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EDITORIAL.

"THE LION appeared last Term." This is the bare announcement of a notable fact, but, as is frequently the way with notable facts, we cannot get on till everyone duly recognises it. Like the death of Marley in *A Christmas Carol*, there must be no doubt about it. THE LION *did* appear, and there is no doubt about it. Moreover, he was given a good welcome. There is no doubt about that.

Now, having announced one fact, and cleared away all misgivings as to its truth, we are about to proclaim another. But to do this, we must go back to the beginning. "Be thorough," said Lord Strafford; "be thorough," said George the Third's mother to her royal son. Strafford lost his head, and George III. lost the American colonies; yet, undeterred, let us be thorough and go right back, back to the anxious time when THE LION of last Term was in the melting-pot.

It was clear, firstly, that if THE LION was to enjoy his true majestic sway, it must be by dint of the combined efforts of any and every person connected with the school. Appeals were made all kinds of contributions for the magazine. There were at the time two futures open to it:—

- (1) The career autocratic;
- (2) The career democratic.

During the month of March this question was answered and settled, by the response given by the boys of the school to the appeals. Written contributions appeared in the magazine of last Term, which were sent in by boys representing a fair majority of the Upper School, and which gave the copy at least a democratic appearance. We shudder to think what might have happened had the appeal met with no response; THE LION would certainly have had to adopt a vegetarian diet, or starve.

This term a still larger number of boys have contributed, so that it may confidently be assumed that the fight for democracy has been won. No more shall it be whispered in the class-room, the lobby and the lab., "We have no share in the magazine." No more shall the literary talent of the School be frittered away on desks or the backs

of envelopes and books, and be buried on the scrap-heaps of obscurity. THE LION has changed his nature; no longer an autocrat, but a democrat.

The second notable fact, then, is that the management and production of the magazine have become democratic, that is, they are decided by the boys of the school.

N.B.—In spite of our insistence upon, and strong adherence to, FACT, we vehemently and scornfully spurn the suggestion that we are worshippers at the shrine of GRADGRIND.

SOME MEMORIES OF PERNAMBUCO.

I went to Pernambuco in 1914 on the Royal Mail Steam Packet steamer *Andes*.

Pernambuco is on the east coast of Brazil and is nearly the most easterly point. Some time ago it was in the hands of the Dutch and one can still see one or two Dutch forts along the coast. On arriving at our destination, the port of Pernambuco, we stopped about two miles outside the harbour, because the water inside is too shallow for large steamers. So a tug came out to us, and to get aboard her we had to be lowered in a huge basket which went down with a considerable bump. The town of Pernambuco could not have been called a town ten years ago. All the alterations have been done in the last few years, and there are tramcars through the streets instead of trains.

The two seaside towns near Pernambuco are Olinda and Boa Viagen. I stayed at Olinda for two months and at Boa Viagen for about three. At the latter town we used to pay a man a penny, and he used to climb up the cocoanut palms and chop down as many nuts as we wanted. A belt of cocoanut palms about two hundred yards wide ran right along the coast. Bathing was very safe there because there was a breakwater of rocks along the coast.

The Brazilian fishermen do not have boats, but a sort of raft called a "jangarda." It is made of a very light fibrous wood fixed together by a stake. These rafts are capable of an enormous speed.

We stayed at Pernambuco for three and a half years, and during our stay we saw many curious things. One day we cut the top off a banana tree and measured the stump. Next morning we found it had grown two and a half inches. At night one could see huge furry spiders, about six inches from the tip of one leg to the tip of another, called tarantulas; and sometimes scorpions, which sting with their tails. There were plenty of snakes in the garden. One day we cut the head off a coral snake, about five feet long, and preserved it. It was red and black. We often found the skins of snakes because snakes shed their skins every now and again. The most wonderful of all these snakes was one about a foot long, which appeared, not to have a tail, but to have two heads, one at each end. There were a lot of lizards whose eggs I used to get out of holes in trees. I used to catch butterflies which measured one foot from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other, and whose wings were made up of different-coloured rings. Humming-birds were quite common. They used to fly into the house, and generally finished up by knocking themselves senseless against the wall. Canaries there were in thousands.

The commonest fruit in Pernambuco is the mango. It was quite easy to buy pineapples for two or three pence. There is a most wonderful fruit called jaca, which sometimes weighs over one hundredweight. Most of the Brazilian fruits are scented, and a lot grow wild. You could find in the forests bananas, oranges, jaca, mangoes, and cajus (a leathery sort of fruit which is very juicy.) Potatoes are hardly known, for the Brazilians eat rice and farinha, a sort of coarse flour, which they mix with their meat. The latter is usually not fresh, but salted.

When it rained, it rained very heavily for a day or two, and then stopped, and in consequence there was a foot or two of water in the garden. I used to make a raft of dead banana trees, and float about on it trying to rescue the fowl from a watery grave.

Pernambuco is a place for thieves. Next door to us there was a house with a huge garden and a lot of fruit trees. The people kept five hounds, and at night we used to hear the thieves jumping over the wall to escape the dogs.

In Brazil there are many Portuguese servants who are paid at the rate of 25 millereis a month. (A millereis is about a shilling). The Brazilians are very excitable. For instance, when a Brazilian battleship was sunk by a German submarine, they burnt down all the German or partly-German shops they could find. We stayed at home during those days, as we are all fair, and the Brazilians thought that all fair people must be Germans. During the war the Germans all collected together at Santa Catarina, in case the Brazilians should attack them.

L. H. (Form III.A.).

AN EPITAPH.

HERE LIES

The body of Peter Tucker,
Who died from eating a sherbert sucker;
He had finished six, commenced upon seven,
Exploded—we hope he's gone to heaven.
Called from the world to celestial rest,
He should have waited till it effervesced.

L. S.

THE SCHOOL STEEPLECHASE.

(This event really belongs to last term, as does the announcement of the result of the Hockey Cup competition between the houses. The chief out-door events of the present term have been, so far, the school sports, the Winchester sports, and, naturally, cricket.)

The steeple chase was held on Friday, April 7th. For some weeks there had been keen rivalry between the Houses, and both Seniors and Juniors practised regularly every evening. We had hoped for a fine day, but when at 3 o'clock the runners had changed into running gear, there was a wet drizzle and a very cold wind.

The Juniors started off from the playground at about 3.15 p.m. Altogether there were about 30 boys, and all finished within standard time—a very fine performance; many showed great pluck in keeping up when tired out. Scivier, of Form III B., running easily and not at all distressed, came in first for Westbury, thus scoring 30 points. Then, 75 yards away, came Raby II., who thus scored 29 for the School House; and then Newbury, who got 28 for Cams House. The rest came in by ones and twos, and the result proved to be:—

1. School House, 173 points.
2. Cams House, 166 points.
3. Westbury House, 116 points.

The Seniors started immediately afterwards, from the fallen tree in the park opposite the school. According to popular anticipation, School House would win easily, owing to the possession of Welborne I. and II., and Dean-Cooper. Altogether about 50 boys started, the younger ones being given a short start. As soon as they were all away, Welborne I., whose last term at the School was now drawing to its close, immediately took the lead of the big boys, within 200 yards, and began rapidly to overhaul the younger ones. Rain was falling steadily all the time, and the leafless trees gave no shelter. It was some minutes later that the judges were summoned from the cosy fire, around which they had been attracted, in the School House, by a shout from an eager watcher in the roadway. The finish was down North Hill to the School gates. Welborne I., with his brother only a few inches behind, came in running easily, and apparently not going "all out." They scored 45 and 44 respectively for the School House, and were followed at ten yards by Carnell,

who got 43 for Cams. Dean-Cooper came in next at a similar distance, then Heath for Cams again, and then, sixth, Rogers, who scored 40 and headed four blocks of Westbury boys, who eventually won the race. Altogether 31 boys finished within 5½ minutes of the winner, scoring points for their Houses, and qualifying to wear House ties. The result was:—

1. Westbury House, 350.
2. School House, 310.
3. Cams House, 182.

Adding Junior and Senior together, the result was:—

1. School House, 489.
2. Westbury House, 466.
3. Cams House, 348.

Tremendous keenness was shown, in spite of adverse weather, but next year we should like to see every able-bodied boy in every House turning out, for in this event particularly it is possible for any boy to help his House come out on top.

THE SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

BY ONE WHO FINISHED SOMEWHERE
IN THE TAIL.

"... After taking off our coats we stood in clusters, nearly freezing, waiting for the race to start. The youngest boys had a fair start and then we set off. I found it quite nice for the first 300 yards, but after that I was puffing for some time, and longing for the end of the race. Other boys looked worse, however, so I didn't mind much, and soon, after traversing a grassy field, and plenty of "slosh," I felt in quite a good temper. We next skirted a farm, and came into a filthy, dirty little lane. A boy, who had been behind me, now caught me up, and for the rest of the race we ran together. Going along the lane, two boys in front kept splashing mud and water all over the track as they ran, and as the lane was too narrow for us to pass, things were rather unpleasant. Soon, however, we came out into the Wickham road, and instead of returning to the school down the road, we had to go over some ground on the other side of it, which gave us quite another 1½ miles to run. I felt as though I would give anything to be able to run straight home from here. After going across a field which was terribly uneven, and appeared to have quite 1,000 fences across it, we fell blindly over the top bar of a gate, only to discover immediately that it had been left open by our predecessors. Traversing another field made difficult by the hoof-marks of cattle, we got into Pook Lane, which brought us to the bottom of North Hill. Now began the worst part of the race, for the boy who was with me belonged to a rival camp, Westbury, and going up North Hill, every time one of us ran a few yards, the other did the same, to get even, and when we we got to the steepest part of the hill, in spite of

tremendous fatigue, we were both running hard for fear of losing the position. I was now quite tired out, and could with the greatest of ease have gone to sleep in the nearest ditch. My troubles were not yet over, however, in spite of the easy run down to the School, for going down the slope immediately after coming up, my legs insisted upon going faster than I wanted them to, and every moment I thought I should topple over. Suddenly my companion, who had been running 15 yards ahead of me, slowed down and began to walk, and of course I passed him. My legs no longer seemed to belong to me; they worked mechanically. As we neared the end I could hear, as in a dream, the sound of feet pattering behind, but the more I tried the slower I seemed to go. Luckily it all came to an end soon. After resting a minute or two, I went into the lobby to change, and found everyone explaining at the same time how, if so and so had not happened, he would have finished so many places before; but I think no one was sorry that it was over."

L. A. (V.B.).

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

WORRIED.—No, there is no danger in taking an occasional tannery-bath, provided the following points are observed:—(a) Permission should be obtained first from the proprietors; (b) Clothes should be removed *before* immersion; (c) Grip the nose firmly between the finger and thumb of the left hand, and close the mouth.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held in delightful weather on Saturday, May 20th, on the School Field. There was a good attendance of parents and friends. The following is an account of the various races and events:—

1. Junior High Jump.—1, Cummins (Cams); 2, Bone (Westbury); 3, Cooper ii. (School House). Winner, 4ft. 4½ ins.
2. Senior 400 Yards Relay.—1, School House; 2, Cams; 3, Westbury.
3. Junior Hurdles.—1, Cams; 2, Westbury; 3, School House.
4. 880 Yards under 13 Relay.—1, Cams; 2, Westbury; 3, School House.
5. 220 Yards under 11 Relay.—1, Cams; 2, School House; 3, Westbury.
6. Three-quarter Mile Senior Relay.—1, Cams; 2, School House; 3, Westbury.
7. 400 Yards Junior Relay.—1, Westbury; 2, Cams; 3, School House.
8. Senior Hurdles Relay.—In the first lap Wellborne managed to gain a lead of 10 yards, which Houlden i (School House), just retained, in spite of Green's (Cams) efforts 1, School House; 2, Cams; 3, Westbury.

9. Three-quarter Mile Junior Relay—1, Westbury; 2, Cams; 3, School House.
10. 400 Yards under 13 Relay—1, Cams; 2, Westbury; 3, School House.
11. Senior High Jump—Green (Cams), according to universal expectation, won easily by the fine jump of 5 ft. 2½ ins. A few days later, at Winchester Sports, he won at 4 ft. 11 in. 2, School House; 3, Westbury.
12. 400 Yards under 11 Relay.—1 Cams; 2, Westbury; 3, School House.
13. High Jump under 13—1, Westbury; 2, Cams; 3, School House.
14. 2½ Mile House Relay (1 mile Senior, 1 mile Junior, ½-mile under 14).—In the Senior 1 mile, the order was Buckley (Westbury), Dean-Cooper (School House), Carnell (Cams) for nearly four laps. At 200 yards from home Buckley quickened his pace, and at 15 yards was still leading, but Carnell sprinted well and snatched the victory at the tape by about 1 yard. The Juniors carried on, and Hackett (Westbury), led by a clear 20 yards all the way, although Tarrant (School House) decreased this lead in the last lap. Jones finished a few yards behind Tarrant. Budden, carrying on from Hackett, maintained his lead extremely well, and won the race for Westbury. Reby II. (School House) and Knapp (Cams) had a tussle for second place, until 150 yards from home, when Knapp sprinted and arrived by a lead of 10 yards.
15. Old Boys' Race (Relay).—The Old Boys struggled gallantly, but saw little except the heels of the Present.
- At the conclusion of the events, Mrs. Hamilton presented the prizes, which consisted of School Spoons for individual winners, and cups for winning Houses. The Final Scores were:—
Cams House (Light Blue), 41 points.
School House (Green), 25 points.
Westbury House (Scarlet), 33 points.
- The Senior Competition was won by Cams, with 14 points; the Junior Competition by Westbury with 17 ½; and the Minor Competition by Cams, with 13 points.
- Undoubtedly the best performance was that of Green, of Cams, in the High Jump, by clearing 5 ft. 2½ ins. It may be of interest to note the performances of other Schools in this event, for this year:—
Haileybury, 5 ft.; Lancing, 5 ft. 2½ ins.; Malvern, 5 ft. 2½ ins.; Merchant Taylors, 5 ft. 2½ ins.; Mill Hill, 5 ft. ½ in.; Radley, 4 ft. 11 ins.; Repton, 5 ft. ¾ ins.; Rossall, 4 ft. 11½ ins.; Rugby, 5 ft. 2 ins.

CRICKET, 1922.

It was a surprise to find the team winning matches at the beginning of the season, after the big leave last summer and since; only four

remained of last year's team. Up to the end of June, in batting and bowling, success has been almost entirely due to the efforts of the Old Brigade who between them had scored 80 per cent. of the runs and taken 70 per cent. of the wickets. The long, long tail seemed to look upon the bat as a means of defence against blows from the ball and not as a weapon of offence. This was no doubt partly due to the ground being rough through want of rolling earlier in the year; it is impossible to learn correct strokes if the ball rises head high from the ground.

Since the above was written, the Midhurst match has been played and resulted in a good win for the School after a keenly fought game. At least two of the new members distinguished themselves, one in batting the other in bowling. Clark's batting was a great help to Sturgess at a critical time in our innings and Carnell's bowling was very useful indeed. The fielding has been good—it was especially so in the Midhurst match—and the whole side appear to have acquired that Kruschen feeling of alertness, which is necessary to win matches.

Another result ought to be mentioned: the home match with Portsmouth Grammar School second eleven, when the visitors made 9 (6 from one hit), Sinclair taking seven wickets for nothing. This is the lowest score for the School ground.

CRITICISMS OF THE XI.

- J. H. HENRY.—He has made a most keen and energetic captain and has batted very steadily. He times the ball much better than formerly. A very safe catch.
- J. SINCLAIR.—He hits well and plays with plenty of confidence. He would keep the ball down better if he used his feet more. Has developed into a very useful fast bowler.
- STURGESS.—A steady and consistent bat, who has learnt to use his feet. Played a very good not out innings against Midhurst. A very quick and safe field.
- F. DE M. WELLBORNE.—Plays confidently and has batted well on several occasions. He has some stylish off strokes, but sometimes loses his wicket through carelessness. A good field.
- COLLHOLE.—A very careful bat with good defence. He would make more runs if he would play forward and use his reach.
- WAGSTAFFE.—Is beginning to play with a little more confidence, but must move his left foot more quickly towards the ball and not reach out. A safe field and a fair bowler.
- F. R. CLARK.—His batting was too mechanical, but is improving and he played very well against Midhurst. A good field at mid-on. As wicket-keeper saves many byes.
- TURTON.—Fields well and ought to develop into a useful batsman when he becomes more con-

field and remembers to use his feet to get to the ball.

ROSS I.—His batting is too cramped. He must learn to play with more resolution, use his full reach and not merely make a fore-arm push at the ball.

E. H. DEAN-COOPER.—Another batsman with a cramped style; must learn to use his body and full arm in hitting.

CARNELL.—A quick and safe field and useful bowler. Has possibilities as a batsman if he will learn to play straight.

The matches of the first eleven were as follows:—
May 27.—School 80; H.M.S. Figard E.R.A., 50.
Sturgess made 27. Won.

May 31.—School 94; Gosport Technical School 18.
Sturgess 42 not out, Henry 26, Sinclair 5 for 6,
Turton 5 for 8. Won.

June 3.—School 72 for 8; Wesley C.C. 136.
Mr. Brady made 31. Drawn.

June 7.—School 122, St. Helen's College 49.
Sturgess 28. Won.

June 10.—School 141; United Banks 47. Sinclair
51, Henry 25, Sturgess 23. Won.

June 14.—School 133 for 5; Gosport Technical
School 16. Henry 56, Sturgess 22, Wellborne
28. Sinclair 5 for 7, Henry 5 for 7. Won.

June 17.—School 133 for 9; Portsmouth Grammar
School II. 9. Sinclair took 7 wickets for 0 runs,
and made 49. Henry took 2 for 0, and made 33.
Wellborne 26. Won.

June 24.—School made 93 for 3 against Portsmouth
Grammar School II., away, and then rain
stopped the game.

July 1.—School 95; Midhurst Grammar School
72. Won.

This match, perhaps, needs fuller description, since last year Midhurst beat the School by 20 runs, and have usually been considered formidable. When the game started, on a dull gloomy day and a precarious pitch, there was rather too much anxiety, not only in the team, but in the School, among the boys, as to how this match would turn out. This anxiety had a bad result at the start of the School innings, and proved to be quite unfounded. The School batting first, Collihole and Sinclair went in, but soon the latter was caught and bowled by Waller, with only 5 runs on the board. It was a hard hit and a hot one to catch. Wellborne took his place, but fell to a tremendous leg-break by Bridger, with the score 11 for 2. Soon after Henry was beaten by a similar ball, for 0. Collihole remained in for 40 minutes, but during that time could only make 1, but that 40 minutes undoubtedly took the edge off the bowling. The wickets fell quickly, 4 for 22, 5 for 35, 6 for 35, 7 for 38, and the rot seemed likely to have a disastrous end. At this moment Sturgess was the only batsman hitting freely yet carefully, apparently unconscious of the gloom that seemed

to affect the batting of the others. But now Clark went in to face the triumphant Midhurst bowling, and obstinately refused to be put out. Both ends were held up magnificently, and the bowling now began to appear trivial to the batting of Sturgess. Clark was a trifle shaky, but before long he grew more confident, and drove two splendid boundaries. At last, with 16 to his credit, he retired, bowled, with the score at 88. The tail and extras made it up to 95, which, it was agreed, was good, but not good enough.

Midhurst started their innings confidently, and soon 20 for 0 appeared on the board. Henry then went on to bowl and in his first over got two wickets and made it 22 for 2. Still the visitors batted steadily, and Sinclair seemed unable to get his usual length. Comber seemed invincible until Sinclair, for a change, bowled from the lower end, and smashing Comber's wickets, retrieved his reputation. Carnell now took a hand, a practically untried bowler, and mixed some good ones with some bad ones; the good took three wickets. The three last men were caught off Sinclair's bowling, and Midhurst came out with 72. They had scored steadily, but made no distinct stands such as that which saved the School. One's interest in the match, arising out of doubt as to the result, was maintained right up to the last wicket.

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Collihole, 1.-b.-w., b. Grieshaber ...	1
Sinclair, c. and b. Waller ...	5
Wellborne, b. Bridger ...	4
Sturgess, not out ...	44
Henry, b. Bridger ...	0
Carnell, b. Grieshaber ...	2
Wagstaffe, c. Bridger, b. Waller ...	0
Ross I., b. Waller ...	1
Clark, b. Bridger ...	16
Turton, c. and b. Waller ...	4
Dean-Cooper, c. Waller, b. Bridger ...	1
Extras ...	17
Total ...	95

MIDHURST.

Comber, b. Sinclair ...	31
Pennicott, b. Henry ...	8
Waller, b. Henry ...	0
Bridger, 1.-b.-w., b. Henry ...	3
Parham, b. Carnell ...	2
Grieshaber, b. Carnell ...	5
Johnson, b. Carnell ...	5
Turberville, c. Collihole, b. Sinclair ...	0
Carn, c. and b. Sinclair ...	9
Lawson, c. Turton, b. Sinclair ...	0
Blythe, not out ...	0
Extras ...	9
Total ...	72

WINCHESTER SPORTS 1922.

Wednesday, May 24th, dawned bright and clear and in high spirits we made preparations for the day, which promised among other things to be very hot. Having learnt a lesson from the heat last year we took better precautions with regard to thin clothing and other aids to coolness. Apparently the success of the School in winning the shield last year had the effect of making this annual event more popular than ever, for nearly one hundred and fifty enthusiastic supporters made the journey to Winchester by road and rail. Over one hundred of these went by train, and, owing to the excellent way in which the section commanders carried out their duties, the arrangements of marshalling and entraining this large band were carried through without a hitch.

We left Fareham station at about a quarter to ten and although the carriages were not the acme of comfort we made a tolerably good journey. In fact, in spite of the last century dust on the seats and the constant exclusion of fresh air by the intervention of bodies at the window, every one was so excited that it would have taken something much more uncomfortable to damp our ardour. When we reached Winchester we found that there was just sufficient time to get to the Sports ground in time for the first race. The crowd this year seemed greater than ever and the arrangement of mixing the boy's sports with those of the girls tended to keep this number longer on the ground than if the girls sports had been run off first.

Of course, the burning question was whether we could retain the shield so handsomely won last year. Only one member of last year's senior team was left and we had to rely on a new one. But besides the Senior Shield we had designs on another trophy, for which we stood a fine chance. This was the Portal Cup. Bournemouth, who last year walked off with the Junior Bowl and Portal Cup, were not in the competition this year and so it was quite an open question as to where the Junior trophies would rest this year, not meaning of course that Bournemouth would have won them, but that they were certain to come to a different school. In the senior races, we were sure of one event—the high jump. Green won this with a lower jump than last year and three inches lower than his height at the school sports of five feet two-and-a-half inches.

In the hurdles the same boy was first in his heat and second in the final to a very fine hurdler from Petersfield.

Wellborne, in the Senior Mile, came in third. This was a very good performance indeed as he was one of the youngest runners in the field. Henry in the hundred yards was placed in his heat, but in the final just failed to get a place. In the quarter-mile Carnell ran quite a good race, but

could not stay the pace. In the relay race it was the pace of the quarter which was too hot, and in spite of praiseworthy efforts by the members of the team we just failed to get a place. Aldershot, who were runners up to us last year, captured the shield.

In the Junior Bowl we only obtained one point but this in no way disparages the efforts of the team, who certainly did their best and could not have done more.

Then in the Portal Cup we carried everything before us and did not fail to score in each race. We got two firsts in the Relay and Half-Mile; two seconds in the Hundred and Quarter and a third in the High Jump.

We did not, then, come back without one trophy and to end the day a procession was formed which marched up to the School from the station headed by the Cup and the Lion. After a short speech by, and cheers for, the Headmaster, we dispersed, tired but contented, to our homes. V. A.

DE LUDIS.

An Oration prepared, but never delivered, on the occasion of Winchester Sports, 1922, by CICERICUS, E QUINTA SUPERIORE.

Brethren, the weather upon this memorable day again put on a bright face; it must be remembered that our Annual Sports have never been held in rain.

Last year, this year, and we hope many a year to come, will ever live fresh in our memories; for last year, did we not capture the Senior Shield for the first time? and this year, has not the School gained the honour, earned mainly by those noble patriots, Cummins and Budden, of keeping the Portal Cup for at least twelve months? We hope that next year the Junior Cup as well as other trophies, will be carried shoulder high through the streets of Fareham to the School on the Hill. We congratulate all competitors of last year, and of this year, and in fact of every year, on their efforts for the honour of the School.

We take off our hats to Aldershot School for the good performance they put up in winning the Senior Shield and the Junior Bowl.

We should also like to congratulate that other Mercury, with the long legs and equally long reserve of wind, who was so successful in the Mile race that he secured the Peace Cup for Odiham.

We must not forget our own representatives who secured us third place in the Shield. Surely the fates intervened to prevent Green from showing to the exponents of the High Jump how to clear the lathe at 5 ft. 2 ½ ins. ! It was good, however, for he retired to a quiet place apart to refresh himself, and anon emerged to obtain a second place in the Hurdles, being beaten by a rival who all but attained perfection itself. Wellborne's third place in the Mile race was a fine performance for one so diminutive.

These, indeed, were the races of men. But who is there among us who would deny that he enjoyed seeing the pretty faces of the girls, and also their good running?

The Relay races were a great success. We were sorry not to be present in the final race; we have better hopes for next year.

All the competitors surely heaved a deep sigh from their breasts, when they found that the starter had secured a box of dry cartridges for that little weapon which caused so many false starts last year.

Even so, brethren, every one who went to the Sports agreed, in a very hoarse voice, that he was full of weariness, but had spent a very pleasant day at that old county town of ours. One boy, in particular, could hardly whisper to me of the many ices and cool drinks he had enjoyed during that wonderful day. How much more tired, then, must the throats have been of that School, who at many times proclaimed boastfully the need of pulling up their socks?

OLD BOYS' NEWS.

- C. M. RIDSDALE writes from Lahore, where he is attached to the Northamptonshire Regiment until October, when he joins an Indian Army Regiment. He seems not but finds it warm.
- R. H. TEEK is off on another cruise in H.M.S. *Constance* on the North American Station.
- S. S. SMITH (Paddy) has been appointed 4th officer to the R.M.S. *Dunvegan Castle*, and is on a cruise to the Mediterranean, then through the Canal and down the coast of Africa to Zanzibar and Dar-es-salaam. He asks if any old boys are in that part, or further down in the direction of Cape Town.
- E. LLEWELLYN is now at Swindon at the Tar Distillery.
- A. J. WILKIE writes from H.M.S. *Conway* at Rock Ferry where he is training.
- H. BROWNING was last heard of at Southampton.
- R. H. SCOTT has 8 months' leave from his regiment in "Mesopotamia," and arrived in London on July 1st, coming overland from Marseilles.
- R. B. SCOTT finishes his time at Sandhurst this month. He was down for a week-end recently.
- F. NUGENT is reported to be instructing the rising generation at Bournemouth.
- H. WELBORNE won the mile at the Eastern Telegraph Co. Sports in June in 4.56, and is representing his company in the Relay Race with the other branches of the Cable Service.
- MR. CARPENTER writes from Barry, that we shall be glad to hear that he has rid himself of the member which offended him so long and so vilely. He is getting on pretty well on crutches and soon hopes to swing a peg of sorts.
- J. C. HEATH has been seen and appears to be having a busy time with strawberries.

G. H. HILL is in the Income Tax Office at Grove Road, Southsea.

C. G. SANDY has been seriously ill, and we believe is still far from fit.

F. P. SMITH (Pussy) is in Lloyd's Bank at Petersfield.

HOUSE NOTES.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

The House, by the help of its smallest member, just won the Steeplechase, but was beaten by Cams by a very narrow margin in the School Sports (senior). It managed to hold the Hockey Cup, winning the final with unexpected ease.

A thinning of the thatch which covers several members of the House seems to have had a beneficial effect on their brains as evidenced by the fortnightly orders. Other houses please note!! We still have one fuzzy wuzzy. Why does he not moult? It is said that P. M. B. has been camping in a swamp during the recent rainy spell, but we can hardly believe it!

CAMS HOUSE.

At the School Sports Cams led in the House competition, from the start, Cummins winning them the Junior High Jump. Cams soon won two Junior Races, and also the Senior quarter, the Minor 400 yards, and Senior high jump. In the two-and-a-half miles' relay, Cams led for the first mile, but were unable to keep it up. L. S.

House cricket matches: First eleven v. Westbury. Cams won the toss and batted first; after an innings of two hours they declared at 116 for 7, 49 of which were made by Sturgess. Westbury, batting in the wet, amassed a total of 61. Most of the wickets fell to Wagstaffe and Sturgess.

Second eleven v. Westbury: Westbury, batting first, made 29 in three-quarters of an hour, Bungey and Swinstead II. getting all the wickets between them. Cams, going in, seemed to bat nervously and this probably accounts for the easy way in which their wickets fell. However, they made 29 and drew. The most remarkable part of the game was the ease with which the Westbury wicket-keeper stumped the Cams batsmen. He really and truly succeeded in stumping one after about twenty attempts, and now lives up to his motto "Practice makes perfect."

Third eleven v. Westbury.—Cams made 32, winning by 11 runs. L. A.

WESTBURY HOUSE.

This term I am glad to say our record is better than it was when the last number of THE LION went to press. In House matches we still have achieved little, but in sports we have given a very good account of ourselves. Our first success was in the Senior steeplechase last term, which we won by quite a good margin. I hope all members of the House will take to heart the lesson

which this event afforded. The points were won, not by the work of one or two wonderfully fast people, but by a number of boys who obtained good places, and who thereby kept the average score up to a good figure. This term in the school sports we won the junior contest, which speaks well for the future, and were second on total points. Last but not least, I think we can fairly claim half the credit for the winning of the Portal cup at the Winchester Sports, in which Budden did particularly good work.

Before the end of this term we shall be engaged in a singing competition, and in this connection we are very much indebted to Miss Shakespear and Miss Radford who have given so much time and trouble to practices.

Atkins, Coleborne, Dunn and Grinstead have left the School, and every one of them will be missed by the House, but we must see that their places are filled, and make up our minds to do still better things in the future. I know we can if everybody tries.

Finally, do let us have a respectable number of the House in the Corps. Our present numbers are a disgrace to any house, and there is no reason at all why a great many more people should not join. J. S.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

"In the name of God Amen the 24th day of August, A.D. 1721, and in the 8th year of His Majesties Reigne, etc., I William Price of the Parish of Fareham in the county of Southton timber merchant and so forth Item I will that my land and estate at Crocker Hill Item and my farms and lands at Elson . . . Shall immediately after my decease be put into the hands hereafter named for Trustees (The Minister and Church Wardens of the said Parish of Fareham) for the erecting and forming a Charity School in Fareham." So reads the Will of the Founder of Price's School and the greatest benefactor of the little town of Fareham.

More than 200 years ago in a cottage situated where the present Fire Station stands, and the former dwelling place of William Price, our school first had its being. Thirty children were to be chosen by the Vicar and Church wardens of the parish, and the will goes on to say "And I do hereby further order and direct that the said 30 children shall be yearly clothed with an upper garment of blew cloath (and of noe other colour) to be decently made and of such goodness, etc." Until 1901, when the old school closed, the boys of Price's wore blue cloth suits with silvered buttons and a hat with a metal lion on the front (the present school badge was copied from this). These suits, together with a pair of boots, were provided annually by the Trustees. Six boys were chosen to sing in the choir of the Parish Church at the 3 o'clock service on Sunday afternoons. These six were called "blue boys" and were

given an extra suit of clothes and wore gilt buttons and lions. All the boys were elected by the Vicar and Church wardens. The entrance examination which consisted of reading from the Bible, was held on Ash Wednesday in the Market Hall, and they wore the uniform for the first time on Easter Sunday. Those boys who did not attend regularly were fined and the money was expended on prizes for the well behaved. One "old boy" of 74 who still lives in Fareham, relates how one 1st of May he played truant and went round with a May bouquet hoping to collect a little pocket money. "All I got," he said, "was one penny! and when I went back to school I was fined three halfpence, had a good thrashing from the schoolmaster, and another when I got home." So he didn't get much for his money! He also stated that the Headmaster in his day was a regular tartar and kept a cane, "a nasty thin one," and a birch rod and three pairs of handcuffs hanging on pegs; he said he had never seen the handcuffs in use, but had evidently often felt the cane! Probably the handcuffs were a survival of the olden times as also was the traditional punishment which too, is only hearsay. This was only for very bad boys. The biggest in the school was made to hold the culprit on his back while the master birched him publicly, on market day, in front of the School and in view of the townspeople. In 1845 the original old buildings had become so dilapidated that it was necessary to pull them down and a new schoolroom and dwelling house for the Master was erected on the old site. Some of you may remember this building: it was only demolished to the regret of many about ten years ago, to make room for the present fire station. It was a quaint pretty old place after the style of the present Parish Hall, then the Market Hall which was built in 1847 by voluntary subscription, on land belonging to the School; it was given to Price's Charity but on the understanding that it should be used on market days and for farmers' meetings, etc. In the days of William Price, and for many years after his time, there were no board schools or county council secondary schools, and unless a boy was fortunate enough to get into a church school, of which there were comparatively few, or lived in a town where there happened to be a grammar school and his parents were well-to-do enough to pay for him, he had a very poor chance of any education at all and the greater number of poor boys never had the opportunity of even learning to read and write, so that when old Mr. Price left money in 1721 to found a school, it was a very great boon to the town. Of course, in those days, education was considered much less important than it is to-day, and if a poor boy knew something of the three R's, viz., reading, riting, and rithmetic, he was considered quite a scholar!

E. B. B.

(A further instalment will appear next term.)