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EDITORIAL.

ONCE again we have begun a New Year with dozens of good resolutions, and once more we have already broken most of them. But worst of all a new editorial is required, and that has to be compiled out of nothing, boon we shall hear the grumbings of our intellectual readers on account of the "staleness" of this number. But we now have the opportunity to ask all those brainy critics to make news by so making use of their L^{cap}P^{ac}ious brains, as to make names for themselves, and so provide fitting sub-lets for an editorial.

The new year has been so far a great success, and we heartily congratulate G. C. Cheshire on his phenomenal success in the Final Bar Examination, and A. J. Wood on his having obtained an Open Classical Scholarship at S. Catharine's College, Cambridge. We hope the whole year may be one long list of such successes.

The Football team has greatly improved on last term's form : we began the second half of the season by an easy victory, which has been followed up by two very keen matches, one of which we lost and the other we drew.

We heartily thank Messrs. Swift and Coleman for the great trouble they took in providing the school with two most interesting and instructive lectures.

In conclusion, we ask all members of the school to contribute to the *Denstonian*. Surely the intellect of the school can provide us with something more interesting than the inevitable Football accounts. Why, for instance, does not some person of a literary and enquiring turn of mind spend his spare time in examining the manners and habits of the Third Form, and provide an article from this study which, in addition to being exceedingly instructive, would be a source of endless amusement to our more intellectual readers. But this is only one of the many subjects which so far have not been touched.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE WOODARD SCHOOLS.

The first foundation stone of the whole Woodard System is "the Rock which is Christ." The glory of God was the one object of the Founder, and the one aim of the education to be given in these Schools, The Founder and those associated with him were strong and loyal Churchmen, and held their faith without any apologies and with intense conviction. They belonged to an age which had force of character and grit. They would have looked with contempt on the clergyman of to-day, who, in striving to defend his Church School, unblushingly explains to his opponent that he has never taught anything to which a Nonconformist could object, and needlessly apologizes for his faith which is almost imperceptible. Undenominationalism has unnerved Churchmen, and bred a race of cowards, who trust to the shifty methods of subtle diplomacy, rather than to the belief that God will protect the right, who march timidly on to the Battlefield ready at any moment to effect a compromise, or abandon a Creed. This was not the spirit of the Founders of the

Woodard Schools. Their one object was to train up boys to be good Churchmen.

"It is something, it is everything to have an immovable Faith, to know in Whom we have believed, and what we have believed concerning Him. Our all depends on it."

"If, before all things" writes Sir Percival Heywood, "it is necessary to hold the Catholic Faith, &c., it seems to me that before all things it is necessary that we should not only do so ourselves, but help to lead others to do so, so my courage does not in the least fail. The Faith, too, is to be held 'whole and undefiled.' I have, therefore, no mistrust as to the ground our Society has taken up."

Of course, there is nothing new in this fundamental basis of the Woodard Schools. Many of our great Public Schools were founded on the same basis. But the authorities of such Schools have gradually been unfaithful to their trusts, until a vague and indefinite morality has been substituted for the clear, definite Catholic Faith. One boy when asked to sum up the results of his School life, answered bitterly, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

Canon Hobhouse in his Bampton Lectures describes the Churchmanship of our Public Schools thus:—"A boy grows up in a nominally Christian home, and goes to a School where he imbibes a certain amount of information about the Bible and about Christian morality. Probably he leaves School or the University with a standard of honour, and a code of morals, and a sense of duty—and that is something to be thankful for; but the sense of membership, the enthusiasm of discipleship are lacking; and when it comes to the choice of a career we see wealth, comfort, distinction, adventure, intellectual interest, patriotism easily turning the balanc

against a life of service in the cause of Christ. Religion as it has been presented to him has never gripped his heart or his will. It has given him neither an intense personal love for Christ, nor a keen sense of obligation to a divine Society."

Our great Public Schools are practically Undenominational in their religious teaching, and the faint atmospheric tint of Christian sentiment which colours their ethical teaching is altogether insufficient to give birth to Christian conviction. I believe it is this loss of religious conviction in our Public Schools, with the inevitable growth of selfishness, which accounts for the failure of the wealthier classes to lead the Nation. The Boer War revealed, behind the polished manners of the "gentleman," a hopeless inefficiency among officers of all ranks: and, again, in times of peace the Nation has had to work out its social salvation under leaders trained in the mill, and factory, and mine.

Perhaps the Woodard Schools are best distinguished from others of their class in the matter of Religious Teaching, by the place of honour given to the Holy Eucharist in the life of the School. It is the bright and glorious centre round which the life of the whole School revolves. Chapel services at School and College used to be slovenly and careless and most depressing to boys. But the bright and joyous Eucharists in the Woodard Schools awaken songs in the heart of the boy, which go echoing down all the years of his life. The Holy Eucharist is the only service which boys can really understand, because it is so full of mystery. Matins and Evensong are difficult intellectual exercises. They are the services of Thought and Word, and therefore not the most suitable for children and poor people to whom logical processes and verbal expression are a difficulty. But

while Matins and Evensong are the services of Thought and Word, the Holy

Eucharist is the service in Deed. It is a deed done, a Divine Action, the breaking of the Bread, the out-pouring of the Wine. God rends the Heaven, and comes down. Man ascends the steps of the Sanctuary and is caught up into Heaven. Behind the Veil the smallest boy can see dim forms moving of Bethlehem and Calvary, and Angel and Saint, and of Him, the King. It is all movement and mystery like the boy's own soul. In the soul of a boy there are untold depths of wonder and of mystery which few suspect, because no one, not even the boy himself, can express them in words. Words are feeble, superficial things at the best, and the flames which burn, in the soul of the boy have never yet been analysed. So it is that the boy who is full of mysteries, unformulated and unexpressed, finds in the Divine action of the Holy Eucharist a mystery which satisfies the deep movements of his soul, and gives full movement to his free personality. It is this deep living experience of One who is really present, which has helped many of us to hold to the Faith when, after leaving School, the waters of unbelief threatened to overwhelm us.

Many Grammar Schools are now giving a very efficient training of the Mind. But I do not think this can be compared to the full education received at a Woodard School. For a Grammar School only deals with a section of the boy during a part of the day, while the Public Boarding School embraces the whole of a boy's life, physical, moral and spiritual, as well as intellectual, for several critical years. The Grammar School in many cases keeps boys in and about great towns and cities and railway stations, and makes them prematurely into city men. The Public Boarding School takes them far away from cities into the healthy and beautiful country, where soul and body get glorious opportunities of full and free development.

The Grammar School leaves the boy too much at home, and, under modern conditions of industry which take the father away from his home for the greater part of the day, a suburban home is not the best place for the development of a boy into a man. It is too cramped for the free movement of the imagination, and for those glorious experiments which give form to his conscience, and strengthen his will, and discipline his selfishness, and develop a boy's character by teaching him to rely upon himself. All these he gets in the Woodard Schools, under the skilled guidance of devoted masters and teachers, and in a life in which God is supreme, and is enshrined; where boys can really know and love Him and realise His Presence, in the most blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

OUR THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR.

There is still plenty of variety in the character of the different school magazines which nowadays 'strew the editorial sanctum like leaves in Vallombrosa, but one feature is common to all. As a class they are infinitely better than they were. True they are still largely taken up by mere athletics, but such accounts are seldom now written purely, though slang expressions still figure largely, in the style of the baser kind of sporting prints, as we have sometimes seen, and articles which are intended to be witty, if they are fewer than of yore, are always now in good taste. The "funny man" is fortunately an extinct monster. Even the covers are, as a rule, better than they were, and the cheap embellishments which were once thought "high art," have almost passed away. The general tone has infinitely improved. Cheap witticisms and common

jokes are eliminated. A higher aim pervades the whole.

The present number of the *Denstonian* is the first of its thirty-fifth year, and looking back over a past which is now really venerable we may reflect with no small gratification, and with real pride in our "forebears" that most of the faults which indubitably used to mar the pages of many School magazines have always been absent from those of our own. On the whole the tone of the *Denstonian* has always been well maintained; it is no credit to ourselves to say so, though it is very gratifying to be able to feel that we have inherited so sound a tradition.

It was, naturally, the early days that would be dangerous, and fortunately the magazine was from the first in good hands. Even if juvenile editors had been inclined to kick over the traces,—and there are no signs of any such tendencies,—the good taste of the Censors would have been sufficient to prevent any serious lapses. For the first two years the Censor was the Rev. D. Edwardes, and in 1879 Mr. Street took the magazine in hand and guided its destinies for the very long period of over a dozen years.

Perhaps, too, the way the *Denstonian* originated may have given a salutary warning at the start. The first trace we have of anything in the nature of a magazine at Denstone is found in the last Term of 1876. On October 14th in that year was published *The Fifth Form Gazette*. It consisted of a single sheet of foolscap, with a half sheet supplement. It was the production of E. Humpreys, and its first item of news was the announcement of the winner of the 'Csesarewitch' Sporting news continued, though football reports were meagre. The correspondence columns made up in vigour what they lacked in wit, and classical signatures abounded. Soon the magazine got into trouble through

an attack on a master who had ventured to be humorous in a debate, and the authorities henceforth exercised supervision over contributions.

The Fifth Form Gazette had a short life and a merry one, but it gave the necessary impetus which launched the *Denstonian*. On the last day of the Term a meeting was called and it was decided to start a School Magazine. F. B. Drew Bickerstaffe was appointed editor, with E. Humphreys as sub-editor. The latter's name disappears after the second number; the restraint of print were evidently too much for the freelance.

Just five-and-thirty years ago, in February, 1877, the first number of the *Denstonian* appeared. No doubt to what we may call the Early Victorian mind the title page was impressive; indeed it is not a whit worse than a good deal of the decoration of that period; but although it lasted until 1890 it must have become a thing of fearsome horror long before that. With its sprawling disproportioned Cross, its impossible scroll, and its bastard "Early English" type, it was a veritable nightmare.

The contents are better, and are not over-marked by the pomposity which one might expect. "The first number of the 'Denstonian' will be, of course, as much criticised as it has been looked forward to, of that we may be sure; but in your remarks upon this number," says the Editor, breaking away into the direct style of personal address, "we trust that you will not forget that many circumstances are against us." He then apologises, as has always been common to editors, for the scarcity of interesting news. He proceeds forthwith, ^{as} is also not uncommon with editors, to show that as a matter of fact he had plenty of news to record. He mentions as "the first of our festivities," the Fourth Form Concert, then a Fifth Form Concert

"which it was even a greater hit than the other," for "the conductor had contrived to obtain a piano for the occasion!" There was apparently an epidemic of Form Concerts for the First and Second Forms had also planned one, though it "hung fire." "The Christmas Play and Concert" are next alluded to, and lastly the *Gazette*, its life and consequence, is chronicled.

Following the editorial comes a notice of the Debating Society, mainly dry records of balloting and business. Mention follows of the leaving of five prefects and the coming of new masters and boys. An *In Memoriam* notice of R. R. Williams succeeds, and then a section headed "General"—the ordination of Mr. Berkeley; brief notices about the Library, the opening of the Carpenter's Shop, and a statement that "the Refectory Committee has decided on supplying string, knives, balls, etc." Old boys who revisit us invariably enlarge on modern luxuries; were the earlier boys endowed with the digestions of ostriches? There is then a section "To Correspondents." We shrewdly suspect it was an outlet for editorial wit, as thus—"A Lover of Truth, to judge by the specimen before us, would not seem to have made much progress in the cultivation of his favourite virtue." "Football Notes" come next, three columns, from which we extract the following: "In previous years at the beginning of the spring term football used to be extremely popular, and there was no difficulty in getting two strong and evenly matched teams in the field, but this year this is changed, and the order of the day is entreaty rather than invitation when we wish to get up a side. There surely seems to be some reason for this, and we cannot help thinking that when big fellows make perpetual excuses and frequently shirk play, there must be something wrong. Perhaps the boys think it is no use playing while the Captain's post is vacant. . . ."

The plea that the ground is too bad for Rugby play is absurd on the face of it, as what is clean enough for Association play ought, one would think, to be fit for Rugby. The football on Saturday, February 10th, was all but a failure, there being only n a side, and most of those little side." What a charming picture of the *laissez faire* which characterised those early days.

A Natural History section follows, in which "trustworthy records" are assured of a welcome and a long list of wild flowers which had already appeared is given, with the remark that such a list, "owing to the extraordinary mildness of the season," was probably "unprecedented in the annals of the Midland Counties." "New cases in the course of construction" for the Museum are recorded.

Then come new books in the Library, nine classical and eleven novels, six of these being by Lytton. Finally there is a page of Debating Society Rules.

For a first number it cannot be said this was at all bad, and misprints are not conspicuous, though there is a tradition that one of "our contemporaries" in reviewing the issue was unkind enough to suggest that the editor would do well to have a proof of succeeding numbers. The next number would have deserved such a remark much more decidedly for, in the four columns of "Correspondence" which it contained, occurred the following lines, apropos of the Bath room:—

" Besides which if the taps
does not get on one moment too soon, the water
be turned warm for a much longer time.

The real meaning may be seen if the words we have printed in italics are placed in different lines.

If the Football was in a precarious condition in those days, (though the second number was able to record a "decided improvement, both as to the number of

players and also the amount of pluck displayed"), the intellectual interests were vigorous. In the third number there are two columns of "reviews of Books" (*padding*) and much debating news, with a note apologising for the reporter's inability to reproduce the "eloquence of the speakers." Then came the Rules of the "Essay Club" (they were great on Societies and Rules), and much Natural History and Correspondence. Prizes were offered for essays, but none appear to have been awarded. In No. 4 more Rules of the Essay Club are given, bringing the total up to 22, which were surely enough to cramp any budding literary genius. J. M. Hannay read the first essay—subject not stated—and F. B. Drew Bickerstaffe was then called upon to bring to light his views on "novels and novel reading."

The future author of *Marotz* and *Dromina*, we find, did this "to the extent of three foolscap pages and a half: by the time he had come to an end several members were enjoying the calm sleep of the just, while the author of the Essay himself must have felt as dry as it was; we will do it justice to remark that, from a polysyllabic point of view it was all that could be wished, although we could not help wishing some of the very imposing words had left their tales behind them. The snores of some of the members having by this time awakened the Chairman, he hastened to dismiss the House."

But we have already passed out of the first Term of the *Denstonian*. The venture had been launched, and the magazine had been placed on a firm basis: the metaphor is rather mixed but the meaning is obvious, and from those early days, now thirty-four years ago, the *Denstonian* has regularly appeared, though the three small numbers a term were changed, after a year's experience, to two larger ones.

FOOTBALL.

BURTON.

Burton as usual gave the School a most excellent lunch on their arrival, and this was followed by an excellent game. The School made a sensational start by scoring a try in the first three minutes of the game. Anderson intercepted a pass in mid-field, and just at the right time passed to Smith, who scored after a good run. Smith took the kick, which was not an easy one, and only just failed to convert, the ball hitting the goal-post. This roused the Burton team, who in spite of good collaring by Anderson and Smith worked the game into the School 25 where an unsuccessful attempt by Salmon to drop a goal, gave temporary relief. After the drop out the School pressed, but Wain lost ground by being collared with the ball when he ought to have cleared; and in spite of good defensive work by Beattie, Smith and Williams, Burton continued to gain ground until Knight scored from a line out close to the School goal line, Newbold converted. Burton pressed again after the kick off, and looked like scoring, but Mason relieved with a good kick. From a scrum in mid-field Kirk got possession, and after being missed by Anderson, passed to Sadd who scored without much opposition. Newbold again converted. For a time after this the game was pretty even, and both Anderson and Crossland put in some useful kicks; but Williams, the Burton wing three-quarter, following up a kick by Kirk, got possession and scored after a good run. Newbold was again successful with the kick. Just before half time Kirk broke away and passed to Sadd, who scored an unconverted try, giving Burton a lead of 18 points to 3.

In the second half the School had much more of the game; but Burton were still

too good for them, and Dickerson scored after a cross kick by Waddell, Newbold converting. The School continued to play hard, Crossland, Smith and Goldsmith putting in some good defensive work; but after Salmon had all but got through, Waddell getting a pass in the School 25, scored Burton's last try. Newbold made a good attempt to convert, but failed. From this time onwards the School played particularly well, and all but scored after a series of good dribbles in which Howe, Morris and Woolliscroft were particularly prominent. Just before time Smith intercepted a pass and got through all his opponents, but was collared by Salmon before he could cross the line, and the game ended in favour of Burton by 26 points to 3. Woolliscroft, Goldsmith, Howe and Mason were the pick of the forwards, though Morris also played well. Crossland at half played quite a good game. Smith was the best of the three-quarters, Anderson was good at the beginning, but not so good in the latter part of the game. Bates did not get much to do, but did what he had to do well. Williams and Wain were rather weak.

*Team*R. C. Wain (back); C. S. Beattie, A. D. Crossland (halves); H. S. Bates, G. A. Anderson, C. F. Smith, G. H. Williams (three-quarters); F. H. Woolliscroft, G. A. Howe, M. H. Sewell, E. L. Morris, G. S. Mason, S. O. SurrIDGE, R. L. Goldsmith, A. Barlow (forwards).

W. PARLANE, ESQ.'S, XV.

The School started well with some good foot-work by the forwards, among whom Woolliscroft and Sewell were prominent. The School halves then got the ball away nicely in the Manchester 25, but Anderson spoilt a good opening by knocking on. Manchester then began to press, but good tackling by Anderson and Smith, and good kicking by Wain recovered the ground

lost. A pass from Beattie was now intercepted by a Manchester man, who got well away, but was brought down by Wain. Then Parker, the Manchester scrum half, getting possession in the School 25, kicked over Wain's head when close to the line and scored the first try, which was not converted.

After the drop - out some good running on the part of the Manchester three-quarters, and rather weak tackling by the School outsiders resulted in a Manchester three-quarter being forced into touch close to the Denstone goal line. When the ball was thrown out, a Manchester forward, Moir, got possession and scored. The try was not converted. Just before half time Beattie broke away and made an excellent kick across when he was on the point of being tackled by the opposing back; but as none of the Denstone team were backing up a good opportunity was lost.

In the second half Manchester had most of the game. A Manchester three-quarter intercepted one of Watson's overhand passes in mid-field and took the ball well into the School 25; but after some loose play, Bates touched down. Bates and Williamsjio made ground by intercepting passes; and good dribbling by the forwards headed by Woolliscroft took the game into the Manchester 25; but Manchester broke away again with some fine dribbling rushes and Leete scored a third unconverted try for them. Craven soon after scored again for Manchester. Wain making a rather poor attempt to stop him, and this time Moir converted. Soon after this Sykes after an attempt to drop a goal had been charged down, got possession and was over the Denstone line almost before the School realised it. The kick at goal again failed. After the drop out the School played well and took the game right up the field. From a scrum in the Man-

chester 25, Beattie, receiving the ball from Watson, got away and passed to Anderson who unfortunately knocked on. Some excellent running and passing by Watson, Anderson and Bates just after this almost resulted in a try; but this was the last time the School looked dangerous and just before time Craven dropped a very neat goal for the Manchester team, who thus won by 21 points to nil. The School forwards, but for the fact that they seldom got possession, played well. Woolliscroft was the pick of the forwards, and Watson, Beattie and Bates of the outsiders. Anderson, Smith and Wain also played well, though they all made mistakes at times.

Team:—Wain (back); Smith, Anderson, Smith, Williams (three-quarters); Beattie and Watson (halves); Woolliscroft, Howe, Morris, Sewell, Mason, Goldsmith, Surridge, Barlow (forwards).

CREWE PREMIUMS.

The first match of the term was played on January 28th and resulted in a decisive win for the School by 31 points to 5. The visitors arrived several men short, and the places of absentees were taken by Piggford, Misquith, Hill, Smith, and Abbots. The School won the toss, and started down the hill, but Crewe were the first to score, and before long had a lead of 5 points; but our three-quarters gradually improved, and a really good passing movement only just failed to score. Smith, however, soon scrambled over, and converted the try, but soon afterwards missed a penalty kick from by no means a hard position. The School continued to press, and Smith, scoring again, led by 8 points to 5 at half-time. I J

After the interval the School assumed the upper hand, and after pressing strongly for some time, scored a series of tries at short intervals through Smith and Bates.

The defence of the opposition was certainly weak, but our three-quarters passed with a most welcome improvement in accuracy. Smith was the most conspicuous man on the line, but Bates also ran strongly, and Anderson showed much more judgment than previously in his passes. Williams had not much opportunity, but ran well when actually in possession of the ball. Carson had practically nothing to do at back, and Wain played well at half, especially considering it was almost the first time this season he has played in that position. The forwards, as usual, played well in the loose, and led the ball out fairly well, but must remember that clean quick heeling is impossible unless the whole pack is shoving hard.

Team :—C. G. Carson (back); H. S. Bates, G. A. Anderson, C. F. Smith, G. H. Williams (three-quarters); C. R. Watson, R. C. Wain (halves); G. A. Howe, F. H. Woolliscroft, M. H. Sewell, A. S. Mason, A. Barlow, R. B. Mitchell, C. Salmon, S. O. Surridge (forwards).

I J KERSALL.

This match was played on the Big-Side ground on February 11th, and there was a strong wind blowing down hill, the result being that Kersall, playing with the wind and hill, scored 20 points in the first half, and we scored 20 points in the second. There is no doubt that the team has greatly improved since last term. The forwards got their full share of the ball, and their heeling generally was good, though at times the ball apparently was expected to find its own way out of the scrum, after the front rank had gained possession. Kersall scored a goal, a try, a penalty goal (from half-way), followed by three more tries. Another try would have been scored, but for a splendid tackle by Piggford at back, which carried his man into touch-in-goal. That tackle was a feature of the match.

At half-time the advantage of wind and hill became ours. It took the team nearly a quarter of an hour to open their score, but when Smith scored between the posts after a delightful piece of passing and kicked a goal, the whole team realising what they could do, worked together in a much more machine-like way than we have seen this season. The ball came out well, the passing was very fair, and the running strong; so that Smith scored two more tries and Bates one, all behind the posts, and all of which Smith converted. Four goals in all. It was really a most exciting finish.

Team:—C. G. Piggford (goal); H. S. Bates, C. F. Smith, G. A. Anderson, H. G. Williams (three-quarters); Tomkins, C. R. Watson (halves); H. F. Woolliscroft, G. A. Howe, M. H. Sewell, E. L. Morris, R. L. Goldsmith, A. S. Mason, S. O. Surridge and Barlow (forwards).

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Birkenhead kicked off, up hill. They immediately pressed, and took the game into the School 25, and from a scrum near the goal line one of their insides scored a try, which was converted. This reverse seemed to have a good effect on the School forwards, who played with much more vigour, taking the game in the Birkenhead half. A free kick was awarded the School, and Smith tried a difficult place kick, which, however, fell short of the goal posts. A few minutes later Smith again had bad luck with a drop-kick, which just grazed the outside of one of the posts. Soon after Birkenhead again scored near the touch line, and failed in a difficult place kick. A kick from one of our three-quarters went slightly amiss, but Woolliscroft, with a fine double well backed up by forwards took the ball back into the opponents' twenty-five. Birkenhead again scored a well-deserved try by means of a fine bout of passing amongst the forwards,

they again failed to convert. From a scrum in mid-field Tomkins broke away with a fine run, and passed the ball to Smith, who scored. The ensuing kick was awkward, and Smith failed. A few minutes afterwards Anderson intercepted a pass, and put to Bates through Smith converting. At half-time the School were pressing hard in the Birkenhead 25, and with Birkenhead leading by 9 points to 8. At the beginning of the game Birkenhead started in dashing style, and scored almost immediately after half-time, but did not convert it. After some loose play in our 25 Bates took the game into the Birkenhead quarters with a fine run, being pushed into touch almost on the goal line. From a scrum at half-way Bates again scored a fine try, his runs being quite a feature of the game. Smith again converted. The team appeared to give way after this, and Birkenhead scored two tries in quick succession, the last of which was converted. The School forwards played a very good game, and were evidently superior to their opponents in the scrum. Wain appeared to suffer from nerves, consequently his passing was erratic, but the backs all played a very good game. Carson was poor, his kicking being weak, and he was slow in taking the ball. The game finished with a win for Birkenhead of 20 pts. to 13.

Team :—C. G. Carson (back); H. S. Bates, G. A. Anderson, C. F. Smith, Tomkins (three-quarters); C. R. Watson, R. C. Wain (halves); F. H. Woolliscroft, G. A. Howe, M. H. Sewell, G. L. Morris, R. L. Goldsmith, A. S. Mason, S. O. Surridge, Barlow (forwards).

O.D. NEWS.

The Old Denstonians Chronicle (January, 1911), has just been issued, giving, as in former years, a complete *resume* of the doings of Denstone and Denstonians for

the year which has past. It consists of 30 pages, and has for a frontispiece a coloured picture of Mr. Philips' window. It gives a short sketch of the year's history as regards the College, followed by notices of Old Boys' gatherings and matches, and an obituary column. Then come detailed paragraphs giving items of news of individual old boys, and finally there is a list of subscribers with full addresses. We are glad to say that the number of subscribers steadily increases, but it is still extraordinarily small when the total number of old boys is taken into consideration.

It may be doubted whether a more successful Dinner of the London Old Denstonians' Club than that which was held on January nth at the Gaiety Restaurant, has been recorded. J. W. Orr collected an excellent number, representative of every age in the history of the School, as the list of those present will show. Mr. Lacey's absence was the one regrettable thing; all missed his genial company and many expressions of disappointment were heard. The Rev. R. M. Grier, Headmaster of Worksop, proposed the toast of the School, and expatiated on the good times present boys appear to have, though he by no means meant to imply that the Old Boys were anything but altogether happy. He described his recent visit at the October gathering, when happiness and success seemed to fill the air. The Headmaster responded, and assured his fellow-Denstonians that the distinctive feature which the Founder imprinted on the Schools was strongly maintained at Denstone. He lightly touched on the year's doings, congratulated Orr on the prosperity of the London O.D. Club, and mentioned two proposals for marking the year. The first came originally from T. P. Bate, in New York, who suggested that a monster gathering of Old Boys from all over the world should be

attempted at the College. The second was the Headmaster's own, suggested by the flourishing condition of the O.T.C. He proposed the building of an Armoury. Both proposals were received with greatest cordiality, and before the company separated over /30 was promised. The provost, whom it was a great pleasure to have at the Dinner, proposed the London O.D. Club, and the Benefit Club, speaking of recent changes in the rules of the latter to make it more effective and workable, and assuring Old Boys that the School was in a really satisfactory condition, and that their loyalty was well deserved. He touched too on the continued service which Old Boys render to the School when they show in their work in the world the effect of their Denstone training. F. T. Howard and J. W. Orr responded, both acceptably and amusingly, and the Secretary of the London Club had a fine record of progress to give. The Rev. G. R. Bell, who presided, proposed the visitors^ and the Headmaster of Lancing replied. All were glad to have him as a guest, and to hear that^ Lancing is doing so well. We were glad to hear that our representative on the Lancing Staff is well maintaining the reputation of Denstone for good History teaching. The evening was rather far advanced, but the most was made of the remaining time for recalling old' memories and exchanging news, and there was abundant proof that Denstonians all over the world are always glad to meet one another and to strengthen the links of affection which bind all together to the School and one another.

The names of those present at the London O.D. Dinner are as follows:—Rev. H. S. Barber, Rev. G. R. Bell, L.O.D., Rev. E. Arnold Fitch, L.O.D., Rev. R. M. Grier, Rev. J. Haworth, L.O.D., Rev. H. Lucas, L.O.D., Rev. A. W. D. R. Murray, L.O.D., Rev. W. T. Norton, Rev. A. T. Williams,

L.O.D., A. L. Baker, L.O.D., J. R. Biggs, L.O.D., S. G. Biggs, L.O.D., J. J. Blayney (Manchester), H. G. Bushe, L.O.D., F. E. Chivers, L.O.D., G. H. Davis, L.O.D., E. Forster (Derby), A. W. Glead, L.O.D., R. Gray, L.O.D., L. M. Grayburn, L.O.D., C. L. Greenstreet, L.O.D., G. A. Greig, F. V. Harris, L.O.D. (whosesister is engagedtoF.T.Scott,O.D.) G. O. Henzell, L.O.D., G. P. Haynes, L.O.D., Rev. F. A. Hibbert, F. T. Howard, H.M.I., E. R. James, L.O.D., T. T. Middleton, L.O.D., F. T. Scott, A. Sykes, W. W. R. Swinson, L.O.D., J. Ware, L.O.D., J. W. Orr, L.O.D., besides the Provost, the Headmaster of Lancing and five other guests, including Mr. Denny, and Mr. Hicks, who has a boy in the School.

J. M. S. Hunter (September, 1875), has received the appointment of Professor of English Literature at the Presidency College, Madras. He was much interested in the last Play Book and thoroughly approves of the choice of play, saying, in writing to the Headmaster, "the choice of play was, in my opinion, a very good one. There is a particular interest in staging a minor and less well-known Shakesperian play and such plays can perhaps be most successfully represented by schoolboys. In the great roles, as I think you and I will be ready to admit, [He played Shylock and the Head, Hamlet.—ED], a schoolboy is "a little o'er-parted!" One great play Denstone has not attempted, and I think should attempt—*Coriolanus*. It is specially suitable for a school performance, and it is an advantage that it has no love interest. It requires stage managing in the working the mob, but that is a recommendation for Denstone," His address is "Bainton, San Thom6, Madras."

E. Wastie Green (September, 1891), is also at the Presidency College, Madras. He writes as follows from :—

Warden's Lodge, Chepauk, Madras, S.E.

" For some months I have had it in my mind to write and tell you of my change of place and fortune. A copy of the *Denstonian* and a booklet on the Play have brought me to the point. Mark Hunter passed them on to me. I have had the appointment since last January of Professor of History at the Presidency College, Madras. Hunter fills the chair of English Literature. It is odd that there should be two Denstonians on the Staff. The Staff also includes Fyson, a cousin of the Coopers, who was at Denstone for a term only, while the Professor of Chemistry comes from our neighbours of Newcastle. To finish off our local Denstone, Gowan, is in the National Bank here, and Grayburn (Paddy) was there also till a few weeks ago. He is now on leave and married, I believe.

I had a long letter from Fleming from Johannesburg at Christmas. He is doing very well as partner in the best firm of architects in South Africa. He married last March.

I was at home last year, and I regret muchly not having come up to Denstone. With shame I confess my sin. In fact I feel that I have rather neglected my duties towards Denstone, and so if you can put any importunate secretary on to me for O.D. membership, or anything of that sort, please do so.

It is good news to hear that Denstone is doing so well. When I was at home I found that a neighbour of ours in Norfolk, was in your dormitory, and he seemed to have the proper keenness for the School.

I am at present Warden of a large Hostel of 250 students. The hostel system is, undoubtedly, the right way of dealing with the Indian student question. It gives them the touch of discipline, as well as the chance for clean and orderly life, which they want so badly."

A. P. Wood (Feb., 1877) is Rector of Doldleston, Chester.

A. Winfield (May, 1894) is Curate in Charge of S. Anne's and S. Elizabeth's Padiham, Lanes.

W. M. N. Pollard (Sept. 1901) is taking a commission in the University contingent of the O.T.C. at Cambridge.

C. R. Keary (Sept., 1902) is taking a commission in the 5th Battalion N. Stafford Regiment.

N. H. Radford (1905) plays football for Preston Grasshoppers. He was described by the *Athletic News* as "a Welsh forward." He played forward for Lancashire v. Northumberland.

J. V. White (1903) is in a Bank at Southport. He plays football for Southport Olympic.

W. O. Wellington (1891) is now vicar of Roodeport with charge of another church at Hamburg. Roodeport, he describes, as "the usual sort of Reef village" with 7 mines in the parish. It is 12 miles from Johannesburg.

Wellington is an assistant Scoutmaster to two troops of Boy Scouts who are not recognised officially as it is thought to be a movement to Anglicize the Dutch boys!

F. W. Haden (1879) has been appointed Vicar of All Souls, Cheriton, near Folkestone.

The following is from the *Church Times*: "The Rev. Griffith Williams (Jan. 1874) who has been preferred to the living of Corwen, has been presented by his parishioners with a purse of gold as a mark of their high esteem for him, also in most grateful recognition of the splendid work he has done for the church and parish during the six years he has held the living of Glan Conway. The rector has done very much to raise the tone of Church life in the parish. By his untiring energy, inspiring his people with the spirit of his own earnestness, he has brought about the restoration of the interior of the church, so that the church he found in 1905, with its hideously ugly interior, he leaves in 1911

carefully restored and fit for reverent worship. The frequent celebrations on Sundays and Holy Days; the bright and reverent services both in Welsh and English; the careful teaching of the children; the steady increase in the number of communicants—all testify to the unwearied zeal of a faithful priest."

Alfred Sykes (May, 1884) visited the College last Term and has presented his old Dormitory, the blue and white, with a handsome silver cup to be held annually by "the best all-round boy." His address is 301, Cotton Block, Vancouver, British Columbia.

On February 1st, the President of the London O.D. Club and Miss Bell gave their Annual Whist Drive at S. Peter's Vicarage, Battersea. Those present included Rev. T. A. Lacey, Rev. J. Haworth, Rev. A. W. Murray, Rev. M. J. Simmonds, C. A. Bennett, the three stalward Biggs Brothers, A. W. Gleed, C. L. Greenstreet (who brought D. E. G. Lee, Esq.), J. W. Orr and F. H. Tod. The prizes, which were extremely handsome, fell to G. R. G. Biggs, Mr. Lee, and Orr. A "series" of delightful suppers were provided during the evening, and we feel sure that the justice done to them must have allayed even Miss Bell's kindly anxiety for her guests. A thoroughly enjoyable night in all respects.

J. J. Blayney (Jan., 1900) contested the Clitheroe Division as a Unionist candidate at the recent election.

We are very glad to hear that K. F. Thompson (Sept., 1893) who has been a long time at the S. Barnabas Homes for Clergy, East Grinstead, is very much improved in health.

R. P. Smith (Sept., 1885) has published Jeremy Taylor's *Great Exemplar* as a text book for schools—Cambridge, Messrs. Heffer and Son.

C. J. Gurnhill (May, 1901) has gained a Choral Exhibition at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

B. Webb writes to commend "The Community House," at 14, Woburn Square, London, W.C., as a place of abode in London. An additional recommendation is that it is in connection with the Church of S. John, Red Lion Square, and a large number of Public School boys seem to "patronise" it. The charge for lodging, breakfast, tea and dinner, is 25s. a week.

G. C. Cheshire was placed first in the Final Bar Examination and was awarded a studentship of 100 guineas a year for three years. He has also been awarded a prize of £50 at Lincoln's Inn.

C. L. Payton, is now with Arch Kennick and Sons, at West Bromwich, the great ironfounders. He is to be one of their foreign correspondents.

W. W. Watts (Oct., 1873) has been elected President of the Geological Society of London. His anniversary address dealt with the evolutionary aspects of geology, more especially with the mode and order of deposition of the various formations.

The review of F. A. Hibbert's *Dissolution of the Monasteries*, which appeared in *The Gownsmen*, was written by G. E. Jackson (Jan., 1902)

F. E. Chivers (1893) is now business in London.

W. A. Gilling (April, 1897) is now with his regiment, the Rifle Brigade, at Government Farm, Umtala, Punjab.

A. C. Richardson (1900) is with the 2nd Batt. Bedfordshire Regt. in Bermuda.

Messrs. Chatto and Windus advertise *Wordsworthshire*, with 47 original drawings by Arthur Tucker, R.B.A. (Feb., 1875). They should of themselves make the book well worth its published price of 7s. 6d.

H. R. Hignett (May, 1879) who rejoined the *Bluebird* Company when it went on its tour, playing his former part of "Sugar," is now acting in *All that Matters* at the Haymarket Theatre. He is also acting in the matintes of *Nan*, which are being given at the Court Theatre.

G. E. Green (Sept., 1902) is manager of Kelles Ltd. Rubber Plantation in the Federated Malay States.

T. C. Green (Sept., 1902) is assistant on Sungei Choh Estate, Rawang, Selengor, Federated Malay States.

B. G. D. Clarke (Jan., 1901) is curate in Whitby.

E. and H. Featherstonhaugh (Sept, 1900; Sept., 1901) are farming in New Zealand, and "doing very well." The latter was married last November.

B. M. R. Sharp has been promoted Lieutenant in the 4th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment.

G. S. Biarley (Sept., 1908) is in Lloyds Bank at Burton-on-Trent.

F. B. Perkins (Jan., 1904) is Master in the College for the Blind, at Whittington, near Worcester.

B. F. Vaughan Evans (Jan., 1902) is in the Eastern Telegraph Company, and is at present stationed at Gibraltar.

E. E. B. Jupp (Feb., 1888) is Curate-in-Charge of S. Thomas's, Wells.

J. C. Parker (Sept., 1902) is Curate of S. Mary Magdalene's, Launceston.

J. F. Lambert (Jan., 1907) is in the lumber business at Toronto (17, West Avenue).

J. Pogmore (Jan., 1899) has a Mastership at Clayesmore.

J. S. Sloper (S. Thomas's) played for the United Hospitals against the officers of the Navy on Jan. 19.

G. W. Pratt (Jan. 1900) has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment.

R. H. P. Coleman (Sept. 1899) has been elected Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

A. Sutcliffe (Sept., 1903) is playing in the Northumberland Hockey Team.

O. Harrison (Jan., 1892) is Mining in Johannesburg, and is married.

C. A. Brett is Stage Managing a public performance of *Twelfth Night* in the

Theatre Royal, Cardiff, and is taking the part of Feste.

M. Berkeley (Sept., 1875) is Vicar of Cowford, near Horsham.

C. N. Thomas (Sept., 1876) is in medical practice at Lydney, Gloucestershire.

F. G. Dobson (Jan., 1895) is a doctor in Leeds.

J. E. Ratcliffe (Nov. 1886) is a doctor at Oldham.

D. Stephenson (May, 1882) is a doctor in Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury.

R. E. Thomas (Jan., 1896) is Curate of S. John the Evangelist's, Clevedon.

F. J. Ab6 (Sept., 1877) is Rector of Yackandandah, Victoria, Australia.

H. H. O. Cookson (Sept., 1882) is Rector of Komgha, Cape Colony.

R. E. Thomas (Jan., 1895) is Curate of S. John the Evangelist, Clevedon.

W. G. Walsh (Sept., 1898) is doing temporary Mission Work in Canada: his address is Pointe Claire, near Montreal.

G. H. Holoran (Sept., 1878) is now at Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., where he is Rector of Trinity Memorial Church and Chaplain of S. Luke's Hospital.

V. A. Kitcat (Jan. 1880) is now Vicar of Marton, Wanganui, New Zealand.

J. A. Williams (Sept. 1884) is Vicar of Llangathen, Golden Grove, South Wales.

V. E. Somerset (Jan. 1898) has just been admitted M.R.C.S. from King's College Hospital, London.

Maxwell Young (Sept. 1900) is Curate of S. Mark's, Broomhill, Sheffield.

J. C. Davis (Sept., 1899) is Curate of Wribbenhall, near Bewdley.

H. O. Coleman (Jan., 1897) is Master at the Haberdasher's Aske's School at Cricklewood.

R. E. C. Roosmale Cocq (April, 1896) is Curate of Christ Church, Clapton.

G. N. Standish (Sept., 1892) is Curate of S. Matthew's, Ardwick, Manchester.

R. L. Greaves (May, 1885) is now Curate at Baldersby, Yorks.

V. H. C. Dunkerley (Oct., 1873) is now Chaplain at Cannes.

J. W. Walton (Feb., 1875) is Curate at S. Stephen's, South Kensington.

G. J. Patterson (May 1883) is Vicar at gelton, near Uppingham.

C. S. V. Branch (Jan. 1885) is Manager of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada's Branch at Mexico City.

NOTES.

The Bishop has appointed the Headmaster to be a member of the Subjects Committee for the Church Congress which is to meet at Stoke-on Trent on Oct. 2—6 next.

At the end of last term the Headmaster lectured on "Elizabethan stage arrangements as illustrated by Shakespeare," and Mr. Wood on "Shakespeare and music." Mr. Wood, aided by various members of the choir, gave a series of examples of musical terms and expressions used in Shakespeare, and the evening proved to be most interesting.

This term Mr. Coleman has told us something of his walk across France, and Mr. Swift has lectured on Gothic Architecture. We are much indebted to them for their kindness. Mr. Swift has printed a very useful card of notes on the subject of his lecture, marked by his usual thoroughness.

G. A. Howe has gained Pitman's Short-hand Certificate for ability to write a hundred words per minute.

Certificates awarded by the Association of Book-keeping Teachers have been gained by W. S. Baker, J. H. Jones and H. R. Reynolds; and by the Institute of Commerce by W. S. Baker, E. L. Morris and H. V. Caunt.

At the end of last term when the Football team went to Burton to play the annual match there, the Burton Club took advantage of the occasion to make a presentation to Mr. Gaussen in acknowledgment and appreciation of his long and valuable service in former days to the cause of Rugby football at Burton. The presentation was quite unexpected, and was a singularly graceful act; and our pleasure that Mr. Gaussen's services should be thus recognised will link us more closely to the many good friends we have at Burton.

The Final contests in the Dormitory Musical Competitions will be held on March 28th, when Mr. Basil Johnson, Music Master at Rugby, has kindly promised to come to adjudicate. At the preliminary contests on S. Chad's Day, Dr. Merrick has kindly promised to be the judge.

We had a half holiday in honour of Chester's accumulation of honours on February 3rd.

C.R., the Magazine of the Community of the Resurrection, has a most interesting article on the Woodard Schools, signed by the familiar initials "P.B." It is so excellent that we have reprinted portions of it in this number, omitting sections which specially commend ourselves.

Various alterations are being made in the Museum with a view to providing more space; it is hoped that they will be completed in time for description in our next number.

The recent additions are:—

Roman Pottery found in England	A. C. A. Brett, Esq., O.D.
Collection of Reptiles	Purchased.
New Zealand Photographs	A. C. Gifford, Esq., O.D.
Pair of Moorhens	J. B. P. Winkler and J. Lindop.
Barn Owl	Mr. A. Gibson.
Skin of Brown Owl	G. Keeling.

- Jet and Ammonites (Whitby)
Miss M. M- Robinson.
- King Crab A. C. A. Brett, Esq., O.D.
Specimens to illustrate Manufacture
of Asbestos R. A. Bracewell.
Mica, Gold-bearing Quartz (S. Africa)
The Curator.
- Part of a Wasp's Nest R. W. Peel.
Oyster and Amphioxus in spirit, and
various small spirit specimens
A. C. A. Brett, Esq., and Mrs. Bentley.
Specimens of Brook Life Various Boys.
Coins W. Gee, S. E. Simmonds,
C. C. R. Reynolds, E. Sharp,
L. Jones.
- Stamps The Headmaster,
Rev. Cyril Meyrick, and
The Curator
- Human Skull, in sections
Dr. T. Longmore.
- Greased Cartridge of the time of
Indian Mutiny.
E. H. Caird, Esq. (per S. W. Bird).
Pig-tailed Ape T. Loup.
- We should be glad of a specimen of the
British Viper, and the Curator would
welcome any sets of specimens illustrat-
ing manufacturing processes.
- The following are the Special Subjects
for Prizes:
- Mr. Boyd's Latin Prose Prize: "There
may be many Caesars 'ere such another
Julius."
Dean of Rochester's Church History
Prize: *The Dissolution of the Monas-
teries*, by F. A. Hibbert.
- Rev. D. Edwardes' English Essay Prize:
"The Jury System illustrates a character-
istic English trait: -a certain mistrust of
'expert' or 'professional' opinion; a
desire to associate laymen with experts,
amateurs with professionals."
Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart's., English
Verse Prize: "Simon de Montfort."
Navy League Prizes:
Sixth Forms: "English Seamanship in
the Thirteenth Century."
- School: "The Importance of Sea Power
in the Hundred Years War."
The list of new boys is as follows: _____
Adams, Leslie Mansfield Mr. Hornby's
Bates, Albert Wentworth >
Bladen, Eustace Clement Mr. Clark's
Burrows, Gordon Thomas Head's III
Butcher, Mathew Cartwright Mr. Clark's
Carpenter, Digby Mr. Hornby's
Collins, Harold James Whitfield "
Evered, Henry Robert Hastings Head's II.
Gooden, Norman Burrow "
Helder, Leonard Basil Mr. Hornby's
Holroyd, Maurice Edward Mr. Clark's
Kasbarian, Divan Head's III,
Musker, Hanley Mr. Clark's
Page, Louis Cecil Head's III.
Reynolds, Charles Cavil Richardson Mr. Clark's
Roberts, Henry Tertius Montague Mr. Smith's
Rogers, Maurice Cranstone Head's II.
Tomkins, Gerald Lionel Mr. Clark's
Hughes, Joseph B. Preparatory School
Hughes, Thomas J. " "
- We acknowledge with thanks the receipt
of the following contemporaries:—
Olavian, Eastbournian, Hurst Johnian
(2), *Elizabethan, Blue, Bloxhamist,*
K.E.S. Chronicle, Felstedian, Lancing
College Magazine, S. Andrew's College
(Grahamstown) Magazine, Ellesmerian,
Cuthbertian, Elstonian, Geelong G. S.
Magazine, Merchistonian, S. Edward's
School Chronicle, Pocklingtonian, Der-
beian, Carliol, Cantuarian, Framling-
hamian, Stonyhurst Magazine.
- All MS. intended for insertion should be
written on one side of the paper only, and
sent to the Editor, H. S. Bates, Denstone
College, Staffordshire.
- Charles Cull & Son, Houghton Street, Aldwych J
and at Chiswick.