY (outside-left).—Fast and quite promising; must not flinch.

K. G. MALCOLMSON (goal).—Promises well; safe with his hands, but not yet a good kick.

Soccer Sixes.

The competition was very keen this year, and although Horne's VI appeared to be the best and likely to win, Cobbold's was the successful one in the end; Horne, however, made up for his bad luck by winning the Gym. ties, which were only finished two days from the end of term. In both competitions the Teams were very evenly matched, and interest was sustained well up to the end.

Old Boy's Column

We were delighted to welcome C. M. Goodall, J. M. de Slubicki and F. R. C. Cobbold at Easter; they came for a few days' visit and everyone was glad to see them. Other visitors this term have been O. W. Horne, Mr. W. B. Harris and Mr. O. B. P. Burdon; and it was a great pleasure to everyone to see the latter once again.

F. W. Pink did great things in the Westminster Sports, winning the Quarter (under 16) in 59 secs, and being second in the open Long Jump with 17 ft. 2 inches, a wonderful jump for a boy of that age.

P. S. Hadley, too, at Charterhouse, did capially; though barely fifteen, he had to compete in the under "16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " events, and won all his heats in excellent time.

F. R. C. Cobbold has our hearty congratulations on getting his "House Colours," at Westminster.

We have had the pleasure of seeing M. M. Sayer recently, though only 16, he and Willans both adorn the VIth, at Rugby.

Cadet S. N. Cobbold has received his 1st XI Colours at Osborne, it is only what we all expected; Cadet J. W. Havers passes on to Dartmoor next term.

G. H. Jones-Mitton has just gone to Harrow.

Mr. Cyril Fenn has been appointed Second Treasurer of Cyprus, by the Colonial Office.

D. B. Wallis, who goes up to Pembroke College, Cambridge, in October next, has been a Prefect at Cheltenham for some terms, and is also playing for the College XV.

We have excellent accounts of G. H. Cartland from Winchester; he will be remembered as a prominent member of our 1906 Cricket team.

N.B.—Information as to the doings of Old Boys is always welcome.

Cake Match.

COBBOLD'S XI. *v.* LATHAM-BROWN'S XI.

The above match was undoubtedly disappointing this year; instead of a most level struggle as usual, Cobbold's team ran away and won easily 6—0. This was not due so much to disparity between the two teams as to the fact that Latham-Brown's XI., with the exception of himself and Harris, had a day off. Horne was in very poor form; Morris, mi., was so excited that he did everything in too much of a hurry, and the whole side failed to get going during the whole game. Their opponents, on the other hand, settled down at once to an excellent display of combined football. Cobbold and Grimley made rings round the opposing defence, and shot unerringly time after time. However, the game was contested in the best of good feeling,

and all the players had a good "dig" at the enormous cake presented by Messrs. Harris and Vinter. It is reported indeed that one or two of the players indulged "not wisely, but too well."

Cricket Prospects.

G. H. Coldham will be the new Captain, and C. W. G. Grimley Vice-Captain. Inasmuch as no one at present has received Colours, it seems possible that the team will be weaker than usual. We think it quite possible, however, that many members of the team will come on so much, as to make the side quite a good one. Coldham ought to be a consistent scorer; Morris, mi., is bound to be a fine player, and Grimley, ma., will be very useful all-round; there are many others who may easily make plenty of runs. One thing is certain; everyone will try their hardest and that alone will carry us through a good deal. Below is a total summary of cricket matches played by the 1st XI. during the past five years.

<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>
65	42	17	6