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EDITORIAL.

The record of Easter Term, 1924, may well be summed up in the words—Influenza and Inspection.

It is most probable that never since its opening has the School suffered so severely from the attacks of the Winter's Curse as in the present term; staff and pupils alike have been victims. One of the coldest winters experienced for some time has been a fertile breeding time for germs. With one sad exception which we chronicle in another place, the epidemic, however, has had no serious consequences.

The long threatened Board of Education Inspection took place on March 14th and 15th. The Report, embodying the views of the Inspectors, is not yet to hand, but we are confident that its contents, when divulged, will be very pleasant reading for all connected with the School. His Majesty's Inspectors certainly saw the School doing its very best—and that is no mean thing.

Treading along the primrose path of triumph like its Football predecessor of last term, the Hockey Eleven has won all its matches save one, the first of the season. We congratulate Bussey upon the success of his "merrie men," whose skill was, perhaps, seen to best advantage in their defeat of the strong Old Boys side. A good Cricket record next term will indeed give the School a wonderful year of athletic success.

The very sad news of Sergeant Brace's death we give elsewhere. As we imagine he would have wished, he died 'in harness.' The generations which have passed through his hands will keep fresh the memory of this fine old servant of the School. We extend a hearty welcome to his successor, Sergeant Hoad, late of the Royal Marines, and wish him a long and happy occupation of the Drill Shed.

Obituary.

By the death of Mr. John Sandy, who was one of the strongest supporters of the scheme under

which the School entered upon its new career in 1908, we have lost a good friend. Mr. Sandy was Vice-Chairman of the Governors, until his death, and a memorial fund is being raised in the neighbourhood to institute an annual grant to be awarded to a boy born and bred in Fareham who is already in the School, and who is in need of assistance to enable him to complete his education.

The cold winds and generally inclement weather which prevailed during this term, were primarily responsible for the severe attack of bronchitis which caused the death of Sergeant Brace. It is nearly fourteen years since Sergeant Brace first took over the physical training work in the School, and his death will be regretted by several generations of Old Boys as well as by the boys at present in the School.

The Vagaries of the Bengali.

(Continued from last issue).

Early next morning I was awakened with shouts of "To hades with you, to hades with you." Looking round to see whence the disturbance had come, I saw the parrot swinging itself to and fro, with its eyes sparkling, amusing itself by shouting imprecations every now and then at a bearer (valet) who had taken up his stand near my bunk with my *chota hasari* (breakfast). Seeing my puzzled look the Bengali raised himself on his elbow and laughed in his fat, oily manner. Oh, I could have cheerfully murdered the man. Then by way of conversation he explained to me that he had bought the bird from a turf commission agent, and chuckled again with delight. The bird was so brilliantly coloured that it hurt the eye to look at it. "Out that cockatoo goes at the next station," I said to myself, for once I got the Bengali annoyed I would get no peace for the whole day. I had just finished my *chota hasari* when we rushed into a small station. Jumping out, I secured the guard, and eventually succeeded after

a tremendous rumpus, over which the train was delayed five minutes, in getting the bird removed.

I also tried to rid the compartment of some bundles but their owner would not hear of such a thing.

At last I thought to myself, I will get a little peace, so settling myself down I took up my paper and lit a cigarette. Seeing my cigarette, it suddenly occurred to the Bengali that he might smoke also, so pulling out a flat tin box he selected a little green stump and tapped it on the box, not that it required tapping but because he had seen his *burra sahib* (boss) do it. Then thrusting it between his lips he lit it with a nonchalant air and burst into conversation.

"How far you going, Sar?" came the question. "Lucknow," I answered abruptly. Here he laughed oilyly and commented "Lucknow very nice place, Sar."

"Ahem."
"I am going Benares," he ventured, "where I will meet mine family."

Another half-hour and we steamed into Benares. So I was at last going to get rid of this objectionable individual.

As the train came to a standstill at the station a troupe of children, dressed in scarlet velvet coats and trousers edged with gold braid, wearing dark blue caps inlaid with gold thread and having the eyes well blackened approached the carriage.

"This is my family, Sar," he announced. Seeing that I would be rid of the man in a few minutes, I thought it best to humour him. Laying down my paper I leant out of the window and had a look at that to which he proudly alluded as his family.

"Very nice too, Babu," I said, being anything but interested and consequently short of words. To my great delight the bundles were being deposited on the platform. Having taken up each child in turn and hugged it he prepared to leave. The train had already whistled, when glancing at his bundles he discovered that one was missing.

"Oh, my bundle Sar, my bundle," he cried, tottering towards the compartment.

On searching the carriage I found it under the seat in the corner. By the time I had ferreted it out the train had begun to move slowly out of the station. Seeing I could not hand it to him I threw it out on to the platform. No sooner had it touched the floor than the place where it had fallen was scattered with opium. I saw the Bengali's eyes dilate, and clenching his hands he swayed giddily to and fro; but it was all over in a minute. The station-master had rushed up and gripped him before he could recover from his stupefaction.

The last I saw of him he was being borne away

to the entrance between two burly policemen. The cockatoo, now wearing a bedraggled appearance, every vestige of brilliancy entirely washed off by a brisk shower of rain which had now commenced to fall, following close behind the Bengali, still shouting imprecations as he went. "So," I thought to myself, "opium smuggling was he, the rascal," no wonder I could not get him to part with those bundles.

E. B. D. W.

Hockey.

CHARACTERS OF FIRST XI.

- † F. BUSSEY. R. Back (Capt). Has developed into a very useful back, as he is clever with his stick and clears quickly and with judgment.
- † H. F. STURGESS. C. Half. Moved from R. Half to his present position, where he has more scope for his tackling powers and untiring energy. His stick-work too has greatly improved. The team will sorely miss him from the defence.
- † F. WELLBORNE. I. Left. Has scored quite an inordinate number of goals, crowning it with four in the Past and Present match when he had obstacles to overcome. Can dribble well and gets in his shots with commendable speed and accuracy.
- † W. E. CUMMINS. C. Forward. Has played centre with quite fair success in School matches, though he is naturally less hampered at I. Right. His pace and stick work are excellent and his shooting has much improved. He must however give up one-handed play—a luxury reserved for Ice-Hockey.
- † E. G. WHITE. L. Back. Went from C. and R. Half to this position in McNeil's absence. Copes with difficulties of repressing the opposing I. Right with increasing success. Clears quite hard.
- † L. GOODALL. I. Right. In Club matches played on the wing, where he is inclined to get off-side and to bore in. In School matches played I. Right. His stick work and dribbling powers have both greatly come on, and he will be very useful next season.
- † F. TARRANT. Goal-keeper. A plucky Goal-keeper, whose judgment in coming out has improved as the season advanced. Has made many good saves and can kick well.
- † F. E. JONES. O. Left. Is a clever dribbler, but apt to go too far before getting in his centre. He must learn to keep the ball more in front of him. He has however learnt to centre harder and should be very useful another year.

† W. G. BUDDEN. R. Half. Quite a strong player, who marks his outside forward, tackles well and can hit hard. Must keep the ball well clear of his body.

† A. W. TEE. L. Half. Has natural aptitude for his position, being clever with his stick and not afraid of the wiles of an O. Right. With a little more speed of foot would prove a very valuable member of the team.

* J. B. SINNOTT. O. Right. Is rather a slow mover and takes time to get in his centre—an O. Right's golden gift to inside brethren—improved towards the latter part of the season and played quite fairly in the Past and Present match.

† Signifies 1st Colours. * Signifies 2nd Colours.

HOCKEY MATCHES. 1st XI.

Havant.—Lost 3-4. Our first fixture, played at Havant Park on Sat., Feb. 2. Both sides obviously enjoyed the game, but we were without Sturgess, and Blake proved too strong, scoring our opponents' four goals, while we could only get three.

Southsea.—Scratched, owing to the weather.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.—Won 9-0. Played at Netley on Wed., Feb. 13, in arctic weather. The School attacked continuously in the first half and scored six times, while in the second three more goals were added. Of the goals scored four fell to Wellborne, two each to Mr. Hawtin and Goodall, and one to Cummins.

H.M.S. Fisgard.—Won 14-1. Played on the late R.M.L.I. ground at Forton, on Wed. Feb. 20. The score by no means represents the run of the game, much of the play being in mid-field. Our forwards, well served at half with passes, were busy throughout, more particularly Wellborne, who scored six, Cummins getting two, and Jones one.

Fareham.—Won 3-1. Played at the Recreation Ground, on Sat., Feb. 23. In the first half Nugent was rather indulgently allowed to score, and for some time the School goal was in continual danger, but we crossed over leading 2-1. In the second half Tarrant saved the goal (and his head) from a hot shot of Nugent's, but after that the latter was given little scope, and the School added a third goal. Two of the three goals fell to Wellborne.

King Edward's School, Southampton.—Won 8-0. Played on the Recreation Ground on Wed., Feb. 27. After waiting fifteen years we have obtained two School matches. The School outplayed Southampton in the first half and scored five times. In the second half three more goals

were added. Southampton, who only started Hockey this term, were not quite at full strength. Of the eight goals, three each were scored by Cummins and Wellborne, and one each by Jones and Goodall.

Municipal College.—Won 15-1. Played on Chads Field, on Sat., March 1. Wellborne scored seven and Goodall one, and the rest are lost in the mists of uncertainty.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.—Won 3-0. Played on Chads Field, on Wed., March 5. A much more even game than the first. Cummins, Wellborne and Mr. Hawtin each scored.

Gosport.—Won 3-2. Played at Gosport Park on Sat., March 8. This was a very close game, and the result was always in doubt. Wellborne scored twice and Mr. Hawtin once.

King Edward's School, Southampton.—Won 2-1. Played at Southampton, on Wed., March 12. The School were led 1-0 at half time, but Sturgess and Wellborne each scored in the latter half. Our opponents had obviously improved, and the School forwards were more closely marked.

Past v. Present.—Won 5-4. Played at the School, on Sat., March 22. Quite one of the best games ever played at the School, and it was very creditable for Present to beat a team that included Nugent, who has found his place in the South Eleven and the Final England Trial, Coles and Eyles, who have been playing for the County this season, and H. Wellborne, who played soundly at C. Half.

The 2nd XI lost 2-5, partly owing to the smallness of its forwards. The 2nd XI too has had no practice playing together as a team. We hope next season to arrange two fixtures with King Edward's School, Southampton.

THIRD ELEVEN MATCHES.

Waverley Ladies (Home). Sat., Feb. 2.—Won 6-0.

Alverstoke Ladies (Away). Sat., Feb. 9.—Scratched, owing to weather.

Alverstoke Ladies Wednesday (Home). Wed. Feb. 20.—Won 10-0.

Haslemere Ladies (Home). Thurs., Feb. 21.—Drawn 2-2.

Haslar Ladies 'A' (Home). Thurs., Feb. 28.—Won 2-1.

Waverley Ladies (Away). Sat., March 1.—Won 6-3.

Haslar Ladies (Home). Thurs., March 6.—Won 4-1.

Alverstoake Ladies (Home). Sat., March 8.—
Won 3-0.

Apley (Ryde) (Home). Sat., March 29.—Lost
2-3.

Alverstoake Ladies Wednesday. Wed., April
2.—Won 12-0.

HOCKEY RETROSPECT.

From the point of view of the first eleven the season has perhaps been one of the most successful for several years, as out of ten matches played, nine have been won, and one lost—that with Havant, our first fixture.

The team was a well-balanced one without any particularly weak spot, as the Old Boys found. Some of the victories were won with a large margin, the reason being, partly that our last year's opponents found us with much the same team all a year older, and partly that we played new opponents who have only just taken up the game.

It is of course a pity we could not have got one or two stronger opponents later in the season, but fixtures have to be made many months in advance and some grounds close early in March.

From the point of view of the Hockey of the School as a whole, it has been rather a lean year, as owing to the inclement weather boys living at a distance have not been included, with the result that, 1st and 3rd side, 2nd and 4th have been playing together, which does not tend to make an even game. We have been content with three or four sides instead of six or seven.

However, several have learnt that it is a game to be played with the stick, and that forwards are there to run, to pass and to make openings for one another. In spite of the icy blasts of Boreas we have found two or three quite promising goal keepers.

A word of thanks are due to the many who have taken junior sides—an entertainment usually chilly and neither exciting nor easy to do efficiently.

The under 14 match with Apley (Ryde) provided a good game, which we were lucky only to lose 2-3, as our opponents hit harder and had obviously played together all the season.

Thanks are also due to Mrs. Cháds for kindly allowing us to use Westbury field.

2nd XI Hockey Colours were awarded to Sinnott, Silvester I, Swales I, Cook, Ditchburn, Tovey I.

Lament of a Hockey Stick.

Alas and alack! my day is nearly done! My period of work is coming to an end! The hibernation of animals is nearly finished, mine is about

to begin. But shall I call it hibernation? Would not honourable retirement be more fitting? Like the Chelsea pensioners, I retire to a well-earned rest, covered, not in my case with medals, but with sundry dents and bruises. What tales of keenly fought battles I can recount! and with a little credit to myself, since a dozen goals have been gained by my aid. I think that this performance for a veteran, is indeed worthy of mention in dispatches. I can easily afford to sing that popular ditty entitled: "I ain't nobody's darling," but I pride myself that beauty is but skin deep, and that although considerably defaced I still am of use to my owner. Ah well! our little beings have their day; they have their day and cease to be. My day is nearly over, my successor the cricket bat has nearly caught me up, and I am now confronted with the fateful question "To be or not to be"—whether a sojourn in hospital will fit me for another season's fray, or whether relegation to the copper hole will be my burning end.

W.E.C.

"One way of applying for a Situation."

Honoured Master,

Having heard of your almighty mercy to us worms I tell you my circumstances. By the grace of God and your Lordship, I have seven children, all babes and sucklings. Besides this abominable litter I have many female relatives. What have I done that I should be blessed with such cursed trials.

As your Lordship is my father and mother I write to ask that you will take this worm and wife and suckers and relatives both male and female and provide for us from your bounty, at a pay of 20 rupees a month. I can't read or write and have only the simple qualifications and male and female relations. Therefore call that we may fasten on your gentleness. Call quickly your faithful worm and beast NUERMI LAL, despicable brute and father of babies.

Old Boys' News.

A. L. BARLETT is in his last year of apprenticeship in the Dockyard and was lately engaged in restoration of H.M.S. *Victory*.

G. S. SCRIVENS, still in the Park Prewet Hospital Service, writes to say he is coaching a ladies' hockey team.

L. H. STEVENSON has practically mastered his Commercial Training in Southampton, and hopes to enter the White Star Line in Spring.

W. E. COLLHOLE is taking an Arts Course at Southampton University College and hopes to vanquish the "Inter" in July.

E. W. CONNOR is still with Messrs. Camper and Nicholson, at Gosport.

H. C. CURE takes his final examination on the *Fisgard* early in May; we hope with every success.

G. ETHERIDGE is in the Mediterranean on H.M.S. *Warspite*.

H. E. DEAN-COOPER apparently had a great time at Oxford during the Torpids and thoroughly appreciates 'Bump Suppers'; he is now on vacation.

E. LLEWELLYN is temporarily in Portsmouth again on his same lay and has to be congratulated upon his recent engagement—we all wish him the very best. We hear he is mastering the saxophone, rather a risky procedure we would suggest.

F. SWAFFIELD is now with Mather and Platt's in France, and can be found at 8 Rue de Surène 8e, where he lives with G. SWAFFIELD who is doing very well with the C.P. Railway, Paris.

A. SWAFFIELD is still with his firm in Bedford but has great hopes that his long cherished hopes of flying will now materialise as he has made application for a commission in the R.A.F.

C. A. PEARCE is to be found at Biggleswade, Hanger Hill, Poole, and is now working with the Bournemouth Gas and Water Co.

V. A. PEARCE who has been in the R.A.F. for three and a half years, has been making a name for himself in the shooting world. He fired at Bisley in 1922 and 1923, last year being a member of the Cranwell team, winners of the R.A.F. Inter-Station Competition. He made the highest score for the winning team and was 8th in the whole Air Force aggregate scores. Now he is a L.A.C. at Henlon, Beds.

W. CROCKER takes his 'Final' in June at Bristol University.

H. WELLBORNE looks forward to a short holiday after his last examination on April 7th.

G. CHIGNELL has returned to Limehouse to provide further 'extracts' of unmentionables.

H. L. MARRIOTT, like Wellborne, faces his examiners on April 7th, and hopes to become a full blown Patent Agent.

C. FERGUSON-DAVIE is on a rubber estate at Sedenak, Johore.

E. FRY has taken Holy Orders and is now in a curacy at Glasgow.

R. FRY is now Q.M.S. Royal Engineers, at the Radio Station, Karachi, India.

S. S. SMITH (Paddy) is on S.S. *Drenmore Castle*, from Cape Town to New York.

R. C. KITLEY is at Hay St., Perth, W. Australia.

V. POELCHAU, Neuenburger Strasse 5, Berlin, S.W. 68, wants news of the School.

R. H. SCOTT, 40th Pathans, Ahmedabad, has been riding the winner in the Regimental Point to Point Steeplechase, three miles with 17 jumps. He has also shot a bear at very short range and was lucky not to be clawed, and has got First Spear in his first "pig sticking" at a wild boar, which he says is the pluckiest animal he has ever seen.

R. B. SCOTT has been posted to the 4/6 Rajputana Rifles (formerly 123rd Outrams Rifles), a very good regiment.

J. HENRY is in his last term at R.A.F. Cadet College, Cranwell, Lincs.

C. HACKETT was specially selected with 17 others for a Wireless Course at Winchester. He used to make himself wireless sets as a hobby, but never entered for the Hobbies Prizes, and now it has come in very usefully and was the cause of his selection for the course.

A. WILKIE (I) has just completed his first voyage to S. America, in the Lamport and Holt Line. In his last term on the T.S. *Conway* he won the King's Gold Medal and the Trinity House Prize, a sextant valued at 40 guineas, and also a Silver Medal for his cutter, Silver Cup in the Tennis Tournament and won the mile race. He was 2nd Senior Cadet Captain when he left and gained the Conway Extra Certificate.

D. WILKIE is on the T.S. *Conway* and is in his second year, and we hear is doing very well.

R. CHARSLEY is farming and getting on well.

B. & R. ROSS are still at Sparsholt, and hope to go to Reading University College in the Autumn. Both were over recently, and look very fit.

F. J. KENNEDY-LAWRIE is now at 3 Minerva St., Glasgow, he is with Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co., Shipbuilders.

Mr. R. A. LANGFORD is at the East Anglian Saatorium, Nayland, Colchester, where we hope he will soon make a complete recovery.

F. E. NUGENT has been picked for all the matches played by the South in this year's International Trials. He also played in the final trial, but Chilman the North representative and Oxford Half-Blue was too firmly placed to be ousted. In the match Combined Services v. Rest of England he played for the Rest Team. Having

got so near to an "International" we wish him the best of luck next season.

House Notes.

BLACKBROOK.

At the time of writing, Blackbrook has not secured a point in the House Hockey 'Cuppers.' Viewed from the standpoint of the professional football 'fan' this is not a pleasing statement, but viewed, as we prefer, in the light of playing of a game for the *game's* sake there is no cause for undue pessimism. Naturally we could wish success to come our way; however, we do not care so long as the games we have bring us the enjoyment we expect from them. Were we desirous of making elaborate excuses for our numerous defeats we might instance the absence of our Captain (McNeil) and the fact that many of our players were making their first acquaintance with Hockey this season.

Bevis and Chamberlain II are to be congratulated upon playing for the School 'under 14.' Hickman also deserves praise for ably taking the place of McNeil throughout the term.

By the time these notes are read the Steeplechase will probably have been run, and the House will know its fate. We have very slender hopes of anything save the Junior Run, but here we trust to repeat our success of last year.

E. J. K. G.

CAMS.

There is very little to record so far, but what there is, is good. In spite of the 'Flu and other terrors, we have done well in the Hockey Competition. It was, however, a hard blow to be beaten by Westbury I, after having the best of the game. So it looks as if we shall be one trophy short: for which we duly offer our hearty congratulation to Westbury. We regret the departure of Sturgess, not merely because he was a good captain in both cricket and football, but chiefly because he put in such steady work for the good of the House and School generally. We wish him good luck in his work, and hope to let him see there are quite a number of equally good ones in Cam to follow on!

Since writing the above we understand that Westbury have made a very sporting offer to share the Hockey Cup with us for the year. Under the circumstances that Cam's won most games in the Competition we are very pleased to accept their offer, in the same spirit in which it was made.

T. W. M.

SCHOOL.

The following members of the House were confirmed by the Bishop of Winchester on April 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church: Ross I, Hurden, Cooper, Chapman, Drover, Tovey II and Cubbin. We are losing at the end of this term Wellborne and Houlden who are sailing for Australia.

WESTBURY.

This term finds us with little to chronicle. House matches are not yet over, but however they turn out we are within reach of the Cup, and cannot be more than half a point short even if we don't win it, so we may congratulate ourselves so far at any rate. By the time *The Lion* is published the Steeplechase will be over, so it is too late for any advice on that score. It only remains for me to urge all members of the House to get in training for the sports which are bound to take place early in the coming term. The Winchester Sports take place exactly a fortnight after school re-opens, so that our own Sports will evidently take place during the first fortnight of term. It is therefore no use waiting for the beginning of term before training. A little done regularly in the holidays will be of immense benefit, and I hope that where possible boys will get together and practice so as to be ready to do their very best for the House in all events.

J. S.

A Visit to Utopia.

It must have been the Inspection that caused it; probably also the heavy supper I had that night after wrestling with a long preparation. In any case, no sooner had my head touched the pillow than—I was back at school! Yes, but it was a different kind of school from the usual. It seemed to me the best thing would be to take a walk round. I went first to the T—n Room, and actually saw some ink-pots. Almost overcome I staggered to the main building and there further shocks awaited me. I saw the Sw-nw-ck boys racing each other to get to their form-rooms, and in Va the 'lords' were actually listening to the master. There was no master in IIIb for the moment, and the form was quietly revising its next lesson, and I was ordered by it to walk more quietly along the corridor. Vb were in the laboratory and two boys, having had the misfortune to smash a beaker, were rushing forward to report the accident. Gazing into IVa room I noticed that a certain C-bb-n was being held up as a model of good behaviour to the rest. In IIIa the form was opening its desks and shutting them silently. After this tour I seemed next to be standing on the touch-line watching the final of

the Hockey Cup, and to see Bl-kbr-k win the trophy—this must have been the final shock for I awoke to find myself half-way out of my bed.

Motor Morals in Japan.

"TOOTLE THE PASSENGER WITH LARGE VIGOUR."

The following rules for motorists have been evolved in Japan, (says the *Singapore Free Press*), for the guidance of tourists:—

"At the rise of the band of the honourable policeman, stop with rapidness greatly. Do not pass or otherwise disrespect him.

"When a passenger of foot hoves in sight,

tootle the horn melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootle him with large vigour and express by word of mouth a warning "Hi! Hi!"

"Beware of the wandering sow, that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go smoothly by.

"Give place to the festive dog that makes playsport in the roadway. Avoid entanglement of the dog with your wheel spokes.

"Go smoothly on the greese mud as there lurks the skiddy demon. Press the brake of the foot smoothly as you roll round the corner, and save a collapse and lie up.

"Thank you honourably."

A.G.B.

