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EDITORIAL.

"THE LION" was one of the few periodicals whose publication was not interfered with by the General Strike. We never had to fall back upon our Continental edition. The strike indeed made very little difference to the School life. It may have threatened to interfere with one or two events; it may have given a few boys an excuse for staying away, or for leaving early; it may have provided a subject for essays; but at any rate we survived.

This term's Magazine is considerably shorter than the last one. The hot weather and the long evenings do not encourage literary effort, and in consequence our readers have not a lot of reading matter inflicted upon them within these pages. There is no poetry; not even anything that looks like it. And what sane person would prefer preparing prose and poetry to the peaceful and profitable pursuit of plucking plantains?

There are to be found, however, the accounts of several events, for what with the Steeplechases, the School Concert, the Winchester and the School Sports, and the various House and School cricket matches, we have had a very busy and anything but monotonous time.

When this appears we shall be close upon Speech Day, when many boys will be thinking with mixed emotions of the good-byes soon to be said. To those who are leaving we not only wish good luck, but also success in times of bad luck. As a final word of advice: Come back and see us sometimes; and always carry the last edition of "The Lion" about with you, both for its associations and as the supreme hall-mark of literary taste.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

The Senior and Junior Steeplechases were run on Saturday, April 10th, and were favoured by very fine weather. About one hundred and forty boys took part, the Senior field being very

large. The first four Juniors were Hunt i., Moss, Riches ii. and Watson iii.; the Seniors, Bucknall i., Cummins, Sevier i. and Tizzard. The School House won the Junior trophy, and Cams the Senior, whilst the School House also just pulled off the combined event owing to the Juniors' points being much higher than the Seniors'. Results:—

House.	Junior.	Senior.	Total.
School House	341	186	527
Cams	267	253	520
Westbury	233	238	471
Blackbrook	302	113	415
	1,143	790	1,933

THE WINCHESTER SPORTS.

We were doubtful for some time whether the County Sports would be held, and whether we should be able to go if they were. The end of the General Strike raised our hopes, but only to be dashed by the news of no cheap tickets being available on the railways. Eventually, however, two large "buses were chartered, and the majority of the School set off in high spirits in the rain; later, some of them turned up at the Sports.

On the field we were not very much in evidence, either in rowdy demonstrations, which we happily left to others, or in athletic victories, which we also left to others. Our senior relay team put up a splendid fight, but, unfortunately for us, our opponents had a quarter-miler whom no one on the ground could touch. Late in the day, when it seemed that we should return without a single victory, Watson ii., whilst regaining second place in the last twenty yards of the Half-mile Under Fourteen, decided that first place would be better, and made a desperate and successful effort.

Speaking generally, we must admit that we were not up to the standard of several other com-

peting schools, and if we complain of a good deal of bad luck, it is not in the nature of an excuse. Cummins would probably have won the Hurdles if they had been of the regulation pattern, but the loose tops proved fatal; whilst in the Hundred Yards he did not realise that it was a "help-yourself-handicap" until some of the others had almost finished. Lastly, Heifman, whilst running very well in the Junior Mile, fell owing to the clumsy efforts of an opponent. He could not have been first, as the winner ran the best race of the day and was a long way ahead, but second place would have been great credit to the smallest of the field.

Next year we are determined to prepare more seriously and to do far better.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

It was a good thing that our Sports were postponed, as the day originally fixed proved both wet and cold, whereas Whit-Tuesday was extremely fine. Considering the bad train service, the attendance was quite good, and the spectators were rewarded by some interesting events and by several close finishes. One of the best finishes was the Junior Quarter, which Edmunds won by inches; whilst in the Minor Half-mile Watson ii. was very closely pressed. In the House competitions, Cams always looked like winning the Senior Cup. Cummins and Hall were too fast for the rest in the 100 Yards, the Quarter-mile, and the Relays. Atkins, Riches i. and Tizzard, however, did very well in the other events, and made Westbury a good second. In one of the last events of the day Blackbrook won their solitary point in the senior events, but despite this they came second on the aggregate owing to the supremacy of their juniors and minors, who won their respective cups. Heifman's running in the Junior Mile was probably the best performance of the day. Although he was never pressed, he returned a better time than that for the Senior Mile. Cummins was once more Victor Ludorum, gaining more than twice as many points as any one else. Atkins could probably have run much closer if he had entered for more events.

After the usual excitement over the tugs-of-war, a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by Lady Davison kindly presenting the various cups and prizes to their winners.

The particulars of the House Competition are as follows:—

House.	Senior.	Junior.	Minor.	Com'd.
Cams	55	24	21	100
Blackbrook	1	33	37½	71½
Westbury	40	13	14½	67½
School House	26	16	8	50

The results of the events were as follows:—
 100 Yards (under 13): 1 Edwards i., 2 White.
 100 Yards (under 14): 1 Riches ii., 2 Moody.
 100 Yards (under 15): 1 Edmunds, 2 Hoather.
 100 Yards (open): 1 Cummins, 2 Hall i.
 High Jump (under 13): Wheeler & Atkins ii. (tie).
 High Jump (under 14): Riches ii. and Atkins ii. (tie).
 High Jump (under 15): 1 Andrews i., 2 Chamberlain ii.
 High Jump (open): 1 Atkins i., 2 Hewetson.
 Relay (under 13): 1 Blackbrook (Edwards i., Case and West), 2 Cams.
 Relay (under 14): 1 Blackbrook (Cooper, Moody and Richardson), 2 Westbury.
 Relay (under 15): 1 Cams (Baker, Edmunds and Manning), 2 Blackbrook.
 Relay (open): 1 Cams (Cummins, Hall and Hewetson), 2 Westbury.
 Quarter Mile (under 14): 1 Watson ii., 2 Richardson.
 Quarter Mile (under 15): 1 Edmunds, 2 Chamberlain ii.
 Quarter Mile (open): 1 Cummins, 2 Hurden.
 Half Mile (under 14): 1 Watson ii., 2 Cook.
 One Mile (under 15): 1 Heifman, 2 Carsey.
 One Mile (open): 1 Tizzard, 2 Riches ii.
 Hurdles Relay (open): 1 Cams (Cummins and Hall), 2 School House.
 Hurdles Relay (under 15): 1 Blackbrook (Heifman and McGibbon), 2 School House.
 Hurdles Relay (under 14): 1 Cams (Barnes and Perry), 2 Blackbrook.
 220 Yards (under 13): 1 Edwards i., 2 Case.
 Sack Races: Druitt and Mitchell.
 Junior Tug-of-War: Blackbrook.
 Senior Tug-of-War: Westbury.
 Three-legged Race: Hynes and Bull.

CRICKET RETROSPECT.

The season began with a monsoon, and net practice was impossible, but since then the batting has improved, and, particularly against Midhurst, shewed promise all the way down the side. The bowling has not been too strong, but has generally done what was asked of it. The fielding as a whole has been quite fair, and the catching good, though one or two lapses proved expensive. The chief criticism to be made is with the calling and running between the wickets: on two or three occasions wickets were thrown away.

The match with Sinnott's XI. was lost. In the first Gosport match the weather only allowed

part of the School innings to be played, and the first fixture with Portsmouth Grammar School II. was scratched. Purbrook Park provided two victories, and the match with Banister Court was left unfinished, if anything in our favour. Gosport beat us in the return match, while Portsmouth Grammar School II.'s return was drawn with victory only one wicket away. The match with Midhurst was a very good game, as we only won on the seventh wicket: after getting six opponents' wickets cheaply, we had to face quite a fair total of 110.

The "A" match with St. Helen's was lost.

The 2nd XI. lost to Portsmouth Grammar School II., but won the return fixture, and only played part of an innings with Gosport II. before rain stopped play, but won in the return.

The "B" team beat St. Helen's II.

The 3rd XI. beat Gosport III. on both occasions.

The House matches provided some good games, Cams proving rather the stronger House all through.

HOUSE MATCHES.

1ST XI.

Cams i.	59	v. School House i. .	23
Cams i.	79	v. Blackbrook i. ...	60
Cams i.	59	v. Westbury i.	29
School House i. .	132	v. Westbury i.	29
School House i. .	44	v. Blackbrook i.	36
Blackbrook i. ...	41	v. Westbury i.	17

2ND XI.

Cams ii.	73	v. Westbury ii. ...	42
Cams ii.	20	v. School House ii.	33
Cams ii.	51	v. Blackbrook ii. ...	38
School House ii. .	70	v. Blackbrook ii. ...	25
School House ii. .	81	v. Westbury ii.	32
Blackbrook ii. ...	38	v. Westbury ii.	51

3RD XI.

Cams iii.	21	v. Westbury iii. ...	14
Cams iii.	43	v. School House iii.	8
Cams iii.	21	v. Blackbrook iii. .	22
School House iii. .	46	v. Blackbrook iii. .	102
School House iii. .	47	v. Westbury iii. ...	150
Blackbrook iii. ...	38	v. Westbury iii. ...	45

FINAL POINTS.

Cams	21
School House	16
Blackbrook	7
Westbury	4

CRICKET MATCHES.

School v. Midhurst.

Midhurst.—Pratt c L. Hewetson b W. Chamberlain 0; Ells b W. G. Cummins 1; Price b W. G. Cummins 4; Seward c and b W. Chamberlain 6; Hart lbw. b W. Chamberlain 1; Barnes c J. H. Chapman b W. Chamberlain 6, white not out 0; Fellett b K. Riches 20; Chitty lbw b R. Riches 5; Scutt c L. Hewetson b K. Riches 0; Ragless c J. C. Hurden b R. Riches 3; extras 3; total 110. Bowling: W. Chamberlain 4 wkts. for 30 runs; W. G. Cummins 2 for 17; K. Riches 4 for 3.

School.—J. H. Cnapan c Pratt b Hart 10; A. Tremlett run out 2; L. Hewetson c Chitty b Barnes 27; W. Chamberlain lbw b Barnes 13; W. G. Cummins c Scutt b Chitty 18; H. D. Atkins b Price 3; J. C. Hurden lbw b Hart 21; R. Riches c Chitty b Barnes 16; E. Nobbs b Ragless 1; D. King c Pratt b Barnes 11; F. Clarke not out 0; extras 2; total 124. Bowling: Price 1 wkt. for 20 runs; Barnes 4 for 38; Hart 2 for 26; Chitty 1 for 12; Ragless 1 for 1.

School v. Purbrook. June 23rd (Away).

School.—Chapman c McLaren b Lewer 6; Tremlett b Lewer 3; Hewetson b McLaren 0; Chamberlain b McLaren 2; Atkins b Lewer 10; Hurden c McCrae b Lewer 5; Riches c Price b Lewer 0; Dodds run out 0; Nobbs lbw b McLaren 0; King b McLaren 0; Clarke not out 0; extras 21; total 51.

Purbrook.—McCrae c King b Chamberlain 0; Dryden run out 7; Lewer b Chamberlain 0; McLaren b Chamberlain 0; Best b Chamberlain 2; Coles b Chamberlain 2; Hooker c Atkins b Tremlett 2; Silverthorne not out 9; Smith run out 0; Price c Chamberlain b Riches 0; Tull b Chamberlain 1; extras 20; total 43.

School v. Purbrook. July 3rd (Home).

Purbrook.—Best b Cummins 6; Dryden c and b Chamberlain 1; Lewer b Chamberlain 0; McCrae b Cummins 2; Coles c Clarke b Chamberlain 1; Hooker b Cummins 2; Silverthorne run out 2; Smith run out 0; Banks not out 1; Millington b Chamberlain 0; Price c Nobbs b Chamberlain 0; extras 3; total 19.

School.—Clarke b Smith 14; King b Lewer 4; Nobbs c McCrae b Lewer 6; Riches c Price b Lewer 22; Hurden run out 0; Atkins c Lewer b Dryden 9; Cummins c Hooker b Dryden 16; Chamberlain lbw b Best 5; Hewetson c Lewer b Best 0; Tremlett c and b Lewer 7; Chapman not out 0; extras 10; total 92.

Purbrook 2nd Innings.—Dryden c and b Hewetson 1; Lewer c Tremlett b Hewetson 2; Best c Nobbs b Tremlett 3; McCrae c King b Hewetson 0; Banks lbw b Riches 6; Coles

b Tremlett o; Hooker c Chamberlain b Cummins 2; Silverthorne b Cummins o; Smith c Chapman b Chamberlain 8; Millington not out 1; Price b Riches 1; extras 2; total 26.

School v. Banister Court. July 7th (Home).

School.—Chapman b Shearer 3; Tremlett c Ellery b A. Ellaby 25; Hewetson c Golesworthy b Gregory 23; Clarke lbw b Golesworthy 10; Chamberlain c A. Ellaby b Golesworthy 13; Cummins c E. Ellaby b Golesworthy o; Atkins b Golesworthy o; Hurden not out 21; Riches c E. Ellaby b Gregory 8; Nobbs not out 7; King did not bat; extras 8; total 118 for 8 wkts. Innings declared closed.

Banister Court.—T. Ellery c King b Cummins 7; C. Gregory c and b Cummins 3; A. Ellaby c Riches b Cummins 1; Golesworthy not out 34; Boutton b Cummins 6; J. Gregory c Riches b Cummins o; White run out 1; Bailey lbw b Cummins o; E. Ellaby not out 11; Shearer and Christmas did not bat; extras 5; total 68 for 7 wickets.

School v. Gosport. July 14th (Home).

School.—Hewetson b Griggs 11; Tremlett b Norman o; Chapman b Griggs 2; Clarke lbw b Griggs 3; Chamberlain c Osborne b Griggs o; Cummins c Osborne b Griggs 7; Atkins c Sinclair b Griggs o; Hurden c Jarvis b Norman 5; Riches c Osborne b Griggs o; Nobbs not out 2; King c Sinclair b Norman 1; extras 7; total 38.

Gosport.—Jarvis c Tremlett b Cummins 3; Smith c King b Cummins 3; Osborne played on b Chamberlain 2; Norman c and b Chamberlain 6; Griggs b Cummins o; Sinclair c King b Cummins 13; Harding b Riches o; Covington not out 8; Daniels, Wenham and Percival did not bat; extras 5; total 40 for 7 wickets (declared).

School v. Portsmouth Grammar School II.

July 18th (Away).

School.—Hewetson b Brice 11; Tremlett c and b Allnatt 3; Chapman c Williams b Allnatt 2; Clarke c Clover b Allnatt 9; Chamberlain c Blake b Brice 6; Cummins not out 27; Atkins c Williams b Whiting 7; Hurden c Blake b Whiting 14; Riches c Blake b Whiting 2; Nobbs not out 2; King did not bat; extras 9; total 92 for 8 wickets (declared).

Portsmouth.—Williams lbw b Cummins 6; Brice b Cummins 7; Allnatt b Cummins 10; Emmerson c Chapman b Riches 4; Whiting c King b Riches o; Sartain c Clarke b Hewetson 3; Cocks b Riches o; Richards not out 7; Blake c Nobbs b Hewetson o; Westaway b Hewetson 3; Clover not out 2; extras 8; total 50 for 9 wkts.

1st XI. CRICKET CHARACTERS.

- †W. G. CUMMINS (Capt.).—Has made runs on occasions when they were wanted, and does not let off a leg ball, rather a prevalent failing this season. A safe catch and very active field. An accurate bowler.
- †W. CHAMBERLAIN.—Hits the ball hard, but gets in front of his wicket too much: must get more over strokes to point, or play them later behind point. As a bowler, can keep quite a good length and comes in from leg.
- †S. TREMLETT.—Shapes very well and can hit, but has been unfortunate in getting out on one or two occasions. As a bowler is too inclined to get short, and should not bowl up the hill as a rule.
- †L. HEWETSON.—Has saved the side by his steadiness on more than one occasion, particularly in the Midhurst match. Has a good reach, plays straight, and covers the ball well when playing forward. When he acquires more scoring strokes will be very useful indeed.
- J. H. CHAPMAN.—Has quite a good forward stroke, but must get nearer to off balls, and not move about to balls on the leg side. He can, however, hit quite hard. An alert point, who has taken some good catches.
- J. C. HURDEN.—Plays forward well to well-pitched bowling, but does not discriminate sufficiently in dealing with off balls. Has made runs on needful occasions.
- H. D. ATKINS.—Too inclined to chop at balls, and does not give the whole face of the bat to balls on the off stump. Quite a good cover, with a safe pair of hands.
- F. CLARKE.—Watches the ball well, and plays with a straight bat: would be very useful another year with more power in his strokes.
- D. RICHES.—Hits the ball hard, but does not get a straight bat to a stroke on the off. A useful, but rather erratic, change bowler.
- E. NOBBS.—Plays a leg ball hard, but must acquire some strokes on the off.
- D. KING.—Hits the ball hard, but should acquire more strokes on the off. Has kept wicket quite well.

† Signifies 1st XI. Colours.

ENTERTAINMENT.

After a lapse of some years, the Easter term was again concluded by a School concert and dramatic entertainment. The guests were so numerous that it was impossible to accommodate them at one performance, so two were given, in the Portland Hall, one in the afternoon and the

other at eight o'clock, both to crowded and appreciative audiences. The proceedings, as usual, commenced with the singing of "Forty Years On," many Old Boys and others joining in the chorus from the back of the Hall. For the first time on record a small Orchestra was formed of Past and Present boys, assisted by Miss E. Orange-Bromehead, who kindly played the 'cello. W. G. Cummins was at the piano, R. S. Flemons 1st violin, and R. D. Wade, O.B., 2nd violin.

In the evening F. S. Nugent, O.B., fascinated his audience with some delightful little songs, accompanied by himself on the ukulele, and R. Ross, O.B., once more sang to us with great success, but in a delightful baritone voice in place of his treble which we all knew so well a few years ago. Two sketches from Dickens were given by the boys. "David Copperfield goes to School," in which Peter Smith won all hearts, and J. Hurden caused much laughter as the hard-hearted Waiter. Small parts were also taken by Miss Tarbat, J. Chapman and E. Bucknall. "Sairey Gamp's Tea Party," an amusing duologue, was performed by E. Nobbs ("Sairey") and H. Raby-Cox ("Betsy Prigg"), who made a great hit with his dignified exit.

Part of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," by Molière, was admirably produced by M. Larquier, Madame Larquier arranging all the costumes which were most effective. The parts were taken by W. G. Cummins, M. Gardener, L. W. Butters, L. F. Hewetson, G. Winsor, G. Morrison, T. Eyles, B. Dodds, S. J. T. Moore, A. Loosemore, W. E. Chamberlain and F. King. All did well, but the outstanding characters were Cummins and Hewetson.

A quartet and sextet from Gilbert and Sullivan were sung by Mrs. Shaddock, Mr. Shaddock, Mrs. Brady, Mr. R. O. Johnston, Miss E. Orange-Bromehead and Mr. N. Frost, O.B. A violin solo, "Le Cygne," by St. Sæens, was very well played by R. S. Flemons.

The last item on the programme was a most amusing sketch, "Waiting for the Bus," by Gertrude Jennings. Characters: Policeman, Mr. C. Newnum; Flower Girl, Gordon Spencer; Boy and Friend, R. da Cunha "Tschai"; 1st Gentleman, D. Raby-Cox; Paper Boy, R. Hyde; Lady in White, Miss M. Brady; Muriel, Miss Diana Ottley; 2nd Gentleman, J. Hurden; 1st Shopping Woman, Miss Atchison; Mrs. 'Opkins, Miss E. Tarbat; 1st Shop Girl, Mrs. Titterton; 2nd Shop Girl, Miss C. Matthews; Mother, Mrs. Brady; 1st Child, Mervyn Hynes; 2nd Child, Bertram Pinhorn; Elderly Gentleman, Mr. B. Shaw; Solemn Lady, Miss E. Chowne. M. Hynes and B. Pinhorn, as two vulgar little girls, were a tremendous success, and Miss E. Chowne fairly brought the house down. G. Spencer, as

a little gipsy flower girl, sang very sweetly. In fact, the whole company rose to the occasion and thoroughly deserved the enthusiastic reception they received.

THE REVISED YANKEE VERSION OF AENEID BOOK III.

(With the Author's apologies to Virgil.)

Say ginks, rubbernecks and gum chewing-geyzers, I guess I'll tell yer of that bonehead Aeneas. Old Aeneas ses ter Dido 'ee ses: "Dido me ol' sugar breath peach plum, while rustling ol' Polydorns' bones I sure guess we must 'ave snapped 'is wish bone 'cos the dirty dog gits nifty like, and began parleying spooky like so we 'ooked and mushed it like. We sure beat it and took a first class on the Aquitania and paid a snappy visit to Old Apollo, 'oo got kinder dreamy like and sed "Atta boy kids, beat it ter yer 'ome country." Then me old man ses kinder superior like "Bos, guess our little ol' 'omestead is Crete," ses 'e. Being a dootifol son I ses, ses I "Yep Pa, you sure 'it it plumb in the neck." Wal we gits ter Crete, but 'eving run art of gum me patron saint ses ter me kindly like, "Say Aeneas ol' bananer git. Git ter Italy I tells yer." So I gits, 'eving first put me tongue art at me ol' dad. The sea sure gave us some rough house and when we gits ter the Strophades we meets Miss Calaneo and 'er pals. Wal they gits kinder saucy like to us gint'lmin so I ups and ses "Pals its our dooty to give them fresh critters a drubbing," but the brazen 'ussies skittles orf and starts a checking orf us from afar. Wal we skidaddles ter Buthrotum where I meets me pals 'elenus and Andromache. Andromache, she starts the waterworks so I ses kinder sharp and snappy like "Cut out the sob stuff, Andy Old Cheese" and I gives 'er one. She shuts orf the tep and tell me 'ow old Rudolph Pyrrhus got kinder familiar like with Orestes' gal, so Orestes, being a fierce young spark, 'e parks 'is chewing gum in Rudolph's eye and then quick like tickles 'is ribs with a knife and ends up by a manicing orf 'is gizzard. Wal 'elenus and 'is ol' gal sure did the thing in style. Ol' 'elenus being a kind orf Woolworth prophet ses ter me 'e ses "Say baby if yer claps eyes on Scylla, cut 'er dead, she's a flighty female and no good. She gits kinder fresh at times. Give Old Charybdis the slip for 'e sure is some wine bibbing slobbering son of a guzzler. Hello! Bells! blow me if 'e ain't." On parting from me pals a lump sure rises in me throat but I spits it out and goes all choky like. Wal we sure did move some ter the land of the Cyclops, where we lighted upon some Greek gink 'oo sed as 'ow the Cyclops 'ad

eatin 'is pals. I 'ad me suspects but ol' Polyphemus put 'is ugly face inter the limelight so I ses "Pals I guess we orter git." Old Polyphemus got waxy like but we double crossed the old coyote and vamoosed. The rest of the trail was kinder 'appy like. Me ol' pater cashed 'is check and pipped it so I ses to meself I ses "I guess I 'ad a 'ankering fer yer Pop, but yer sure were some interfering ol' bonehead." Wal I guess that's all, dearie." Ol' Aeneas nixes orf, but Dido gits kinder fresh and spooney and casts googly eyes (being a googley eyed maiden) at Aeneas and then the Cathage Jazz band strikes up "A Ukulele Lady" and the story is clinched next week.

L.F.H.

HIDDEN GOLD.

One day a pedlar stopped outside a large stone house which had weathered many summers and winters by the look of the old-fashioned chimneys and tiles. He knocked; there was no answer; again he knocked, this time louder; this time there was an answer, and a cross-looking maid opened the door. "Will you buy something from a poor old man, missie?" he asked. "No," answered the maid, "clear off; we don't want any hawkers here, and close the gate as you go out." Now the master of the house heard the old pedlar being so rudely rebuffed by the maid, and as the pedlar turned to go out of the gate, he went to the door and called the old man back, and asked him what he had for sale. "An old French picture which was painted in the 17th century," said the old pedlar, "You can have it for sixpence." "But it is worth more than that," said the master. "Here, take this, and if you ever get any more pictures like this, bring them here. I'll buy as many as you bring." The pedlar mumbled something about his blessing resting upon the kind sir, and hobbled happily out of the gate. About an hour afterwards the master was looking at the picture, and he noticed a lighter spot on the corner of the frame. He pressed it, and a cavity in the frame opened, and a roll of parchment dropped out. He picked it up and read it. It ran thus:—"Please return to Richard Collingwood, of Staffordshire." "Why, he was your grandfather, wasn't he, Dad?" asked the son, who had just come in. "Yes," answered the father, "he was." The parchment was a long one, but, summed up, it meant that Richard Collingwood had to dig six feet deep in the garden, where he would find liquid gold. The father and son at once set to work to dig a hole. When they had done so, the father got down. He was prodding about with a stick, when he seemed to smell oil.

He picked up some earth, smelt it, and sure-enough there was oil in the ground. This was the liquid gold.

When Mr. Collingwood found that the soil in his garden contained oil, he at once sent away, and not many months afterwards oil gushers were at work there. He had houses built near them, so that the wives and children of the men employed by him might be able to live near their husbands.

He was going round the oil-field one night, just as the moon was rising, when his mind travelled back to the days when, instead of this oil-field, his garden stood there one mass of colour. He was thinking of this when he remembered the old pedlar who had sold him this oil-field for a guinea in the shape of an old French painting. The next day he enquired about him, but got no news of his whereabouts, until one day a head-line in a local paper provided him with it. It ran: "Old pedlar injured at the cross-roads, Stafford. Taken to the hospital in a serious condition."

Mr. Collingwood at once drove round to the hospital in his car. When he got there he asked to see the old pedlar who had been injured; he went into the ward with a nurse, and sure enough the old pedlar was the same one that had sold him the picture. When the pedlar was well enough to be moved, he went to live with Mr. Collingwood, who did all he could to make him comfortable.

Mr. Collingwood soon became known all over the kingdom for his generosity, and the large sums of money he gave to the hospitals and the poor; but the one who benefited most was the old pedlar.

TARGETT, IIIb.

THE SINS OF THE FATHER.

The father was dying.

He called his only son to the bedside, and said, in a quavering voice: "My son, bring me a bag of chalk."

The son went hastily, and, filling a large bag with chalk, returned, and gave it to his father.

The latter, raising himself on one elbow, whispered hoarsely: "My son, I have lived an evil life, but I have now repented and expect to go to heaven." He paused for a moment to regain his breath. Then he went on again: "I have for my evil doings to write each crime on the steps of the ladder to heaven, as I go up."

He fell back, dead.

Now the son, being very superstitious, buried the bag of chalk with his father's remains.

Thirty years after he married.

Thirty years after he married again.

He went with his family to Mexico. In this out-of-the-way country he soon learned evil ways.

The manuscripts do not record what these exactly were.

Thirty years after his second marriage, he lay on his death-bed, a broken old man of one hundred and one. Yet his voice was steady and his hand as firm as ever.

He called together his children, and told them of their grandfather's death. He, too, hoped to go to heaven, as his father had, also.

He thought his children ought to learn that whatever wrong they do, if they repent, they may still go to heaven.

He died, and was buried.

He climbed the ladder of heaven.

On each step, written in chalk, were the sins of his father.

When he had passed over some seven million steps (the manuscripts do not quote the exact number), he met his father coming down for some more chalk.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Many writers have forged for themselves a literary reputation by discoursing on nothing in particular. "Nothing in General" as a subject has been left well alone; nothing has been said about it, so I intend to supply that deficiency, and nothing shall stop me.

"A difficult subject," you say, "for nothing can be written about nothing, or at least, nothing worth reading."

"Difficulties," I reply, "were made to be overcome. Besides, does not the Bard of Avon say that Gratiano spoke 'an infinite deal of nothing'?"

Nothing, therefore, is farther from my thought than to write nothing about nothing. I take the advice of the Irish Professor. I look the difficulty boldly in the face—and pass on to the next.

Before beginning my learned discourse I would define nothing. What is nothing?

According to ancient mythology, "Nothing is sweeter than sugar. Nothing is stronger than a lion." According to present-day ideas, "Nothing is the modern girl's dress."

The Scot says "Ye'll find it in the whusky jar." The Irishman suggests that it is "a bungle wid niver a barrel around it." All these definitions can be represented algebraically by the equation:

$$x = 0^2$$

But can nothing be squared? Many things, we know, can be squared. A police-constable can be squared according to the equation:

$$pc + 6d. = pc^2$$

But again I say "What is nothing?" We know it can be extracted from an empty purse. We know the Aberdeen taxi-driver gets it daily as a tip.

But what avail these definitions? What have we found from them? Nothing! which is precisely what we set out to find.

Having found nothing, let us analyse it; let us split it up into its components; let us find its attributes, its different forms and applications; and let us leave nothing unfound, paradoxically because we have found nothing.

Nothing! otherwise nil, nix, nihil, nowt, or niver a wan. Let us take them one by one, and find their meanings; and thus by taking the log of the sine of the sun of the harmonical mean of the results, let us find what nothing really is.

"Nil," we know, applies to the game, than which nothing could be better; that is, to wit, i.e., football.

It is a reward: the reward of a team who, playing like nothing on earth, do nothing and receive "nil" as their prize.

"Nix" requires some explanation. It is an American expression, used chiefly in such phrases as "Nix off the dope stuff, kid," which may be freely translated "Have a banana." Away with free translations, false conclusions, there is nothing in them. Let us probe the mystery to the bottom; let us leave nothing unturned conversely, because we will turn nothing. Let us analyse the sentence:

Nix = Nothing.

Dope stuff = This is an old American expression believed by the leading bacteriologists to mean "Boarding House Soup."

Thus we get the sentence: "Nothing off the Boarding House Soup." What can it mean? Nothing at present.

Let me explain. In the ancient American alphabet the letters "Woffon" and "Stroffle," which represented "in" and "off" respectively, were very similar. This, then, is a misprint. The sentence should read: "Nothing in the Boarding House Soup," which is really quite a superfluous statement. It was my opinion all along.

We now come to "nihil." This is well known to Latin scholars in the phrase "Ex nihilo nihil fit." For the benefit of those who have not included Latin in their education I will give a detailed translation. Three distinct renderings are possible. Taking "nihil" as the third person plural of the perfect indicative active of the preposition "dimethylo"—an income-tax collector, it means "Sweetly sings the donkey when he goes to grass."

If "fit" is regarded as the first person singular of the imperfect subjunctive passive of "tetraminnecobaltare"—a haggis grower's mate—it can be rendered "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

If we take the average and square it, it means "I won't be home till morning."

The remaining two, "nowt" and "niver a wan," are Aramaic and Hebrew respectively for mountain sickness.

We have now seen that: Nothing = a reward + some soup + 3 sentences (for reference see context) + mountain sickness.

Putting nothing = x and resolving horizontally and vertically, we get:

$$x^2 = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 3gt}{\frac{1}{2}l^2 + 2as}$$

$$\text{L.C. } x = 0$$

That is: Nothing = nothing. Q.E.D.

F.W.B.

HOW WE HIT A ROCK AT SEA.

On the 25th March, 1926, the Union Castle steamer "Garble Castle," had an accident near Ascension. At first it sounded as if both anchors had carried away and that all their chain was coming out. Then she heeled over a little and bumped back into deep water. Within a minute over 200 of the steerage passengers and crew were on deck, but there was no noise or disorder. The nastiest sound was the air-pipes blowing from the ballast tanks. They are made so that a tank normally fills in one hour, so when it filled in five minutes the air had some rush to get out and made a very queer noise. On my way to the bridge I passed the band, who had knocked off to look for rocks, but when the purser (who is in charge of the band) spotted them, his remarks were sultry, and he chased them back to their instruments, with orders to play something lively, and they soon produced "Valencia," and in a few minutes the passengers were dancing again or playing bridge. The Captain then took her out and cruised about to find exactly where he was, and then made for the anchorage and let go. We got out the cargo for Ascension, and as much more as we could, but the water had risen 27 feet, so we beat a retreat and batted down No. 1 hatch. No. 3, the coal bunker, was found to be leaking badly, so we put the pump on that, and left No. 1 to fill right up, as the pump could not keep it down, and if No. 3 filled as well, it was a case of beaching her. We could just keep No. 3 in check, and no more. On Monday the "Kenilworth Castle" (mail boat) came in, and we transhipped 320 passengers with

all their belongings. A week later the "Gloucester Castle" came in with salvage gear and staff, including 50 native labourers. Three large pumps, three motors, and 170 casks of cement. The divers found that the damage was a hole about 5 feet long and 6 inches wide, in the line of plating next to the keel. This they plugged up with big wooden wedges, and by 1 a.m. next day the pumps had got the water down to 10 feet. When the pumps started, No. 1 hold had about 800 tons of water in it, so you can guess that the boat was a bit down by the head. The native "boys" shifted all the cargo, and as soon as the hold was dry, they began cementing in between the floors. Floors are not things to walk on, but vertical steel plates between the inner and outer bottoms of the ship. You would hardly think that such a little bump could buckle up so much half-inch steel plating. I expect that they will put on a patch at Cape Town, and do the job properly when he get home.

S. S. GRINDLE.

THE SPRING CRUISE OF H.M.S. "LUCIA."

February 25th — March 25th.

We left Malta on the forenoon of February 25th, and, steaming N.W., had a three days' run to Palmas Bay, Sardinia. The weather was all that could be desired: the sun hot and the sea calm. On the night of the 28th, we were joined in the bay by the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets, and it was a very pretty and awe-inspiring sight the next morning to see the sun rising over the mighty fleet.

Seen from the ship, the scenery here was nothing great: low hills on both sides covered with scrubby vegetation, and a small village at one end of the bay comprised the whole view.

We left here on Wednesday, March 33rd, and, in company with the Fleet, had a day and a half steaming to Pollensa Bay, on the North coast of Majorca, Balearic Isles. This place was practically the same as Palmas Bay, the only difference being that the hills were more desolate and rugged. In most places these rose abruptly from the water's edge, with here and there a small, sandy bay, and, on the side of one of the hills, a small monastery.

On Friday, March 5th, a strong wind blew up, and we were compelled to steam to the more sheltered anchorage at Palma, on the South coast. We had a pretty rough passage to Palma, rolling heavily the whole time, which, luckily, was only one night.

Palma is a famous beauty spot, possessing a fine cathedral, some other fine churches, and

an old castle, which, standing just behind on a wooded eminence, overlooks the city and harbour. Legend has it that Admiral Nelson used this castle as a residence during his stays in the Mediterranean, but it is uninhabited now.

Leaving Palma on Wednesday, March 10th, we had another pretty rough trip down to Philippeville, Algeria. We were told afterwards by residents in the town that the bad weather was caused by a slight earthquake, which also caused some of the largest waves ever experienced there. This place, viewed from a mile or so out, was very pretty, lying at one end of a shallow, sandy bay, with a large breakwater forming an artificial harbour. At the other end of the bay lay the pretty little village of Stora, which, in olden times, was a landing place of the Phœnicians. Behind the bay, the hills rose steeply, and for the most part were covered with vegetation, which, on closer inspection, proved to be typically English, bluebells and other wild flowers growing in profusion. Here we saw a mixture of French and Arabs, and a great fuss was made of the ship, a very generous and hospitable programme of sports and entertainments being provided for us during the stay. Amongst other things, there were Vins d'honneur, Thés Dansant, Receptions, and Battues for Wild Boar for the Officers, and Carnivals, Torchlight Processions, Concerts and Balls for the Ship's Company, to say nothing of three football matches against the town team, of which we lost two and won one.

On Friday, March 19th, practically the whole ship's company made a visit to Constantine, and during their absence, the resident French soldiers were shown over the ship and given a performance by the ship's cinema.

On Sunday the ship's football team visited Constantine and played the local team. A word here about Constantine would not be out of place. It is a large town, being the capital of Eastern Algeria, with a population of 52,000. Approaching by motor from the coast, we had first to cross a high range of hills, and then the plain of El Hamma, in all about ninety kilometres.

The town stands out from this plain on the top of a tremendous rock, five or six hundred feet high, which is split from top to bottom by a great gorge. The two halves of the town are joined by three bridges, one steel suspension bridge, and two built-up stone ones. It was a grand sight, leaving the town at sunset, to see the last red rays of the sun shining on the town and on the face of this gigantic rock. However, to get back. We—the football team—were accorded a grand reception on our arrival, the whole town, including the Mayor and Commandant, turning out to greet us. Later on, we were the guests of honour at a luncheon, after which many speeches

were made by the Mayor, the President of the African F.A., and other dignitaries, extolling the fine sporting spirit and the friendship existing between the two nations. In return we beat the Frenchmen by four clear goals in a hard match, and after again being entertained, made the return journey to Philippeville under the African moon, livening the countryside with a few English songs.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, we reluctantly said farewell to Philippeville, and, in perfect weather, made the return trip to Malta, reaching here again on March 25th.

F. W. J. TAULBUT.

OLD BOYS' NEWS.

- V. POELCHAU has been having a strenuous time as, owing to illness at home, both he and his brother have had, in addition to their ordinary day's work, to put in another eight hours to keep things going. He is getting a holiday shortly, and we hope to see him on his way to Scotland.
- H. WELLBORNE has been moved to Alexandria, c/o. E.T. Co, will find him.
- F. WELLBORNE is off to Auckland, N.Z., as the holding on, which he was working has been sold, and prospects in New Zealand seem more promising than in New South Wales.
- W. MAULE-COLE is share farming in New South Wales.
- E. G. WHITE has been transferred from Drawing Office to the Works at B.T.H. Co., Rugby.
- A. A. DRIVER, who is on the staff of Messrs. Symes and Madge, architects, Chard, has passed the Intermediate Professional Exam. of the Surveyors' Institute, which was held in London last March.
- K. DAVENPORT, who is at home on leave from tea planting, has been staying at Cowplain, and was playing in the Havant lawn tennis tournament with much success. He has presented a very interesting book on India, by Lord Dalhousie, to the School Library.
- L. HARVEY (I.), having forsaken engineering for tea planting, is at home on leave, with his wife and family. The Lodge, Knowle, will find him.
- E. HALL, at the Test Exam. held at the close of the winter session (Intermediate Division) of the Birmingham Chartered Accountants, was equal first for the President's prize.
- J. C. HEATH, who was for some time trying his hand at fruit farming, has given it up for accountancy, and is now articulated to a firm of chartered accountants in London.
- J. BRIDGER was married at Petersfield in June to Miss Dorothy Mabel Wilkins, of whom a very

attractive picture was in the "Hampshire Telegraph" recently.

G. TOVEY (II.) has sailed for Australia, under the Big Brother Movement, in the S.S. "Bairanali." On arrival at Sydney he will put in four months at a training school, and then go on to a farm.

C. M. KIDSDALE has been having a long course of treatment in London for a damaged back, the result of a football accident some two years ago.

E. H. DEAN-COOPER, after completing his course for the Oxford Teaching Diploma, has been offered a post as an assistant superintendent in the Reading district for the Shell-Mex Co., and is taking it up in preference to school work.

S. S. ("PADDY") SMITH has been appointed Second Officer on the "Dromore Castle," and joins his ship at Cape Town.

H. L. MARRIOTT is reported to have satisfied the examiners that he is a fit and proper person to become a patent agent, which, incidentally, is by no means an easy thing to do.

R. H. SCOTT, 14th Punjab Regiment, Ahmedabad, is expecting a move to Kazmak, in Waziristan, in October, which means active service conditions. He hopes to get long leave next year.

R. H. WADE passed fifth in the terminal examination just completed on H.M.S. "Fisgard."

Since our last issue we have had visits or letters from: G. Chignell, F. R. Clark, H. E. Dean-Cooper, B. R. Koss, R. H. Koss, J. W. Neatley, A. Cooper, R. Forsyth, H. Edwards, J. C. Heath, R. H. Wade, E. Koss, C. Koss, G. Hunt, A. D. Hayward, F. R. Pope, L. S. Goodall, F. G. Wagstaffe, R. H. Scott, V. Poelchau, K. Davenport, L. Harvey, C. M. Ridsdale, A. Phillips, E. Graham, L. Archell, F. Reeves, A. B. Coles, R. L. Adams, N. Adams, S. Drover, F. Bursey, E. Birks, C. Hackett, W. Watson, F. C. Polwin, F. Jones.

EXAMINATIONS.

D. Scivier and D. G. King were successful at the open examination for artificer apprentices in the Royal Air Force.

OBITUARY.

F. MOODY, III.B., was accidentally drowned while bathing at Stokes Bay. He could swim a little, but got into difficulties, and his signals for help were not taken seriously until it was too late. A doctor who was hastily summoned found his heart still beating, but in spite of untiring efforts he never regained consciousness. He entered the School in February, 1923, and his tragic death was much deplored by all who knew him.

Concours français de mots en croix.



HORIZONTELEMENT (de gauche à droite).

- partie de la tête où se trouve la cervelle.
- qui n'est pas humide.
- bord de l'eau.
- sport hippique ou nautique.
- terminaison d'un temps de la 2e conjugaison.
- a exprimé sa volonté.
- avoir de l'amitié; de l'affection.
- terminaison de l'infinitif d'une des 4 conjugaisons.
- personne de votre famille.
- adjectif possessif.
- suite de mots ou de nombres.
- porter assistance à quelqu'un.
- un artiste lui donne toute sa vie.
- couleur.
- une des premières choses qu'on apprend à l'école.
- existe.
- partie supérieure du corps (pl.).

VERTICALEMENT (de haut en bas).

- fort bruit de voix.
- montrera sa gaité.
- possédait.
- partie de la négation.
- pièce de monnaie française.
- pronon féminin.
- marche très vite; va avec vitesse.
- abris pour les bateaux.
- un verbe conjugué comme "tenir."
- le contraire de "femelles."
- partie d'une maison.
- existait.
- attitudes.
- se promène sans savoir où il va.
- exprime, parle.
- adjectif possessif (pl.).
- article.

All solutions must reach the Editor at School House before September 14th.

Competitors in Class 1 (Boys in the School) must send with their solution a certificate stating that the boy has done it entirely by himself.

Class 2 is open to all.

The name of the solver must be written clearly in one corner of the solution.

A prize is offered in each Class for the first correct answer opened. If no correct solution is received, the prizes will be awarded to the nearest.

HOUSE NOTES.

BLACKBROOK.

There have been three House competitions since the last *Lion*: the Steeplechase, the Sports and the Cricket. Detailed results of all these can be found elsewhere, and we have only to comment on our own performances.

We were a long way behind the rest in the Senior Steeplechase. We missed Heifman badly, as he is our best long-distance runner, and should win this event next year. Our Juniors did better. They were a good second, although Chamberlain ii. was our only representative in the first eight. Vibert was ninth and Farrow eleventh, whilst the rest packed well.

In the open events at the Sports, our Seniors were absolutely eclipsed: it looked as though we should not get a point, but at last Flemons gained us one in the mile. With this heavy handicap, it speaks well for the Juniors and Minors that we came second in the combined events. They did excellently, and are to be heartily congratulated on winning two cups for the House. Edwards i. and Case ran splendidly in the Minor events, whilst Heifman, Chamberlain ii., Richardson and Wheeler were prominent amongst the Juniors. Most of these, will be Seniors next year, and we hope they will make the presence of Blackbrook felt in the open events.

Lastly, we come to Cricket. The batting of our first team has rather flattered the opponents' bowling. The early batsmen have failed to get the runs they are worth, and then there has been a long "tail," which wagged only once. Hence the good bowling of Chamberlain i. and McGibbon was wasted in a sense. They must surely have created a record by bowling unchanged for two seasons, and next year will perhaps make it three. This year they have shared the wickets almost equally, McGibbon getting 6 for 13 against School House and 7 for 11 against Westbury, whilst Chamberlain did most of the damage against Cams. Our 2nd XI. was rather disappointing, though most of them tried hard. Wheeler and Matthews bowled well, and Boyes and Bryant got runs in some of the matches. The 3rd XI. played very keenly and had some close games. Orman and Edwards i. are the only others we can mention from the many who have done their best for Blackbrook this summer. Chamberlain, the House Captain, and King ii. have both played regularly for the School 1st XI., and we congratulate Chamberlain on being awarded his Colours.

L.J.

CAMS.

This term the House has had perhaps the most successful term of its career. We missed the Steeplechase Challenge Cup by a small margin, but we gained the Junior Cup.

At Winchester Sports, Watson ii. won the Portal half-mile after a very hard race on the tape! In our Sports, we won the Challenge Cup and set up a record by obtaining a total of 100 points.

In Cricket, all three XI.'s did well. The 1st XI. won all its matches; the others won two each. Thus we obtained the necessary points for the most coveted of all the challenge cups. We congratulate both Hewetson and Cummins and team they have led, while we thank all our opponents for some very jolly games. We heartily congratulate Hewetson and Tremlett on gaining their 1st XI. Colours.

Now, if the results of the Oxford and Schools' exams. come up to the games, we shall have had a year of which to be very proud!

T.W.M.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Since the last edition of the *Lion* the Steeplechase has taken place. In it we did very well. We obtained the Championship and Junior Cups. The winning of the championship was mainly due to our Juniors, who did really well: they gained a big lead in points. In the Senior event Bucknall i. came in first, running very well and having a large lead; Raby i. came in eighth and Andrews eleventh. In the Sports we won nothing: we missed Bucknall i. very much.

In the Cricket Cup matches, our 1st XI. collapsed against Cams when we stood a good chance of winning. Our 2nd XI. certainly did their part, winning all three matches.

Next term we have the Football Cup to retain. We should do so, as our teams will all be strong enough, and, compared with the other Houses, as strong if not stronger than last year.

Next term we welcome Raby ii. back into the playing ranks of the House after a long absence. His re-appearance will make up much for our losses from last year's team. We must retain that cup.

Hurden and Chapman leave us this term. This will be a heavy loss to the House. We wish them all success.

P.G.N.

WESTBURY.

Once again we have to face the fact that other Houses have beaten us in most of the Inter-House events. Still, our record is not bad.

We did very well in the Steeplechase at the end of last term, and in the Sports we made a

good show in all classes. The unfortunate accident to Riches ii. probably deprived us of several points, but we are very glad that he has made such a good recovery. The trials for the sports were much more satisfactory this year than last. Names were given in previously for all events, with the result that whereas last year, after hanging about till five o'clock, the trials were still unfinished; this year, the whole were cleared off

by three forty-five. I trust the lesson will not be lost.

Of Cricket, I fear the less said the better. In all the games I watched, the first side never looked like winning, and I hope that next year will see a marked improvement.

The end of another School year will, as usual, mean the loss of several members of the House. Among them are: Scivier i., Trigg i. and ii., Tizzard, Hunt i., and Morrison. J.S.