

School Notes.

Next Term will start on Monday, May 5th. The School will come down from **Waterloo** by the 2.50, calling at Woking at 3.22, and at Salisbury at 4.42.

N.B. Change of station to **Waterloo**.

Next Term will end on Tuesday, July 29th.

Christmas Term begins on Tuesday, September 23rd.

Christmas Term ends on Friday, December 19th.

The Common Entrance Examination next term will be on Monday, June 16th, and Tuesday, June 17th. In the Christmas Term on Monday, November 10th, and Tuesday, November 11th.

The following boys are leaving this term :—

D. F. M. Archibald (Wellington)
G. St. J. Hardy (Charterhouse)
J. S. Dumbreck (Dauntsey's)
M. A. Gardiner-Hill (Eton)
J. C. de G. Graves

This is a big leave for the Easter Term, and an important one. These men have all played a prominent part in helping us to settle in during our change, and Archibald's powers of organisation have been an immense help. They have all given fully and generously to the School, and in consequence of this we shall miss them, and even more for their ripping personalities. They take with them, as they know, our affection and sure trust for their future.

The following are the new boys for next term :—

Anderson
Butterwick
Graham, mi.
Knight
Mosley
Nalder
Nourse, mi.

THE SPORTS.

If possible, we shall hold the Sports on the June going-out week-end, *i.e.*, Saturday, June 7th.

This sentence in a letter from one of our mothers deserves, I think, to be perpetuated :—“ Those fateful postcards from Mrs. Vass, the Herald Angels of disease and pestilence.”

The following are the Prefects for next Term :—

I. F. Ewer (Head Prefect)
 J. C. Walton
 R. E. Pink
 P. M. Dickinson
 F. D. C. Ford
 M. R. Bonham-Carter
 J. O. Ealand
 R. R. Thompson
 G. P. D. Lord
 C. W. Newman

The Confirmation.

The Confirmation took place in Budleigh Salterton Church on Sunday, March 30th, and the Bishop of Exeter took the service. It was a great change from the Confirmation that we generally have in our own Chapel. There were about fifty candidates and about six hundred people present, but we were very lucky in that all our parents got close behind the boys to be confirmed, so that the S. Ronan's family was all together.

In his second address, the Bishop spoke about the Catholic Church, and said that to many people the word “ church ” simply recalled a building with a clergyman in white preaching a sermon. He then pointed out that perhaps the proper definition of the Church was the Glorious Company, the Goodly Fellowship, and the Noble Army ; and he went on with a pleasant touch of humour to say that if one looked round the church at the present moment it might be rather difficult to realise that it was a Glorious Company, or a Goodly Fellowship, but he then made the point that the congregation there, although it might not strike one as a very valiant one, contained the type of people who in the past had founded all the things for which we were now fighting, and in the present the people who were supplying the air raid wardens, the fire fighters, and the ordinary folk of the country who were meeting and defeating the “ blitz ” with such undaunted courage. He urged us to remember that the Confirmation service was an enlistment service into this fellowship, a fellowship which holds that the things of the spirit are greater than the things of steel and iron.

Almost all our parents managed to get down, and delightful it was to see them.

The following were confirmed :—

I. F. Ewer
 J. C. Walton
 G. St. J. Hardy
 R. E. Pink
 P. M. Dickinson
 J. S. Dumbreck
 F. D. C. Ford
 C. A. W. Russell

Old Boys' Column.

The following Old Boys have visited S. Ronan's this term :

Capt. G. A. Rowan-Robinson (Intel. Corps)
 Capt. J. S. Eyre
 Lieut. A. N. Macpherson, R.N.
 Lieut. J. A. Spens, R.A.
 M. E. Heath (Marlborough)

OLD BOYS' NEWS.

J. B. COOKSON (Harrow) has got his house stockings for Rugger. He also got a block remove at the end of the summer.

P. G. WHITFIELD is training as an engineer with the British Thompson Houston Company.

J. ANDERSON (Marlborough) was awarded the Brown Prize, which is a classical prize, for the Upper VI. He is also a School Prefect.

J. ROCHE (Queen's Col., Cam.) is President of the Queen's Medical Society, and has passed the first part of his qualifying M.B.

J. SKINNER (Oxford) is President of the University Boat Club.

E. S. SKINNER (Eton) has played for the Eton Soccer XI., and has got his Soccer cap. He got his house colours last term.

J. N. HUMPHREYS, R.M., has been acting as secretary to his Captain, and has played Rugger for the Navy in the East.

M. R. BONHAM-CARTER (Bal. Col., Oxon) got a distinction in the first part of his war degree. This is the highest award that is possible in war time. In March he was awarded a History Scholarship at Balliol, coming top of all those taking modern subjects.

A. F. TROLLOPE-BELLEW (Eton) got his house colours in the Christmas term. He has now left.

Congratulations to COLONEL FRANK VOGEL, who was married to Julia Jean Bald on January 8th.

J. D. GOODALL (Wellington) is in the Classical VIth, and is on the committee of the Musical Society. He had one of his own compositions, a violin and piano sonata, played at the Wellington concert last term.

P. ASQUITH (Eton) got a first in Trials at the end of his first term, and only just missed distinction.

J. E. COLBECK (Stowe) has played fives in the first pair for Stowe, and has also played squash for his house.

R. O. B. GRAHAM (Radley) has got his Second XV. stockings, and is Captain of the house boxing.

N. H. SISSONS, after being out in France with the B.E.F. and escaping from Dunkirk, is now going on a course to the Staff College.

I. H. BROOME (Bromsgrove) has got his School Second XV. and also his house colours for Rugger.

E. H. BROOKE is now a managing director of J. Brooke and Sons, the family business, and is hard at work producing masses of woollen cloth.

T. H. BROOKE, after getting his First at Oxford, is now in the Public Record Office, and spends almost as much time on the roof fire-fighting as he does dealing with the records.

J. R. HUDSON finished his year's Scholarship in June at Taft College, U.S.A. They then paid him the compliment of offering him another year's extension of the Scholarship of Taft absolutely free, but he decided to join the Canadian Army. During his leave he and a friend bought an old Ford and toured round the States visiting friends.

Pilot Officer M. T. Whinney, who has been flying Hurricanes, is now an instructor teaching, as he says, "the completely uninitiated, very frightening."



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SQUADRON LEADER J. GORDON-FINLAYSON, D.S.O., D.F.C.

RETURN FROM THE DEAD.

An R.A.F. Bomber crew were reported "Missing, feared Killed," but made their way back to their base in Greece after amazing experiences. Hits from Anti-Aircraft shells forced them eventually to land on the narrow beach of a tiny island. here they were carried round the village. They were showered with bouquets, wine and other gifts, and the Squadron Leader made a speech from the Town Hall.

Photo Shows—The Squadron Leader, Finlayson, with some of the gifts showered on the crew. (Note the shoes and the bottle of wine).



Some of the Soccer side.

L. G. ANDERSON (Cheltenham) is now a Prefect, and is in his house Rugger XV.

J. C. L. RAWES, who left us to go out to America, got a first class in English, Maths., and General Science at the end of last term. He is also on the Editorial Staff of the magazine of his school.

Congratulations to COLIN SPENS, who was married to Josephine Simond on Saturday, March 29th. He was at the Staff College, and has been transferred by special request to the Ministry of Buildings and Works, where he is a personal assistant to the Director.

R. A. MURRAY (Radley) is playing first string for Radley in the Public Schools Rackets Championship. He is also Head of his house and Captain of the Second XV.

C. W. A. MURRAY is assistant manager to the Pilmoor rubber estate on the Malay Peninsular. He got a certain amount of cricket in the summer and represented the Federated Malay States. He is also playing Rugger for them. With what is left of his time, he is a gunner in the Malay Volunteer Corps, and did his training with the Australians, which he found, as he puts it, "rather more than strenuous."

C. P. ELLIOTT is in a munitions factory, hard at work on wireless stuff for the R.A.F., waiting till he is of age, when he is going to volunteer for the Navy.

A. C. BURNETT (Lancing) will be Captain of cricket next term. He was also one of the house team that won the cross-country race. Besides this, he is in charge of the music in Gibbs, and is playing a solo and singing one in the school competition.

M. E. B. SCOTT (Stowe) in the Stowe sports under sixteen, won the 220, the 100, and the long jump, and was second in the quarter. In the long jump he did over seventeen feet for a no-jump, although his winning jump was 16 ft. 2 ins., which is a poor jump. Still, it is a jolly good effort.

C. S. O'D. SCOTT (Stowe) was third in the long jump, and fourth in the 100 final of the junior.

D. J. PARSONS (Eton) is keeper of his Lower Boy, and played for the house at times.

J. P. BASSETT (Pembroke Col., Cam.) was playing for Cambridge in the return match v. Oxford which Cambridge won.

B. A. WHITEHORN (Charterhouse) has got his First XI. colours for hockey.

OLD BOYS NOW SERVING.

I shall be most grateful for any additions or corrections.

ROYAL NAVY.

Lieut. B. K. C. Arbuthnot
 Sub. Lieut. H. E. Ascoli, R.N.V.R.
 Commander M. A. O. Biddulph, D.S.C.,
 Lieut. D. F. Biddulph, H.M.S. Rodney.
 Sub. Lieut. F. A. M. Bray, R.N.V.R.
 Mid. G. B. Burdon,
 Lieut. R. J. Clutterbuck,
 Sub. Lieut. J. H. Clutterbuck, R.N.V.R. H.M.S. Illustrious.
 Commander Cobbold,
 Sub. Lieut. P. Collingwood, R.N.V.R.
 Lieut. G. G. Cowburn, D.S.C.,
 Mid. D. J. Dampier, H.M.S. Barclay
 R. C. W. Dampier A.B. H.M.S. Vanoe
 Sub. Lieut. J. P. Eustace,
 Surg. Commander H. H. Fisher,
 Lieut. J. M. D. Gray, H.M.S. Hermes
 Commander R. W. Griffith,
 Lieut. Commander A. A. Havers,
 Lieut. J. O. C. Hayes,
 Commander R. I. Hoyle,
 Paymr. Sub. Lieut. J. N. Humphreys,
 Lieut. Commander Viscount Jocelyn,
 Sub. Lieut. R. E. Lloyd, H.M.S. Warspite
 Surg. Lieut. Commander W. M. Macgregor, O.B.E., R.N.V.R.
 Lieut. A. N. Macpherson,
 Sub. Lt. M. Miskin,
 Commander A. R. Murray-Smith
 Sub. Lieut. H. W. D. Musgrave, R.N.V.R.
 The Rev. F. H. Outram
 Lieut. W. F. Pope, R.N.V.R.
 Sub. Lieut. H. E. P. P. Powell, R.N.V.R.
 Lieut. R. A. Price,
 J. C. Rowan-Robinson, A.B.
 Commander J. Smyth,
 Sub. Lieut. H. L. V. Stanley, R.N.V.R.

Sub. Lieut. G. A. R. Swannell,
 Lieut. B. T. Whinney, R.N.V.R.
 Lieut. H. S. Whittow,

FLEET AIR ARM.

Lieut. Commander P. H. Havers, Sq./Ldr.
 Lieut. Commander J. W. Havers,
 Sub. Lieut. J. H. Saffery, R.N.V.R.

ARMY.

Capt. M. H. Arbuthnot, R.C.S.
 Major J. F. Armstrong, R.S.F.
 Capt. D. N. Ascoli, Royal Berkshire Regt.
 Major E. A. Barclay-Smith, R.E.
 Captain G. I. Barty-King.
 L/Cpl. H. D. Barty-King, R.C.S.
 2nd Lieut. R. Biddulph, Wiltshire Regt.
 Cadet J. V. R. Birchall, R.C.S.
 Cadet J. B. Boyd, Black Watch
 Capt. H. A. A. Bray, M.C., Dorset Regt.
 Captain R. N. Bray, Duke of Wellington's.
 Capt. F. R. C. Bray, Oxford and Bucks. L.I.
 2nd Lieut. P. R. Bray, R.A.
 Major W. N. Bray, R.E.
 2nd Lieut. M. J. C. Brocklehurst, Lanarkshire Yeomanry.
 2nd Lieut. R. N. Brooke, Scots Guards.
 Capt. G. R. Chetwynd-Stapylton
 Lieut. C. Chetwynd-Stapylton
 Cadet F. H. B. Clough, R.A.
 Gnr. R. A. B. Clough, R.A.
 Lieut. R. L. Clutterbuck, R.E.
 2nd Lieut. J. O. Collingwood.
 2nd Lieut. R. A. Colvile, Oxford and Bucks. L.I.
 Cadet J. I. Colvile, R.A.
 Bombardier E. A. Corcoran, R.A.
 Lance Corporal O. Corderoy, M.G.
 Lieut. R. E. Cowburn, Intel. Corps.
 Captain Sir James Croft, Herefordshire Yeomanry.
 Major J. C. T. Crozier.
 Cadet C. P. Davidson, R.A.
 Major W. E. C. Davidson-Houston, Royal Berkshire Regt.
 *Capt. A. C. Davidson-Houston, Royal Sussex Regt.
 Major C. T. Digby-Jones, R.A.
 2nd Lieut. J. H. Drew, Surrey Yeomanry.
 2nd Lieut. R. Dumbreck, R.A.

- 2nd Lt. P. C. W. Duncum, R.C.S.
 Major G. M. C. Dyson.
 2nd Lieut. D. I. T. Eastman, Coldstream Guards.
 2nd Lieut. J. M. Evelyn, Oxford and Bucks. L.I.
 Capt. J. S. Eyre, E. Yorks. Regt.
 2nd Lieut. D. B. Fergusson, Grenadier Guards
 Cadet C. C. Fergusson, R.A.
 Captain R. Gordon-Finlayson, R.A.
 Captain W. J. S. Fletcher, M.C., R.A.
 2nd Lieut. J. F. G. Fletcher, R.E.
 Major J. S. Garrett, M.B.E.
 Lieut. P. C. Garrett, South Waziristan Scouts.
 Pte. J. C. Girardot, Royal Sussex Regt.
 Lieut. K. M. Goodall, R.A.
 Major D. W. McN. Graham, O.B.E.
 2nd Lieut. P. Graham, The Guides.
 2nd Lieut. D. B. Graham, Cameron Highlanders
 2nd Lieut. E. M. Grace, London Irish Rifles
 2nd Lieut. B. S. Grace, R.A.
 Cadet C. H. Gray, R.T.C.
 Major M. G. Gregson, R.A.
 Major M. I. Gregson, R.A.
 Major J. H. Gregson, R.A.
 Major G. P. Gregson, R.A.
 Colonel C. W. G. Grimley, West Yorks Regt.
 Colonel E. H. D. Grimley, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
 Major W. E. H. Grylls, 15/19 Hussars.
 Captain J. A. B. Grylls, R.E.
 2nd Lieut. P. H. C. Hanbury, R.A.
 Captain J. N. Harper, R.G.H.
 Major R. H. Havers, R.E.
 Major L. C. Heygate.
 Captain P. R. C. Hobart, R.T.C.
 Capt. J. Holdich, R.A.
 Major R. Hope-Falkner
 Lieut.-Col. G. T. W. Horne.
 2nd Lieut. J. E. Hoyle, R.A.
 Pte. J. R. Hudson, Canadians
 Lieut. J. A. Hunter, K.R.R.
 Lieut. A. D. Hunter, Gloucestershire Regt.
 Lieut. J. R. Hunter, R.A.
 Captain J. D. Johnston, R.T.C.
 Capt. R. J. A. Kaulback, R.I.F.
 Lieut. R. J. H. Kaulback, Gen. List
 Cpl. J. H. Kentish, Military Police.

- 2nd Lieut. P. W. Kidner, R.E.
 Cadet J. B. H. Knight, O.C.T.U.
 Sergeant G. C. A. Macartney, Canadians.
 Lieut. I. W. Macpherson, R.A.
 2nd Lieut. P. Mennell, R.A.
 Capt. A. H. Miskin, Royal West Kent Regt.
 Major A. H. E. Molson, M.P., R.E.
 Capt. J. C. Monteith, M.C., Black Watch.
 2nd Lieut. J. G. Morgan-Owen, S.W.B.
 2nd Lieut. R. A. L. Morgan-Smith, Indian Army
 Pte. J. R. Morgan, R.A.M.C.
 2nd Lieut. M. C. Morgan, Intel. Corps.
 Captain A. R. D'A. Mount, R.E.
 Gunner C. W. A. Murray, Malay Volunteer Corps.
 *2nd Lieut. A. M. S. Neave, R.A.
 2nd Lieut. The Earl of Oxford, R.E.
 Cadet C. E. Page, R.C.S.
 Captain F. W. Pink.
 Major S. J. Pope, Norfolk Regt.
 *2nd Lieut. A. L. Pope, Royal Fusiliers
 2nd Lieut. D. E. C. Price, R.A.C.
 Major C. L. Richardson
 2nd Lieut. J. P. Robertson, R.A.
 Captain P. F. R. Roose.
 Capt. G. A. Rowan-Robinson, Intel. Corps.
 Captain J. T. Ruffer, D.C.L.I.
 Captain J. Schreiber, R.A.
 Lieut. D. A. Sherring, R.A.
 Capt. N. H. Sissons, E. Riding Yeomanry
 Capt. C. H. Spens, R.C.S.
 2nd Lieut. P. A. W. Spens, R.E.
 Lieut. J. A. Spens, R.A.
 Colonel E. A. Stead, M.C.
 Cadet A. J. Stead, Indian Army
 Major N. A. M. Swettenham, R.E.
 Capt. H. T. Tennant, R.A.
 Captain R. J. H. Thomas, R.A.
 Cadet R. E. Thornton, M.G.C.
 Pte. C. E. Thornton, R.A.
 Capt. R. R. Vassar-Smith, R.A.
 2nd Lieut. J. H. C. Venables, Coldstream Guards.
 Lieut. Colonel F. W. Vogel, O.B.E., R.A.
 Lieut. J. Vogel, New Zealand Exp. Force
 2nd Lieut. M. C. Watson.
 Major G. P. Wethered

Pte. D. S. West-Russell, Buffs Regt.
 Capt. J. R. Willis, R.C.S.
 L/Cpl. R. A. F. Winsloe, R.A.S.C.
 Bimbashi D. Wake

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Pilot Officer M. C. B. Anderson, Sec. from R.T.C.
 Pilot Officer S. Acland.
 Squadron Leader T. J. Arbuthnot
 L/Ac. C. K. Capon
 Squadron Leader J. R. Gordon-Finlayson, D.S.O. D.F.C.
 Flight Lieut. Dr. J. H. Gauvain.
 Flight Lieut. J. R. Havers, D.F.C.
 Cadet P. B. Lucas.
 Wing Commander H. M. Morris.
 Wing Commander J. Norwood.
 Cadet J. R. M. Vaisey.
 Pilot Officer M. T. Whinney, V.R.

DARTMOUTH.

Cadet the Hon. J. Jocelyn.
 Cadet C. V. Greenfield.
 Cadet D. J. Rotherham.

DISTINCTIONS.

D.S.O. Squadron Leader J. R. Gordon-Finlayson, D.F.C.
 Middle East, 1941.
 O.B.E. Major F. W. Vogel, France, 1940.
 O.B.E. Major D. W. McN. Graham, France 1940.
 O.B.E. Surgeon Lieut. Commander W. M. Macgregor,
 Somaliland. 1940.
 D.S.C. Lieut. G. G. Cowburn, R.N. River Plate.
 H.M.S. *Achilles*. Jan., 1940.
 D.S.C. Commander M. A. O. Biddulph. R.N. Dunkirk, 1940
 M.C. Captain H. A. A. Bray, France, 1940.
 M.C. Captain W. J. S. Fletcher, London. 1940,
 D.F.C. Flight Lieutenant J. R. Havers, France, 1940.
 D.F.C. Squadron Leader J. R. Gordon-Finlayson,
 Middle East, 1940.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Lieut. J. Loveday, R.N., H.M.S. Exmouth, January, 1940.
 Capt. M. N. Humphreys, R.M., H.M.S. Glorious.
 2nd Lieut. S. W. G. Bingay, Royal Berkshire Regiment.
 2nd Lieut. R. C. Money, The Cameronians.
 Sub. Lieut. D. P. Robertson, H.M.S. Ardent.
 Flight Lieut. G. E. Langdon.

MISSING.

2nd Lieut. D. A. G. Thompson, Black Watch.
 Squadron Leader R. G. S. Morgan-Smith.

* Prisoner of war.

 The Term's Work.

For the top three forms of the school the work was very little interfered with, but lower down the measles had a devastating effect, especially on Class III., and Shell suffered severely towards the end of the term, so that in these two forms only a few people did exams., and a lot of averaging had to be done for the exams.

SCHOLARSHIP CLASS.

Gardiner-Hill passed top into Eton, and took Remove and did well. Archibald passed fifth out of twenty-seven into Wellington, getting 176 out of 180 in Maths. Schol. did a good term's work, and pushed steadily on. They are a good solid working form rather than an inspired one, although Dickinson has real ability.

MIDWAY.

The Midway people did well in their exams. Pink passed the Navy exam.; Hardy did well at Charterhouse; and Dumbreck well at Dauntsey's. Dumbreck's ninety per cent in Divinity was a distinguished mark.

IA.

IA. got through a lot of good solid work, and have come on. As well as those who have some time left, we are putting up the people who are taking the Common Entrance next term, and Russell ma., who takes the Navy exam. in November, will be working with them. IA. was a good, steady, hard-working class, and was a jolly form to take in that they always gave of their best.

SHELL.

Shell is a very good form. It was bad luck that so many of them were unable to do their exams. We have given a number of removes, and they should chase the people left in IA. all the way.

IB.

IB. was a queer, rather unreliable class; very keen and great fun to take, but careless almost beyond belief. Still, they are capable of good work at times, and when they settle down they should do well. They were a very live form indeed.

CLASS II.

Class II. was a good form and worked well. They had a lot of people away for the exams., and the work of both these last two classes was very much interfered with during the last half of the term, but the people who were left stuck to it well and deserve all credit for it.

CLASS III.

Class III. at times entirely failed to exist, but there were always one or two members working with Class II., and very good it was for them, and it seemed to pull the best out of them, and valiantly they hung on; so that they fully deserve, all of them, to go up into Class II. next term.

<i>Place at beginning of Term.</i>	<i>Place at end of Term.</i>	<i>Marks.</i>	<i>Last Term's Marks.</i>
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SCHOLARSHIP CLASS.

Dickinson, ma.	Dickinson, ma.	1294	1173
Gardiner-Hill, ma.	†Gardiner-Hill, ma.	1169	1118
Ewer	Ewer	1057	984
Archibald	†Archibald	1056	938
Ford	Ford	972	847
Davidson	Davidson	837	835
Hunter Dunn	Hunter Dunn	635	575

MIDWAY CLASS.

Webster	*Webster	1146	1156
Bonham-Carter	*Bonham-Carter	1117	1095
Lord	†Pink	928	960
Pink	†Hardy, ma.	836	887
Hardy, ma.	*Lord	794	1054
Russell, ma.	†Dumbreck	777	737
Dumbreck	Russell, ma.	770	754

<i>Place at beginning of Term.</i>	<i>Place at end of Term.</i>	<i>Marks.</i>	<i>Last Term's Marks.</i>
CLASS IA.			
de Gale, ma.	*Bardsley	1271	1136
Bardsley	*Ealand	1271	1045
Newman	*de Gale, ma.	1156	1152
Ealand	*Newman	1066	1066
Hardy, mi.	Collymore	1053	970
Simpson	Hardy, mi.	1032	1036
Collymore	Thompson, ma.	1025	922
Thompson, ma.	Simpson	977	1001
Hurst	Hurst	857	919
Tudor-Craig	*Walton, ma.	840	726
Walton, ma.	Tudor-Craig	822	742
Graves	†Graves	373	

SHELL CLASS.

Shelley	*Shelley	1278	1246
Dickinson, mi.	*Dickinson, mi.	1216	1093
Hoare	*Theobald	1113	
Nourse	*Nourse	1025	1063
Manners	*Whinney	956	915
Rushbrook-Williams	*Rushbrook-Williams	944	969
Whinney	*Manners	943	980
Nettlefold	*Hoare	932	1080
Lawson	Remnant	917	817
Remnant	Phillips	873	722
Phillips	Lawson	839	872
Hamilton-Price	Hamilton-Price	636	
Theobald	*Nettlefold	Absent	882

CLASS IB.

Thompson, mi.	*Roxburgh	1195	1066
Barcsai	*Swiney	1061	917
Roxburgh	*Thompson, mi.	1043	1093
Swiney	*Barcsai	1036	1074
Russell, mi.	*Walton, mi.	1023	744
Maclay	*Russell, mi.	1005	780
McConnel	Caslon	906	
Walton, mi.	Coulthard	829	
Caslon	Maclay	811	749
Coulthard	*McConnel	804	746
Villiers	Villiers	430	

<i>Place at beginning of Term.</i>	<i>Place at end of Term.</i>	<i>Marks.</i>	<i>Last Term's Marks.</i>
CLASS II.			
Prance	*Prance	1059	934
Noel	*Noel	1011	927
Henderson	*Henderson	885	845
Brandt	*Ponsonby	853	755
Ponsonby	*Gardiner-Hill, mi.	853	741
Gardiner-Hill, mi.	*Brandt	825	805
Tosh	Tosh	783	730
Cordeaux	Elliott	781	
de Gale, mi.	Cordeaux	779	711
Macintosh	de Gale, mi.	730	625
Craigie-Halkett	Filmer	642	
Elliott	Craigie-Halkett	602	
Filmer	Macintosh	Absent	

CLASS III.

Stapleton	*Stapleton	270	259
Stringer	*Howe	266	251
Graham	*Hartridge	263	155
Howe	*Graham	258	259
Liardet	*Stringer	249	287
Hartridge	*Liardet	208	221

†Leaving. * Remove.

Roniana.

J. W. : " Solomon asked that the head of John the Baptist should be brought to him on a war horse." (Can you spot whence this mistake arose? It took me a minute or so to do so).

" Who was Praxiteles? "

I.F.E. : " An Athenian architect who built the temple called Palace Athenia."

One of the boys with measles had a terrific nightmare. He was screaming and kicking and fighting, saying, " I'm in the milk ! I'm in the milk ! " which, I presume, may be

taken as a paraphrase for "I'm in the soup!" When we woke him up he informed us that he had been dreaming that he was his own mother.

We are told that this story was circulating round Essex. It comes from a reliable source, but we accept no responsibility for it. It is said that Mr. Knight, from the outbreak of war, preached such violent anti-German sermons and got so worked up that it took Mrs. Knight the ensuing week to soothe him down again before his next outbreak. After about a year of this, one morning he captured a German airman whom he immediately took home to the Vicarage and to whom he gave a first-class breakfast before handing him over to the police.

This story was sent us by one of our Naval people. He overheard this conversation between two Chatham ratings in a dug-out at Portland when the place was being bombed to glory. He says: "We had been in the shelter for about five minutes when there was a distant drone of aero engines, soon followed by the not-so-distant crump of a bomb. One A.B. turned to the other and said, "'Ere come the 'Einkelschmitts.'" The other replied, "I don't reckon it's fair not bein' able to do nothin' abaht it." "Wot d'yer think ole Nelson would 'ave done if 'e'd been 'ere?" "Oh, 'e'd 'ave just put 'is trumpet to 'is deaf ear and said, 'I can't 'ear 'em.'"

With Bare Fists.

The Punjabi Mahomedan tribesmen of Northern India still prize fight with bare fists. Especially is this a favourite form of sport along the Jhelum Canal, and in the Gujerat District. It is called "Kabadi." It is a most thrilling sport and one in which hard knocks are given and received in plenty. Many of the competitors finish off like true heavyweights—on their backs.

The ring is about ten foot square, and composed of soft dug up earth. The men fight bare-footed as well as bare-fisted and are stripped as for wrestling. There are definite rounds and the role of attacker and defender changes in proper rotation. To make defence the more difficult, the arms and body are greased and oiled. This also makes the contestants not a little odoriferous.

On entering the ring the gladiators first make obeisance to the headman, and any famous old fighters who may be present. Then gathering a little of the ring earth, they dust it well into the palms of their hands. As will be seen later on, this is a most necessary aid to defence. Then they frame up to one another.

The stance is very similar to our boxing stance, but more flat-footed. Actually natty footwork is not encouraged and fighters are expected to grin and stop it—one way or another. The attacker stands in front of the defender and feints this way and that.

Three times he utters a deep "Are you ready?" Three times comes the equally gruff reply, "Mavo Bahi (Hit! Brother)." Then like a flash he leads as classic a straight left as one can ever wish to see, and supplements it with a colossal swing at the side of the neck. There is one confused medley of swirling arms and then two bronze statues stand motionless in the centre of the ring. The defender has neatly caught the flailing attack and holds his adversary's arms by the wrists, pionining them to his chest.

Three times is this repeated and then the roles change. If at the end of that time there have been no hits scored it is a draw, but this is very seldom. A draw is rather a disgrace.

After a bout each champion is quickly hustled away into the protective custody of his own supporters. For the P.M. (as we call him for short) takes this game most seriously and inter-village competitions attract vast crowds—and the police.

G.R.W.B.

Bird Notes from Bicton.

February. One sometimes hears it said, in hushed tones, that "so-and-so's" hair went white in a single night. If this be counted cause for wonderment, how much more so when the whole of the world about one is turned white in a few hours? This is indeed cause for wonderment, and for many other things besides: joy for those who can toboggan and throw snowballs about; anger for those who must travel and deliver goods and food; peaceful admiration for those who need do none of these things; but for the birds, or at least for a very great number of them, it means anxiety, danger and often death.

On February 2nd this silent transformation took place. The big, feathery flakes fell soft and steady, and in a few hours red earth and russet bracken, green grass and firs, and the dark, bare boughs of trees were buried beneath a thick blanket of white. Such song as had till then been heard was hushed. The soft, indrawn call note of the Redwings suggested that they were on the move again in quest of other feeding grounds. For them as for all the Thrush tribe, which obtains its food almost entirely from the ground, a prolonged spell of snow or frost means famine, and for many, death.

When hours of daylight are few, and food is scarce and difficult to find, birds are often too intent on this matter of life and death to give heed to one's approach. So it was that during those few days when the snow carpeted the ground, one could walk beneath the trees by the lake and watch at a few yards distance a flock of some dozens of Chaffinches and Bramblings, with an odd Great or Blue Tit and perhaps a Meadow Pipit, searching for food where the snow lay thinnest. A tractor taking straw to some cattle near by left deep ruts in the snow, and in these grass and earth were even exposed to sight. Here in one of these ruts a Blue Tit fluttered but a few inches in front of me, reduced, it seemed, almost to exhaustion by hunger. Yet the Tits, which find much of their winter food (hibernating insects, their larvae and eggs, etc.) in a multitude of situations, such as crevices in walls, bark of trees, twigs and so on, should be among the last to feel the pinch, unless frost and ice have encased the boughs and twigs in an armour which even their small but strong beaks cannot pierce.

Probably the last to suffer through hard weather are the birds of prey which feed on other birds, such as Peregrine, Sparrow Hawk, Merlin, and some of the Owls. Their food, no doubt, deteriorates through lack of nourishment, but it becomes correspondingly easy prey. As I was watching the busy flock of Bramblings and Chaffinches one day, there appeared suddenly a bigger bird in their midst. It hung a moment with long legs dangling a few inches above the ground, then dashed off in and out the tree trunks, to emerge a moment later with a Chaffinch in its talons. It flew low over the water and vanished into a spinney to pluck and devour its victim. It was a male Sparrow Hawk.

The Lake. During the latter part of January and almost throughout February, a party of some sixteen Tufted Duck

frequented the lake. The brilliant white flanks of the drakes, in beautiful contrast to the jet black of the rest of the upper plumage, were a conspicuous feature of the lake for many weeks. As the weeks advanced, their numbers gradually diminished, until but two or three pairs remained. Paired off they seemed to be, and one had hopes that these last lingerers might stop to nest, but this was not to be.

Two or three Pochard, possibly the same birds that we saw last term, were present also, but they disappeared long before the last of the Tufted had gone.

On February 10th about a dozen Teal were present. They remained but a few days and, unlike the Tufted, which seemed to find any part of the lake to their liking and were very loath to take wing, they kept almost exclusively to one particular corner and never permitted a close approach. The Teal is one of the smallest of the ducks and, like others of its tribe, is a great traveller. Ringing has shown that many of the birds visiting this country in winter come from places as remote as Iceland, Finland and Russia north of the Arctic circle. It is not to be supposed, of course, that all birds seen in winter have come from such distant breeding grounds, for the Teal is widely distributed as a nester in the British Isles.

Undoubtedly the most interesting visitor to the Lake this term was the Garganey. Unlike the Teal and all other British ducks, the Garganey does not appear (or only exceptionally) in these islands in winter, spending that season in more southerly latitudes, down to Africa. It arrives in this country in March, and though it breeds in many localities, it is certainly one of the less common ducks. Mr. Walmesley White, in his delightful book "Bird Life in Devon," refers to the Garganey as rare in these parts. It was therefore a red letter day when, on March 12th, I found a party of eighteen on the lake, eight drakes and ten ducks, and was able to watch them for about an hour during the afternoon. Though frequently they swam about pairwise, duck and drake, suggesting that some at any rate were already paired off, for the most part they kept together as a flock. Much of the time was spent in what seemed to be feeding on, to me, invisible objects on the surface of the water. In doing this their movements, with sudden rapid turns, were reminiscent of those of the Grey Phalarope. During a great part of the time they uttered a note which sounded exactly like the distant grunting of pigs. In fact, until I traced it to the birds, I thought there must

be a herd rooting on the further shore of the lake. So far as I could see, only the drakes uttered this note. I saw their bills open slightly when it was made, but not those of the ducks. Occasionally another note was uttered: chuck-chuck, and once or twice a louder, higher note, more approaching to a quack.

The drakes frequently threw their heads up and back a little, like, though in a lesser degree, the movement of displaying Mergansers. Sometimes, when a drake was swimming with a duck, the head was raised and lowered in a slight, regular movement. Often one drake would chase and peck at another, and frequently both drakes and ducks raised themselves out of the water, with a vigorous flapping of wings. The sojourn of the Garganey was short: the following day all were gone.

Great birds and small. Every day in March could be heard the thin rhythmical song of the Goldcrest proceeding from the conifers about the house or in the Pinatorium. In addition to the usual, regular utterance: "I can—I can—I can—and damn-you-I-will," with accent on the "can," the last part ran rapidly together, could be heard, if the listener stood close beneath the ever-moving singer, a softer, rapid mixed warbling such as the Lesser Whitethroat gives vent to between the louder, far-reaching rattle. No doubt patience and good watching would lead to the discovery, in April or May, of the neat little nest, skilfully slung beneath the outer end of a branch of one of these conifers.

Among other attractive small birds, whose voices were to be heard almost daily in the grounds in March, were the Nut-hatch, Coal and Marsh Tits, Dunnock, Chaffinch and Wren, while the laughing call of the Green Woodpecker and the drumming of the Great Spotted Woodpecker betokened the beginning of a new activity in their lives. One day I saw for a short while the more retiring Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. He pitched in full view and drummed for a few seconds on the bough of a Sweet Chestnut tree.

The song of the Chiff Chaff, first of the spring warblers to arrive, was heard for the first time on March 10th, a fairly early date.

Not infrequently a Buzzard sailed majestically over the grounds near the house, while one day towards the end of March a pair came soaring on broad, slightly upturned (dihedral,

to borrow from the aircraft spotter's vocabulary) wings above the lake. For the first time down here I heard their mewing cry, which they seem to save up for Spring.

Although Ravens nest in the district, I have only seen one once at Bicton, and him I should have missed had he not uttered his deep, unmistakeable, guttural croak as he flew over high inland from his native cliffs. They will now have young in their massive nest, and may they prosper, for their characters are less black than their plumage, which is more than can be said of their smaller cousins, the Carrion Crow.

R.H.H.

Football Season, 1941.

At the beginning of the term it looked as if we were going to have a good Rucker side, especially outside the scrum. And then came measles, which meant no matches and gradually more and more attenuated games. Anyhow, it was obvious that it would have been a fine side had we been able to have a full Rucker season. The forwards might have proved a difficulty, but I think they would have come on all right once they got up against other packs; and we had a wealth of useful outsiders, almost all of whom could have played anywhere. The epidemics had one value in that quite a lot of the smaller people got practice in the first game, which is obviously going to be invaluable for them in the future. The following would probably have been the side, although it is difficult to be absolutely certain unless one had played matches.

FIRST XV. CHARACTERS.

R. H. BONHAM-CARTER (Back).—Although he is really a centre three with a very good eye for an opening and a very quick cut through, he would very likely have gone back this year, as he is fast, falls well, and is not at all a bad kick.

J. S. DUMBRECK (Wing-three).—His chief weakness is a very bad defence, but he is good at going through with a difficult jiggling run, and of course his speed makes him very valuable.

J. C. WALTON (Centre-three).—He is a most promising Rucker player, having weight and speed and being a fearless and absolutely safe tackler.



Autumn Reflections



P. T. in the break in January.



February—the great Fort.

I. F. EWER (Centre-three).—Lighter and smaller than Walton but again a very strong tackler and runner and absolutely fearless. These two centre-threes would have been a very fine pair together and would have taken a lot of getting through and a lot of stopping when under way.

P. K. COLLYMORE (Wing-three).—Is really a centre-three as he has got a beautiful eye for an opening. If he adds a little extra speed next year he should be a really good Rugger player. A very good faller and a good stern tackler who is very quick up on his man.

D. F. M. ARCHIBALD (Stand-off. Captain).—Can really play anywhere, but his splendid hands would probably have made him an essential stand-off. He is well armoured, going very straight and being absolutely first class at falling on the ball, and a very grim tackler. His lack of speed forms his chief drawback, but he is very quick off, and this in a stand-off makes up to some extent for lack of speed.

R. E. PINK (Scrum-half).—Can play anywhere on the field, but has shown real promise at scrum-half. He is very strong and tough and can take any amount of punishment and do an enormous amount of spoiling. Although he doesn't appear to have very good hands, he gets the ball away fast and accurately from the base of the scrum, and might well have developed into a really good scrum-half.

J. O. EALAND.—A first class forward with a real knowledge of the game. He is always in the thick shoving his hardest, and follows up fast.

F. D. C. FORD.—Another very good forward who, with Ealand, always has his eye on the ball. He is especially good at breaking with the ball at his feet; but he is another thoroughly sound forward who knows the game in and out.

P. M. DICKINSON.—He is especially useful for his size and pushing powers. Rather slow, but an invaluable man in the tight and in the line out, too.

M. A. BARDSLEY.—Knew very little about the game at the beginning of the season, but is a terrific worker, is fast up, and is rapidly becoming a very good forward. Next year, when he instinctively knows what to do, he should be very useful indeed.

R. R. THOMPSON.—A rather slow but useful forward, who gets through a tremendous amount of valuable work without much show. A good stern tackler, and a good shover, too.

M. A. GARDINER-HILL.—Started at scrum-half, but only came to his own when we moved him up to the forwards, where he quickly proved himself a very fast breaking forward with excellent ball control when dribbling. He watches the ball and can be guaranteed to be doing something sensible with it and applying his weight in the right direction.

It is difficult to be sure who would have completed the side. Hardy, who we rather fancied as a hooker, played practically no Rucker at all, and Nettlefold, who would probably have got in, too, was absent the whole of the term owing to illness. De Gale, ma., played a lot of Rucker, and he is a good sturdy worker and might easily have got in.

Amongst the others who played in the First Game, quite a lot of people showed real promise. Swiney should be a very good three one day. He moves very fast and has good hands, and falls and tackles well. Remnant, too, is quick up on his man and a courageous tackler. At the moment he is a little apt to get rid of the ball instead of carving out an opening for himself; he will right this, for he has a real eye for an opening and has at times scored some delightful tries. Shelley at the moment is rather slow off, although a good tackler, but takes a long time to get under way. He, too, is promising. Phillips as a centre-three amazed us by seeming very much faster on the Rucker field than he does on the Soccer field, which probably means that he is fast off. He goes hard and is a strong fighter. Whinney, too, should be a good little player. He has an eye for an opening, but will have to learn to fall, and doesn't really know the game yet.

Of others, Roxburgh shows real promise, I think, as a forward or as a scrum-half. He is a real fighter and is on the ball very quickly. Noel should be a scrum-half one day. He is splendidly courageous and is learning the game, but unfortunately seems utterly incapable of getting the ball away for any distance. Once he gets the knack of flinging the ball out he might be really good; he has not come on an inch in this way, but he is a most courageous little defender. Some of the other people who have played in the First Game and done jolly well are Prance, Theobald and Manners. They have learned a lot of the game and have all bucked really well.

So that despite a depleted season we have had an interesting one, and in many ways a profitable one.

The following is a list of the Colours :—

D. F. M. Archibald
 I. F. Ewer
 J. C. Walton
 J. S. Dumbreck
 F. D. C. Ford
 J. O. Ealand
 R. E. Pink
 P. M. Dickinson
 R. R. Thompson
 P. K. Collymore
 M. A. Bardsley
 M. A. Gardiner-Hill

THE CAKE MATCH.

EWER'S SIDE BEAT ARCHIBALD'S SIDE, 18;—11.

The Cake Match was an interesting game. Ewer had a fine pack, and it was obvious that Archibald would only get the ball on rare occasions. On the other hand, he had Pink as scrum-half, which made a great difference, and actually it was a very good game, though one always felt that Ewer's forwards were capable of winning the game for him.

Within the first three minutes the ball came out from the scrum and Noel got it away to Ewer who put it to Dumbreck, and Dumbreck slipped round his three and the moment he was clear there was no one on Archibald's side who could catch him and he scored a very good try, which, however, Ealand failed to convert. Straight away on top of this from a scrum near the middle of the field, Pink got the ball and raced right round to ground it dead behind the posts, and Archibald kicked a good goal. Archie's little forwards, Hunter-Dunn, Thompson and de Gale, were really shoving jolly well and putting up a much better show in the set scrum than I thought possible, although they hadn't the skill at hooking that Ford and Ealand possessed. Remnant took his passes very well and then got them on. From a set scrum the ball came fast down the line, Webster took a good pass well and moved forward quickly before he was brought down ; but Ewer, backing well up, went off fast and got a well-deserved try in the corner, but it was Webster's work that had made it possible. Ealand kicked a very good goal, and then before half-time,

from a loose maul near the twenty-five, Remnant snapped up a pass and cut through very quickly and very well and scored a really good try by the posts. This again Ealand converted. Just before half-time Archibald had a penalty kick some way out but dead between the posts, and kicked a very good goal, making the scores 13—8 in Ewer's favour at half-time.

Pink had had his hand badly trodden on and had to play with it bandaged for the rest of the game, which possibly to some extent handicapped him, but he and Archibald did a lot of fine defensive work, falling splendidly. It was a really good scrap in the second half, with not much in it. Both sets of threes got the ball frequently, but the tackling was sound. Collymore had Dumbreck almost every time, and Remnant and Shelley never gave each other any rope. Ewer got the final try for his side, taking the ball fast as he was moving to the left and then doing a beautiful side-step to catch Archibald on the wrong leg, and swing right inside and go through for a very good try, which Ealand again converted. At the other end Pink fought over for a try, but Archibald missed the kick.

It was a good game, and there was a lot of good football in it, and almost everybody played well. Gardiner-Hill is a very much better forward than he is a scrum-half, and obviously that is his place in the field, and he and Ealand and Ford were too strong a trio for any side; and Roxburgh, too, was very fast up and played well. It would be difficult to pick out anyone especially, but the small people in the scrum did well indeed. Archibald and Ewer are, of course, first class; they are absolutely courageous and fall splendidly, and both have beautiful hands. Collymore is a fine tackler with a very good eye for an opening, and if he had a little more speed would be a very dangerous centre-three. The game made one realise what bad luck it is that we have had no matches this term, as even with some of the side away the standard of Rugger was quite high.

Ewer's side : J. Webster, J. W. Remnant, J. S. Dumbreck ; I. F. Ewer, G. J. H. Noel ; W. R. Prance, R. A. Roxburgh, M. A. Gardiner-Hill, F. D. C. Ford, J. O. Ealand.

Archibald's side : M. H. D. Whinney, W. R. Shelley, P. K. Collymore ; D. F. M. Archibald, R. E. Pink ; T. J. Manners, R. G. Theobald, C. G. Hunter Dunn, P. O. de Gale, R. R. Thompson.