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τρηχεῖς ἄλλ' ἀγαθὴ κουροτρόφος,
Odyssey ix. 27.

*Stable, and set full-squared to all the skies,
You front the face of all the winds that blow ;
High-lifted o'er the fields where browse below
The meaner men who carp and criticise.*

*Buffets right shrewd and many have you borne,
Keen as the blasts that bluster round your hill :
Stoutly you stood; but kind and gracious still,
Careless of calumny, out-shaming scorn.*

*With broad foundation buttress'd on the Rock,
And deftly builded by brave hands of faith,
Well may you pass untouch'd of danger's scam
And know no terror in the tempest's shock.*

*Aye stand undaunted, let no tremor move ;
Strength that is yours may brook no fear of ill:
Sons that are yours shall stand beside you still
Young in their years but constant in their love.*

FLORUIT. FLOREAT.

Labuntur anni.

Not ours the pagan Roman's vain lament!
The fleeting years glide on indeed, for none
Can stay their onward hast'ning course. But we
Review them not with melancholy gaze
Of imbrued age succeeding youth mis-spent.
Still young are we and all the glad years gone
Seem but an earnest of more glad to come.
The anxious time of early youth is past.
The ugly maw that widely gaped of yore
Upon the new-born child is gently closed.
Fanatic fierce and fool contemptuous both
No longer hurl ill-aimed their idle darts
Of empty falsehood or misguided zeal.
Now subtler danger lurks in too much praise.
"Woe, woe to you of whom the world speaks
well!"

What though no antique charter, gay with gold
Attests in Latin lines our natal hour!
What though upon our walls there hangeth not
The picture of some pale-faced saintly king
Or mitred prelate proud in jewelled cope!
No holy king for founder and no queen
Have we for nursing mother; and no prince
Looks back in gentle sorrow upon days
Of joy and sunshine spent within our walls.
Nor, when alarms of war and foreign foe
Call out the bravest soldiers in the land
Can we to this one point or that and say
That he is ours and on our playing fields
First learned to play the man in days gone by.

'Tis true indeed. But we remember well
The greatest cause of all, the Holy Church,
Began with meeting small of peasants poor,
Unlettered and unhonoured in their land,
Foregathered in that little upper room.
While now each day the rising sun lights up
The cross of gold upreared upon the dome
That lifts its head above the morning mist
Which veils the greatest temple in the world,
The temple Michael Angelo's genius planned
To stand above Saint Peter's lovelly tomb!

E'en so our hearts recall with grateful love
The eager labours of the faithful priest
And English gentleman who gave to us
With hand unsparing gifts that others had
From mitred prelate or from crowned king.
And where the gloomy darkness of the faith
That rules by fear is conquered by the light
Of that bright faith that ruleth but by love,
Our name is borne with honour; and by those

Who help to bind more closely round the **world**
The "golden girdle" by the poet sung;
And those who do their work in other spheres
Unhonoured of the world yet known to God
For that they ask but for that last "well done
Thou good and faithful one" that waits for all
Who do their duty still for its own end.
And though we may but humbly hang the head,
When talk is made of great ones in the land,
(Full meet it is the young should modest be)
Yet have we comfort in that we are young,
For Hope than Memory better is by far.
And some day even greatest names shall deck
Our roll of honour and adorn our fame.
Hope less aspiring were in sooth to lack
Our due of faith and gratitude to those
Who launched the bark full for ty years ago,
Which after maiden voyage looks to sail
Upon the spreading seas with surer trust
For that her worth is proven. We look back
Upon the years gone by as proving time,
To test our strength, and eagerly look forth
To wider journeys into fairer climes
With hope newheartened and with faith
undimmed.

ABORIGINAL FOOTBALL.

Our earliest glimpse of Denstone football
is the reverse of cheerful. The first
number of the *Denstonian* is loud in its
lamentations. The Captain's post was
vacant; "big fellows make perpetual
excuses, and frequently shirk play," (in
one game later there were only eleven a
side, "and most of those Little Side");
the rivalry of Association rules was felt.
In the second number, the suggestion is
made that there was an absence of
"pluck." For such a lamentable state
of things, two excuses were alleged:
half-holidays were spent in selecting
valentines, and the ground was "too bad
for Rugby play"—it was muddy, and not
too well provided with turf. Change of
habits has removed the former difficulty,
and we have learnt that such details as the
latter are not fatal to keenness and go^o
play.

Mr. Chirol, who had lately migrated from **benstone** to a mastership at Harrow, wrote to say that the Harrow ground was similar to that at Denstone, yet was found to be no hindrance either to pleasure or play. The Editor had already perceived the same thing, and had argued that "what is clean enough for Association, ought, **one** would think, to be fit for Rugby"; and when correspondents pestered him with requests that "the fields lately added to the playground" ought to be "done up," he expressed the hope that they would abandon vague generalities, and say exactly what ought to be done. His hope is still unfulfilled. However, improvement in play is soon recorded, perhaps, as the result of compulsion: "We are glad to hear that the new Committee have full powers of gating all fellows who refuse to play, without leave from their Dormitory masters to do so, when their names appear on the list." The regulation was apparently so rigorously enforced that we read that in one game "some of the big fellows were prevented from playing on account of the severe play on the preceding half-holiday."

Some old customs are recorded. In Modern V. v. The School," we read that "a short maul ensued between Ilannay and Sherlock max, in which the latter succeeded in drawing his opponent out of the goal line." The maul, a piece of barbarism which is now quite forgotten, lasted down to the early eighties. In games they still played teams of twenty a side—two backs, two halves (or three-quarters), and two quarters (or halves), and the scoring included not only goals (one of which counted more than any number of tries) and tries, but also touch downs. In the first game recorded, Sherlock scored 28 touch downs, and in a later match so many

touch downs were obtained that "they are too numerous to mention." There was very much more informal football than there is now: it was the regular thing for everybody to turn out during the interval between breakfast and school, and range themselves in two huge Association sides, A to K v. The Rest.

In the first Dormitory Match which is described, Mr. Street's v. the others, the score is not recorded, though Mr. Street's won, and "to judge from the expressions of the tired players, few were sorry when the game was over." The first match against Newcastle-under-Lyme High School was played in 1877, and is said to have "resulted in a draw slightly in our favour." The game took place at Newcastle, "and we are compelled to say that we received every possible accommodation as well as an example in the manner of treating visitors, which we should do well to imitate." The account of the match is as quaint, to modern ears, as the remark we have quoted. "Both sides looked in splendid form in the first scrimmage, with clean boots, nice clean knickerbockers, and clean faces." Presently, however, a change was seen, when "not one of them had escaped the clutches of mother earth." Newcastle played two masters, though our team, (it was fifteen by this time,) consisted of boys only. But, apparently, Newcastle had only just begun Rugby, for the writer says, "it was their first match," and he especially praises "Johnson, a very diminutive player, but one who gives great promise of becoming first rate." The match was remarkable for the fact that "both our quarter-backs were seized with cramp." This was the first of many enjoyable contests with Newcastle. In all, we played them thirteen times, of which they were successful once, viz., in the first match of the season 1880-1.

They beat us by 7 tries to nothing, but in the return we retaliated by winning by 2 goals and 4 tries to nothing. Very unfortunately, for the games were always most enjoyable, the matches fell through in 1886. Our highest score was made in November, 1885, when we won at Newcastle, by 10 goals and 7 tries to nothing, and when they came here next term we won by 2 goals and 10 tries to nothing. The aggregate score in the series of matches was 24 goals, 42 tries to 9 tries.

In Cricket, we beat them 13 times, and were beaten twice. In 1885, the last match we played with them, we scored 109 against 11 (of which 3 were extras) and 41 (11 extras) for 8 wickets.

Very soon the millinery of the game attracted attention. A poet rhapsodised about the players

*In their many-coloured jerseys,
And their whites, and stockings gay,*

but the kaleidoscopic effect was not universally admired. A correspondent penned a long diatribe against the practice of wearing "private colours." It appears that everyone wore anything that pleased him, and Curthwaite pointed out that the result was to render identification in a game a matter of difficulty. But he went on to enlarge on the vulgarity of the practice. He asserted that in objectionableness it was on a par with the "private ribbons which we see round the straw hats" of trippers, and likened the effect to that of "a woman with a scarlet bonnet, a yellow pair of gloves, and a violet-coloured dress."

Of course, his rash introduction of the subject of good taste brought vials of wrath on his head. He was accused of desiring to promulgate regulations for "wardrobes," and was sharply reminded that a "British Subject" would stand no tampering with his liberty. He was sarcastically invited to submit "a list of the colours which match well, so that there

may be no danger of offending his eyes or those of the College geese, or any other spectator of a similar type." He was told "it is as easy to look at a fellow's face, as his jersey or cap." It was pointed out to him that the mud soon remedied the defect he deplored by garbing all players in "a striking uniformity of colour, namely, a kind of chocolate colour." A side light on contemporary ways is thrown by the information that "in a foreign match, when one of our team wore a jersey of the same colour as the opposing team, he was recommended to get another coat of paint put on for the next anniversary of the same match."

In No. 4, the first "Review of the XV." is given, and among the team we notice some famous names. Professor Watts appears as "Watts max." He played half back, which evidently corresponded to three-quarter back of later times, and is described thus: "Very fair collar, and rather quick on his legs." Major F. G. Jackson, of Arctic fame, is described as an "excellent kick." Keeling max is said to be a "fair collar." We read of one member's "enormous height," and of another's "care of his own person"! Somewhat later, the fifteen inspired a poem from which we glean a few more particulars. For one season **Association** had been played here, and the poet alleges that it was abandoned because it was "tame," rhyming with "game." The colours were red and black. **Moore** is described poetically as "a majestic drop," and of Watts we are told

*Of running powers he has no lack
And plays tip all he can.*

Some ingenuity in rhymes is displayed—Hodges obviously suggests "dodges," and Leedam is responsible for

*Our forwards, too, are good they say,
I'm very sure we need 'em.*

Which is more than can be asserted of the "poetry."

OLD BOYS' PRESENTATION
TO THE HEADMASTER.

Many of those who attended the memorable O.D. Re-union during the Coronation Year felt that it would be appropriate and fitting to make a presentation to the Headmaster, firstly as a memento of that exceedingly happy gathering of old school-fellows, and secondly in appreciation of many acts of kindness extended from time to time to former members of the school.

The idea which found most favour was that the present should be of a distinctly personal character and should take the form of a gift of plate.

The suggestion bore fruit in an exceedingly handsome tea and coffee service of Queen Anne design, which was sent to the Headmaster as a New Year's gift. With it was forwarded the following letter:—

Shrewsbury,
29th December, 1912.

DEAR HIBBERT,

It was a great disappointment to many O.Ds. that you were unable to join them at the Manchester dinner last week.

Had you been there it was our intention to seize the opportunity to show some slight recognition of the many obligations under which you as Headmaster of Denstone have placed us.

A fair proportion of those in attendance also took part in the memorable gathering at Denstone in the summer of 1911. No one present on that occasion is likely ever to forget it: and it is to you personally that we attribute its great success.

It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the particular points which dwell in the memory: each one of us feels that for him the bonds with the old school have been forged anew.

And with these feelings prominently in mind we desire in a modest way to express appreciation for your many acts of

kindness and thoughtfulness to O.Ds. and especially on the occasion of the Coronation Year Re-union.

The O.Ds. present at the Re-union ask you to accept this silver service as a memento, trusting that it will afford you many opportunities in your busy life for recalling the goodwill and affection which your brother Denstonians bear towards you.

With the best of wishes for your continued success and happiness,

We remain, on behalf of the subscribers,

W. W. WATTS.

SAMUEL KEELING.

E. W. HORTON KNIGHT.

F. T. HOWARD.

W. O. WILDING.

In acknowledgment the Headmaster wrote as follows:—

Denstone College,
Jan. 2, 1913.

MY DEAR WILDING,

The very handsome and unexpected present which the Old Denstonians have given me makes me regret more than ever that the date of the Manchester Dinner was an impossible one for me. It is most kind, and more than kind, of you to give it me, and to accompany it with such an affectionate and brotherly letter.

I am so very glad to have this renewed proof that I have the Old Boys with me in what I try to do for the School. • But I have always felt, and have always said, that the ultimate secret of Denstone's well-being is the support and loyalty of Old Boys, and so long as we here can deserve that support we know that the School will do well. We shall be encouraged to still stronger efforts by this token of appreciation.

The Re-union of 1911 was indeed a happy and unique occasion; I hope it may not be the last, but no succeeding one can

be quite like it. What I did to help its success was done with the greatest of pleasure and I was well backed up by everybody, with characteristically Denstone enthusiasm. I certainly never thought it would suggest such a delightful present to myself, and that the gift was so totally unexpected makes it all the more delightful. I shall always value it, for its own sake, for the sake of the givers, and for the happy memories it will recall. Please accept my very sincere and grateful thanks.

Very truly yours,

F. A. HIBBERT.

FOOTBALL.

UTTOXETER.

This match was played on Saturday, February 1st. We played against the hill in the first half and, showing considerably improved form, kept Uttoxeter on the defensive for the greater part of the game. Knight scored the first try after a combined dribble started by W. Hall. Soon after, Tomkins scored from a long dribble. Before half-time the ball was again rushed over and Surridge managed to touch down. We continued to press in the second half and scored three further tries (Williams, Barlow, and Kestin) the last being the result of a good round of passing. Salmon kicked well, converting three of the tries. We thus won by 24 points to nil. The fixed places in the "scrum" seemed to produce improved packing, harder pushing, and consequently cleaner heeling. Barton being quicker in getting the ball away, the three-quarters had many opportunities, of which they made only fair use, partly owing to the decisive tackling of Uttoxeter and partly to slow and inaccurate passing—B. Hall being the chief offender.

Team : W. Hall, back ; G. L. Tomkins, J. W. Knight, B. Hall, C. A. Kestin, three-quarters ; R. A. E. Barton, E. P. Cross halves; H. G. Williams, L. B. Helder, A. E. Barlow, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, S. O'R. Surridge, H. A. Carlisle, V. Sullivan, forwards.

UTTOXETER.

On February 15th we played a return match with Uttoxeter and had a capital game. Uttoxeter had collected a good team "from the four quarters of the world" and played with the greatest energy and dash. They have improved out of all recognition and except for some weakness in combination are now a good team. In the end we won by 17 points to 8.

Team : W. Hall, back ; G. L. Tomkins, J. W. Knight, C. A. Kestin, S. H. Clark, three-quarters; R. A. E. Barton, E. P. Cross, halves; H. G. Williams, L. B. Helder, A. E. Barlow, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, S. O'R. Surridge, H. A. Carlisle, V. Sullivan, forwards.

W. PARLANE, ESQ'S XV.

This match was played on February 26th. Shortly after the start the ball was dribbled over our line from beyond the 25, and was touched down by one of the visiting team. Clark made a good attempt to get there first but just failed. This try was not converted. The School soon equalised, the ball being carried up the field by the forwards and smartly taken over the line by W. Hall. After some even play the visitors looked dangerous, Knight having missed his man badly, but W. Hall retrieved the situation by a fine tackle. The visitors kept up the pressure and scored again owing to W. Hall failing to go for his man. The kick at goal failed. In the second half the game continued to be fast and open, exceedingly interesting

from a spectacular point of view, as we were doing our utmost to obtain the lead. The tackling of the visitors, however, was very sound, and kept us out until the last minute of the game when Tomkins scored from a beautiful cross kick by B. Hall. Salmon converted, and thus we won by 8 points to 6. The forwards, except for a slight tendency to hang about off-side, played a really good game both in the scrum and outside it. Williams was the most prominent. Barlow played well and gave his outsides many opportunities, which were for the most part spoiled by Cross and B. Hall failing to get the ball along; when they did pass, their passes were usually ill-timed and inaccurate.

Team". W. Hall, back; G. L. Tomkins, J. W. Knight, B. Hall, S. H. Clark, three-quarters; R. A. E. Barton, E. P. Cross, halves; H. G. Williams, L. B. Helder, A. E. Barlow, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, H. A. Carlisle, V. Sullivan, and G. J. Mitchell, forwards.

STAFFORD.

This match was played on our own ground on March 1st. The game was of an exceptionally even character throughout. Both sides got the ball away quickly and neatly to their three-quarters, but owing to resolute tackling the score was kept down, and it was only after pressing for some time that we scored through B. Hall who dropped a good goal. Play was mostly in mid-field till half-time. Shortly after crossing over Stafford attacked and scored a good try far out; the kick at goal was a failure. For a long time the result seemed uncertain, but shortly before time Tomkins jettled it beyond doubt by scoring between c, p o s t s f r o m a short pass in the " line-out." salmon converted the try bringing the ti,, r ® to 9 points to 3, at which it remained u t f a e whistle blew for time.

Team : W. Hall, back ; G. L. Tomkins, J. W. Knight, B. Hall, S. H. Clfirk, three-quarters ; R. A. E. Barton, W. S. Baker, halves; H. G. Williams, L. B. Helder, A. E. Barlow, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, S. o * R Surridge, H. A. Carlisle, V. Sullivan, forwards.

PAST V. PRESENT.

This match was played on March nth. After the excellent form shown by the school in the previous two matches, a good game was expected, but it proved most disappointing^ as the school (who were short of Williams and Surridge) played very poorly, and the Old Boys showed all the faults of a scratch side. During the first half the O.Ds pressed most of the time, but owing to their faulty passing only scored twice, through Wain and Greenstreet. The School had more of the game in the second half, but the Old Boys scored twice more, through White and Bates. Three of these tries being converted, the score was 18 points to nothing in favour of the Old Boys.

The School tackling was weaker than it had been for some matches, and the attack lacked dash, though Knight and Tomkins did some good work. Barton was excellent in defence, but his partner was deplorably weak, and the forwards were rather sleepy in the second half. W. Hall at back, however, deserves mention.

For the Old Boys Laithwaite gave a very sound display at full back. There were many good individual displays, and the entire absence of effective combination in the Old Boys' team was only what was to be expected in such a team.

Past: J. Laithwaite, back; H. S. Bates, C. R. Keary, E. A. Gaussen, F. R. Collis, three-quarters ; C. R. Watson, R. C. Wain, halves; J. W. Greenstreet, J. L. Smith, R. H. F. Coleman, J. V. White, F. H. Woolliscroft, C. P. Tebbitt, B. S. Atkinson, A. S. Mason, forwards.

Present: W. Hall, back; G. L. Tomkins, J. W. Knight, B. Hall, S. H. Clark, three-quarters; R. A. E. Barton, G. B. Fyldes, halves; L. B. Helder, A. E. Barlow, R. B. Mitchell, C. G. Salmon, H. A. Carlisle, V. Sullivan, M. H. Spicer, and G. J. Mitchell, forwards.

2ND XV. MATCHES.

BURTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played on our ground on February 19th. We won the toss and started with the wind and hill against us. The first half was evenly contested only one try being scored as a result of good combination between Atkinson, Baker, and F. E. Clark; thus at half-time we led by 3 points to nil. Soon after the restart A. E. Rudd broke away in our 25 and almost scored but was well collared by Ball who came across from the opposite wing. After this we had much the better of the game. Ball scored after a cross kick by Menzies. Then Mitchell gained a try after an excellent run from half-way. Further tries were added by Kestin (2), F. E. Clark, and Larkam, and as two were converted, we won by 23 points to nil. Burton defended very pluckily for the whole of the first half, but in the second half, with the hill in our favour we were too strong for them, and eventually they were rather badly beaten.

Team: J. F. Menzies, back; P. Ball, C. A. Kestin, W. S. Baker, F. E. Clark, three-quarters; S. H. Larkam, W. V. Clark, halves; M. H. Spicer, G. J. Mitchell, E. Rerrie, A. B. Jameson, L. G. Harris, D. N. Kasbarian, H. Evans, O. F. Forrest, forwards.

BURTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

In the return match, played at Burton, Burton pressed at first, getting dangerously near to our line, but our forwards, headed

by Spicer, with a grand rush took the game into the Burton half. Further good work by the forwards almost resulted in a try Burton just managing to touch down in time; we kept up the pressure, Larkam Rerrie, Spicer and Kestin all doing good work, but the Burton left wing three-quarter got possession and transferred the game to half-way before being well collared by Menzies. Some weak tackling by our backs following on this, allowed Burton to work gradually up to our line and score. This try was converted. A few minutes later Atkinson scored after a good run from beyond the 25 line. At half-time Burton led by 5 points to 3. Soon after the restart, the Burton half-back kicked across from his own side of the half-way line, and Atkinson getting possession, obtained a try between the posts after a really excellent run right through his opponents. Evans converted. Good combination by Kestin, Atkinson and Ball followed the kick-off, and took the game to the Burton 25, when we scored again after a good run by Mitchell. Rudd, the Burton right wing three-quarter then scored a brilliant try for Burton, from a pass on his own 25 line. Just before time, F. E. Clark intercepted a pass, and after a good run scored between the posts. Evans converted; thus we won an interesting game by 16 points to 8. Our forwards played well throughout. The halves and three-quarters passed pretty well and ran strongly, but were not very good in defence, W. V. Clark being particularly bad in this respect. Menzies played a good game at back. M

Team: J. F. Menzies, back; P. Ball, J. S. B. Atkinson, C. A. Kestin, F. E. Clark, three-quarters; S. H. Larkam, W. V. Clark, halves; M. H. Spicer, G. J. Mitchell, E. Rerrie, A. B. Jameson, D. N. Kasbarian, H. Evans, O. F. Forrest, G. F. Mason, forwards.

BURTON ANGLESEY.

The game against Burton Anglesey was an enjoyable one and in spite of the superior weight of the other side we won by 10 points to 8.

Team: J. F. Menzies, back; P. Ball, T. S. B. Atkinson, F. E. Clark, A. W. Wilson, three-quarters; S. H. Larkam, V. V. Clark, halves; M. H. Spicer, J. G. Mitchell, E. Rerrie, A. B. Jameson, L. G. Harris, D. N. Kasbarian, H. Evans, E. J. Anderson, forwards.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON, 1912—1913.

On the whole we have reason to be very well satisfied with the result of the football season, 1912-1913. As we started the season with only two of the outsides who had played in the 1912 XV, we had to create a practically new back division. The result was quite satisfactory, though the flying half and left centre three-quarter were never up to the standard of the rest, and chiefly on this account they failed to take full advantage of their opportunities on many occasions. Six of the forwards were old colours; and as there was keen competition for the remaining places, the eight turned out to be the backbone of the team on most occasions. There were times when they did not do very much work in the scrum, in fact they seemed at one time to think that pushing in the scrum was a thing of the past, but they reverted to the good old hard-working method towards the latter part of the season, partly owing to their being allotted definite Places in the scrum. We sincerely trust the forwards of the future will not neglect this very important part of a forwards duty, especially when the opposing pack is particularly heavy. In the loose the forwards were always good. They played

with great dash, dribbling and backing one another up well, while their collaring, especially in the latter part of the season, was most effective. They might have given their outsides more to do at times.

We played Liverpool College for the first time, and just lost, after an exciting match, by 2 points. We hope this match will become a permanent fixture. Our other School matches we won with comparative ease. Burton inflicted two rather severe beatings upon us, especially when we played the return match at Burton. On this occasion the tackling of the School XV. was weak in the extreme, and the forwards had developed to the full their idea of doing no work in the scrum.

The only other occasion on which the opposing score ran into double figures was when we played the Old Denstonians at the end of the season. Williams and Surridge were unfortunately away and the defence suffered considerably in consequence. The matches with Kersal, Manchester A, University Old Denstonians, and Stafford were all good matches and very interesting to watch.

The 2nd XV. also had a very satisfactory season. In everything but collaring the 2nd XV. forwards would give the 1st a good game. They played as a rule with great dash. The outsides were very fair, and much better than had been expected. Their tackling was only fair: they showed a tendency to try and intercept rather than go for the man with the ball. Individually they were good in attack, but their passing was not at all reliable. They should provide some good material for next year's 1st XV.

The football flag was won by Head's i, the middle side cup by Airy's, and the little side shield by Smith's.

E. A. GAUSSEN.

The matches played, with results, are as follows:—

1ST XV MATCHES.			
1912.			
Oct.	12.	Kersal	Drawn 3-3.
"	19.	Manchester A.	Won 9-8.
"	26.	K.E.S. Birmingham.	Won 17-0.
"	30.	Birkenhead School.	Won 27-0.
Nov.	2.	Burton.	Lost 0-25.
"	9.	Merchant Taylors, Crosby. Away.	Won 28-3.
"	23.	Uttoxeter.	Won 9-6.
Dec.	5.	University Old Denstonians.	Lost 0-5.
"	18.	Burton.	Lost 6-39.
1913.			
Feb.	1.	Uttoxeter.	Won 23-0.
"	6.	Liverpool College. Away.	Lost 11-13.
"	15.	Uttoxeter.	Won 17-8.
"	26.	W. Parlane, Esq's, XV.	Won 8-6.
March 1.		Stafford.	Won 9-3.
"	11.	Old Denstonians.	Lost 0-18.
"	Played 15.	Won 9.	Lost 5.
"		Points for, 167.	Points against, 137.

2ND XV MATCHES.			
1912.			
Oct.	12.	Burton 2nd XV,	Won 13-9.
Nov.	9.	Burton Anglesey.	Lost 0-5.
"	23.	Uttoxeter 2nd XV. Away	Won 17-0.
Dec.	7.	N. Stafford 2nd XV.	Drawn 3-3.
1913.			
Feb.	1.	Uttoxeter 2nd XV.	Won 8-7.
"	15.	Burton Anglesey.	Won 16-8.
"	19.	Burton Grammar School.	Won 26-0.
March 1.		Burton Grammar School.	
"		Away.	Won 16-8.
"	Played 8.	Won 6.	Lost 1.
"		Points for, 99.	Points against, 40.

^CRITIQUE OF THE XV.

**K. H. G. Williams [Captain]*. He has been a most popular Captain, encouraging his men both by word and example to further efforts. He is always prominent in the loose, not only because he is always on the ball and dribbles well, but more particularly because he frequently brings off a really good tackle just when it is most needed. He has done much to improve the football throughout the School.

**L. B. Helder*. A sound hard working forward, a brilliant dribbler and good scrummager. The most improved forward of the pack. A sound collar.

+ Contributed by the Captain of Football.

**A. E. Barlow*. One of the best forwards in the pack. Frequently originates dangerous attacks: is our hooker and is most valuable in the line out.

**C. G. Salmon*. A giant in weight and height; gets through an enormous amount of unseen work; a determined tackler, and a fair place kicker.

**R. B. Mitchell*. Suffers from being rather light, though he is a good forward of the hustling type; has lately taken to picking up and starting the three-quarter in the loose.

**S. O'R. Surridge*. A small but very useful forward, breaks away well and is a fair tackler.

**G. L. Tomkins, (Outside right)*. A burly three-quarter of the "Coates" type with a strong hand off: was brilliant at the beginning of the season, but later became handicapped by a knee and ankle.

**R. A. E. Barton, (Scrum half)*. At first rather slow in getting the ball away, but eventually improved out of all recognition. His forte is stopping forward rushes.

**J. W. Knight, (Right centre three-quarter)*. The cleverest of the three-quarters; frequently gives the dummy, and makes good openings for Tomkins. An accurate touch-finder. Rather selfish at times.

**H. A. Carlisle*. A strenuous dashing forward of the old type: rather inclined to lose his head, but does much sound work.

**E. P. Cross, (Stand-off half)*. Has chiefly distinguished himself by getting damaged: at times has played well, but on the whole is disappointing.

**B. Hall, (Left centre three-quarter)*. Was at first tried at 'back' but later found his place as centre three-quarter. Conspicuous for his attempts at dropping goals, notably at Stafford. Rather inclined to pass too soon.

**Hall, (Full back)*. A deadly tackle and accurate kick, can always be depended

on. The best back the XV. has had for a few years.

*S-H. Clark, (Outside left three-quarter).

A clever quick runner with a swerve, he can get into his stride: has not had many chances on his wing.

*V. S. Sullivan. Though a new comer has retained his place right through the season; is a strenuous scrummager, and gets through an immense amount of unseen work.

f G. B. Fyldes, (Stand-off half). Has not played often. A success at first but later a disappointment.

* 1st XV. Colours. | 2nd XV. Colours.

O.T.C.

On Saturday, March 15th, we took part in a field day near Farley. With his usual kindness Col. B. C. P. Heywood arranged the scheme and acted as chief umpire. We were also fortunate in having the assistance of Major Sadler of the Sherwood Foresters, Major H. F. Dawson, and Major G. P. Heywood, to whom we tender our thanks for their help.

A Brown force consisting of contingents from Trent, Newcastle, and Derby, under the command of Capt. B. E. Mitchell, formed the rearguard of a force retiring from Wirksworth to Cheadle, by way of Ellastone, and all bridges over the Churnet except that at Alton had been destroyed, this force was being pursued by a superior White force of which the Denstone contingent under Capt. Gausson formed the advanced guard. The White force was instructed to act with the utmost vigour and prevent the enemy from crossing the Churnet.

At i.20, when the Brown rearguard had reached Farley, the commander was stormed that the bridge had broken down and could not be repaired before overlapping on several occasions, and

the force was ordered to keep the enemy off until that time. On receipt of this message the officer commanding the rearguard decided to go back and attack the White advanced guard near Plumpton Banks. Trent under Capt. Warner and Lieuts. Bell and Wallis marched along the road between Farley and Wootton Lodge, with Newcastle on their right in Alton Park. Derby were kept in reserve near the Farley Cross Roads.

Owing to the short time available Denstone had been instructed to start from Wootton Lodge at 1.30. Consequently they came upon a superior Brown force as soon as they started off. This led to some confusion and possibly upset White's original plan. The attack developed on both sides of the road on a frontage of some 600 yards and was carried on with great vigour. Brown gave way somewhat precipitately especially on their right in Alton Park, and must have lost heavily in so doing. Eventually they were driven back on to Alton Cricket Ground and when the cease fire went the forces were in contact, with the Brown force so crowded that they would have had considerable difficulty in reaching Farley.

At the conference which followed the umpires questioned the wisdom of the Brown force pushing so far forward and suggested that it would have been better had they taken up a position at Farley and merely pushed reconnoitring patrols forward to give warning of the direction and strength of the White attack. The successive retirements were too short and should have been from one position to another previously selected behind it. Covering fire was generally conspicuous by its absence. The attack was generally well carried out. It was divided into two parts by the road and these parts failed to keep touch. The result was that the opposing forces were overlapping on several occasions, and

opportunities for a deadly enfilade fire were afforded. In several of the sections the covering fire was well arranged and carried out, but in others it was poor. The umpires suggested that more use might have been made of the valley on the right of the attack in order to work round that flank. We believe that this was originally intended but the position taken up by Brown force was so unexpectedly far forward that the plans of the White force were upset.

O.D. NEWS.

The Old Denstonians' Chronicle, January, 1913, is, as a correspondent remarked in a letter recently, "better than ever this year." This is only fitting, for it now appears definitely under the auspices of the O.D. Club, instead of being, as it has hitherto been, somewhat of a freelance. It consists of 32 pages of reading matter, and 12 of addresses, and the latter are not less interesting than the former. The year's news of the College covers eight pages, and the O.D. News, 15. There are seven illustrations. The Secretary of the O.D. Club, Mr. W. O. Wilding, deserves our warmest gratitude for the immense amount of trouble he has expended on the task of getting the new organization into shape, and we sincerely trust his efforts will be repaid by what we know will be the reward he would most appreciate, *viz.*, a large increase in membership.

The Annual Dinner of the London O.D. Club is invariably a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable function. It is always well organized and, as befits the Club whose home is the Metropolis, it always has an air of distinction and even dignity, though it manages to combine this with entire good fellowship and

cameraderie. It is indeed, one of the most interesting and delightful of re-unions. For how much of its success it is indebted to Mr. J. Wellesley Orr, the honorary Secretary of the London O.D. Club, it skills us not to reckon, but we shrewdly suspect his is the master-mind which gives to the Club the vigour which characterises it. This year's Dinner was no exception to the general rule, though it was disappointing and inexplicable that the attendance was so small. There was everything to warrant the expectation of large numbers—the undoubted success of previous dinners, the vitality of the Club, the energy of the Secretary, the attainment of the Club's majority, the engagement of Mr. Robert Ganthony. However those who did attend were exceptionally representative, ranging from Professor Watts, who saw the beginning of the first lesson ever given at Denstone, down to, as Mr. Lacey amusingly reminded the company, fathers of small boys still in the lower forms of the school. At the Hotel Cecil, the popular President, Rev. G. R. Bell, occupied the Chair, and the Headmaster was the guest of the evening. Mr. F. A. Woods, Major Weigall, Mr. D. E. G. Lee and Mr. Loup were also amongst the guests. The following members were present:—

Professor W. W. Watts, Revs. J. W. Greenstreet, R. M. Grier, T. A. Lacey and C. B. Tyrwhitt; T. B. Biggs, R. S. Bignall, H. G. Bushe, H. O. Coleman, C. L. Greenstreet, F. V. Harris, G. P. Haynes, E. R. James, T. T. Middleton, J. W. Orr, St. J. Trevor and J. Ware. After the loyal toast had been proposed by the President and duly honoured, Rev. T. A. Lacey proposed "the School," coupling with that toast the health of the Headmaster. Mr. Lacey confessed that his motives were not disinterested, as he was now one of the "governors" (in the school-

bov sense) of the School. The Headmaster, who was warmly received on rising to the platform, referred to the fact that the School was entering upon its fortieth year, and invited suggestions for appropriately commemorating the event. The Chapter had given a handsome donation to the Armoury Fund, which was originally inaugurated at the London O.D. Dinner of 1911. As a result, a room had been built which was larger than either the dining-hall or big schoolroom, and the Headmaster confessed to an inclination to celebrate the opening with a ball. He concluded with a few graceful words of thanks on behalf of Mrs. Hibbert and himself for the recent "Old Boys" presentation to them.

Professor W. W. Watts proposed the 'London O.D. Club' in an interesting speech, reminiscent of the early days of the Club's existence, and congratulated its officers on its attainment of its twenty-first year. The President and the Hon. Secretary, whose names Professor. Watts coupled with the toast, responded, the latter giving a short account of the Club's activities in the past year. The Hon. Sec. also referred to the new constitution of the O.D. Club, pointing out the advantages of membership. He regretted that W. O. Wilding had found it impossible to attend that evening and speak on the subject, as had been hoped.

During the evening, Mr. Robert Ganthony, the well-known entertainer from S. George's Hall, delighted those present with songs at the piano, imitations, ventriloquism, &c., and a photograph was taken by Messrs. Fradelle & Young, of Regent Street.

A desire has been expressed that an Club should be formed for Birmingham and District, and considering the large number of O.D.s who live there it should

be very acceptable. Will any who are interested in the idea communicate with Mr. F. J. Marston (May, 1893), 15, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury?

F. B. Smith (Sept. 1885), who is in the Roads Department at Benin City, Southern Nigeria, is coming home on leave and hopes to visit the College.

J. M. S. Hunter recently gave a lecture to the South Indian Branch of the English Association, on "The substance of Shakespearean Comedy." It has been printed by the Association and is very good.

G. C. W. Westbrooke (Sept. 1897) is a master at Ruthin Grammar School; he has been, in 10 years, with the same Headmaster in three different schools.

D. Dickinson (Jan. 1892) is in the American Express Company, 6, Haymarket, London, S.W.

A. W. R. Murray (Jan. 1902) is assistant-priest at S. Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, W.

L. G. Harris has gone to Berlin to perfect his German before going to Cambridge.

Major F. G. Jackson (Oct. 1873), Commander of the Jackson-Harmsworth Polar Expedition, has written to the papers giving his opinion on the real cause of the disaster to Captain Scott and his companions. In the course of his letter he says:—

"Weather renders travelling exceedingly unpleasant, and to men in weakened condition even dangerous, but to persons

unaffected by illness certainly not insuperable to progress. . . . It was in addition, a case of pressing necessity to push on, or starvation must be inevitably their lot. What then produced this total loss of mental vigour in men who had so amply proved both these qualifications in the past?

To my mind only one thing—scurvy, that bane of the Arctic and Antarctic explorer, that ailment—I dislike calling it a disease owing to its now known cause, poisoning—the marked characteristics of which, among other symptoms, are extreme depression, indifference to death, and loss of muscular and mental energy. That accounts for everything: Seaman Evans' "astonishing failure"—I am again quoting Captain Scott—Captain Oates' sad end, and the final tragedy of inaction in the last camp. Dr. Atkinson, I am aware, has stated that he found no scurvy symptoms on the bodies, but would he necessarily expect to find definite indications of scurvy on bodies frozen hard, and dead for many months? I think not. I have had some experience of scurvy both in my expeditions to the Polar regions and in parts of the world nearer home, and have studied scurvy and its cause during many years. Working quite independently, I came to the same conclusion as Professor Torup, of Christiania, namely, that slow ptomaine poisoning is the cause of the condition we know as scurvy, which opinion is now generally accepted.

Thirteen years ago, with the aid of the Royal Society and in conjunction with Dr. Harley, I carried on a practical inquiry into the cause of scurvy, experimenting upon monkeys by feeding them on tinned meat slightly tainted. The result was that these animals became ill with symptoms of scurvy. The writer read a paper, which was introduced by Lord Lister, before the Royal Society on this subject (Proceedings

of Royal Society, Vol. 66). Doubtless some article of animal food—such as pemmican—used by the Scott party was in a slightly unsound condition, or in other words contained ptomaine poison, and produced scurvy. Misgivings filled my mind as to the safety of the southern party when Lieutenant Evans returned to the base suffering from it, having left Captain Scott in 87 deg. 35 min. S. to continue his advance towards the South Pole. Doubtless, I think, what produced scurvy in Lieutenant Evans, later on caused it in Captain Scott and his party."

C. E. Knowles (May, 1875) is Resident Engineer and Manager of the Glossop Urban Electric Supply Company.

EASTER DAY.

(Easter Day was dull until, in the Eucharist, the sun shone out at the Consecration).

*The world without is slow to shed the night
Of Lenten gloom; the trees stand gaunt and bare; ;S
The shies are gray, and cold and bleak the air.
Within, the Altar waits full fair bedight;
The watching tapers lift their patient light;
Warm hearts throb fast with passionate welcoming,
And eager lips call greetings to the King
What time He will reveal His love and might.*

*No mortal eye may mark the host that brings
High heaven to lowly earth so nigh to-day;
No ear may hear the rush of angel wings
That crowd about the Christ upon His way :]
Yet, as He comes again unto His own,
He gives the sun to gild His Altar-throne.*

NOTES.

As a memorial of our 40th year the publication of *Forty Years of Denstone* is proposed if sufficient support can be obtained. The School was dedicated by Bishop Selwyn on July 29th, 1873 and opened on October 9th following. The *Denstonian* was started in 1877, and it has been suggested that a collection of reprints

wav of marking this date in our history : it would give a view of the internal growth and development of the School which would be likely to be of great interest. The Reprints will include articles, etc., of direct bearing on our history, some papers (scientific, historical, etc.) on the locality, a few perhaps which are of literary interest, etc. Some of the verse will well bear reprinting. Every care will be taken to make the Volume one of real personal interest to Denstonians. It will consist of about 220 pages and will be well bound in cloth. Names of any who wish for copies of *Forty Years of Denstone*, (price about 5s.) should be sent to the Rev. F. A. Hibbert at the College.

University distinctions are not usually obtained in such numbers that Editors of School Magazines have to apologize for omitting to record one. We have, however, to regret our oversight in regard to three. At the end of last Term S. O'R. Surridge gained an open Exhibition in Modern History at Lincoln College, Oxford, and in January L. G. Harris gained a similar distinction at Sidney Sussex College, and K. R. Evans a Sizarship at the same college in Natural Science.

Our excuse must be the plethora of such things; and we have further to chronicle the additional success of Mr. Swift's pupils in the Open Exhibition which H. G. Williams gained at S. Catherine's College, and the Scholarship which he subsequently gained at Selwyn. D. J. H. Evans has also gained a Modern History Exhibition at Selwyn.

Since this time last year we have gained our Scholarships and five Exhibitions in History, one Choral Exhibition, and one Science Sizarship, eleven altogether.

H. G. Williams follows the excellent example of last year's Captain of Football and of the preceding year's Captain

of Cricket, both of whom obtained Scholarships at Cambridge.

Our readers may have noticed a very able letter on the Suffragettes in the *Daily Telegraph* of March 14th, signed with the familiar initials "H.E."

By the unforgetting and unflinching kindness of Miss Moorsom we enjoyed the Mid-Lent cakes on Refreshment Sunday. We beg to express our thanks to the kind donor.

In the Music School a board has been placed recording the date of its opening in the following words: *Mitsicorutn studio et doctrinae dedicata est haec schola in festo Sanctae Ceciliae Anno Salutis MCMXIII*. Other boards, with records of the Dormitory Musical Competitions have also been placed in the Music School.

It was a great pleasure to have Mr. R. H. P. Coleman, O.D., Organist of the Parish Church, Blackburn, to judge in the preliminary stages of the Dormitory Musical Competitions, and we are much indebted to him for his kindness in coming.

It is with great satisfaction that we are able to announce that at the Chapter Meeting on March 7th, the Provost and Fellows decided to install electric lighting immediately throughout the College buildings. We believe it was mainly through the advocacy of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., that this decision was arrived at, and if this is so we beg to tender him the grateful thanks of present and future Denstonians. It is most fitting that the fine buildings which his honoured father, more than anyone else, was instrumental in raising, should be properly lighted by the efforts of the son.

The work is to be taken in hand at once, and we are glad to know that the consulting engineer whom the Chapter has appointed to oversee the work is a Denstonian, Mr. H. C. Crews, (May, 1883) M.I.C.E.,

The Chaplain has obtained the Provost's consent to placing in the Ante Chapel an Altar, etc., so that we may have a Chapel small enough to be more convenient than the Chapel itself for various occasions when the whole school is not present. It is, most appropriately, to be called "the Chapel of the Holy Family," a dedication which will have the approval of all boys, and of all parents. To fit it up properly and worthily will be a matter of some expense and the Chaplain will be very glad to receive subscriptions, large or small, towards the cost, or to hear of any who are willing to provide special articles. The Provost with his usual generosity has given and the Headmaster and Mrs. Hibbert are giving the Frontal and Frontlet.

Mrs. Edwardes has very generously given a handsome carved oak bench for the Sanctuary, for the use of the sacred ministers at the High Altar. We beg to offer her our grateful thanks for so handsome and useful an addition to our beautiful Chapel.

The following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Stafford on March 6th:— T. Andrew, K. Austin, H. Backhouse, C. Baldwin, H. Barrett, A. Bates, W. Chamberlain, F. Clark, H. Coggill, C. Cox-Wilson, T. Davy, C. Dawson, J. Dyson, T. Elley, W. Ewen, C. Felton, C. Finch, A. Foxwell, E. Glaisby, H. Grace, R. Hall, G. Harrison, R. Hayward, N. Johnson, F. Jones, E. Keble, W. Lamb, R. Larkam, W. Lloyds, F. Lockyer, N. Marshall, P. Miller, L. Norbury, V. Norbury, A. Pattison, C. Reynolds, H. Richardson, E. Robinson, D. Rowan, D. Rudd, R. Sedgwick, A. Smith, V. Sullivan, M. Townsend, W. Turner, A. Wade, J. Walker, J. Warr, S. Weigall, G. Whitechurch, A. Wilson.

On the evening of March 16th, the morrow of the Ides of March, Mr. Coleman

delivered in the Schoolroom a "public panegyric" upon Julius Caesar "the foremost man of all this world." The idea was an excellent one and the address was altogether admirable, as indeed it could hardly fail to be with such a subject. But the way in which it was treated made the occasion one of real interest to all who were fortunate enough to be among the audience. We owe Mr. Coleman a great debt of gratitude for giving us such an enjoyable and profitable evening.

The Good Friday addresses were given by the Rev. E. Hoskyns, M.A., (son of the Bishop of Southwell), warden of Stephenson Hostel, Sheffield. He also preached on Maundy Thursday, and we are all much indebted to him for his kind and helpful service.

On Easter Day everything seemed to combine to give the proper Easter feeling. The Chapel looked more lovely than ever after its desolation, and Mrs. Edwardes had added effective floral adornments. The Services were particularly well-rendered. At the High Service the special features were Baden Powell's "Hail Festal Day!" A. H. Brown's haunting setting of the proper introtit, and Gounod's *Sanctus*, *Benedictus*, and *Agnus Dei*, (from *Messe Solennelle*). They were admirably sung. At evensong the Anthem was from the *Messiah*—"Since by man came death," equally well rendered, and those who did not hear Whitfield's singing of the difficult solo "I know that my Redeemer liveth" missed one of the best things we have had for some time; it would take a good deal of beating. Altogether we have every cause to be satisfied with our keeping of Easter.

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and at Chiswick.