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## Public School Patriotism.

PATRIOTISM of any sort is a noble and an inspired feeling. It reaches its highest pitch, of course, when it is for one's country, but there are intermediate stages to be passed, and of these the most important is patriotism for one's School. This feeling is not always easily recognised; the enthusiasm witnessed at an Inter-School Match is not necessarily the result of patriotism; it is frequently caused more by the excitement of the moment, and the mutual influence of this emotion. Real patriotism at a Public School is to be found when the boys regard their School with a love and pride bordering on veneration; when they have for the Prefects or Monitors a whole-hearted admiration and respect, and when any disparaging remark would rouse their indignation on the instant. Where this feeling does not exist, it is not usually the fault of the boys so much as that of the School, for it is the School which is supposed to influence and mould the boys; the lack of it shows that something is wrong. When I first went to Westminster, the feeling of school patriotism was intensely strong; we were deeply sensible of the privilege and honour we enjoyed in being at the School; we looked on the Monitors, who as a rule were very just, as little short of heroes, and if one of them condescended to speak to us, we were filled with delight. To us Westminster was *the* one place on earth. This is what Public Schools should inspire. I am inclined to think that this feeling has tended, of recent years, to grow less rather than to increase. It is difficult to speak with certain knowledge, but from my own observation I should say that at the present time the Schools where the feeling I have described is strongest and most intense, are Winchester and Charterhouse. There are others where it is good, of course, and others again where there is much room for improvement; for obvious reasons it would not do to mention names. One effect of the present war will be to raise to a high pitch all types of patriotism, and to give a new life to this feeling where it had been nearly lost. I have not mentioned Preparatory Schools, because anyone who is unable to imbue a school of small boys with the right feelings must be a poor specimen at the best. It is above all the Public School spirit in its finest form which must be kept alive—the spirit which has led to such glorious deeds of heroism during the past few months.

S. S. HARRIS.

January, 1915.

## School Notes.

The next term will begin on Tuesday, January 19th. On that day all those travelling through London are expected to catch the 3.27\* p.m. train from Victoria, to which saloon carriages will be attached. Mr. Harris will be in charge. The term will probably end on Wednesday, March 31st.

\*N.B.—This train sometimes runs at 3.40.

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We have had welcome visits from many Old Boys this term, among them being :—G. D. Morris, K. G. Malcolmson, P. S. Hadley, F. R. C. Cobbold, I. K. Matheson, J. C. T. Crozier, A. L. Cameron, F. W. Pink, J. V. Nisbet, C. E. Nisbet, A. J. Boyd, W. N. Duttson, P. A. S. Hadley, and L. F. Nourse, etc.

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## In Memoriam.

ALAN WALTER ROOPER, AGED 13 YEARS.

It was with feelings of the deepest grief that we heard one morning last summer holidays of the illness and death of Alan Rooper. His illness was short and painful, but he bore it with the pluck and cheerfulness which we at S. Ronan's knew so well. After a delicate childhood he had been with us just over a year, but it was sufficient for us to know and appreciate the sterling worth and charm of his nature. Full of all boyish instincts, revelling in fun and mischief, his character was at the same time the essence of truth, manliness and uprightness. He was always happy and smiling, no sour looks, no gloom were ever seen on that young face. Life to him was good, and he used it as a happiness to himself and others. None was his enemy, everyone his friend ; and when he faced the great unknown with the same brave smile and the same simple faith, we who had known and loved him so well comforted ourselves with the thought that we had had the privilege of the friendship and affection of a very perfect little gentleman.

NOTE.—We are sorry this announcement is perforce so late, but our last Magazine had already been issued.

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## Old Boys' Column.

A. A. Havers (R.N.C., Osborne) has greatly distinguished himself during his last Term. He has come out top of the whole College in Navigation and second in Mathematics, no mean per-

formance, especially when one considers that in addition to his scholastic prowess he is an athlete of ability. We always knew Bobs would do well, and he has our hearty congratulations.

W. H. R. Crick (Lancing College) has also done a very good performance. He has been elected to History Scholarships at Magdalen, Oxford, and St. John's, Cambridge. He will take the former.

W. H. V. Nelson (King's Scholar, Westminster) succeeded in winning one of the Triplet Exhibitions to Trinity.

J. S. T. Mansell (Wellington) was successful at the September Examination for Woolwich. Although it was his first shot he passed quite high up the list.

K. G. Malcolmson (Charterhouse) also passed into Woolwich at the same Examination, but preferred to waive his claim and enter for the November Examination on the chance of getting "Sappers" instead of Artillery.

A. L. Cameron (Wentworth Hughes scholar, Wellington) has done another brilliant achievement. Once more he will have a double remove. This brings him after exactly one year at the School quite close to the Sixth Form.

J. F. B. Delap (Repton) had honourable mention in the Competition for the School History Prize, for which we beg to offer "Johnnie" our hearty congratulations.

H. C. D. Whinney (Charterhouse) is a worthy rival to Cameron. He came out 2nd in his new form and easily top in Science. He will therefore once more get a Remove. He is now a double House Colour, and in the under fifteen football and cricket teams.

H. H. Fisher (Epson College) succeeded in passing the Lower Certificate last term. He took a First Class Latin, Maths., and Divinity.

L. H. Burd (Shrewsbury) in his first term at that School played in the under fifteen House matches, and came out fourth in his form. He qualified for the Shell in Mathematics.

P. A. S. Hadley (Winchester) is making remarkably good progress. He came out second in Middle Part I., and will now be moved into Senior Part III. He also played for his House fifteen.

H. V. T. Mills (Charterhouse) is in the Under Sixth, and also has a chance of representing the School in rackets next year.

J. H. L. Miller (Fettes) got his Remove after his first fortnight at the School. Played for his House as well as in the House "under" 15 matches.

R. G. M. Eden (Eton) has passed his Trials, and become a member of the E.C.O.T.C.

A. J. R. Tudor-Craig (Eton) though absent from Trials through illness, has again procured his Remove.

G. Coode-Adams (Winchester) has again obtained his Remove into Middle Part II.

B. O. Byass (Repton) has done very well his first term. He was top of Block D. in the Mathematics, and 2nd in his form. He also fulfilled all his promise at football.

H. M. Morris (Repton) had very hard lines in not getting into the team, but he has plenty of time, and will be a Double Colour next term. He was top of his Mathematics form.

H. M. Goodall (Repton) is 4th in the School, and a House Monitor.

B. R. Delap (Repton) has also obtained his Remove. We hear that he played very well in League football, but for the "Under 16" House team did not "pop it" into the goal so often as usual.

G. T. W. Horne, R. L. Thrupp, A. Latham Brown (Repton) are all hard at work in the Army Class, and doing well.

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## S. Ronan's and the War.

The following is as far as can be ascertained a complete list of the Old Boys who have been engaged on military service since the beginning of the War :—

Lieutenant E. P. C. Amphlett, Worcester Regiment, and Modern Language Interpreter.

Lieutenant H. C. Bridges, Prince of Wales' North Staffordshire Regiment.

The Rev. H. K. Bros, Chaplain North Midland Mounted Brigade.

Captain H. Boteler, Devonshire Regiment.

Lieutenant M. A. Biddulph.

Lieutenant A. H. Bennett, 5th Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

Lieutenant G. T. Cartland, 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Lieutenant G. C. Coldham, 8th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment.

Captain M. G. Cowper, East Yorkshire Regiment.

Captain L. I. Cowper, 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.



The Rev. P. C. T. Crick, Chaplain O.T.C. Cambridge University.

Lieutenant L. G. Crick, 5th Cheshire Regiment.

Lieutenant H. C. R. Caudle, Royal Garrison Artillery (India).

Major D. Chisholm, Worcestershire Regiment.

Lieutenant F. R. C. Cobbold, 9th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.

Lieutenant W. E. Chetwynd-Stapylton, City of London (Post Office) Rifles.

Lieutenant G. St. J. Dyson, 45th Brigade Royal Field Artillery.

Lieutenant J. H. C. L. Frank, Territorial Force.

Lieutenant R. J. B. Frank, Territorial Force.

Lieutenant W. O. B. G. Frank, 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

Lieutenant R. F. Fagan, M.R.C.S., Royal Army Medical Corps (Special Reserve).

Lieutenant N. Fourdrinier, Middlesex Regiment.

Lieutenant A. D. Gordon, Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment.

Lieutenant C. M. G. Goodall, Hon. Artillery Company.

Lieutenant C. W. G. Grimley, Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Lieutenant P. S. Hadley, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Lieutenant O. W. Horne, Artists' Rifles.

Captain P. V. Holberton, Adjt., Manchester Regiment.

Captain G. Heygate, Royal Field Artillery (now doing service with the West African Field Force).

Lieutenant C. R. Heygate, Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant L. C. Heygate, 2nd Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Lieutenant L. H. Hughes, 3rd Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment.

Lieutenant G. H. Jones-Mitton.

Major A. L. Kerrans, Manchester Regiment.

Lieutenant P. V. L. Kellham, Lancashire Fusiliers.

Lieutenant H. Lambert, late Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers, British East Africa.

Lieutenant J. O. Lawson, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieutenant J. C. F. Lister, 3rd King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant J. K. Matheson, Seaforth Highlanders.

Major H. Montgomery, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Lieutenant F. N. Maltby, Indian Army.

Major Maidlow, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant A. D. Martin, Indian Army.

Lieutenant H. Montgomery, 12th Lancers.

Lieutenant W. H. V. Nelson, Public Schools Battalion.

Major C. L. Perrin, Indian Army.

Lieutenant J. L. H. Powell, Essex Regiment.

Lieutenant J. B. A. Parish, Royal Field Artillery, Territorial Force.

Lieutenant H. Plant, Royal Horse Artillery.

Lieutenant T. E. F. Penny, 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant C. L. Raymond-Barker, Scotch Fusiliers.

Lieutenant F. W. Pink, 18th Hussars.

Lieutenant J. T. Ruffer, Hon. Artillery Company.

Lieutenant A. N. Rowntree, Durham Light Infantry.

Captain G. H. Stevenson, Indian Army.

Lieutenant M. M. Sayer, Lincolnshire Regiment.

Lieutenant E. A. Stead, Indian Army.

Motor Despatch Rider, J. M. de Slubicki, Canadian Contingent.

Lieutenant R. B. B. Tillyer, Worcestershire Regiment.

Lieutenant W. H. Thornton, Royal Field Artillery Territorial Force.

Lieutenant C. V. Thornton, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain C. W. Turner, 1st Royal Dragoons.

Captain H. W. Wynter, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant J. R. Wynter, Royal Field Artillery (Indian Army).

In addition to the above, the following are expecting shortly to receive their Commission :—

J. S. T. Mansell, Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

K. G. Malcolmson, R.M.C., Woolwich.

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The following are in the North Sea :—

S. N. Cobbold, H.M.S. Lion, 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron.

J. W. Havers, H.M.S. Natal, 2nd Cruiser Squadron.

G. C. Malden, H.M.S. Mars.

J. Ogilvie.

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We deeply regret to have to report the following Casualties among those connected with S. Ronan's who are fighting for their country :—

KILLED.

Captain John Norwood, V.C.

Major Maidlow.

Colonel F. W. Kerr.

Major Chetwynd-Stapylton.

Lieutenant L. H. Hughes.

## THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN WOUNDED :—

Lieut-Colonel H. M. Biddulph.

Captain L. I. Cowper.

Lieut. H. C. Bridges.

Captain C. R. Heygate.

Captain Norwood, whose eldest son is now at S. Ronan's, won the V.C. in the Boer War for rescuing a trooper under heavy fire near Ladysmith. He lost his life midway through September while carrying out an exactly similar deed of heroism. He was a Rugby and Oxford man, and universally believed in and respected. He was the life and soul of his Regiment, and expressed in himself all the best and finest characteristics of the real British spirit.

Major Maidlow, an old S. Ronan's boy himself, had a son at the School in 1911. He was killed at Mons just before the great retreat, and was one of those who played such a wonderful part in the early stages of the war.

Colonel F. W. Kerr, D.S.O., 3rd son of Admiral Lord Frederick Kerr, lost his life in the terrific fighting on the Aisne; his eldest son is coming to S. Ronan's in September next.

Major Chetwynd-Stapylton, both of whose sons are coming to S. Ronan's, is a cousin of Jack Stapylton's who was with us five years ago, and uncle of J. C. T. Crozier, who left last summer. He was killed in the desperate fighting after Mons.

L. H. Hughes was at S. Ronan's from 1904—09, and is therefore one of the youngest victims of the war. He was killed in the trenches by shrapnel. We cannot do better than print, first, his Colonel's letter to his mother, and secondly, the extract from the Magazine of his Public School. Nothing could better express our own feelings, or our pride that a S. Ronan's boy should be so spoken of. We often saw him, as he frequently came over from Lancing to visit us, and the "Canary-bird" as he was affectionately called on account of his fair hair, was a favourite with us all.

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 COPIES OF TWO LETTERS RECEIVED NOV. 9th, 1914.

*"From the Adjutant, North Raglan Barracks, Devonport,  
November 7th, 1914.*

DEAR MR. HUGHES,

I enclose a letter from Col. de Falbe which came this morning, and which I am sure you will like to have.

It was a terrible shock to all of us to hear of your son's death as we were all so fond of him, and he was such a cheerful companion and a real hard worker.



We all send you and your family our most sincere sympathy in your terrible loss ; we can't express all we feel, but we can assure you that your son's memory will always live in our hearts, and I know that the men and N.C.O.s feel the same as the officers, as he was genuinely popular.

With sincerest sympathy,

I remain, yours sincerely,

R. E. NEGUS.

*"From Lt. Col. de Falbe, commanding 1st N. Staff. Regt.*

*October 29th, 1914.*

I regret to inform you that Second Lieutenant Hughes was killed to-day by a shell in the trenches near Rue de Bois, a small village two miles south of Armentières. He was killed instantaneously and is buried on the west side of the Armentières-Wavrin Railway line, about 300 yards from the railway, and 300 yards north-west of the level crossing at Rue de Bois. The grave is marked with a cross inscribed with name and regiment, and there should be no difficulty in identifying it. I have not Lt. Hughes' home address. I hope therefore that you will communicate with his relations as soon as possible.

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*"Extract from Lancing Magazine."*

"Lionel Hughes came to the Seconds House as an Exhibitioner just five years ago. He quickly showed signs of a rare courage which was later to take him to the English trenches on the Belgian frontier ; for, as a somewhat frail new boy of just 14, he finished well up in the Five Mile trials, undaunted by all the obstacles which seemed insuperable to one so small. In the course of his time at the School, there was scarcely any sphere in which he did not win distinction. He was over two years in the Modern Sixth, gaining a School Certificate in 1913 ; and in turn he became House Captain, Prefect, and Head of his House, as well as filling other minor School offices. In the Corps he was Sergeant then Cadet Officer, and secured Certificate A. He represented the School at Bisley for 2 years, won the School Mile and Steeplechase in 1913, as well as being second in the Five Mile ; whilst in the same year he gained his Cricket Colours, playing no small part in the victory over Brighton.

"He gained his House Colours in six different competitions, and the way in which, in his later days, he managed many of the House's interests, has been an inspiration to those who followed him.

"As Captain of the House, he set a conspicuous example of wise, devoted leadership, unassuming, yet vigorous, that carried others with him rather than drove them before. Nor, with all his many interests, did he fail to put in its proper place the life of worship that all who acknowledge the true aims and ideals of Lancing must do or fall short of being her true sons.

"Truly an example of a brief life, splendidly lived and nobly laid down, of which the School, whose life he shared for four years, may well be proud."

We are glad to be able to say that Lt.-Colonel Biddulph, whose eldest son is now with us, and Claud Heygate, the second of three brothers all at S. Ronan's, are both progressing well. The former had a bullet in the foot, the latter was wounded in both legs by shrapnel.

With the deepest sympathy and regret, we also have to record the death of Captain James Grant Malcolmson, of the Gordon Highlanders. He was attending the funeral of one of his men when he was overcome by heart-failure. His second son is now at S. Ronan's, and the elder, who has just passed into Woolwich, left us in 1911. Captain Malcolmson's father was a V.C. We have great reason at S. Ronan's for genuine gratitude to Captain Malcolmson, and we mourn in him, not only a genuine supporter of the School, but a very real friend.

The School has subscribed the sum of £33 6s. od. during the past term for the benefit of War Relief Funds. Such an amount may be regarded as very creditable to the boys' sense of generosity. It has been expended as follows: and we intend to proceed on much the same lines, at any rate, till the War is finished:—

	£	s.	d.
One kit bag ... ..	1	7	6
Three footballs for the Shoreham Camp	1	18	0
Lady Jellicoe's Fund for sea boots, oil-skins, etc. ... ..	10	0	0
Blue Cross Fund (War horses) ...	0	10	0
Cavendish Club (Motor ambulance) ...	2	2	0
Camp hut ... ..	0	5	0
Red Cross Fund ... ..	2	0	0
Belgium Relief Fund ... ..	5	0	0
Prince of Wales' National Fund ...	10	0	0

In addition to the above numerous supplies of knitted scarves, sweaters, etc., have been dispatched.

The following is an extract from one of Charles Goodall's letters :—

"I am sorry it is more than a week since I last wrote to you, but I have been awfully busy, having been in the trenches during eight of the last ten days. In my last letter to my father I said that I had been under fire in the trenches, and told him about Sidney Fabian's death and the manner of it. Well, when we came out, we had two and a half days' rest in which to dry our clothes and ourselves, and then they sent us up again to the trenches. We had quite an exciting time going in, as we lost our way, and had a lot of difficulty getting in. After some wandering about in the darkness, well within range of the German lines, we found our way and arrived safely if late. These trenches were only about 70 yards from those of the Germans, and there must have been some very heavy fighting thereabouts, as 1,200 French were killed and wounded storming these trenches we were in, when the Germans had them. They were very wet and muddy, and as it rained most of the time it was not a comfortable tour. We had no occasion to use our guns as the Germans played "doggo," but we did not have such a rotten time as the men in the support trenches. They were up to their knees in mud and water, in fact, some so badly that they had to be dug out, and it took six hours to do it. We had only two casualties that time, one killed and one wounded. The man who was killed got up to stretch himself and was shot through the spine. Very bad luck. We came back expecting a good rest, but the next morning we were told (the Machine Gun Section only) to go up again. We were rather fed up but we had to go. There was something special on, and we brigaded with the rest of the Brigade Machine Guns. There was to be an attack on a German position at dawn, and we were to cover the advance. We went up at night and made a position for our guns, and spent the night in a deserted barn a few hundred yards behind the lines, going into the trenches before dawn. Then our Artillery guns, English and French, more than 250 in all, started to bombard the German position; it was absolutely awful, the whole of the ridge was one line of flaming bursting shells. How anyone could live in it I don't know. Even some of the "seasoned" troops who had been out all the time, admitted that they had seen nothing like it. The German reply was almost nil, although three "Jack Johnsons" burst in the trench close to us. After about an hour of this, our machine guns were ordered to open fire, and added to this hell. Imagine about twelve machine guns all pumping bullets on to the edge of a wood, firing at the rate of about 200 a minute; then our fellows charged." I am afraid we were only partially successful, but we got 200 prisoners and four German machine guns. It is curious that when one is fighting oneself, one does not seem to notice the enemy's

fire, at least I can truthfully say I did not feel a bit nervous, and it was awfully, if terribly, interesting. We had bad luck in my Machine Gun Section (there were two guns to a section) two were shot, one being Travers, who was shot through the wrist; I am afraid it may spoil his wrist for good. Then our Corporal was hit in the head, nothing very serious, but lots of blood. Then, at the same time, our gun was put out of action by a bullet striking it in a vulnerable part. This was very bad luck, as this man having been hit, it was my turn to help fire the gun. In the other Gun Section they had two casualties, but the gun kept going strong. I heard afterwards, from some of the prisoners, that the British Machine Gun Fire was terrible. They kept us up there all that night and the next day, but it was comparatively quiet. Thus my Baptism of Fire. My impression is that one forgets oneself entirely in the excitement of it all, and *I do know* that the knowledge that one's life is in the hands of Another keeps away fear. The cries of the wounded away out between the two firing lines, and whom cannot be got at until after dark, are very distressing. Travers will probably be sent home. I will try and find out where he goes to, and you might do anything you can to cheer him up. He promised me that he would look you up when he was better. This was really quite a big battle we have taken part in, and with some credit I believe. Some of our regular pals presented us with a German Machine Gun that our men captured. It was put out of action, they said, by us, but that was probably flattery. Anyway, we have it, and I hope it will be sent home as a trophy. This will be the longest letter I have written, and the most full of interest. But see things "march" now, as the French say."

We have also heard from Raymond-Barker, Joe Lawson, and others, who are at the front, and from Jack Havers and Rook Cobbold in the North Sea. Unfortunately, we have not these letters with us at this moment, they are safely locked away at S. Ronan's; but Raymond-Barker gave an interesting account of a shooting match he had with a German sniper; he succeeded in killing his adversary, but not till the latter had put a bullet within 3 inches of his head into the woodwork of the trench. We are also very grateful for other letters, which have arrived recently from various Old Boys. Mr. Boyd, too, has written us most interesting accounts of his time in France.

## Prize Winners.

The following boys were the Prize Winners last term:—

SCHOLARSHIP CLASS.—Nourse.

*Class I.A.*—Biddulph, ma.

*Shell.*—Gooch.

*Class I.B.*—Harrow-Bunn, ma.

*Class II.*—MacGregor.

*Class III.*—Griffith.

#### DIVINITY PRIZES.

*Scholarship Class.*—Havers, mi.

*Class I.A.*—Phipps, ma.

*Shell.*—Phipps, mi.

*Class I.B.*—Stone.

*Class II.*—James.

*Class III.*—Norwood.

#### DRAWING PRIZES.

*Freehand.*—Havers, mi.

*Geometrical.*—Havers, ma.

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## The Chapel.

The following were the Offertories this term :—

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, September 27th, War Relief Fund ...	0	19	9½
„ October 4th, Chapel Fund ...	1	6	0
„ „ 11th, War Fund ...	2	0	7½
„ „ 18th, Chapel Fund ...	1	2	5½
„ „ 25th, War Fund ...	1	6	1½
„ November 1st, Chapel Fund ...	1	13	6
„ „ 8th, War Fund ...	1	17	3½
„ „ 15th, Chapel Fund ...	1	0	2
„ „ 22nd, War Fund ...	1	1	5
„ „ 29th, Chapel Fund ...	1	0	0
„ December 6th, War Fund ...	1	3	7½
„ „ 13th, Chapel Fund ...	0	18	9½
„ „ 20th, War Fund ...	1	6	10

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## End of Term Entertainment.

Instead of taking refuge behind a professional entertainer we decided on this occasion to try and amuse our audience ourselves. Although it is the first time anything of the sort has been attempted here we may confess with some satisfaction that the evening turued out a great success. The remarks of those present were obviously genuine, and not the usual perfunctory statements which are often associated with such occasions.



Mr. Whateley Smith took a great deal of trouble with the Concert part, and this in every way was a great success, while those who took part in the Play not only showed histrionic powers of quite a high standard, but were also perfectly self possessed, and in no way afraid to let themselves go. Under these circumstances it would be invidious to pick out anyone for special praise. Miss Ellis and Mrs. Whateley Smith succeeded in producing most delightful results in the matter of costumes, and our hearty thanks are due to Mr. Jevons for his assistance in making up. It is doubtful if anyone would have thought that Swingler, Griffith, Dick Havers, Vogel, or Biddulph, ma., were anything but the sex they were supposed to represent in the performance.

Finally, we were most gratified by the kind things that were said to us, and the fact that we were successful in amusing our audience was more than enough to make up for the small amount of trouble which we had had to undertake. It should be said, too, that the trouble in itself was made very much less by the enthusiasm and zest with which the boys entered into the whole thing.

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### Billiard Competition.

The standard of Billiards in the School at the present moment is very much lower than it has been of late years. Gore-Brown and Malcolmson are distinctly the best players, and these two were in the final (300 up), which after a very well fought out contest ended in a win for Gore-Brown by some thirty points. The winners' best break was only 28, as opposed to 56 last year by Bennett.

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### Boxing.

Towards the end of the Term, Sergeant-Major Renham, the School Instructor, held a little Boxing Evening at which we were all present. We went up there rather expecting some scientific but not too strenuous work. Science, it is true, was noticeable in most cases, but we were totally unprepared for the amazing vigour and energy which all the combatants put into their work. By far the best display was that between Pope and Garrett, mi., who not only omitted to give each other a second's respite, but also showed boxing powers and science of a high standard. All the couples were well matched, the pick of the others being the bouts between Havers, mi. and Grylls, mi., where one saw height versus weight, and Grylls, ma., and Vogel, which was a case of science versus vigour. It is impossible to judge what sort of a spectacle would have been provided by the heavy weight bout, as Garrett, ma., had sprained his left wrist, and was unable to continue after the first round.

## In Memoriam.

The following comes from Jamie Craig, who left S. Ronan's just over a year ago:—

(F.M. EARL ROBERTS, V.C.)

Amidst the shot and the shell  
 The Master Gunner came,  
 He who was loved so well  
 By all who bore the name  
 Of Soldier; those who had fought with him  
 On India's sunny plain,  
 And those who, perhaps, having lost a limb  
 Had recovered, and fought again.

But here, in the greatest War  
 That the world has ever seen,  
 We find him reviewing his Troops once more  
 When his eightieth year had been;  
 And there, on the soil of France,  
 Midst the men he had tested and tried,  
 Within sound of the guns he had learned to love,  
 The Master Gunner died.

*Eton College,*

A. J. R. TUDOR-CRAIG.

*14th December, 1914.*

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## Football.

### THE PAST SEASON.

The past Football Season on the whole may be looked upon as satisfactory. It is true that our record on paper is worse than we have had for many years, but one must take into consideration the fact that our team contained only one old colour from the preceeding year, and that its members were younger and smaller than those of any S. Ronan's team during the past ten years. The fact that at least nine out of the eleven will still be with us next season, and many the year after, shows the truth of this statement.

With reference to the matches which we lost, the reason in almost every instance was lack of inches and weight. The material throughout the team was most promising, and we see a succession of years in front of us as successful in results as those which have gone before. Two or three of our opponents, especially Cottesmore, had better sides than has been the case for some time, and yet on no single occasion throughout the whole term was

our little team ever over played or over run. We gave even those Schools who beat us a very hard run for their money and the outstanding characteristics of S. Ronan's football—vigour, dash, and the ability to play an uphill game—were always present.

Our worst period was during the fortnight or three weeks when the composition of the eleven was still doubtful, but the final team contains without exception a number of players who combine science with vigour in a way which augurs well for the future.

For the rest there is probably more good material than we have ever had before in the lower part of the School, and the great difficulty will be to decide who shall be in the team and who left out.

An individual criticism will be found below :

A. Churton-Taylor (Captain and right back). Was not only a good Captain but reached the highest standard of S. Ronan's players. A very fair kick with either foot, he was fast and full of dash and a strong tackler.

R. I. Hoyle (centre-forward). Improved his game a great deal as the season went on. He is now a fair shot, passes nicely, and also goes very straight and puts plenty of vigour into his game. He should be very good next year.

H. C. P. Havers (centre-half). Turned out exceedingly good in this position, and in spite of his diminutive size, tackles well and feeds his forwards with judgment. If he is here next year he will be a tower of strength.

R. H. Havers (goal). Barely made a mistake the whole season, and has improved marvellously from last year. He was quite safe with his hands, made good use of his reach, and learnt to throw himself.

C. H. Barnes (left-back). Shows extreme promise in this position, his kicking with both feet being perfect. He also possesses plenty of dash and pace, and should do great things in time to come.

N. A. M. Swettenham (inside-right). Though still a little slow in getting off the mark, he has improved his game wonderfully. His passing and dribbling are both fair, and he uses his weight well, but there is considerable room for improvement in his shooting.

J. H. Boyd (right-half). Plays with great vigour and dash. He also is a fairly good kick, and passes respectably to his forwards. At present, however, he is on occasions much too wild.

C. H. Gooch (left-half). Has improved his game considerably during the term. He uses his weight well, and is a good tackler. His passing still leaves a good deal to be desired, but his faults are chiefly those of inexperience.

J. W. Hale (outside-right). On his day a very useful performer. He is fast and kicks beautifully with his right foot, but his left is very weak, and he is not endowed with much resource against an attentive opponent.

G. R. L. Beal (inside-left). Shows good footwork and passes nicely. His shooting, however, is a very weak point, and he does not always go his hardest, though he improved greatly in this respect in the latter half of the season.

J. V. Phipps (outside-left). Although coming late into the team, has thoroughly justified his inclusion. He is quite fast, and by dint of practice has developed as a kick till he now centres quite well. He should be very good next year.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* WELLESLEY HOUSE.

Played on Wednesday, October 14th, at Littlehampton. In this, the first match of the season, our team gave quite a good display, and won comfortably by nine love. There was nothing to choose between the two teams in the matter of size, but S. Ronan's was by far the more skilful. The forwards combined quite well, and the defence was too good for the opposing attack. Churton-Taylor played a very vigorous and sound game at back, and the three halves were good, and though Horne, mi. is slow, he however passes and tackles well. Gooch made a promising first appearance. Of the forwards the three insides all played well, particularly Hoyle, mi., and Hale did a lot of very good work at outside-right. Swettenham, though clumsy, pushed down the field and used his weight well, and did a great deal of useful work.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor (Captain) and C. W. Gooch, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and W. W. Horne, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, R. I. Hoyle, C. H. Barnes, G. R. W. Beal, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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

Played on Thursday, October 15th, at Southey Hall. This match was very similar to the preceding one, the teams being well matched in size, although S. Ronan's was distinctly superior in the matter of science, the result being that we won comfortably by eight love.

The whole team again played well, and the forwards showed good combination, Hale, Hoyle, and Beal being the best. The backs and halves used their heads to good purpose, and played a very vigorous game.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor (Captain) and C. H. Gooch, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and W. W. Horne, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, R. I. Hoyle, C. H. Barnes, G. R. W. Beal, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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

Played on Wednesday, October 21st, on the Sports Ground. In this match, which we lost by three to two, we came up against a very much bigger and heavier side. This of course, with such a very small young team as we have this year, we must expect to do. Nevertheless S. Ronan's put up a very good fight, and had very little, if any the worst of the game. The score just about represented the play, the winning goal being scored just towards the end. Both our goals were scored by Hoyle, mi. On the S. Ronan's side Havers was very good in goal, and Churton-Taylor played a great game at back, but Gooch was rather out-classed by the bigger players. Boyd and Havers both worked like Trojans, and played well at half. Horne mi., though he stuck to it hard, and passed nicely, was easily outpaced. In the forward line Swettenham and Beal were quite useful on the left wing, and Hoyle, mi. did well at inside-right. Hale was fair, and Barnes was somewhat off form.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor (Captain) and C. W. Gooch, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and W. W. Horne, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, R. I. Hoyle, C. H. Barnes, G. R. W. Beal, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* MOWDEN SCHOOL.

Played on Saturday, October 24th, at S. Ronan's. An excellent match ended in a draw of one all. Mowden brought over the best team they have produced for some years, and they were also considerably bigger than we. A very fast game took place with no score up to half-time. Shortly after the interval we scored the first goal with quite a good shot, which the goalkeeper should, however, have saved. Mowden equalised five minutes from the finish. In this match, Gooch had been transferred to half, in the place of Horne, and the change was a successful one from every point of view. Harrow Bunn, ma., was given a trial at left back, but although he did many good things he is as yet too inexperienced for the first eleven. The whole team played a good game, though it was obvious once more that Barnes is not so good a forward as he is a back. Hale did not play so well as in the preceding matches, and Beal also was not in his best form.



*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal ; A. Churton-Taylor and N. L. Harrow Bunn, backs ; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; and J. W. Hale, R. I. Hoyle, C. H. Barnes, G. R. W. Beal, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* THE WICK.

Played on Saturday, October 31st, at Brighton. A great disaster befel us in this match, Churton-Taylor, who is not only our Captain but infinitely our best man, being seedy and unable to play. Under the circumstances, it was an uncommonly creditable performance to put up such a very good fight as we did against a side very much heavier and older. Our opponents scored two goals in the first ten minutes and one in the last five, and during the whole of the rest of the game we quite held our own. This is only the second time that the Wick have defeated us since the series of matches began. Barnes was in his old position at back, and played an exceedingly good game. Harrow Bunn played his hardest, but made certain mistakes of judgment. Havers was very good indeed in goal. All three of the halves played with any amount of vigour and dash, and passed quite well to their forwards. The latter played very neatly and showed a great deal of promise.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal ; C. H. Barnes and N. L. Harrow Bunn, backs ; J. H. Boyd, C. H. P. Havers and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; and J. W. Hale, G. R. W. Beal, R. I. Hoyle, J. S. Garrett, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* SEAFORD HOUSE.

Played on Wednesday, November 4th, at S. Ronan's. With our full team once again we just won a very strenuous match against a big hefty side, though it is only fair to say that we were somewhat fortunate to be winners. Still the fact remains that we were all on top of them during the last quarter of an hour, when we got the winning goal. At half-time there was no score, and Churton-Taylor scored the first goal from a free kick for hands. Shortly afterwards Hoyle, mi., took a good pass from Beal, and scored with a good left foot shot. Our opponents' goal was owing to a misunderstanding between Barnes and Havers. The latter, however, played a very good game, and Barnes, apart from this one mistake, was in excellent form. Churton-Taylor, as goes without saying, proved a thorn in the side of the opposing attack, and all three halves did splendid work. Considering that none of them are yet twelve years old, they are really a very good little

line and full of pluck and dash. Hoyle, mi., was easily the best of the forwards, but Garrett and Swettenham showed some quite good combination. Beal and Hale were neither of them at their best.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal ; C. H. Barnes and A. Churton-Taylor, backs ; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; and J. W. Hale, G. R. W. Beal, R. I. Hoyle, J. S. Garrett, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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

Played on Thursday, November 5th, at S. Ronan's. This return match ended in another easy win for us by 7—1, though at half-time only two goals had been scored. The whole team played a good game, though Boyd and Gooch were a little bit wild in their rushes. Beal was once more in good form, and Hoyle, mi., played a very sound game, scoring four of our goals. The others were obtained by Swettenham and Garrett.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal ; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs ; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; and J. W. Hale, G. R. W. Beal, R. I. Hoyle, J. S. Garrett, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

#### S. RONAN'S *v.* MOWDEN SCHOOL.

Played on Wednesday, November 11th, at Brighton. This match was played in a terrific hurricane, and resulted in a narrow win for our opponents by 2—1. On the whole, they adapted themselves better than we did to the prevailing conditions. Amongst the forwards, Hoyle, mi. was fair, and Hale and Garrett played hard though not very skilfully. Boyd, mi., was very much off his game at half-back, but the rest of the defence, considering the very difficult conditions, played quite well. Havers was good in goal.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal ; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs ; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; and J. W. Hale, G. R. W. Beal, R. I. Hoyle, J. S. Garrett, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

#### S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played on Saturday, November 14th, at S. Ronan's. Cottesmore turned out an exceedingly good side this year, and were quite the best team we have met. Our forwards were quite

out classed, but the defence played such an excellent sturdy game that the score was only two love against us. It would be invidious to single out any particular member in the defence where all played such a good game. Havers, ma., was exceedingly good in goal, and Churton-Taylor and Barnes made no mistakes at back. All three halves played very good football, with Havers, mi., the pick. The forwards, however, cannot be said to have done themselves justice; Hoyle, mi., was again in the pick, and Swettenham always played a hard game. Garrett, mi., also did his very best, but is so light that he is at once knocked off the ball; considering this he tries to dribble too much. Hale and Beal both of them not only played badly, but did not go nearly hard enough. Our opponents showed combination, which reminded us of our own teams of the past few years, and thoroughly deserved to win; moreover, they were not a big side.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs; and J. W. Hale, G. R. W. Beal, R. I. Hoyle, J. S. Garrett, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* WELLESLEY HOUSE.

Played on Thursday, November 19th, at S. Ronan's. This game, played under very bad conditions and in a pouring rain, ended in a hollow victory for us by fifteen love. Our opponents were a very poor side indeed, and in addition, seemed depressed by the elements. Our forwards adapted themselves well to the slippery ground and showed better combination than they have done for some time. Hoyle, mi., was in particularly good form and shot eight of the goals. Hale also did very good work. Our defence was not seriously tested, and easily dominated the opposing forwards.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs; J. M. Cameron, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs; J. W. Hale, J. H. Boyd, R. I. Hoyle, N. G. Graham, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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

Played on Saturday, November 21st, at S. Ronan's. A very fair game against these rather weighty opponents ended in a defeat for us by 3—2. It cannot by any means be said that our

team were in good form. The forwards quite failed to get together during the whole game. Swettenham was easily the best, and the chief criticism to be levelled against the rest is one which it has not been possible to make about any S. Ronan's team for many years, namely, that they did not go hard enough. There was a certain lack of vigour and determination about the play of Hoyle, Hale, and Graham which they must immediately remedy. As far as the defence was concerned Havers, mi., played a beautiful game, and was quite the pick of the team. No lack of vigour could be urged against any of the defence, each member of which goes for all he is worth, but on this particular occasion two or three of them were out of form, and we have certainly seen Churton-Taylor and Gooch play better. Havers, ma., continued to show excellent form in goal.

R. H. Havers, goal ; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs ; J. M. Cameron, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; J. W. Hale, J. H. Boyd, R. I. Hoyle, N. G. Graham, and N. A. M. Swettenham, forwards.

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#### S. RONAN'S, *v* SEAFORD HOUSE.

We were unfortunate enough to be without Churton-Taylor in this match, and the nature of the loss may be judged from the fact that whereas we beat Seaford House in the first match, on this occasion we had to admit defeat by two love. Both our opponents' goals were scored in the second half, and both curiously enough were the result of one of the backs missing his kick. It may fairly be said however that Barnes played an exceedingly good game, and that that was his only mistake. Harrow-Bunn, ma., who took Churton-Taylor's place was rather out-classed, and though he played fairly well in the first half, was in very poor form after the interval. Among the half-backs Cameron and Havers, mi., both played well, especially the latter, but Gooch, who had a fast man against him, did not show up in his best form. Boyd, mi., was tried at outside-left, but the experiment was not a success, and Graham does not as yet go hard enough to secure a place in the eleven, although he has several of the attributes of a good footballer. Hoyle, mi., played quite a good game. Swettenham and Hale were both fair.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal ; C. H. Barnes and N. Harrow-Bunn, backs ; J. M. Cameron, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs ; J. W. Hale, N. A. M. Swettenham, R. I. Hoyle, N. P. Graham, and J. H. Boyd, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE.

Played on Saturday, November 28th, at S. Ronan's.—This match took place on a terrible day and ended in a comfortable win for us by 7—1. Our opponents were certainly no bigger than ourselves, if anything indeed rather smaller, and they did not adapt themselves anything like so well to the conditions. The score was only two love at half time, but during the second half we added five more goals, and showed very pretty combination. Swettenham, who has established himself at inside-right, showed quite promising form, and played a robust and at the same time thoughtful game. Hoyle, mi., too, was in very good form, and the other three forwards showed a great improvement on their previous displays. Havers, mi., was easily the pick of the half-backs, but the other two played quite well. Both backs were in good form, and Havers, ma., in goal was as usual quite safe.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers, and C. H. Gooch, half-backs; J. W. Hale, N. A. M. Swettenham, R. I. Hoyle, G. R. W. Beal, and J. V. Phipps, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played on Wednesday, December 2nd, at Hove. Cottesmore, who have an unusually good side this year, defeated us in this match by four love. Although this sounds rather a big margin, the game as a matter of fact was an exceedingly good one and very well contested. Considering our inferiority in weight and age we put up a really good fight. All four goals were scored in the first ten minutes, during which period our team quite failed to settle down, largely due to the peculiarities of a most mountainous ground. It is to their great credit, however, that instead of allowing themselves to get demoralised they then proceeded to play their hardest, and for the rest of the game there was no score, and the balance if anything was slightly in our favour. The three inside forwards Beal, Hoyle, and Swettenham, played quite a good game. Hale was held on the outside, but Phipps showed promise on the other wing. Havers, mi., was once again the pick of the half-backs and played exceedingly well, and Boyd and Gooch, though they both made mistakes were in very good form. Churton-Taylor and Barnes did well throughout the game, and Havers, who had no chance with any of the four goals, played well and made one remarkably good save.

*S. Ronan's.*—R. H. Havers, goal; A. Churton-Taylor and C. H. Barnes, backs; J. H. Boyd, H. C. P. Havers and C. H. Gooch, half-backs; J. W. Hale, N. A. M. Swettenham, R. I. Hoyle, G. R. W. Beal, and J. V. Phipps, forwards.



## SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

The second eleven have really had a most successful season, and one which augurs well for coming years. They have won every match ; and had it not been for three matches scratched through the illness of our opponents, their record would have been even better.

A list of their opponents with the scores is appended :—

Wednesday, October 21st, *v.* Wykeham House, at S. Ronan's, won 3—0.

Thursday, November 5th, *v.* Cottesmore 2nd XI., at Hove, won 3—1.

Saturday, November 21st, *v.* Wykeham House, on the Sports Ground, won 6—0.

Saturday, November 28th, *v.* Windlesham House, at S. Ronan's, won 4—3.

Thursday, December 3rd, *v.* Cottesmore 2nd XI., at S. Ronan's, won 4—3.

The second eleven was on the whole the best we have had for many years. Quite a number of its members were tried for the first eleven, and some were very nearly good enough to be chosen. The team was a very good one throughout, the strong point perhaps being the forwards, where the two Garretts and Graham proved a very efficient trio of insides. Nourse at outside left kicks and centres well, but does not show much individuality. Graham, also, must learn to go much harder before he can be seriously considered for the first eleven ; and Garrett, mi.'s lack of inches is somewhat against him. Grylls, mi., at outside right shows promise, but at present has not a very good control of the ball, and though he has plenty of pace does not always use it. In spite of these criticisms, however, the forwards combined nicely, and for the second eleven reached a very high standard.

To turn to the defence, Cameron was the pick. He has an excellent control of the ball, passes and shoots well, and has now completely lost the bad habit of flinching which used to afflict him. Horne, mi., at centre-half, was a very good second eleven player indeed. In fact, in the matter of passing, he has not his superior in the School, and his tackling is also quite good. Before he is good enough for the first eleven, however, he will have to be quicker in his movements and learn to head the ball. Hoyle, ma., Phipps, ma., and Boyd, ma., have all done stout work, and if they were unable for any unknown reason to obtain the ball they

usually got the man. Bunn, ma., shows considerable promise at left back. There are two good goal-keepers, Malcolmson and Collis, ma. The latter is the safer of the two for straight shots, but Malcolmson covers a lot more ground and is able to save more difficult shots. Altogether the School is full of good and promising material.

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

(Under 11 years of age.)

Played on Wednesday, December 16th, at S. Ronan's.—This match which resulted in a victory for us by two love, produced one of the most blood-thirsty struggles of modern times. Our team were apparently imbued with the idea that not only was it necessary to get goals but that it was also part of their duty to stretch their opponent on the sward on every possible occasion. The result was a highly amusing if not instructive display. As a matter of fact the players who took part in this game were almost without exception an unusually promising lot. They combined a distinct knowledge of football with irresistible energy. Sometimes it was slightly overdone. MacGregor for instance, kept a wary eye on any man in the neighbourhood with whom he thought it possible to get into collision, regardless of the fact that the ball was occasionally in another part of the ground. And if anyone dared to venture in the direction of Caccia he immediately made for him with a torpedo-like burst, quite irrespective of the state of the game. Mansell, who was really the best player on the side, adopted scientific football, with the result that he was not in his best form, as science was the last thing in the world that was thought of on this particular occasion. Norwood, who shot both goals, showed a good deal of promise. James and Shute were the pick of the half-back line, both of them combining and kicking with a vast amount of energy. Hoyle, mi. and Williams, at back, both did very well. Walrond, who is quite a promising goal-keeper, did not touch the ball the whole game. The two outsides, Ellis and Sandwith, both kicked quite well.

*S. Ronan's*.—H. Walrond, goal; C. Williams and R. C. Hoyle, backs; J. Shute, H. James, and W. MacGregor, half-backs; and J. F. B. Sandwith, H. A. Caccia, G. W. Mansell, J. Norwood, and J. J. S. Ellis, forwards.