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Editorial.

THERE are a good many boys who never read the paragraph sometimes headed by that hackneyed name "Editorial." Therefore I am safe in saying that they will not read this. Similarly I am now equally safe in remarking that if, by some chance, they have glanced over the first two lines, they will read it all, simply because I have told them they won't do so.

I am impelled to start by an apology, for an uncomfortable feeling assails me that this is going to be a dull number. We have had a good term for the Lent Term, but apart from that I have recently had to sit on four solemn Committees, composed of twenty solemn Schoolmasters, and my inventive faculties are dormant. If any be prone to reproach, let them try bringing out three School Magazines every year with something new in each.

One more apology or explanation. I have wondered if people may think my criticism of the "Term's Work" a little harsh in places. It is not meant to be so; during the term and at other times it is always my endeavour to distribute praise and criticism impartially in all matters; the greatest possible amount of the former in order to encourage, and the latter where really necessary. Practically all, if not quite all, the boys realise and understand that in their training—intellectual and moral—no real result can be obtained without reciprocatory effort—*i.e.* without their co-operation, and they come to meet one all the way in the most splendid and inspiring manner. Leaving on one side for a moment the question of work, I know so well with what confidence one can make any sort of appeal to them; on the very rare—almost unknown occasions—when such an appeal has been disregarded, it has been through the ignorance or thoughtlessness, and not through the wantonness, of a very few.

As to the work, a boy is hardly ever deliberately lazy and the great majority do their best, but there are a few who do not make sufficient effort to overcome the weakness of their own temperament, though they have been many times told.

Since the life and success of a School—and by success I mean the attainment of high ideals—depend on the united effort of all, it is good for those who fall short of the standard in any way to have it brought home to them and to face the issues squarely. They must bear in mind what has so often been said; that work is not merely an irksome measure of discipline; it is only by work that we can learn and it is only by learning that we can get at the truth; in other words it is only by learning, through work, that we can become really educated and find out the meaning of life and what it has in store for us. We learn for the sole purpose of preparing ourselves for life—not in order to earn our living; that has very little to do with it, except indirectly—but in order to find out our particular sphere of usefulness and to do our share. Nothing else matters in the smallest degree, and those who think otherwise might as well be out of the world for all the use they are in it. It makes no difference whether a man is poor or rich, whether he has to earn his living or not; each one has a job in life and the object of education is to enable him to find it, and honest work is the first step of all.

S. S. HARRIS.

April, 1920.

School Notes.

Next term will start on Tuesday, April 27th, on which date all boys travelling through London are expected to catch the 3.40 p.m. train from Victoria. Mr. Harris and Mr. Vinter will be in charge. The Summer term will probably end on Tuesday, July 27th.

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The Athletic Sports will take place on Saturday, May 8th, and the Headmaster of Charterhouse has kindly promised to give away the prizes.

The Billiard Competition was won by J. G. St. G. Shute after some very good play. It is very doubtful if Shute is in any way a better player than Williams. In fact, the latter and Gregson, ma. are both better stylists, but Shute is a difficult person to beat when he is on his game, and Williams was out of form in his final heat, while Gregson was not blessed with the best of luck. Shute also amassed the highest break, namely, 42. Gregson won the second prize.

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The general routine of the School during the past term has been enlivened by the appearance of two rival papers. On both of these the S. Ronan's Magazine bestows a fatherly blessing. The names of the papers in question, were *The Falsehood* and *The Gibe*. The former was really a revival of a paper which has been run from time to time by boys in the Scholarship Class without any continuity. The last occasion of its appearance was some twelve years ago. Osler, ma. and Hoyle were responsible for its resurrection, and announced the fact in bold advertisement near the beginning of the term. Montgomery, who had been a few days late in returning, no sooner saw this announcement than he was naturally fired with the spirit of opposition and started a rival journal. After a vast amount of intrigue and personal abuse both on paper and off it, which lasted through a large portion of the term, but was nevertheless conducted with great good humour, the two productions made their appearance about March 25th. We leave our readers to decide on their respective merits.

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The following boys left last term :—

- J. A. L. Schreiber (for Wellington).
- J. Smyth (for R.N.C. Osborne).
- R. A. H. Soames (for Charterhouse).
- D. A. S. Bowlby (for Eton).

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Smyth, in passing into Osborne, has achieved a very creditable performance. As everyone knows, the competition is extremely stiff now-a-days, for whereas in pre-war times usually 120 applicants roughly were admitted out of 200 or thereabouts, in the last examination there were 300 candidates, 250 of whom were rejected at the interview, and only 36 were finally passed through. It is greatly to Smyth's credit therefore, that he did so well. Soames, Schreiber (16th out of 60 candidates) and Bowlby, all succeeded in passing their entrance examinations with ease and taking satisfactory places.

The departure of Smyth and Schreiber will deprive the prefects of two of their number, and both boys will be greatly missed, for both were absolutely reliable in the things that really matter, and were also capable of a great deal of good work. Smyth will also be a serious loss from the athletic point of view, and we shall have to fill Schreiber's vacancy in the Cricket XI. Bowlby would have been made a Prefect if he had stayed a little longer. As it is he was doing well in the School, and would probably have been in the Rugby XV. had it not been for indisposition at the critical moment. Soames had improved a great deal of late in his work, and was taking a far better place than at one time seemed probable. The two vacant places on the Prefect list will not be filled next term, as they were already two above their usual number.

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The following are the new boys next term in place of those who have left :—

Henderson,
Chrestier,
Arbuthnot,

and Spens, mi. will also be returning to us after an absence of some little time.

The Confirmation.

There were a larger number of candidates Confirmed this year in the Chapel than ever before, namely 17. At one time it appeared likely that we should be unable to utilise the School Chapel for this purpose as the new Bishop of Chichester informed us that, owing to the enormous number of Confirmations in the Diocese, he would be unable to continue the privilege granted by the late Bishop of having a private Confirmation. He, however, gave his permission for it to be held in the School Chapel if an outside Bishop could be obtained. Fortunately, on this occasion at any rate, we were able to procure the services of Bishop Montgomery, Secretary to the Lambeth Conference. The latter's address was of a somewhat unusual and novel character, which, probably for that very reason, will stick more enduringly in the minds of those who heard it. We were fortunate to get a man of such reputation to take our service. The following are the names of those who were Confirmed :—

A. H. Williams.
P. A. M. MacGregor.
E. E. Montgomery.

J. G. St. G. Shute.
J. Smyth.
C. H. Spens.
J. A. L. Schreiber.
G. E. Langdon.
G. P. Gregson.
P. C. Gordon-Walker.
R. A. H. Soames.
S. T. Hoyle.
J. H. Saffery.
J. E. F. G. Vogel.
D. A. S. Bowlby.
D. E. C. Price.
J. H. Croft.

Lectures.

There were three Lectures during the past term, the subjects being as follows :—" Birds," by Mr. H. Walpole Bond, " A Thousand Miles over the Great African Slave Route," by Mr. C. Burt, and " The Romance of Cotton Spinning," by Rev. E. C. Porterfield. We were quite aware beforehand that we should be treated to something good and interesting by Mr. Bond, since that had been our experience on a former occasion. It is needless to say, therefore, that his lecture was both enthralling and instructive. He took Gulls as his subject on this occasion, and treated us to a very enlightening discussion on the various kinds to be met with. The other two lectures were also a great improvement on those of last year. Mr. Burt dealt with a most interesting subject, and, on the whole, made the best of it, though occasionally his manner suffered slightly from the obvious drawback of having to repeat what he had said many hundreds of times before. At the same time, his evening was, on the whole, a distinct success. Mr. Porterfield, under the above heading, portrayed not only the actual process of cotton spinning, but life in the Manchester slums, and particularly in connection with the movement, of which he was the representative. His method of mingling the two was open to criticism. It would have been more interesting, perhaps, to have listened to both subjects as separate lectures, but notwithstanding this fact, his manner was convincing and sincere, and quite apart from the interest of following the process of cotton production, it was very good for all of us to see something of that other side of life of which some know so little.

The Chapel.

The following were the Lent Term Offertories in the Chapel :

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, February 1st, General Charities' Fund ...	18	8	
„ „ 8th, Chapel Fund ...	1	11	10
„ „ 15th, General Charities' Fund ...	1	6	11
„ „ 22nd, Chapel Fund ...	1	2	7
„ „ 29th, General Charities' Fund ...	1	9	6
„ March 7th, Special Offertory for Work in Labrador ...	6	14	2
„ „ 14th, Chapel Fund ...	1	15	1
„ „ 21st, General Charities' Fund ...	1	17	1
„ „ 28th, Chapel Fund ...	1	1	6

The following donations were also made during the Term :—

	£	s.	d.
Worthing Provident and Relief Society ...	1	0	0
Worthing Lifeboat ...	2	0	0
Salvation Army ...	1	0	0
S. P. G. ...	1	0	0
Wantage Orphanage ...	1	0	0

The Term's Work.

It is not altogether easy to write an absolutely just criticism of the Scholarship Class. In the matter of ability and brains it was very little, if any, inferior to that of the preceding term, which included Pike and Goggs. Taking the people individually also, most of them worked satisfactorily, though not all. What is undoubted, however, is that there was not the same spirit of keenness and vigour, and not the same responsive atmosphere as was the case in the preceding term. That is partly due to the more or less conscious or unconscious lethargy, as the case may be, of three or four boys in the Form, whereas last term the head boy, Goggs, was a personality full of keenness and enthusiasm in everything he undertook, and Pike, though much more placid, was genuinely interested. Osler, ma., during the first half of the term, was slack for a boy who had won a Wellington Scholarship; but he subsequently improved considerably, and succeeded in beating MacGregor, who at one time threatened to go ahead of him. Montgomery's work was very fair, but not altogether characterised

by the same effort as formerly. Hoyle, except for his Mathematics, which were good, and a certain improvement in French, has no great results to show and is dilatory in method and manner.

MacGregor puts his back into it well, and the same remark applies to Langdon, Snyth and Schreiber. Corcoran also, although more easily disturbed than the last-mentioned boys, is, on the whole, a hard worker. Spens did not keep up his satisfactory standard of work of the preceding term, and as to Shute, there was very little improvement in his, which renders further comment needless.

IA. as a class in no way possessed the ability of the Scholarship people, but was nevertheless very satisfactory and full of keen workers, most of whom have attained a very sound standard. The only really lazy person in the class was Stuart, who probably has more ability than anyone else. It would be invidious to single out any particular boys where nearly all have done their best, but mention must be made of Richardson's excellent performance in coming out third during his first term.

Shell was again a hard-working class, though the top three boys were well in advance of anyone else. Swingler accomplished a most satisfactory performance for the first term.

The work was also satisfactory in IB., where Osler, mi. and Head did particularly well. Gregson, mi. and MacGregor also accomplished good work, though they are not yet sound in Latin and Maths. respectively. After the first four boys, Cowburn, mi. shows the most promise.

In Class II. Gordon-Walker, mi. and Kaulback, ma. stand out as being well in advance of anyone else, but very satisfactory work was also accomplished by Gregson, mis. and Joceyln. It is worthy of note that the four boys who came up last term from Class III., namely Jocelyn, Boyd, Bray, mi. and Eyre succeeded in beating no less than five of those who had been in Class II. a term previously, although it is only fair to say that Cowburn, mis., Humphreys and Byass lost a considerable amount of time.

Class III. were quite fairly good without being "exciting." Fletcher and Walsh came out easily top and both did much the best work that they have hitherto accomplished. Mackenzie is sound and steady, and Stephens improved a good deal. The same remark applies to Griffith and Kaulbach, mi.

The following were the positions at the beginning and end of term, and those marked with an asterisk will obtain their remove.

SCHOLARSHIP CLASS.

Osler, ma.	Osler, ma.
MacGregor, ma.	MacGregor, ma.
Montgomery	Montgomery
Hoyle	Hoyle
Spens	Corcoran
Smyth	Langdon
Corcoran	Smyth
Schreiber	Spens
Shute	Schreiber
Langdon	Shute

CLASS I.A.

Willis	Willis
Gregson, ma.	Gregson, ma.
Gordon-Walker, ma.	Richardson
Marples	Gordon-Walker, ma.
Williams	Soames
Soames	Williams
Bowlby	Bowlby
Vogel	Stuart
Stuart	Vogel
Saffery	Outram
Bowen-Davies	Bowen-Davies
Barty-King	Saffery
Wake	Marples (absent)
Brook	Barty-King
Richardson	Brook
Outram	Wake
Pope	Mount
Mount	Eden
Eden	Pope

SHELL.

Wethered	*Wethered
Hopwood	*Hopwood
Dudley	*Dudley
Croft	Swingler
Havers	*Croft
Swingler	Havers
James	Lancaster
Biddulph	James
Lancaster	Biddulph
Price	Price

CLASS I.B.

Osler, mi.	*Osler, mi.
Gregson, mi.	*Head
Head	Gregson, mi.
MacGregor, mi.	MacGregor, mi.
Cowburn, ma.	*Wigram, ma.
Wigram, ma.	Cowburn, mi.
Clements	*Cowburn, ma.
Cowburn, mi.	Bray, ma.
Bray, ma.	*Clements
Sissons	Seton
Seton	Sissons

CLASS II.

Gordon-Walker, mi.	*Gordon-Walker, mi.
Kaulback, ma.	*Kaulback, ma.
Gregson, mis.	*Gregson, mis.
Chetwynd-Stapylton	Jocelyn
Cowburn, mis.	Boyd
Goodfellow	Chetwynd-Stapylton
Humphreys	Cowburn, mis.
Byass	Eyre
Vassar-Smith	Bray, mi.
Cowper, ma.	Humphreys
Joscelyn	Vassar-Smith
Boyd	Goodfellow
Bray, mi.	Byass
Eyre	Cowper, ma.

CLASS III.

Fletcher	*Fletcher
Walsh	*Walsh
Stephens	*Mackenzie
Mackenzie	Griffith
Griffith	Kaulbach, mi.
Kaulbach, mi.	*Stephens
Whinney	Whinney
Norwood	Wigram, mi.
Wigram, mi.	Norwood
Cowper, mi.	Cowper, mi.

Old Boys' Column.

The following Old Boys have been down to S. Ronan's this term.

F. W. Vogel (Harrow).

J. B. Vogel (Harrow).

W. E. B. Grylls (Harrow).
 J. A. B. Grylls (Harrow).
 J. W. Mansell (Wellington).
 J. Norwood (Wellington).
 A. B. Garrett (Sandhurst).
 A. H. E. Molson (Lancing).
 R. T. B. Fulford (Lancing).
 H. James (Lancing).
 H. Sherlock (Lancing).
 N. A. M. Swettenham (R.M.A., Woolwich).
 H. C. D. Whinney (Oriel College, Oxford).
 B. R. Delap (Pembroke College, Cambridge).
 B. O. Byass (Pembroke College, Cambridge).
 C. W. Thrupp (Pembroke College, Cambridge).
 Capt. J. W. Havers, R.N.
 Lieut. A. A. Havers, R.N.
 W. M. Edmonds.
 C. M. Horne.
 R. G. M. Eden, Scots Guards.
 F. G. Weymouth.
 S. J. Pope.
 Capt. R. C. G. Middleton.

A. B. Garrett (R.M.C., Sandhurst) came out 17th in the last examination out of over 300 people.

N. A. M. Swettenham (R.M.A., Woolwich) in addition to his former successes, has been awarded a King's Prize Cadetship.

A. L. Cameron (Pembroke College, Cambridge) was chosen as first string in the hurdles against Oxford, and therefore received his full blue. A good number of us went up to see him run, and were rewarded by seeing him come in second after a very good race, in which he was beaten by inches only.

A. A. Havers was in the semi-final of the 'Varsity Boxing Championship, but was prevented from competing further by a strained leg.

B. R. Delap (Pembroke College, Cambridge), only just failed to get his blue for the hurdles, being narrowly beaten for second place.

J. L. H. Miller (Pembroke College, Cambridge) has been playing regularly for the 'Varsity at Rugby Football throughout the latter part of the season.

A. B. Goggs (Charterhouse) was given a Double Remove at the end of his first term, being the only boy in the School to gain one. He also played in the Gownboys Yearlings. He will be in Remove next term.

L. R. Barlow (Repton) was 2nd by inches in the School "under 17," hurdles.

R. C. Hoyle (Charterhouse) played in his House "under 16" XI.

J. A. B. Grylls (Harrow) represented his House at back, and came out 7th in Woolwich Division Army Class.

H. C. P. Havers (Cheltenham) was made a House Prefect at the beginning of last term.

N. H. Harrow-Bunn (Repton) is now in the Middle Vth. He won his House Cap at footer, and was Commander of the Barnes' squad in the "under 16" Drilling Competition.

F. L. Harrow-Bunn (Repton) obtained his Remove in Latin, French and Science.

P. D. Pike (Wellington) obtained his Remove from Lower 3rd at end of his first term.

N.B.—May we remind Old Boys to send in their doings in good time; otherwise they cannot find their way into this paper, which is a matter of great regret to its readers.

Letters which might easily have been written—and possibly were.

WORTHING,

December 1st, 1919.

Mr. R. J. Kaulbach presents his compliments to Messrs. Snatchem and Fudge, and I want to know why you keep sending me your beastly approval sheets. Kindly cease to worry me.

Believe him to be,

Very faithfully theirs,

R. J. KAULBACH.

S. RONAN'S,

March 7th, 1920.

DEER BRUTHER,

Oh dear! I had my first wacking yesterday. We had quite a little conversation. When I went in, I arsked him how meny he woud give me and he said three. I prepared for the furst with wot C. H. V. used to call "a pleasurable anticipation of a paneful realisation." It came, but their wcs no pleasure; I jumped about a foot in the air and arsked if their need be eny more; he

said "Yes, there need." I said I did not no it hurt so; he said "Possibly, but if you do these things you must take your punishment"; so I sed "But it stings so" and he sed "Quite so, it's meant to." After that, their was nothing to be dun but go on, so I did and it wosn't so bad after all; I dodged the second one.

Your loving bruther,
NEP.

S. RONAN'S,

March 25th, 1920.

DEAR OLD UNCLE HARRY,

Have you heard? I'm through! I've hoodwinked the old Admirals and defeated the fat old Examiners. Mum is pretty bucked; she sent me a wire addressed Lieut.-Col. Naval Cadet John Smyth. I was just as bucked as she, but, of course, I didnt show it; I just strolled around among the chaps as if I went into the Navy every other day. I fancy I looked rather nice when I went up; they say our new kit suits my complexion and my hair; I'm not sure they are'nt being cheeky though; Harry always rots me about my hair, which he says is like burnished copper; rather lip, isn't it? but then old Harry says just what he likes. I hope you're pleased; it's my birthday next week; I wish I had'nt run out of money.

With love from
JOHN.

S. RONAN'S,

January 30th, 1920.

DEAR JOHN,

I promised to let you know how I got on as a Prefect. Well, of course, I like it and all that, but it takes a bit of doing. You can't rag so much, that's what I find hardest; I just have to sometimes; even old Bill, who is jolly good and quite strict, lets himself go occasionally and then gets pitched into. Of course, being a prefect means a sacrifice, but it's worth it and they seem fairly pleased with me. Besides, we get a bit of fun in a harmless sort of way; we have some grub up in the rooms sometimes; at least we haven't yet, but some of the others have; we shall next term. Of course, Harry doesn't know anything about this, but in any case there's no harm, is there? Well, must end now, I'm on duty to-night, blow it. Marco's in the room; I have to be pretty firm with him.

Your loving brother,
PETER.

S. RONAN'S,

Sunday.

DEAR MUM,

I know you like to have all the School news, so here goes. We played Rottingdean yesterday and gave them an awful slishing; Shute dropped 3 goals and Bill chewed somebody's arm off. Mac. very nearly had a fight on the field with one of their threes, who called him a grubby little Scotchman after he had got a jolly good try; beastly cheek, wasn't it? I believe I played fairly well. Oh! I am still top of my form; there were 10 in it last term and 9 got moved up. Has Polly got the decease at her School?

EDWARD.

The Past Rugby Season.

The following is the order of the Rugger Fifteen, all of whom received colours:—

J. G. St. G. Shute (Capt.)	S. T. Hoyle
A. H. Williams	J. R. Willis
P. A. M. MacGregor	R. G. Hopwood
E. A. Corcoran	G. P. Gregson
P. C. Gordon-Walker	J. H. Saffery
G. I. Barty-King	A. R. D'A. Mount
E. E. Montgomery	A. G. Seton.

The past term, from a Rugby point of view, has not only fulfilled our fondest hopes, but has gone a great deal beyond them. We did not suffer as much as has been the case lately from lack of size, although we were never the bigger side in any match, except that against Cranleigh. Indeed, on the whole, we were probably always rather the smaller, but the team got well together, and with a sound knowledge of the game to help them proved much too good for all their Preparatory School Opponents, having in this respect an unbeaten season, and were only overcome by Christ's Hospital Juniors after very good games.

The forwards, MacGregor and Shute, undoubtedly won our matches for us. Shute is easily the best full-back we have ever had, and MacGregor is probably the best scrum half. The forwards who were well led by Williams, though not over heavy, had learnt the game well. They played with irresistible dash and determination, and were exceptionally good in the loose; their work in the tight scrum and line-out was quite satisfactory. Moreover, as was the case at Soccer last term they were not always

doing the expected thing. The pack, as a whole, was probably the best we have had. The three-quarter were a quite useful line without being up to the level of those of 1912, 1916, 1917 or 1918. As all three however, will be here next year, they should then be very sound indeed. Barty-King was undoubtedly the pick, and has the makings of a very clever player. Willis improved greatly towards the end of the season, but Mount, although he does much useful work, is rather too slow at present and a little lacking in confidence. Hopwood made an excellent impression at stand-off half and shows much promise. The outstanding characteristic of the team was the exceptional vim and energy which they put into their work.

To turn to individual work among the forwards, they were well led by Williams, who, although somewhat unorthodox in his methods, always kept his head and was extremely useful in the line out and also in the back row of the scrum. He generally managed to score a try and played a very hard game. Of the others, Corcoran and Gordon-Walker were the best players and were always in the van. Montgomery also was a more than useful player, but was not too good in his tackling. Saffery, Gregson and Hoyle were hard workers, the last named being the pick. Seton was a trier of the first order, but spoilt much good work by losing his head.

RUGGER CHARACTERS.

FULL BACK.

J. G. ST. G. SHUTE.—An excellent tackler and powerful kick with either foot. A regular expert at dropping goals. Knew the game thoroughly and very rarely made any mistake.

THREE-QUARTERS.

J. R. WILLIS.—Shows considerable promise. He is fast and tackles well, but at present is somewhat light and has not yet developed an effective swerve.

G. I. BARTY-KING.—Though he still has one or two faults to remedy, is already a very dangerous player. Is fast and has a natural swerve, and can tackle well on occasions. His passing might be improved. A safe pair of hands.

A. R. D'A. MOUNT.—Has a good pair of hands and usually passes well. He is rather slow however, and his tackling this season was not quite as good as last year but he falls on the ball without hesitation.

HALF-BACKS.

P. A. M. MACGREGOR.—A really good scrum half. The more there is to do the more he revels in it. A very fine tackler and gets the ball well away to his "threes." Finds touch accurately and has a very safe pair of hands.

R. G. HOPWOOD.—Shows considerable promise as stand-off half. Has learnt to cut through well and is improving his passing. Has a natural swerve which is very dangerous. Has not learnt to stop a rush.

FORWARDS.

A. H. WILLIAMS.—His height and strength made him a very dangerous customer at all times. He understands the game well and leads the forwards skilfully.

E. A. CORCORAN.—A hard working forward, with good dribbling powers and safe hands. At times his tackling might be improved.

P. C. GORDON-WALKER.—Quite one of the best of the forwards. Safe hands and a very good tackler, also dangerous in the loose.

E. E. MONTGOMERY.—Good in the loose and a clever hooker in the front row. Should improve his tackling however.

S. T. HOYLE.—Hardly improved as much as was hoped, but was nevertheless a very useful member of the side.

G. P. GREGSON.—Showed a very great advance on last year's form, and was especially useful in loose work.

J. H. SAFFERY.—A good pair of hands and usually on the spot at the right moment. Should be very useful another year.

A. G. SETON.—His weight and pace always made him dangerous, and he was much safer with his hands than was the case last year. He is, however, far too wild in his methods.

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

Played at Windlesham, on Wednesday, February 25th. A very interesting match resulted in a really good win for us by 20 points to 4. The team had every reason to congratulate themselves on an excellent performance. Practice had been much interfered with by earlier coughs and colds, with the result that the fifteen had never really been together. Despite that fact, and although it

was the first match, they played beautifully, and not only proved more scientific, but lasted better than our opponents, who were a distinctly heavier side. The first half was extremely even, with the balance slightly in our favour. Only one score was made, Shute being successful in gaining a try after good footwork by the forwards. The ball came out to MacGregor, who made ground and gave to Hopwood. The latter then passed it on to Shute, leaving it to him to put the finishing touch. He failed, however, at none too difficult a place kick. After the interval Windlesham House pressed us for some ten minutes, but the forwards soon relieved and took the game into our opponents' twenty-five, where Williams managed to score a try between the posts after good forward work, Shute easily converting. Within a very few minutes Shute dropped a very good goal, making the score twelve love in our favour. Windlesham House then had a turn and their centre three-quarter dropped a goal for them. We returned to the attack chiefly as the result of good forward footwork, and Williams again forced his way through, leaving Gregson to put the finishing touch. Shute again converted. A few minutes later the best piece of play in the match gave us our final try. There was a scrum on the extreme right-hand side of the ground and the ball went out to MacGregor, who had played beautifully throughout. He put his three-quarters in movement and the ball went along the whole line at full speed, leaving Barty-King to score in the corner. There is no doubt that the game was won by the excellent play of the forwards. Not only did they hold their own in the scrums, but they nearly always got the ball; and they were also superior in the line out and far better in the loose. The outstanding figures were Williams, Corcoran, Gordon-Walker and Montgomery. These four played splendid football and were always on the ball. At the same time, Saffery and Gregson both did a great deal of good work, but Seton, though he tried hard, was much too wild. Hoyle was out of training through lack of practice, but stuck to it. Though the main credit, from a collective point of view, is due to the forwards, we must not forget to do justice to the very important part played by MacGregor, ma. and Shute, and also, though not quite to the same extent, by Barty-King. The two first-named were probably the best men on the field. MacGregor was not only splendid in tackling and working the scrum, but he made all the openings and got through frequently on his own, using the dummy pass most effectively. Shute kicked a very fine length from back, and not only relieved at many critical moments, but was also in the forefront of the attack. Barty-King, though his play did not quite reach the standard of the two former, was very dangerous whenever he got the ball, running very strongly and swerving with great skill. Willis, considering he was out of practice, did fairly well, but Mount was not in his best form. Hopwood made quite a success-

ful first appearance. Our opponents were a hard-working side and had plenty of weight, but had neither the same skill nor the same knowledge of the game.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at Rottingdean, on Saturday, February 28th. The S. Ronan's team again reproduced the excellent form which had characterised their victorious match against Windlesham House, but owing to some very eccentric refereeing they were unable to do more than draw, in spite of the fact that they had two thirds of the game. Rottingdean started pressing for the first five minutes and were allowed a try, the reason for which it was difficult to discover. After that, the S. Ronan's forwards took the game in hand, and we pressed almost incessantly for the remainder of the half, without, however, succeeding in scoring. This was mainly due to the fact that we were frequently pulled up for some reason which was not apparent, just as we were on the point of scoring. The second half was a reproduction of the first, except that it was more even. It is greatly to the credit of the S. Ronan's team that in the most depressing circumstances they never lost heart for a moment, but played their hardest till the whistle went. Some ten minutes from the end, just after a try by Corcoran had been disallowed, Williams succeeded in scoring from the line out, and Shute converted from the most difficult angle possible. To turn to individual comment, the forwards, though over-weighted in the tight, again showed form of the highest order, frequently getting the ball in the scrum, and being superior every time in their foot work in loose play. They were well led by Williams, and Corcoran and Gordon-Walker were again in very fine form. They were well backed up by Montgomery, Saffery and Gregson. MacGregor once more played a splendid game at half-back and he is undoubtedly equal to anyone on the side. Hopwood showed most promising form, but Mount and Willis have not yet revealed their best in matches. Their play at present rather lacks confidence and initiative. Barty-King was rather starved and consequently had few chances, but what he had to do he did well. Shute, it goes without saying, played his usual excellent game at full back, tackling thoroughly well and also taking a good part in the attack.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* CHRIST'S HOSPITAL JUNIORS.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Wednesday, March 3rd. It is only when a Preparatory School has an exceedingly strong side that it is able to meet a Junior School on really level terms. Christ's Hospital were not in any way unusually big in the matter of size, but their average age was well over thirteen years per boy, whereas ours was about 12 years and 2 months. The result was that though the game was evenly contested, and we held them quite well for about three parts of it, during the latter stages we were over-run, and the final score was 30 nil. During the first half our opponents, though pressing us on the whole, were unable to score for about twenty minutes, thanks to the fine work of the S. Ronan's forwards and halves. During the last ten minutes they amassed eleven points. After the interval, S. Ronan's pressed for about a quarter-of-an-hour and twice narrowly escaped scoring, once when Shute failed to drop a goal, and another time when Mount gave a bad pass to Barty-King who could not have failed to get over. After that however, the S. Ronan's team which had been fighting against superior odds, though they never gave up, rather shot their bolt, and the defence was over-run. The superiority of our opponents lay partly in superior weight throughout the team, partly owing to what was inevitable, a more perfect knowledge of the game, and lastly, in great superiority in three-quarter play. Our forwards were if anything, slightly better in the scrum and in the loose, and also in the line-out, but did not possess the same experience in knowing the exact moment to heel out or to keep the ball. Similarly, our halves were not as good in their spoiling tactics as those of our opponents, though MacGregor was individually as good as anyone. It was at three-quarters that the great disparity was noticeable. Barty-King was the pick of our three, but none of them got off the mark with anything like the quickness shown by the Christ's Hospital boys, and they did not play either with the same confidence and determination. On the other hand, the team as a whole were quite on a level with their opponents in the matter of strenuous play in what was a very hard game. The forwards were well led by Williams, Gordon-Walker and Corcoran, though the last named did not tackle as well as usual. Montgomery also did good work. Seton was very poor and is far too wild.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Saturday, March 13th. Our return match against Christ's Hospital, on their ground, produced a splendid struggle in which, in spite of the drawbacks mentioned in the previous match, we were only narrowly defeated. Our opponents had slightly the best of the first half, and during that time scored 11 points. During the second half, however, we had very decidedly the better of the game, and although only scoring once, might, with a little good fortune, have been successful on several occasions. The final total was 14 points to 3. The whole team played well, but the chief credit must be assigned to the forwards, Shute and MacGregor. The forwards used their feet splendidly, and controlled the game to a very large extent. MacGregor and Hopwood were much quicker on the opposing halves, having learnt their lesson from the previous match, and thus stopped our opponents three-quarters from getting away. Shute displayed his best form, and created a great impression.

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

Played at S. Ronans, on Wednesday, March 17th. Although we were successful in winning by 29 points to 9, this score does not really in any way represent the general run of the game, the bulk of the damage being done in about a quarter-of-an-hour towards the end. The first half was most evenly contested, and there was little, if anything, between the two sides. We were rather better behind the scrum, but Windlesham House were, on the whole, superior in the line out, though we, as usual, were better in the loose. The first score came fairly early. MacGregor got the ball away to Hopwood, who in turn transferred to Barty-King. The latter made a very clever run, eluding quite a number

of opponents, and scored in a fairly good position. Shute for once did not convert, but this was not so much his fault as due to the fact that the ball shifted its position after being placed. Our opponents very soon equalised, scoring from a line-out close to our line. They also failed to convert. Even play followed till some five minutes from the interval, when Hopwood got through cleverly and scored after a really excellent run. Shute was again unsuccessful with the kick for the same reason as before. S. Ronan's thus crossed over leading by six points to three. For the first ten minutes of the second half Windlesham House had all the game, and not only succeeded in scoring but very nearly did so on several other occasions. Then, however, the S. Ronan's forwards, who had not been up to their usual excellent form, made a big effort for the ensuing quarter-of-an-hour. We were all over our opponents, scoring no less than twenty points. Shute also now began to kick goals. Windlesham House made another effort towards the end and succeeded in gaining another try. To turn to individual criticism, Windlesham House really lost the game through poor tackling. Seton, on one occasion, went practically through the whole field without being brought down. On the other hand their forwards played an excellent game and were fully equal to ours, and at times superior. The S. Ronan's pack was not up to the form which usually characterises it. They were good in the loose but slow in getting a shove on, and none too convincing in the line-out. Plenty of good individual work was done, but there was a lack of cohesion. The tackling too was not of the best. The pick were Williams, Gordon-Walker and Corcoran. Seton showed some improvement. The whole of the back division, however, played fine football, and showed their best form of the season. MacGregor as usual was splendid, and not only worked the scrum well but did any amount of valuable defensive work. Hopwood was well to the fore, and Barty-King was always dangerous. Mount and Willis both showed considerable improvement. Shute played his usual first-class game at back, his tackling being very safe and his kicking long and powerful.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Saturday, March 20th. This return match, although it was hotly contested throughout, resulted in a very heavy win for us by no less than 48 points to nil. The

S. Ronan's team were obviously out to win and went off with irresistible dash from the start. The first try was scored in about five minutes, the forwards heeling out well, and the ball going *via* MacGregor, Hopwood and Willis to Barty-King, who out-paced the opposition and scored a nice try which Shute failed to convert. Shortly afterwards, Hopwood got through cleverly and got another one. We pressed for practically the whole of the rest of the half and crossed over with a lead of 25 points to nil. The play, after the interval, was practically a repetition of the earlier stages, although there were one or two occasions when our opponents looked dangerous. On the whole, they got the ball out to their three-quarters rather better than we did, and the latter passed accurately and well, but did not make a great deal of ground. On the few occasions when they did get away Shute was their master. The winning of the match belonged undoubtedly to the forwards and halves, but the threes did very well whenever they got the ball which was not too often. Shute played his usual excellent game at back, his tackling being unerring and his kicking powerful. He also came up and gave a hand in the attack on many occasions, and dropped a very good goal. Montgomery hooked very well in the scrum, and consequently our forwards usually got the ball, and the work from combined openings was very much superior to that of the preceding match. They also kept up their usual good form in the loose. Williams, Gordon-Walker, Corcoran and Montgomery were always to the fore, and Hoyle showed a return to his old form. The other three also did good work, though Seton will not use his head. Both the half-backs were very good. MacGregor never plays badly, and Hopwood on this occasion was quite brilliant at stand-off half, getting through time after time. MacGregor got one very attractive try. The ball came out from the scrum. He sold a dummy to the opposing half, and threw himself over the line. Barty-King was the best of the three-quarters, but Willis and Mount both did good work, tackling effectively and passing accurately.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* LANCING JUNIORS.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Tuesday, March 23rd. Our opponents, though considerably older than we, had only taken up Rugby during the past few weeks, and then perhaps not too

seriously, and were consequently very rocky on the rules. They played with plenty of goodwill but had very little idea of the game, if we may except James, who put up a very stout performance at back. The result was that we ran out winners by 41 points to nil. The feature of the game was Shute's drop kicking. He scored by this means no less than seven times. But apart from that the whole team, though perhaps not quite up to form in the first half, were quite at the top of it in the second. The forwards were as a whole well together, the two half-backs were excellent, while in the three-quarter line Willis played by far his best game of the season. Mount was safe and Barty-King as usual was very dangerous.

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S. RONAN'S v. CRANLEIGH JUNIORS.

Played at S. Ronan's, on Wednesday, March 28th. This produced an extremely good game, for although we were successful by 26 points to 3, Cranleigh were a really clever little side and kept us going right up to the finish. Our forwards really won the match for us. We were heavier in the scrum, and not only shoved our opponents but were superior in the loose. Indeed it was a forwards match all through, and the pack did well to control the game as it did, since the Cranleigh three-quarters were clearly superior to ours. MacGregor was the best half-back on the field, and got the ball out again and again, but Hopwood was not quite at his best, and the three-quarters were also somewhat unsafe in gathering the ball and none too accurate in their passing. Barty-King was one of the chief offenders in this respect, although he did many really clever individual things and tackled well. His try was a really fine piece of work. Shute played an admirable game at full-back, tackling safely and kicking with great power. Williams as usual led the forwards with tremendous vigour, and it is undoubtedly this fact, combined with their knowledge of the game, which has paved the way to such a successful season. Shute dropped a beautiful goal early in the game, and MacGregor got his usual try from a scrum near our opponents' line by selling a dummy.

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